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- 1... in line with my stated views on the translation of the Hebrew words for **YAHWEH** and **Elohim** (as well as its derivatives *El* and *Eloah*.)
- 2... the translation of the Hebrew/Aramaic word **ADONAI** to refer to either Master or Lord as distinct from **God** or **Elohim** or **YAHWEH** into English.

These alterations were included throughout by reference to:

1 the **HEBRAIC ROOTS BIBLE** by Don Esposito of the CONGREGATION OF YHWH: Jerusalem. PO Box 832 Carteret NJ 07008. (3rd Edition 2015)

2 the new **ARAMAIC ENGLISH NEW TESTAMENT** (AENT) By Andrew Gabriel Roth of the THE NETZARI PRESS LLC PUBLISHERS : First edition in 2008 through to the fifth edition in 2012.

Finally ... There has been no alteration of the name of **JESUS** from its original Peshitta Aramaic forms of **YESHUA** or **Y'SHUA**.

This is because any change in the name of **JESUS** would have been too personally confronting to the majority of devout Christians who have spent their entire lifetimes with the just as holy but traditional name of our Savior in English.

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ESSENTIAL SCRIPTURAL HIGHLIGHT

MOSES began praying to *YAHWEH* with *no scripture at all* that we can know of. He was taught by the *spoken language traditions* of his time. Regardless of this limitation, the Book of Exodus tells us that *MOSES* was directly told by *YAHWEH* Himself that His name was *YAHWEH*. Today's majority view on this name holds that it means *I AM THE I AM*.

The *JESUS* who sacrificed His life for *EACH* of us was a Jewish rabbi or 'teacher' of his time. He preached and consistently demonstrated (with many miracles) the power that could be generated by His love of *YAHWEH* like no-one else either before Him or since. *HIS* words from the (very) original but *ARAMAIC* gospel of Mark some *2000* years ago summarize His *still current instruction* to us all.

“Behold Israel, the Lord YAHWEH your Elohim (GOD) is one. You shall love the Lord YAHWEH your Elohim (GOD) with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

So what on earth could have caused the divine *GRACE* behind this access to unlimited divine power to seemingly disappear from global Christianity in practice? Even the Book of Revelation points out that our first century Christians started to abandon the teachings of *YAHWEH* through His son *JESUS* before the end of that century.

And over the last *1600* years especially, very few Christians indeed have been taught that our *GOD* of *GODS* .. and Eternal Father .. is *still* the very same *YAHWEH* who:

- (1) raised *JESUS* from the dead
- (2) powered all the miracles that were worked for *MOSES* and for *JESUS* and for all of the people who lived within the *1,400* years that separated their lives on earth.
- (3) was the *YAHWEH* that *JESUS* worshipped and still *does* worship. (Rev:3:12)
- (4) was the *YAHWEH* that *JESUS* told the entire world to worship.
- (5) still is the *YAHWEH* whose *HOLY NAME* has been blasphemously obliterated from around **5 billion** English Bibles that have been printed to date.

IN THE UNITED NAMES

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LORD HOLY SPIRIT

PERHAPS IF GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY PRAYED TO
THE ORIGINAL NEW TESTAMENT TEAM
OF 2000 YEARS AGO

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**In the UNITED NAMES of the LORD YAHWEH and of the
LORD JESUS and of the LORD HOLY SPIRIT**

... OUR 2000 YEAR OLD NEW TESTAMENT ...

**entrenched problems from the era that its 27 books spent in their
“ WORD OF MOUTH PERIOD ”**

All brands of Christianity in the world have derived from what it has called the ‘Holy’ Bible.

With this Bible, every denomination has been legally free to simply choose the scriptures that it liked, and then to teach to its congregations whatever it is that it *wanted* to teach. So each of the world’s *45,000* Christian denominations have basically taught those uniquely *selected* and *interpreted* scriptures that made up the official *rule book* from its nominated Head Office.

In the *addendum* to this publication I have described the problems that especially *English* speakers have with the inaccurate translations of Biblical scripture from their original *Hebrew* and *Aramaic* languages. But even after these translational inaccuracies have been removed ... many *seriously* confusing problems still remain. Most of these problems arose within the 1st and 2nd century period of time that *each* of our 27 *New Testament* books remained in its ‘*word of mouth*’ form ... before it was committed to writing for the first time.

After the death of *JESUS* on the cross, the 27 books of our New Testament existed for up to around *70 years* only as *word of mouth stories* about His life and lessons. These stories were initially circulated within a Jewish community that mainly spoke and wrote in the Peshitta dialect of the *Aramaic* language.

Many within that community *also* communicated in Greek and Latin which were the main *commercial* languages of that era. But it was not until some 35 years after His death on the Cross that the *first* of these stories (said to be the gospel of Mark) was written. It is estimated that the remaining 26 stories were first converted into *written* form at different times within the second 35 year period that followed.

There are now many thousands of ancient manuscripts to attest to the life and lessons of *JESUS*. Some 16,000 of these were written in either the Greek or Latin : and another 9000 were written in Syriac, Slavic, Gothic, Ethiopic, Coptic and more. The *originals* however, were written in the Peshitta dialect of the *Aramaic* language that was spoken and written by *JESUS* and his disciples. And on average, this amounts to some *900* ancient manuscripts for *each* of the 27 New Testament books.

It took at least 70 years for these 27 *word of mouth stories* to be finally gathered into the written assembly of books which we now call the *New Testament*. The *Greek* version of this assembly was finally ratified by an early version of the *Roman Catholic* church in the year 397 AD. It was these Rome based authorities which were also the ones who assigned the *name of the current author* to each of the 27 books.

It is important to bear in mind too, that throughout this minimum 70 year period of ‘*word of mouth*’ transmission, literally every *reteller* of his *story* was in a position to *add* or *delete* his own bits simply to suit his own *personal* theological or ‘religious’ preferences.

AS MANY AS ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD THESE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD

Hence, as the ‘Secular Web’ groups reports, there are usually *hundreds* of differences between any two copies of the one book among the ancient manuscripts for each of our 27 New Testament books. These events alone verify that our Biblical scripture was always at least as *‘human’* as it was *‘holy’* : and there never has been evidence to justify the near incessant 20th century religious catchcry that the *‘Holy’ Bible* is the *Word of God*.

GLOBAL CONFUSION CAUSED BY ADDED & DELETED BITS

A sufficiently informative list of historically *added*, *ignored*, *deleted* and *misinterpreted* bits of scripture is presented in the *addendum* to this publication ... but a few of the most globally destructive and deceptive bits warrant special attention at the outset.

SYMBOLIC scriptural bits declared as STATUTES before GOD

The *THIS IS MY BODY* bit of scripture : In the scripture *JESUS* at one stage said *“I am the vine ... and my father is the farmer.”* This statement was spoken as a very simple and strictly *symbolic* one ... and no Christian in the 2000 years since then has ever been taught that *JESUS* ever once resembled a *mobile bunch of leaves*.

But a *second* (and similarly *symbolic* statement attributed to *JESUS*) has consistently brought some truly incomprehensible behaviors to especially *Catholic* and *Orthodox* church ceremonies for nearly two millennia. This second statement was reportedly said by *JESUS* at what is known as the “last supper” when ... at a simple and final *meal* table *JESUS* broke a loaf of bread and said these words ... *“This is my body.”* Then shortly after this he said these words *“Do this in remembrance of me.”*

And for most of the 2000 years since that time, the strictly regimented *Catholic* and *Orthodox* church *theologies* on this *communion* table statement of *“... This is my body ...”* has required all their church members to believe the following : That whenever their ordained priests merely *SAY* these 4 words over bits of bread, then these *bits of bread* are *converted* into the actual *body and blood and soul and divinity* of *JESUS* himself.*

* This teaching on the communion table *“miracle”* is religiously referred to as the doctrine of **TRANSUBSTITUTION** or **TRANSUBSTANTIATION**

To me and to many others, it is impossible to concoct an officially stipulated theological teaching that could be more absurdly *wrong* than this. But this millennia old and *official theological ruling* does help to explain to at least the *non Christians* of the world why they see on the mass media (1) so many *hugely* expensive and incomprehensible *‘fancy dress’* ceremonies in (2) *hugely* expensive churches and cathedrals by (3) men and women in their correspondingly elaborate religious uniforms.

To me and many others too ... the daily celebrations of the *“This is my body”* ritual by our Catholic, and Orthodox churches essentially tries to teach their congregations that the *once and for all spiritual sacrifice* of the life of the only begotten Son of the *GOD OF ALL GODS* (or of all ‘SPIRITS’) on the Cross wasn’t enough for the *spiritual* salvation of humankind in its entirety.

To be fair by the Catholic and Orthodox groups: The Gospel of John (6:53) also reports *JESUS* as having said ... *Unless you eat the body of the Son of man and drink his blood you have no life of your own.* But as Andrew Roth points out, this statement in the context of the scripture at that time ... was issued as a rebuke and *not* as an exhortion to either *cannibalism* or to the *drinking of blood* ... both of which practices have all along been abhorrent to Judaism.

Non scriptural SAINTS prayed to as though each were a GOD or GODESS

The English word GOD derives from the Babylonian name for the god of wealth when (by contrast) the Hebraic word for the *GOD OF ALL GODS* has always been the word *ELOHIM*. And this word is grammatically singular as well as *plural* (like the English word *sheep*) and it means *GOD* and *GOD OF ALL GODS* (or of all 'SPIRITS') simultaneously.

The *Hebraic* scriptures have all along stated that the *NAME* of the *ELOHIM* (GOD) of the Bible is *YAHWEH* and that this name was originally given to *Moses* some 1,400 years before *JESUS* was born. In the original *Hebrew* and *Aramaic* scriptures this name of *YAHWEH* occurs a total of **6,999** times and this, when in the majority of English Bibles, it does *NOT* occur even once!

And nowhere in the Bible is there a scripture which tells us that *YAHWEH* the *GOD OF ALL GODS* either (1) changed his *name* or (2) *sacked* himself or (3) *retired*. The *ELOHIM* then, who is named in the Bible as *YAHWEH*, has all along been the Bible based creator of *ALL* of the *different* spirits (or of lesser 'gods'), each of which in its turn, *'builds'* its own different living creature *or* its own different seed on the planet.

Or explained in biological terms: The *spirit* of every different living seed and of every different living creature is a *species specific* spirit. i.e. the spirit of the eagle builds *only* the eagle and the spirit of the elephant builds *only* the elephant ... and so on too, for *each* of all of our many thousands of different *plant* seeds as well.

YOUR very own personal Elohim or *GOD* then, is the SPIRIT who is behind the *eyes* that you see whenever you look in the mirror. This SPIRIT is the *ELOHIM* of *ALL*. And his name in the Bible is and always has been *YAHWEH*. His only begotten *SON*, the Lord *JESUS*, preached this basic lesson to the world with the following words.

“ Behold Israel, the Lord YAHWEH your ELOHIM (God of all Gods) is one. You shall love the Lord YAHWEH your ELOHIM (God of all Gods) with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul and with ALL your mind and with ALL your strength.”

“ This is the FIRST commandment. The SECOND is like this: You shall also love your neighbour as you love yourself ”

THEN

“ There is NO other commandment greater than these. ”

With instructions about who we should *pray* to as explicit as this there seems almost no excuse for us to begin any prayer to other than (1) *YAHWEH* our *ELOHIM* together with (2) *JESUS* our *SAVIOUR* and also including (3) the *LORD Holy Spirit*. And this *third* one also, simply because as no Christian should ever forget, it was the *LORD Holy Spirit* who worked all of the miracles after the death of *JESUS* on the cross.

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And simply *NOWHERE* within some 750,000 words or 31,000 verses of Biblical scripture does it recommend that any human being pray to any *SAINT*.

No *SAINT* ever had anything to do with the designing or building of the *brain* that any human being ever *thought* with. All of the *Catholic* and *Orthodox saints* then ... including especially the saint known as the “Virgin Mary” ... are exclusively the make believe *GODS* and *GODESSES* of the world’s Catholic and Orthodox churches. And there are some 12,500 officially authorised “saints” within the religious rule books of these two major churches alone.

Is it only by chance that prayer to YAHWEH has disappeared GLOBALLY ?

Of the estimated *2.6 billion* Christians in the world, some *1.6 billion* of them claim to be of the Catholic and Orthodox persuasions who pray both to *JESUS* as well as to some 12,500 non scriptural *saints* ... but almost never to *YAHWEH*.

Likewise, millions of Christian ‘Protestants’ around the world also fail to include the name of *YAHWEH* in their prayers. And this when, as emphasized earlier, the name of *YAHWEH* occurs *6,999* times within the original Hebrew and Aramaic scriptures. These *Hebraic* scriptures are still precisely those scriptures which still have *JESUS* and *YAHWEH* as *exclusively* occupying centre stage.

The three vital NAMES within the ELOHIM are also conspicuously MISSING from what Christians call the SIGN OF THE CROSS

The the *arm movements* that go with the sign of the cross are recognised by people around the world ... but the *prayer words* of the sign of the cross are usually known only by those who make the arm movements. These *prayer words* come from the Gospel of Matthew and they are as follows “*In the NAME of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*”

Christians making the sign of the cross have prayed *exactly* the above words to their religion’s *FATHER* and His *SON* many times ... and every day ... for literally *centuries*. Usually too, these words both *open* and *close* every prayer event by at least the *1.3 billion* Catholics of the world. And this even when they are praying by NAME to their unscriptural *SAINTS* ... whilst simultaneously *avoiding* any mention of the NAME of *YAHWEH* their GOD OF ALL GODS (SPIRITS ?) and any mention of the NAME of His Savior Son *JESUS* !

How do YAHWEH, JESUS and the LORD Holy Spirit “receive” these words ?

This is an unanswerable question. But just how have the above sign of the cross words been *received* by the *FATHER* and *SON* and the *LORD* Holy Spirit when the very NAME of the *Father* is not mentioned and the very NAME of the *Son* is not mentioned ... and the TITLE of *LORD* has never preceded the words *Holy Spirit* ?

It is essential for me to reiterate clearly that no Christian should ever forget that it was the *LORD Holy Spirit* who worked all of the New Testament’s miracles after the death of *JESUS* on the cross.

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It is a *preposterous* Christian era indeed when a majority of its **2.6 billion** believers daily invoke the NAMES of up to *thousands* of their make believe SAINTS but rarely in similar manner, the NAMES of either their **GOD OF ALL GODS** or of their **SAVIOR**

THE TRANSLATIONAL LIE FROM HEBREW CONTINUES TO THIS DAY

Below is an example of a modern but still *Biblical* translation from Hebrew to English. It shows that TWO very different Hebrew words are given the very SAME English translation of **LORD**. And one of these translations represents the **LIE** that is repeated **6999** times in all of the *English* Bibles that are listed below this example.

<p>י וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-יְהוָה בִּי אֲדֹנָי לֹא אִישׁ דְּבָרִים אֲנֹכִי גַם מִתְמוּל גַּם מִשְׁלֵשָׁם, גַּם מֵאָז דִּבַּרְתָּ אֵל-עַבְדְּךָ: כִּי כָבֵד-פֶּה וְכָבֵד לְשׁוֹן, אֲנֹכִי.</p>	<p>And Moses said unto the LORD: “ Oh Lord I am not a man of words, neither heretofore, nor since Thou hast spoken unto Thy servant; for I am slow of</p>
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THE MOST POPULAR BIBLES IN THE WORLD

Since around 1611AD the world's publishing companies have printed some **5 billion** to **7 billion** Bibles in almost 4000 languages. Every year the Bible is the world's best selling book and there are around 100 translations of the Bible in *English* alone.

Currently, the five best selling *English* Bibles are:

- The King James Version **55%**
- The New International Version **19%**
- The New Revised Standard Version **7%**
- The New American Bible **6%**
- The Living Bible **5%**

Currently too, the main *problems* with all five of them are as follows:

- None* of them even once mentions the word **ELOHIM**
- None* of them even once mentions the word **YAHWEH**
- None* of them even once puts the title **LORD** before the words *Holy Spirit*

**It is a truly DUMB HEAP of translated English Bibles
about YAHWEH (THE GOD OF ALL GODS !) that clearly do not
mention His NAME even once !**

MOST OF THE CHRISTIANS IN THE WORLD NEED TO BE TOLD THAT

The name of the **ELOHIM** (GOD) who built the *brain* that **JESUS** thought with is **YAHWEH**
The name of the **ELOHIM** (GOD) who powered all the miracles for **JESUS** is **YAHWEH**
The name of the **ELOHIM** (GOD) who raised **JESUS** from the dead is **YAHWEH**
The name of the **ELOHIM** (GOD) whom **JESUS** told the world to worship is **YAHWEH**

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TWO SPECIAL CONTRADICTIONS FROM THE WORD OF MOUTH ERA

In earlier writing I referred to the list of inconsistencies that were noted by Donald Morgan of the Secular Web group. These inconsistencies remain in *ALL* New Testaments ... regardless of the translation into English that you have chosen to read.

Our New Testament has over 170 “inconsistencies” within the basic information that it provides about *JESUS* and his life and lessons. *Most* of these inconsistencies are minor but some are definitely not. The two following are sufficiently *arresting* to convince others ... such as yourself to ... *do a lot of praying first* and then begin larger checks of your own

1. Three different REPORTS on the last words of JESUS on the CROSS

There are three scriptures that very differently *quote* the final words of *JESUS* on the cross. These three scriptures follow:

“My God My God why hast Thou forsaken Me!” MT 27:46-50 MK 15: 34-37

“Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit.” LK 23: 46

“It is finished.” JN 19: 30

2. The UNFORGIVABLE sin: blasphemy against the Holy Spirit

THREE different scriptures tell us that *ALL* sins are forgivable:

AC 13:39 CN 2:13 1 JN 1:9.

The above three scriptures occur *after* the four Gospels and they *contradict* the following scriptures that are reported *as quotes* from the mouth of *JESUS*.

“But whosoever speaketh against the Holy Spirit it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world nor the world to come.” MT 12:32

“But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.” MK 3:29

“But unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Spirit it shall not be forgiven.”
LK 12:10

In the *final* analysis, any scripture that we can personally claim as “*given by God*” derives exclusively from our own *personal* and *holy* and *loving* relationship with the *GOD OF ALL GODS* (or of all ‘SPIRITS’) who built each of our brains... and who is still supervising ... all of the thoughts that it produces. And this *GOD* ... regardless of our chosen church ... will forever remain as the *SPIRIT* who is behind the *eyes* that we see whenever we look in the *mirror*.

Universally, the Christian pathway to this *ELOHIM* called *YAHWEH* is through his only begotten *SON* the *LORD JESUS*. But *globally* the so called “Christian” world seems to have missed this pathway almost completely. Almost none of the Christian churches in the *English* speaking world have scriptural justification for claiming that their chosen teachings derive directly from the ‘GOD’ of our so seriously mistranslated *English* Bibles.

**ALONGSIDE
THE MEASURE OF INTELLIGENCE
WHO BUILT THE BRAIN THAT HE THOUGHT WITH
EVEN ALBERT EISTEIN WAS AN INTELLECTUALLY PRIMITIVE MICROBE**

The *ELOHIM* (GOD) of the Bible who is named as *YAHWEH* is believed by Christianity to be the *CREATOR* of *EVERYTHING* which includes the creation of

- (1) the void of *time* that everything exists in
- (2) the *plurality* that comes as a *function* of time.
- (3) the different *spirit* that has built every different *seed* since time began.
- (4) the different *spirit* too ... that has built every different *living creature*

The idea too, of *distance* within the framework of this Christian belief is believed to be a function of the *time* that *YAHWEH* created. This belief about the relationship of *time* to *distance* starts to make sense when we bear in mind (1) that modern science reports that the *most distant* object from our Earth is 13 billion *light years* away and (2) that light travels some 300,000 kilometres in a single *second*.

Only in the realm an *OMNIPOTENT ELOHIM* can a distance of this immensity exist.

SOME POSSIBLY HELPFUL THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

Every prayer at its spiritual basis is simply an attempt to communicate with the creator Spirit who designed and built the brain that *each* of us uses to *think* with.

Both you and your *Creator Spirit* (or 'Elohim') *understand* the language that you personally think with. Otherwise basic and personal (*two way*) communication between you and your creator Elohim (GOD) would fail *eternally*. Even the simplest of effective praying must forever remain as this *two* way communication between you and your Elohim (GOD).

**YOUR VERY OWN PERSONAL GOD
IS FOREVER IN YOUR BRAIN WITH YOU
AND WITH ALL OF HIS ANGELS AND THIS ALL OF THE TIME**

Wherever our *ELOHIM* (GOD OF ALL GODS) is, His *ministering spirits* too are with Him, and this *all* of the time. No other view or theory on the *precise whereabouts* of both Elohim (GOD) and his *angels* makes any sense at all. This is why the Hebrew word '*ELOHIM*' (which is both singular and plural) is a much better word than the English word GOD or the Greek word THEOS or the Latin word DEUS as a reference to our creator who creates every person *individually*.

A paraphrase from *Psalms 82* adds some light here : "*You are GODS (Elohim ?) yet you shall each die like a MAN.*" None of humankind's 45,000 Christian denominations choose to sufficiently emphasize this most *fundamental* spiritual *reality* that underpins the design and construction of the brain that is in *every (single) human head*.

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Christian scripture too, declares “*In the Beginning was the WORD and the WORD was with ELOHIM and ELOHIM was the WORD.*” It also declares that *ELOHIM* (GOD) is and always was the “*Alpha and the Omega.*” or if we prefer the Aramaic here “*the Aleph and the Tav.*” These two simple declarations so neatly summarise that *ELOHIM* (GOD) is actually the *FIRST WORD* ever spoken by humankind and the *LAST* word too.

There has never been a clearer way than these two Scriptures to summarise the *ultimate* truth that *ELOHIM* (GOD) alone has been the *ever present spiritual powerhouse* that has underpinned *every* word that your human brain (with its 100 *billion* cells) has ever thought of or spoken.

ALL EFFECTIVE PRAYER IS A TWO WAY COMMUNICATION PROCESS WHICH YOU SHARE WITH THE GOD WHO BUILT YOU

For around 170 human *generations* (from roughly the time of Moses onwards) *Christianity* as well as *Islam* have largely failed to teach prayer routines that have been designed to communicate (with *shared* love) in the essential *TWO WAY* process between you and the *ELOHIM* who built you..

We need to remember constantly that our own *LOVE* for the *ELOHIM* in our *heads* and in our *hearts* and in our *blood streams* is close enough to the *only* valuable thing in the world that even He our *ELOHIM* is quite *unable* to *create* ! Love has always been a *two* way process ... and this in *all species* from eagles through to elephants.

Until the arrival of the mid 20th century, Catholic churches required all its *cardinals*, *bishops* and *priests* to pray in LATIN whenever conducting its religious ceremonies. But the Latin language had globally *died* as a commonly spoken language many *centuries* before this! The *Quran* of *Islam* too, is still today written in the 7th century ARABIC of its founding prophet and this when *today* almost *no Muslims* speak it !

The above two examples of *trying to communicate* with a GOD OF GODS in a language that you yourself do NOT understand is nothing better than a religiously imposed *imbecility* that is totally removed from the LOVE that the *GOD OF GODS* and his only begotten son *JESUS* want to SHARE with you !

ALL EFFECTIVE PRAYER IS A TWO WAY COMMUNICATION OF LOVE

YOUR MOST POWERFUL PRAYERS

ARE THE ONES THAT BOTH YOU AND YOUR GOD UNDERSTAND

... AND SO OFTEN ...

THEY CANNOT BE FOUND IN EITHER THE BIBLE OR IN ISLAM'S QURAN

Neither the *Abraham* of 4,000 years ago nor the *Moses* of 3,400 years ago had any scripture to *read* or *refer* to : Hebrew writing in its original (Paleo Hebrew) form first occurs in the archaeological record some 600 years after the death of Moses. They simply *loved* and *believed* in the *ELOHIM* (GOD) who they prayed to ... and who *DID* apparently answer both of them with heaps of miracles that were subsequently described in the Bible.

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So it's probably a good idea to keep our prayers to the Lord *YAHWEH* and the Lord *JESUS* and to the Lord *HOLY SPIRIT* both very simple and constant. And it's a good idea too, to make sure that they constantly express LOVE and THANKS.

My own *daily* prayers are constantly in my head and heart and bloodstream. Always too they address the original DIVINE and UNITED TEAM that has *always* consisted of (1) The *Lord YAHWEH* and (2) The *Lord JESUS* and (3) The *Lord HOLY SPIRIT*.

The *wording* too of these (full time) prayers remains similar to the following:

My UNITED omnipotent ELOHIM and eternal GODHEAD TRINITY ?*

My Lord YAHWEH.

My Lord JESUS.

My Lord HOLY SPIRIT.

I LOVE you with everything I've got.

I THANK you also with everything I've got.

I am constantly STUNNED that YOU love me too !

PLEASE teach me to PRAY for the things that YOU want of me.

YOU are ... full time ... in my head with ME ... and with all of your ANGELS.

This realization of your PRESENCE within me is the biggest PRIVILEGE of my life.

So PLEASE continue teaching me HOW TO PRAY and WHAT TO PRAY FOR.

Only in this way shall I be able to serve YOU full time.

**A note about the TRINITY*

The TRINITY has all along been the intellectual creation of a Greek speaking theologian of the 2nd century. He argued that there were three "*persons*" in the "*godhead*" which he named as the TRINITY. The *error* that he made becomes obvious as soon as we observe that there *could* have been only one *person* ... the Lord JESUS ... but three spiritual *identities*.

AND WHERE IS THE SPIRIT CALLED SATAN IN ALL THIS MESS ?

Both *Islam* and *Christianity* believe in the existence of a spirit that they name as *SATAN*. I personally have *seen SATAN* ... and on one occasion ... I also saw a *demon* at the *same time* as my companion saw it. *SATAN* and his demons *do* exist. The Old Testament mentions Satan 19 times and the New Testament 34 times. The *Book of Psalms* with its 42,000 words of mainly *prayers* surprisingly mentions Satan only *once* ... while *JESUS* is reported as mentioning him 17 times.

But Satan *does* exist ... and every human being since time began has been harrassed by both his dreams as well as his stinking thoughts or "temptations". Again ... from my personal experience ... I have actually *smelled* Satan too. He and his demons are collectively the most putrid *stench* of all creation. An animal carcass in the middle of summer is the closest event that reminds me of him.

Most surprisingly of all (even after 2000 years) Christianity hasn't evolved a universally acceptable *proactive prayer* against Satan and I often *wonder* how this could be. I simply *guess* that our united *Lord YAHWEH* and *Lord JESUS* and *LORD Holy Spirit* want jointly to teach such a prayer to *each* of his sons and daughters separately.

AS MANY AS ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD THESE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD

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THE PAGES WHICH FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY

1. The pages which follow immediately contain scriptures that have been modified in line with the editorial constraints that I have detailed at the beginning.
2. A simplified overview of the technical details that have been involved in designing the ‘phonetically regular’ script for written English is provided in the final pages of this book.
3. The full technical details of this new script for English teachers are provided on my website. www.phoneticenglishbible.com

A NOTE ABOUT HIGH FREQUENCY ‘CONNECTOR WORDS

A total of 20 very high frequency ‘connector’ words occupy a disproportionate volume of the word count on any page. To avoid an unnecessary amount of visual ‘clutter’ throughout the Virtual Phonetics™ script, this publication has chosen not to encode the following 20 words:

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Proverbs 1

1 The provêrbs of Solomon, the sôn of David, king of Işrael:

2 To know wişdôm and instructiôn; To disçêrn the wôrdş of understanding;

3 To reçeive instructiôn in wişe dealing, In rihteousness, justiče, and equiŷ;

4 To give prudence to the simple, Knowledg and discretiôn to the young man:

5 **That** the wişe man may hear, and increase in lêarning; **That** the man of understanding may attain to sound counsel:

6 To understand a provêrb, and parableş, The wôrdş and riddleş of the wişe.

7 The fear of YAHWEH is the beginning of knowledg; But the foolish despişe wişdôm and instructiôn.

8 **My sôn**, listen to yôur fâther's instructiôn, And don't forsake yôur môther's teaching:

9 For **they** will be a gârland to gracę yôur head, And **chainş** around yôur neck.

10 **My sôn**, if sinnerş entiče you, don't consent.

11 If **they say**, "Côme with us, Let's lay in wait for blôod; Let's lûrk secretly for the innocent without câuşe;

12 Let's swallow **them** up alive like **Sheol**, And whole, like **thoşe** who go down into the pit.

13 We'll find **âll** valuable wealth. We'll fill **our** houseş with spoil.

14 You **shall** cäst yôur lot among us. We'll **âll** have one pûrse."

15 **My sôn**, don't wâlk in the way with **them**. Keep yôur fôot from **their** pâth,

16 For **their** feet run to **evil**. **They** hurry to **shed** blôod.

17 For in vain is the net spread in the sight of any bîrd:

18 **Theşe** lay wait for **their** own blôod. **They** lûrk secretly for **their** own lives.

19 **So** are the wayş of everyone who is greedy of gain. It **takes** away the life of its ownerş.

20 Wişdom câllş aloud in the street. **She** utters her voiçe in the public squareş.

21 She câllş at the head of noişy placeş. At the entrancę of the çity gates, she utters her wôrdş:

22 "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? How long will mockers delight themselves in mockery, And fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn at my reproof. Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you. I will make known my words to you.

24 Because I have called, and you have refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no one has paid attention;

25 But you have ignored all my counsel, And wanted none of my reproof;

26 I also will laugh at your disaster. I will mock when calamity overtakes you;

27 When calamity overtakes you like a storm, When your disaster comes on like a whirlwind; When distress and anguish come on you.

28 Then will they call on me, but I will not answer. They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me;

29 Because they hated knowledge, And didn't choose the fear of YAHWEH.

30 They wanted none of my counsel. They despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore they will eat of the fruit of their own way, And be filled with their own schemes.

32 For the backsliding of the simple will kill them. The careless ease of fools will destroy them.

33 But whoever listens to me will dwell securely, And will be at ease, without fear of harm."

Proverbs 2

1 My son, if you will receive my words, And store up my commandments within you;

2 So as to turn your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding;

3 Yes, if you call out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding;

4 If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures:

5 Then you will understand the fear of YAHWEH, And find the knowledge of Elohim.

6 For YAHWEH gives wisdom. out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.

7 He lays up sound wisdom for the upright. He is a shield to those who walk in integrity;

8 That he may guard the paths of justice, And preserve the way of his saints.

9 **Then** you will understand **righteousness** and **justice**, **Equity** and every **good path**.
 10 For **wisdom** will enter into **your heart**. **Knowledge** will be **pleasant** to **your soul**.
 11 **Discretion** will **watch over** you. **Understanding** will **keep** you,
 12 To deliver you from the **way** of **evil**, From the men **who speak perverse things**;
 13 **Who forsake** the **paths** of **uprightness**, To **walk** in the **ways** of **darkness**;
 14 **Who rejoice** to **do evil**, And **delight** in the **perverse**ness of **evil**;
 15 **Who** are **crooked** in **their ways**, And **wayward** in **their paths**:
 16 To deliver you from the **strange woman**, **Even** from the **foreigner who flatters with**
 her **words**;
 17 **Who forsakes** the friend of her **youth**, And forgets the **covenant** of her Elohim:
 18 For her **house leads down** to **death**, Her **paths** to the **dead**.
 19 **None who go** to her **return** again, **Neither do they** attain to the **paths** of **life**:
 20 **That you may walk** in the **way** of **good men**, And **keep** the **paths** of the **righteous**.
 21 For the **upright** will dwell in the land. The **perfect** will **remain** in it.
 22 But the **wicked** will be cut off from the land. The **treacherous** will be **rooted out** of
 it.

Proverbs 3

1 **My son**, **don't** forget **my teaching**; But let **your heart** **keep** **my** commandments:
 2 For **length** of **days**, and **years** of **life**, And **peace**, will **they** add to you.
 3 **Don't** let **kindness** and **truth** **forsake** you. **Bind them** **around** **your** neck. **Write them**
 on the tablet of **your heart**.
 4 **So** you will **find** **favor** and **good** understanding in the **sight** of Elohim and man.
 5 Trust in YAHWEH **with all** **your heart**, And **don't lean** on **your own** understanding.
 6 In **all** **your ways** **acknowledge** him, And he will direct **your paths**.
 7 **Don't** be **wise** in **your own eyes**. **Fear** YAHWEH, and **depart** from **evil**.
 8 It will be **health** to **your body**, And **nourishment** to **your bones**.
 9 Honor YAHWEH **with your substance**, **With** the **first fruits** of **all** **your increase**:
 10 **So** **your barns** will be filled **with** plenty, And **your vats** will **overflow with** new
wine.

11 My **son**, don't despise Yähweh's discipline, **Neither** be weary of his reproof:

12 For whom YAHWEH loves, he reproveth; **Even** as a father the son in whom he delights.

13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, The man who gets understanding.

14 For the gaining of it is better than the gaining of silver, The profit of it better than fine gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies.. None of the things you can desire are to be compared to her.

16 Length of days is in her right hand. In her left hand are riches and honor.

17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness. All her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her. Happy is everyone who retains her.

19 By wisdom YAHWEH founded the earth. By understanding, he established the heavens.

20 By his knowledge, the depths were broken up, And the skies drop down the dew.

21 My son, let them not depart from your eyes. Keep sound wisdom and discretion:

22 So they will be life to your soul, And grace for your neck.

23 Then you shall walk in your way securely. Your foot won't stumble.

24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid. Yes, you will lie down, and your sleep will be sweet.

25 Don't be afraid of sudden fear, Neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it comes:

26 For YAHWEH will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being taken.

27 Don't withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do it.

28 Don't say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again, Tomorrow I will give," When you have it by you.

29 Don't devise evil against your neighbor, Seeing he dwells securely by you.

30 Don't strive with a man without cause, If he has done you no harm.

31 Don't envy the man of violence. Chase none of his ways.

32 For the pervers^e is an abominati^on to YAHWEH, But his friendshⁱp is with the upri^ght.

33 The curs^e of YAHWEH is in the hous^e of the wicked, But he bless^es the habitati^on of the righ^teous.

34 Sure^ly he mocks the mocker^s, But he give^s grac^e to the humble.

35 The wis^e will inherit gl^ory, But sham^e will be the promoti^on of fool^s.

Proverbs 4

1 Listen, son^s, to a f^ather's instructi^on. Pay attentioⁿ and know understanding;

2 For I give you sound le^arning. Don't forsak^e my l^aw.

3 For I was a son to my f^ather, Tender and an only child in the sight of my m^other.

4 He t^aught me, and said to me: "Let y^our he^art retain my w^ords. Keep my commandments, and live.

5 Get wis^dom. Get understanding. Don't forget, neith^er sw^erve from the w^ords of my m^outh.

6 Don't forsak^e her, and she will pres^erve you. Lov^e her, and she will keep you.

7 Wis^dom is sup^reme. Get wis^dom. Yes, th^ough it costs ^all y^our poss^essi^ons, get understanding.

8 Esteem her, and she will ex^alt you. She will bring you to honor, when you embrac^e her.

9 She will give to y^our head a garland of grac^e. A crown of splendor will she deliver to you."

10 Listen, my son, and recei^ve my sayings. The year^s of y^our lif^e will be many.

11 I have t^aught you in the way of wis^dom. I have led you in p^aths of upri^ghtness.

12 When you go, y^our steps will not be hampered. When you run, you will not stumble.

13 Tak^e firm hold of instructi^on. Don't let her go. Keep her, for she is y^our lif^e.

14 Don't enter into the p^ath of the wicked. Don't w^alk in the way of evil men.

15 Avoid it, and don't p^ass by it. T^urn from it, and p^ass on.

16 For they don't sleep, unless they do evil. Their sleep is taken away, unless they make some^one f^all.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, And drink the wine of violen^ce.

18 But the **päth** of the **righteous** is **like** the **däwning light**, **That shines** **môre** and **môre** until the **pêrfect day**.

19 The **way** of the wicked is **like** **därkness**. **They don't know** **what they** stumble **over**.

20 **My sôn**, attend to my **wôrds**. **Tûrn yôur ear** to my **sayings**.

21 Let **them** not depärt from **yôur eyes**. **Keep them** in the midst of **yôur heärt**.

22 For **they** are **life** to **thosê** who find **them**, And **health** to **their whole** body.

23 **Keep yôur heärt** with **âll** **diligence**, **Fôr** **out** of it is the wellspring of **life**.

24 **Püt away** from **yôurself** a **pervêrse** **mouth**. **Püt** corrupt lips **fär** from you.

25 Let **yôur eyes** **look** **straight** ahead. Fix **yôur gaze** directly **befôre** you.

26 **Make** the **päth** of **yôur feet** level. Let **âll** of **yôur ways** be **established**.

27 **Don't tûrn** to the **right** hand **nôr** to the left. **Remove** **yôur fôot** from **evil**.

Proverbs 5

1 **My sôn**, **pay** **attention** to my **wisdom**. **Tûrn yôur ear** to my understanding:

2 **That you may** **maintain** **discretion**, **That yôur lips** **may** **presêrve** **knowledge**.

3 For the lips of an adulteress drip **honey**. Her **mouth** is **smoother** **than** oil,

4 But in the end she is as bitter as **wôrmwôod**, And as **shärp** as a **two-edged** **swôrd**.

5 Her **feet** go **down** to **death**. Her steps **lead** **straight** to **Sheol**.

6 She gives **no** **thôught** to the **way** of **life**. Her **ways** are **crooked**, and she **does**'n't **know** it.

7 **Now** **therefôre**, **my sôn**s, listen to me. **Don't** depärt from the **wôrds** of my **mouth**.

8 **Remove** **yôur way** **fär** from her. **Don't** **come** **near** the **dôr** of her **house**,

9 Lest you give **yôur** **honor** to **others**, And **yôur** **years** to the **cruel** one;

10 Lest **strangers** **feast** on **yôur** **wealth**, And **yôur** **labor** **enrich** **another** man's **house**.

11 You will **groan** at **yôur** **latter** end, **When** **yôur** **flesh** and **yôur** **body** are **consumed**,

12 And **say**, "**How** I have **hated** **instruction**, And **my** **heärt** **despised** **repreef**;

13 **Neither** have I **obeyed** the **voicê** of my **teachers**, **Nôr** **tûrned** my **ear** to **thosê** who instructed me!

14 I have **come** to the brink of utter **ruin**, In the midst of the **gathered** assembly."

15 Drink w~~á~~ter out of y~~ó~~ur own c~~í~~stern, Running w~~á~~ter out of y~~ó~~ur own well.

16 Should y~~ó~~ur spring~~s~~ overflow in the streets, Stream~~s~~ of w~~á~~ter in the public square~~s~~?

17 Let **them** be for y~~ó~~urself alone, Not for stranger~~s~~ with you.

18 Let y~~ó~~ur spring be blessed. Rejoice in the wife of y~~ó~~ur youth.

19 A loving hind and a pleasant doe -- Let her breasts satisfy you at **á**ll time~~s~~. Be captivated **á**lways with her love.

20 For **why shó**uld you, my **són**, be captivated with an adulteress? **Why** embrace the bosó~~m~~ of another?

21 For the way~~s~~ of man are before the eye~~s~~ of YAHWEH. He examine~~s~~ **á**ll his pá~~th~~s.

22 The evil deed~~s~~ of the wicked ensnare him. The c~~ó~~rd~~s~~ of his sin hold him firmly.

23 He will díe for lack of instructi~~o~~n. In the great~~n~~ess of his folly, he will go astray.

Proverbs 6

1 My **són**, if you have become collateral for y~~ó~~ur neighbor, If you have struck y~~ó~~ur hand~~s~~ in pledg~~e~~ for a stranger;

2 You are trapped by the w~~ó~~rd~~s~~ of y~~ó~~ur mouth. You are ensnared with the w~~ó~~rd~~s~~ of y~~ó~~ur mouth.

3 Do **this now**, my **són**, and deliver y~~ó~~urself, Seeing you have come into the hand of y~~ó~~ur neighbor. Go, humble y~~ó~~urself. Press y~~ó~~ur plea with y~~ó~~ur neighbor.

4 Give no sleep to y~~ó~~ur eye~~s~~, N~~ó~~r slumber to y~~ó~~ur eyelid~~s~~.

5 Free y~~ó~~urself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, Like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

6 Go to the ant, you sluggard. Consider her way~~s~~, and be wise;

7 Which having no chief, Overseer, or ruler,

8 Provide~~s~~ her bread in the summer, And gather~~s~~ her food in the harvest.

9 How long will you sleep, sluggard? When will you arise out of y~~ó~~ur sleep?

10 A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hand~~s~~ to sleep:

11 So y~~ó~~ur poverty will come as a robber, And y~~ó~~ur scarcity as an armed man.

12 A worthless person, a man of iniquity, Is he who wá~~l~~ks with a perverse mouth;

13 **Who** winks **with** his **eyes**, **who** signal**s** **with** his **feet**, **who** motion**s** **with** his finger**s**;

14 In **whose** **heart** is perverseness, **who** devise**s** **evil** continually, **who** **always** sows disc**ord**.

15 **There**fore his calamity will **come** suddenly. **He** will be broken suddenly, and **that** **with**out remedy.

16 **There** are six **things** **which** YAHWEH hates; Yes, seven **which** are an abomination to him:

17 **Ha**ughty **eyes**, a **lying** **tongue**, **Hand**s **that** shed innocent **bloo**d;

18 A **heart** **that** devise**s** wicked **sche**me**s**, **Feet** **that** are swift in running to mis**ch**ief,

19 A **f**alse witness **who** utter**s** **lie**s, And he **who** sows disc**ord** among **bro**ther**s**.

20 **My** **son**, **keep** **y**our **f**ather's commandment, And **don't** forsake **y**our **m**other's **te**aching.

21 **Bind** **them** continually on **y**our **heart**. **Tie** **them** around **y**our neck.

22 **When** you **w**alk, it will lead you. **When** you **s**leep, it will **w**atch over you. **When** you **w**ake, it will **t**alk **with** you.

23 For the commandment is a lamp, And the **l**aw is **l**ight. **Re**proofs of instruction are the **w**ay of **l**ife,

24 To **keep** you from the immoral **w**oman, From the flattery of the **w**ayward **w**ife's **t**ongue.

25 **Don't** lust **a**fter her **b**eauty in **y**our **heart**, **Ne**ither let her captivate you **with** her **e**yelid**s**.

26 For a prostitute **re**du**ce**s you to a **pie**ce of bread. The adulteress hunts for **y**our **pre**cious **l**ife.

27 Can a man **s**weep **f**ire into his lap, And his **clo**th**e**s not be **b**urned?

28 Or can one **w**alk on hot **co**al**s**, And his **fe**et not be sc**o**rch**e**d?

29 **So** is he **who** **go**e**s** in to his neighbor's **w**ife. **Who**ever **to**uch**e**s her will not be unpunished.

30 Men **don't** despise a **th**ief, If he **ste**al**s** to satisfy himself **when** he is hungry:

31 But if he be **found**, he **shall** rest**ore** seven **time**s. **He** **shall** give **a**ll the **w**ealth of his **hou**se.

32 He **wh**e commits adultery **with** a **w**oman is void of understanding. He **wh**e **d**o**e**s it destroys his **o**wn **s**oul.

33 He will get **w**ounds and **d**i**sh**onor. His **r**e**p**ro**a**ch will not be **w**i**p**e**d** **a**way.

34 For jealousy **a**rou**s**e**s** the **f**ury of the **h**u**s**band. He **w**on't **s**pa**r**e in the **d**ay of **v**en**g**e**a**n**ç**e.

35 He **w**on't **r**e**g**ard any **r**ans**o**m, **N**e**i**th**e**r will he rest content, **th**o**u**gh you **g**ive many gifts.

Proverbs 7

1 My **s**on, **k**ee**p** my **w**ords. **L**ay up my **c**ommandments **w**ithin you.

2 **K**ee**p** my **c**ommandments and **l**ive; **G**u**ä**rd my **t**e**a**ching as the apple of **y**our **e**ye.

3 **B**ind **th**em on **y**our **f**inger**s**. **W**rite **th**em on the tablet of **y**our **h**e**ä**rt.

4 Tell **w**i**s**d**o**m, "Y**o**u are my **s**ister." **C**äll understanding **y**our **r**elative,

5 **T**hat **th**ey may **k**ee**p** you from the **s**tr**a**ng**e** **w**oman, From the **f**oreign**e**r **wh**e **f**latters **w**ith her **w**ords.

6 For at the **w**indow of my **h**ouse, I **l**ook**e**d **f**orth **th**rough my **l**attic**e**.

7 I **s**aw among the simple **o**ne**s**. I **d**is**c**e**r**ned among the **y**outh**s** a young man void of understanding,

8 **P**ä**s**sing **th**rough the **s**tr**e**et **n**e**a**r her **c**or**n**er, **H**e went the **w**ay to her **h**ouse,

9 In the **t**wil**l**ight, in the **e**vening of the **d**ay, In the middle of the **n**ight and in the **d**ä**r**kness.

10 Behold, **th**ere a **w**oman met him **w**ith the attire of a **p**rostit**u**te, And **w**ith **c**rä**f**ty intent.

11 She is **l**oud and **d**e**f**iant. Her **f**eet **d**on't **s**tay in her **h**ouse.

12 **N**ow she is in the **s**tr**e**ets, **n**ow in the **s**qu**a**re**s**, And **l**ürking at every **c**or**n**er.

13 **S**o she **c**ä**u**ght him, and **k**iss**e**d him. **W**ith an **i**mp**u**dent **f**ac**e** she said to him:

14 "Sacrific**e**s of **p**e**a**ce-offerings are **w**ith me. **T**his **d**ay I have **p**a**i**d my **v**ow**s**."

15 **T**her**e**fore I **c**ame **o**ut to **m**eet you, To **d**iligently **s**ee**k** **y**our **f**ac**e**, And I have **f**ound you.

16 I have spread my **c**ouch **w**ith **c**ä**r**pets of tapestry, **W**ith striped cloths of the **y**ä**r**n of **E**gypt.

17 I have **p**ê**r**fumed my **b**ed **w**ith **m**yr**r**h, **a**lo**e**s, and **ç**innam**o**n.

18 C**o**me, let's **t**ake **o**ur fill of **l**oving until the **m**orning. Let's **s**olac**e** **o**ursel**e**s **w**ith **l**oving.

19 For **m**y **h**us**h**band **i**s**n**'t at **h**ome. **H**e **h**as gone on a long **j**o**u**rney.

20 He **h**as **t**aken a bag of **m**one**y** **w**ith him. **H**e will **c**ome **h**ome at the **f**ull **m**oon."

21 **W**ith **p**ersuasive **w**ord**s**, she led him astray. **W**ith the flattering of her lips, she **s**edu**ç**ed him.

22 He **f**ollowed her immediately, As an ox **g**oes to the **s**l**ä**ughter, As a **f**ool stepping into a **s**edu**ç**ed.

23 Until an arrow **s**trikes **t**hrough his liver, As a **b**ird hurries to the **s**na**r**e, And **d**oesn't **k**now **t**hat it will cost his **l**ife.

24 **N**ow **t**here**f**ore, **s**on**s**, listen to me. **P**ay attention to the **w**ord**s** of **m**y **m**outh.

25 **D**on't let **y**our **h**eart **t**urn to her **w**ays. **D**on't go astray in her **p**ath**s**,

26 For she **h**as **t**hrown **d**own many **w**ounded. Yes, **a**ll her **s**lain are a **m**ighty **h**ost.

27 Her **h**ouse is the **w**ay to **S**heol, **G**oing **d**own to the **c**hamber**s** of **d**ea**t**h.

Proverbs 8

1 **D**oesn't **w**isdom **c**ry **o**ut? **D**oesn't understanding **r**aise her **v**oice?

2 On the top of **h**igh **p**lace**s** **b**y the **w**ay, *Where* the **p**ath**s** **m**ee**t**, she stands.

3 **B**eside the **g**ates, at the entry of the **c**ity, At the entry **d**oor**s**, she **c**rie**s** **a**loud:

4 "To you men, I **c**all! I send **m**y **v**oice to the **s**on**s** of **m**ankind.

5 You simple, understand **p**rudence. **Y**ou **f**ee**s**, be of an understanding **h**eart.

6 **H**ear, for I will **s**peak excellent **t**hing**s**. The **o**pening of **m**y lips is for **r**ight **t**hing**s**.

7 For **m**y **m**outh **s**peaks **t**ru**t**h. Wickedness is an **a**bominati**o**n to **m**y lips.

8 All the **w**ord**s** of **m**y **m**outh are in **r**ighteousness. **T**here is **n**othing **c**rook**e**d or **p**erv**e**rse in **t**hem.

9 **T**hey are **a**ll **p**lain to him **w**ho understands, **R**ight to **t**hos**e** **w**ho find **k**nowled**g**e.

10 **R**ec**e**ive **m**y instructi**o**n **r**ather **t**han silver; **K**nowled**g**e **r**ather **t**han **c**hoic**e** **g**old.

11 For **w**isdom is better **t**han **r**ubie**s**.. **a**ll the **t**hing**s** **t**hat **m**ay be **d**esir**e**d **c**an't be **c**ompar**e**d to it.

12 "I, **w**isdom, have **m**ade **p**rudence **m**y dwelling. **F**ind **o**ut **k**nowled**g**e and **d**iscreti**o**n.

13 The **f**ear of YAHWEH is to **h**ate **e**vil. I **h**ate **p**ride, arroganc**e**, the **e**vil **w**ay, and the pervers**e** **m**outh.

14 **C**ounsel and **s**ound **k**nowledg**e** are **m**ine. I have understanding and **p**ower.

15 By me king**s** reign, And princ**e**s decree justic**e**.

16 By me princ**e**s rule; **N**oble**s**, and **á**ll the **r**ighteous ruler**s** of the **é**arth.

17 I **l**ove **tho**se **w**ho **l**ove me. **Tho**se **w**ho **s**eek me dilig**e**ntly will **f**ind me.

18 **W**ith me are rich**e**s, honor, Enduring wealt**h**, and prosperity.

19 My **f**ruit is better **th**an **g**old, yes, **th**an **f**ine **g**old; **M**y **y**ield **th**an **ch**oic**e** silver.

20 I **w**áik in the **w**ay of **r**ighteousness, In the midst of the **p**áth**s** of justic**e**;

21 **Th**at I **m**ay give wealt**h** to **tho**se **w**ho **l**ove me. I fill **th**eir **t**reasure**s**.

22 "YAHWEH **p**ossessed me in the beginning of his **w**ork, Bef**ó**re his **d**eeds of **o**ld.

23 I was set up from ever**l**áasting, from the beginning, Bef**ó**re the **é**arth existed.

24 **W**hen **th**ere were no **d**ept**h**s, I was br**ó**ught **f**ó**th**, **W**hen **th**ere were no spring**s** abounding with **w**áter.

25 Bef**ó**re the **m**ountain**s** were settled in **p**lac**e**, Bef**ó**re the hill**s**, I was br**ó**ught **f**ó**th**;

26 **W**hile as yet he had not **m**ade the **é**arth, **n**ó**r** the **f**ield**s**, **N**ó**r** the beginning of the dust of the **w**ó**r**ld.

27 **W**hen he establish**e**d the **h**eaven**s**, I was **th**ere; **W**hen he set a **ç**ircle on the **s**ú**r**face of the **d**eep,

28 **W**hen he establish**e**d the **c**loud**s** ab**ó**ve, **W**hen the spring**s** of the **d**eep became strong,

29 **W**hen he **g**ave to the **s**ea its **b**oundary, **Th**at the **w**áter**s** **sh**ould not **v**iolate his commandment, **W**hen he **m**á**r**ke**d** **o**ut the **f**oundation**s** of the **é**arth;

30 **Th**en I was the **c**ráft**s**man **b**y his **s**ide. I was a **d**elight **d**ay **b**y **d**ay, **á**lways rejoicing bef**ó**re him,

31 Rejoic**í**ng in his **w**hole **w**ó**r**ld. **M**y **d**elight was with the **s**ón**s** of men.

32 "**N**ow **th**ere**f**ó**r**e, **m**y **s**ón**s**, listen to me, **F**ó**r** **b**less**e**d are **tho**se **w**ho **k**ee**p** my **w**ay**s**.

33 **H**ear **i**nstruction, and be **w**is**e**, **D**on't **r**e**f**use it.

34 Blessed is the man **who** **hear**š me, **W**atching **daily** at **my** **g**ates, **W**aiting at **my** **d**oor **posts**.

35 For **who**ever **find**š me, **find**š **life**, And will obtain **favor** from YAHWEH.

36 But he **who** **sin**š **against** me **wron**ğš his **own** **soul**. **ă**ll **tho**șe **who** **hat**e me **l**ove **deat**h."

Proverbs 9

1 **W**isdom **ha**š **built** her **hou**se. **S**he **ha**š **că**rved **out** her seven **pillars**.

2 She **ha**š **pre**pared her **me**at. **S**he **ha**š **mixe**d her **wine**. **S**he **ha**š **ă**lso set her **table**.

3 She **ha**š **sent** **out** her **maidens**. **S**he **crie**š from the **hi**gh **plă**çeș of the **ç**ity:

4 "**Who**ever is **simple**, let him **t**urn in **he**re!" As for him **who** is void of understanding, she **say**š to him,

5 "**C**ome, **e**at **so**me of **my** **bread**, Drink **so**me of the **wine** **whi**ch I have **mixe**d!

6 **L**eave **y**our **simple** **way**š, and **live**. **W**ălk in the **way** of understanding."

7 He **who** **corrects** a **mock**er **invite**s **insult**. **H**e **who** **repre**veș a **wicked** man **invite**s **abuse**.

8 Don't **repre**ve a **scoffer**, lest he **hat**e you. **Repre**ve a **wi**șe man, and he will **l**ove you.

9 **I**nstruct a **wi**șe man, and he will be still **wi**șer. **T**each a **right**eous man, and he will **incre**ase in **l**earning.

10 The **f**ear of YAHWEH is the beginning of **wi**șdom. The **knowled**g^e of the **Holy** One is understanding.

11 For **by** me **y**our **day**š will be **multiplie**d. The **year**š of **y**our **life** will be **incre**ase^d.

12 If you are **wi**șe, you are **wi**șe for **y**ourself. If you **mock**, you **al**one will bear it.

13 The **foolish** **w**oman is **loud**, **Undisc**iplined, and **know**š **no**thing.

14 She sits at the **d**oor of her **hou**se, On a **se**at in the **hi**gh **plă**çeș of the **ç**ity,

15 To **c**ăll to **tho**șe **who** **pă**ss **by**, **Who** **go** **stra**ight on **the**ir **way**š,

16 "**Who**ever is **simple**, let him **t**urn in **he**re." As for him **who** is void of understanding, she **say**š to him,

17 "**S**tolen **w**ăter is **swee**t. **F**o**o**d **e**aten in **se**cret is **plea**șant."

18 But he **do**esn't **know** **th**at the **dead** are **the**re, **T**hat her **guests** are in the **de**pths of **S**heol.

Proverbs 10

1 The provérbs of Solomon. A wíse sòn makes a glad fáther; But a foolísh sòn brings grief to his móther.

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothíng, But ríghteousness delivers from deáth.

3 YAHWEH will not allow the soul of the ríghteous to go hungry, But he thrusts away the desíre of the wicked.

4 He becómes póor whó works with a lazy hand, But the hand of the díligent brings wealth.

5 He whó gathers in summer is a wíse sòn, But he whó sleeps during the hárvest is a sòn whó cáuses shame.

6 Blessings are on the head of the ríghteous, But violénce covers the móuth of the wicked.

7 The memory of the ríghteous is blessed, But the náme of the wicked will rot.

8 The wíse in héärt accépt commandments, But a chattering fool will fáll.

9 He whó wáks blamelessly wáks surely, But he whó perverts his ways will be found out.

10 One winking with the eyé cáuses sorrow, But a chattering fool will fáll.

11 The móuth of the ríghteous is a spring of lífe, But violénce covers the móuth of the wicked.

12 Hatred stírs up strífe, But love covers áll wrongs.

13 Wísdóm is found on the lips of him whó has díscêrnment, But a rod is for the back of him whó is void of understanding.

14 Wíse men lay up knowledgè, But the móuth of the foolísh is near ruín.

15 The rích man's weálth is his strong çity. The destruction of the póor is thér póverty.

16 The labor of the ríghteous leáds to lífe. The íncreáse of the wicked leáds to sín.

17 He is in the way of lífe whó heeds correctíon, But he whó forsakes reproof leáds óthers astray.

18 He whó hídes hatred has líyng lips. Hé whó utters a slándér is a fool.

19 In the multítude of wórd\$ there is no lack of dísbédíénce, But he whó restráíns his lips dóes wísely.

20 The **t**ongue of the **r**ighteous is like **ch**oice silver. The **h**eart of the wicked is of little **w**orth.

21 The lips of the **r**ighteous **f**eed many, But the **f**oolish **d**ie for lack of understanding.

22 The blessing of YAHWEH brings **w**ealth, And he adds **n**o trouble to it.

23 It is a **f**ool's **p**leasure to **d**e wickedness, But **w**isdom is a man of understanding's **p**leasure.

24 **W**hat the wicked **f**ear, will **o**vertake **t**hem, But the **d**esire of the **r**ighteous will be granted.

25 **W**hen the **w**hirlwind **p**asses, the wicked is no **m**ore; But the **r**ighteous is an **e**verlasting **f**oundation.

26 As **v**inegar to the **t**eeth, and as **s**moke to the **e**yes, So is the sluggard to **t**hose **w**ho send him.

27 The **f**ear of YAHWEH prolongs **d**ays, But the **y**ears of the wicked **s**hall be **s**hortened.

28 The prospect of the **r**ighteous is joy, But the **h**ope of the wicked will **p**erish.

29 The **w**ay of YAHWEH is a strong**h**old to the up**r**ight, But it is a **d**estruction to the **w**orkers of iniquity.

30 The **r**ighteous will never be **r**emoved, But the wicked will not dwell in the land.

31 The **m**outh of the **r**ighteous brings **f**orth **w**isdom, But the **p**erverse **t**ongue will be cut off.

32 The lips of the **r**ighteous **k**now **w**hat is **a**ceptable, But the **m**outh of the wicked is **p**erverse.

Proverbs 11

1 A **f**alse **b**alance is an **a**bomination to YAHWEH, But **a**ccurate **w**eights are his **d**elight.

2 **W**hen **p**ride **c**omes, **t**hen **c**omes **s**hame, But **w**ith **h**umility **c**omes **w**isdom.

3 The integrity of the up**r**ight **s**hall **g**uide **t**hem, But the **p**erverseness of the **t**reacherous **s**hall **d**estroy **t**hem.

4 **R**iches **d**on't profit in the **d**ay of **w**ra**t**h, But **r**ighteousness **d**elivers **f**rom **d**eath.

5 The **r**ighteousness of the **b**lameless will direct his **w**ay, But the wicked **s**hall **f**all by his **o**wn wickedness.

6 The **r**ighteousness of the up**r**ight **s**hall deliver **t**hem, But the **u**n**f**ai**t**hful will be trapped by **e**vil **d**esires.

7 When a wicked man **dieš**, **hope** **perishes**, And **expectation** of **power** **comeš** to **noth**ing.

8 The **righteous** is delivered **out** of trouble, And the wicked **takes** his **place**.

9 **With** his **mouth** the godless man **destroyš** his neighbor, But the **righteous** will be delivered **throug**h **knowledg**e.

10 When it **goeš** well **with** the **righteous**, the **city** **rejoiceš**. When the wicked **perish**, **there** is **shouting**.

11 By the blessing of the **upright**, the **city** is **exalted**, But it is **overth**rown **by** the **mouth** of the wicked.

12 One **who** **despiseš** his neighbor is void of **wisd**om, But a man of understanding **holdš** his **pea**ce.

13 One **who** **bringš** gossip **betrayš** a **confidenc**e, But one **who** is of a trustw**or**thy spirit is one **who** **keeps** a **secret**.

14 Where **there** is no **wiše** **guidanc**e, the **nation** **fallš**, But in the multitude of **counselorš** **there** is **victory**.

15 He **who** is collateral for a **stranger** will suffer for it, But he **who** **refušeš** **pledgeš** of collateral is **secure**.

16 A **grac**ious **woman** **obtainš** **honor**, But **violent** men **obtain** **riches**.

17 The **mercif**ul man **doeš** **good** to his **own** **soul**, But he **who** is **cruel** **troubleš** his **own** **flesh**.

18 The wicked **earnš** **deceitful** **wageš**, But he **who** **sowš** **righteousness** **reaps** a **sure** **reward**.

19 He **who** is **truly** **righteous** gets **life**. He **who** **pursueš** **evil** gets **death**.

20 **Thos**e **who** are **perv**erse in **he**art are an **abominati**on to YAHWEH, But **thos**e **who** **we**re **ways** are **blameless** are his **delight**.

21 **Most** assuredly, the **evil** man will not be **unpunished**., But the **seed** of the **righteous** will be delivered.

22 Like a **gold** ring in a pig's **snout**, Is a **beautiful** **woman** **who** lacks **discreti**on.

23 The **desire** of the **righteous** is **only** **good**. The **expectati**on of the wicked is **wr**ath.

24 **There** is one **who** **scatterš**, and **incre**ases yet **m**ore. **There** is one **who** **with**holds **m**ore **than** is **appropri**ate, but **gainš** **poverty**.

25 The liberal **soul** **shall** be **made** fat. He **who** **w**aterš **shall** be **w**atered **also** himself.

26 He **who** **withholds** grain, the **people** will **curse** him, But blessing will be on the head of him **who** **sells** it.

27 He **who** **diligently seeks good** **seeks favor**, But he **who** **searches** after **evil**, it **shall come** to him.

28 He **who** trusts in his **riches** will **fall**, But the **righteous** **shall flourish** as the **green leaf**.

29 He **who** **troubles** his **own house** **shall inherit** the wind. The **foolish** **shall be** **servant** to the **wisdom** of **heart**.

30 The **fruit** of the **righteous** is a **tree of life**. He **who** is **wisdom** **wins souls**.

31 Behold, the **righteous** **shall be repaid** in the **earth**; **How much more** the wicked and the sinner!

Proverbs 12

1 **Whoever** **loves** correction **loves** knowledge, But he **who** **hates** reproof is **stupid**.

2 A **good** man **shall obtain** **favor** from YAHWEH, But he will **condemn** a man of wicked **devices**.

3 A man **shall not be established** by wickedness, But the **root** of the **righteous** **shall not be moved**.

4 A **worthy** **woman** is the **crown** of her **husband**, But a **disgraceful** **wife** is as rottenness in his **bones**.

5 The **thoughts** of the **righteous** are just. The **advice** of the wicked is **deceitful**.

6 The **words** of the wicked are about **lying** in **wait** for **blood**, But the **speech** of the **upright** **rescues** them.

7 The wicked are **overthrown**, and are no **more**, But the **house** of the **righteous** **shall stand**.

8 A man **shall be commended** according to his **wisdom**, But he **who** has a **warped** **mind** **shall be despised**.

9 Better is he **who** is **lightly esteemed**, and has a **servant**, **Than** he **who** **honors** himself, and lacks bread.

10 A **righteous** man **regards** the **life** of his animal, But the tender **mercies** of the wicked are **cruel**.

11 He **who** **tills** his land **shall have** plenty of bread, But he **who** **chases** **fantasies** is void of understanding.

12 The wicked desire^s the plunder of evil men, But the root of the righteous flourishes^s.

13 An evil man is trapped by sinfulness of lips, But the righteous shall come out of trouble.

14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth. The doings of a man's hands shall be rewarded to him.

15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who is wise listens to counsel.

16 A fool shows his annoyance the same day, But one who overlooks an insult is prudent.

17 He who is truthful testifies honestly, But a false witness lies.

18 There is one who speaks rashly like the piercing of a sword, But the tongue of the wise heals.

19 Truth's lips will be established forever, But a lying tongue is only momentary.

20 Deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil, But joy comes to the promoters of peace.

21 No mischief shall happen to the righteous, But the wicked shall be filled with evil.

22 Lying lips are an abomination to YAHWEH, But those who do the truth are his delight.

23 A prudent man keeps his knowledge, But the hearts of fools proclaim foolishness.

24 The hands of the diligent ones shall rule, But laziness ends in slave labor.

25 Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, But a kind word makes it glad.

26 The righteous is cautious in friendship, But the way of the wicked leads them astray.

27 The slothful man doesn't roast his game, But the possessions of diligent men are prized.

28 In the way of righteousness is life; In its path there is no death.

Proverbs 13

1 A wise son listens to his father's instruction, But a scoffer doesn't listen to rebuke.

2 By the fruit of his lips, a man enjoys good things; But the unfaithful crave violence.

3 He *who* **g**uärds his **m**outh **g**uärds his **s**oul. One *who* **o**pens **w**ide his lips **c**omes to ruin.

4 The **s**oul of the sluggard **d**esires, and **h**as **n**othing, But the **d**esire of the diligent **sh**all be **f**ully satisfied.

5 A **r**ighteous man **h**ates **l**ies, But a wicked man **b**rings **sh**ame and **d**isgraçe.

6 **R**ighteousness **g**uärds the **w**ay of integrity, But wickedness **o**verthrows the sinner.

7 **T**here are **s**ome *who* pretend to be **r**ich, yet have **n**othing. **T**here are **s**ome *who* pretend to be **p**oor, yet have **g**reat **w**ealth.

8 The **r**ansom of a man's **l**ife is his **r**iches, But the **p**oor **h**ears no **t**hreats.

9 The **l**ight of the **r**ighteous **sh**ines **b**rightly, But the lamp of the wicked is snuffed **o**ut.

10 By **p**ride **c**omes **o**nly **q**uarrels, But **w**ith **o**nes *who* **t**ake **a**dviçe is **w**isdom.

11 **W**ealth **g**ained **d**ishonestly **d**windles **a**way, But he *who* **g**athers **b**y **h**and **m**akes it **g**row.

12 **H**ope **d**eferred **m**akes the **h**eart sick, But **w**hen **l**onging is **f**ullied, it is a **t**ree of **l**ife.

13 **W**heoever **d**espises **i**nstruction will **p**ay for it, But he *who* respects a command will be **r**ewarded.

14 The **t**eaching of the **w**ise is a spring of **l**ife, To **t**urn from the **s**nares of **d**eath.

15 **G**ood understanding **w**ins **f**avor; But the **w**ay of the **u**nfaithful is **h**ard.

16 Every **p**rudent man acts from **k**nowedge, But a **f**ool **e**xposes folly.

17 A wicked **m**essenger **f**älls into trouble, But a **t**rustworthy **e**nvoy **g**ains **h**ealing.

18 Poverty and **sh**ame **c**ome to him *who* **r**efuses **d**iscipline, But he *who* **h**eeds **c**orrection **sh**all be **h**onored.

19 Longing **f**ullied is **s**weet to the **s**oul, But **f**ools detest **t**urning from **e**vil.

20 One *who* **w**aks **w**ith **w**ise men **g**rows **w**ise, But a **c**ompanion of **f**ools **s**uffers **h**arm.

21 **M**isfortune **p**ursues **s**inners, But prosperity **r**ewards the **r**ighteous.

22 A **g**ood man **l**eaves an **i**nheritance to his **c**hildren's **c**hildren, But the **w**ealth of the sinner is **s**tored for the **r**ighteous.

23 An **a**bundançe of **f**ood is in **p**oor people's **f**ields, But **i**njustice **s**weeps it **a**way.

24 One who **spar**eş the rod **hate**s his **son**, But one who **love**ş him is **careful** to **discipline** him.

25 The **righteous** one **eats** to the **satisfying** of his **soul**, But the belly of the wicked **goe**ş hungry.

Proverbs 14

1 Every **wi**şe **woman** **build**ş her **house**, But the **foolish** one **tear**ş it **down** with her **own** handş.

2 He who **walk**s in his **uprightness** **fear**ş YAHWEH, But he who is **perv**erse in his **way**ş **despise**ş him.

3 The **fool**'ş **talk** bringsş a rod to his back, But the lips of the **wi**şe protect **them**.

4 **Where** no oxen are, the crib is **clean**, But **much** **increase** is **by** the **strength** of the ox.

5 A **truthful** witness will not **lie**, But a **false** witness **pour**ş out **lie**ş.

6 A scoffer **seek**s **wi**şdom, and **doe**şn't **find** it, But **knowledge** **come**ş **easily** to a **discerning** **person**.

7 **Stay** away from a **foolish** man, **For** you **won't** **find** **knowledge** on his lips.

8 The **wi**şdom of the **prudent** is to **think** about his **way**, But the folly of **fool**ş is **deceit**.

9 **Fool**ş mock at **making** **atonement** for **sins**, But **among** the **upright** **there** is **good** will.

10 The **heart** **know**ş its **own** bitterness and joy; **He** will not **share** **these** with a **stranger**.

11 The **house** of the wicked will be **overth**rown, But the tent of the **upright** will **flourish**.

12 **There** is a **way** **which** **seem**ş **right** to a man, But in the end it **lead**ş to **death**.

13 **Even** in **laugh**ter the **heart** **may** be **sorrowful**, And **mirth** **may** end in heaviness.

14 The **unfaithful** will be **repaid** for his **own** **way**ş; **Likewise** a **good** man will be **rewarded** for his **way**ş.

15 The **simple** **belie**ves **everyth**ing, But the **prudent** man **carefully** **considers**ş his **way**ş.

16 A **wi**şe man **fear**ş, and **shun**ş **evil**, But the **fool** is **hotheaded** and **reckless**.

17 He who is **quick** to **become** angry will **commit** folly, And a **crafty** man is **hated**.

18 The simple inherit folly, But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19 The evil bow down before the good, And the wicked, at the gates of the righteous.

20 The poor person is shunned even by his own neighbor, But the rich person has many friends.

21 He who despises his neighbor sins, But blessed is he who has pity on the poor.

22 Don't they go astray who plot evil? But love and faithfulness belong to those who plan good.

23 In all hard work there is profit, But the talk of the lips leads only to poverty.

24 The crown of the wise is their riches, But the folly of fools crowns them with folly.

25 A truthful witness saves souls, But a false witness is deceitful.

26 In the fear of YAHWEH is a secure fortress, And he will be a refuge for his children.

27 The fear of YAHWEH is a fountain of life, Turning people from the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of people is the king's glory, But in the lack of people is the destruction of the prince.

29 He who is slow to anger has great understanding, But he who has a quick temper displays folly.

30 The life of the body is a heart at peace, But envy rots the bones.

31 He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for his Maker, But he who is kind to the needy honors him.

32 The wicked is brought down in his calamity, But in death, the righteous has a refuge.

33 Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understanding, And is even made known in the inward part of feelings.

34 Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to any people.

35 The king's favor is toward a servant who deals wisely, But his wrath is toward one who causes shame.

Proverbs 15

1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

2 The **t**ongue of the **wi**se commends **kn**owledge, But the **m**outh of **fo**olish **g**ush out folly.

3 YAHWEH's **e**yes are everywhere, **K**eeping **w**atch on the **e**vil and the **g**ood.

4 A **g**entle **t**ongue is a **t**ree of **l**ife, But **d**eceit in it **c**rushes the spirit.

5 A **fo**ol **d**espises his **f**ather's **c**orrection, But he **w**ho **h**eeds **r**eproof **s**hows **p**rudence.

6 In the **h**ouse of the **r**ighteous is **m**uch **t**reasure, But the **i**ncome of the wicked brings **t**rouble.

7 The lips of the **wi**se spread **kn**owledge; Not so **w**ith the **h**eart of **fo**olish.

8 The **s**acrifice **m**ade **b**y the wicked is an **a**bomination to YAHWEH, But the **p**rayer of the **u**pright is his **d**elight.

9 The **w**ay of the wicked is an **a**bomination to YAHWEH, But he **l**oves him **w**ho **f**ollows **a**fter **r**ighteousness.

10 **T**here is **s**tern **d**iscipline for one **w**ho **f**orsakes the **w**ay: **W**hoever **h**ates **r**eproof **s**hall **d**ie.

11 **S**heol and **A**baddon are **b**efore YAHWEH -- **H**ow **m**uch **m**ore **t**hen the **h**earts of the **c**hildren of **m**en!

12 A scoffer **d**oesn't **l**ove to be **r**eproved; **H**e will not **g**o to the **wi**se.

13 A glad **h**eart **m**akes a **c**heerful **f**ace; But an **a**ching **h**eart **b**reaks the spirit.

14 The **h**eart of one **w**ho **h**as understanding **s**eeks **kn**owledge, But the **m**ouths of **fo**olish **f**eed on folly.

15 All the **d**ays of the afflicted are **w**retched, But one **w**ho **h**as a **c**heerful **h**eart enjoys a **c**ontinual **f**east.

16 Better is little, **w**ith the **f**ear of YAHWEH, **T**han **g**reat **t**reasure **w**ith **t**rouble.

17 Better is a dinner of **h**erbs, **w**here **l**ove is, **T**han a fattened **c**alf **w**ith **h**atred.

18 A **w**rathful man **s**tirs up **c**ontention, But one **w**ho is **s**low to anger **a**ppeases **s**trife.

19 The **w**ay of the sluggard is **l**ike a **t**horn **p**atch, But the **p**ath of the **u**pright is a **h**ighway.

20 A **wi**se **s**on **m**akes a **f**ather glad, But a **fo**olish man **d**espises his **m**other.

21 Folly is joy to one **w**ho is void of **wi**sdom, But a man of understanding **k**eeps his **w**ay **s**traight.

22 Where **th**ere is no **c**ounsel, plans **f**ail; But in a multitude of **c**ounselors **th**ey are establish**e**d.

23 Joy **c**omes to a man **w**ith the reply of his **m**outh. **H**ow **g**ood is a **w**ord at the **r**ight time!

24 The **p**ath of **l**ife **l**eads upward for the **w**ise, To **k**ee**p** him from **g**oing **d**ownward to **S**heol.

25 YAHWEH will **u**pre**e**t the **h**ouse of the **p**roud, But he will **k**ee**p** the widow's **b**orders **i**ntact.

26 YAHWEH detests the **th**oughts of the wicked, But the **th**oughts of the **p**ure are **pl**eas**i**ng.

27 He **w**ho is **g**reedy for **g**ain trouble**s** his **o**wn **h**ouse, But he **w**ho **h**ates bribes **w**ill live.

28 The **h**eart of the **r**ighteous weigh**s** answer**s**, But the **m**outh of the wicked gush**e**s **o**ut **e**vil.

29 YAHWEH is **f**ar from the wicked, But he **h**ear**s** the **p**ray**e**r of the **r**ighteous.

30 The **l**ight of the **e**yes **r**ejoice**s** the **h**eart. **G**ood news **g**ive**s** **h**ealth to the **b**ones.

31 The **e**ar **th**at **l**istens to the reprob**e**f lives, And will be at **h**ome among the **w**ise.

32 He **w**ho **r**e**f**use**s** correction despise**s** his **o**wn **s**oul, But he **w**ho **l**istens to reprob**e**f gets understanding.

33 The **f**ear of YAHWEH **t**eache**s** **w**isdom. Bef**o**re honor is **h**umility.

Proverbs 16

1 The plans of the **h**eart belong to man, But the answer of the **t**ongue is from YAHWEH.

2 All the **w**ays of a man are **c**lean in his **o**wn **e**yes; But YAHWEH weigh**s** the **m**otives.

3 Commit **y**our **d**eeds to YAHWEH, And **y**our plans **sh**all **s**ucceed.

4 YAHWEH has **m**ade every**th**ing for its **o**wn end -- Yes, **e**ven the wicked for the **d**ay of **e**vil.

5 Everyone **w**ho is **p**roud in **h**eart is an abominati**o**n to YAHWEH: **T**hey **sh**all **a**ssuredly not be unpunish**e**d..

6 **B**y **m**er**c**y and **t**ru**t**h iniquity is at**o**ned for. **B**y the **f**ear of YAHWEH men dep**a**rt from **e**vil.

7 When a man's ways please YAHWEH, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

8 Better is a little with righteousness, Than great revenues with injustice.

9 A man's heart plans his course, But YAHWEH directs his steps.

10 Inspired judgments are on the lips of the king. His shall not betray his mouth.

11 Honest balances and scales are Yähwëh's; All the weights in the bag are his work.

12 It is an abomination for kings to do wrong, For the throne is established by righteousness.

13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings. They value one who speaks the truth.

14 The king's wrath is a messenger of death, But a wise man will pacify it.

15 In the light of the king's face is life. His favor is like a cloud of the spring rain.

16 How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! Yes, to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil. He who keeps his way preserves his soul.

18 Pride goes before destruction, A haughty spirit before a fall.

19 It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor, Than to divide the plunder with the proud.

20 He who gives heed to the Word finds prosperity. Whoever trusts in YAHWEH is blessed.

21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent. Pleasantness of the lips promotes instruction.

22 Understanding is a fountain of life to one who has it, But the punishment of fools is their folly.

23 The heart of the wise instructs his mouth, And adds learning to his lips.

24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, Sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

25 There is a way which seems right to a man, But in the end it leads to death.

26 The appetite of the laboring man labors for him; For his mouth urges him on.

27 A worthless man devises mischief. His speech is like a scorching fire.

28 A p~~er~~v~~er~~s~~e~~ man st~~ir~~s up str~~if~~e. A wh~~is~~perer sep~~ar~~ates cl~~os~~e fr~~ie~~nds.

29 A man of v~~io~~l~~en~~c~~e~~ ent~~ic~~e~~s~~ his ne~~igh~~bor, And le~~ad~~s him in a way th~~at~~ is not g~~oo~~d.

30 One wh~~o~~ winks his e~~y~~e~~s~~ to plot p~~er~~v~~er~~s~~i~~t~~ie~~s, One wh~~o~~ comp~~re~~sses his lips, is bent on e~~vil~~.

31 Gray hair is a cr~~ow~~n of gl~~or~~y. It is att~~ain~~ed by a lif~~e~~ of r~~igh~~t~~e~~ousness.

32 One wh~~o~~ is slow to anger is better th~~an~~ the m~~igh~~ty; One wh~~o~~ rul~~e~~s his spirit, th~~an~~ he wh~~o~~ tak~~e~~s a c~~it~~y.

33 The lot is c~~ast~~ into the lap, But its every dec~~is~~ion is from YAHWEH.

Proverbs 17

1 Better is a dry m~~or~~sel with quietness, Th~~an~~ a h~~ou~~se f~~ull~~ of feasting with strife.

2 A s~~er~~v~~an~~t wh~~o~~ de~~al~~s w~~is~~e~~ly~~ will rule over a s~~on~~ wh~~o~~ c~~au~~s~~e~~s shame, And shall have a p~~ar~~t in the inher~~it~~ance among the br~~oth~~ers.

3 The ref~~in~~ing pot is for silver, and the f~~ur~~na~~c~~e for gold, But YAHWEH tests the h~~ea~~r~~t~~s.

4 An e~~vil~~-d~~oe~~r give~~s~~ heed to wicked lips. A li~~ar~~ give~~s~~ ear to a mis~~ch~~ievous t~~on~~gue.

5 Wh~~o~~ever mocks the p~~oo~~r repro~~ach~~e~~s~~ his M~~ak~~er. He wh~~o~~ is glad at calamity shall not be unpun~~ish~~ed.

6 Children's children are the cr~~ow~~n of old men; The gl~~or~~y of children are th~~eir~~ parents.

7 Arrogant sp~~ee~~ch isn't fitting for a f~~ool~~, Much less d~~e~~ lying lips fit a pr~~in~~ce.

8 A bri~~b~~e is a prec~~io~~us stone in the e~~y~~e~~s~~ of him wh~~o~~ give~~s~~ it; Wh~~er~~e~~ve~~r he t~~ur~~n~~s~~, he prosp~~er~~s.

9 He wh~~o~~ cov~~er~~s an offense prom~~ot~~e~~s~~ l~~ov~~e; But he wh~~o~~ rep~~ea~~ts a matter sep~~ar~~ates best fr~~ie~~nds.

10 A reb~~u~~ke enter~~s~~ deeper into one wh~~o~~ ha~~s~~ understanding Th~~an~~ a hundred lash~~e~~s into a f~~ool~~.

11 An e~~vil~~ man s~~ee~~ks only rebell~~io~~n; Th~~er~~ef~~o~~re a cr~~ue~~l messenger shall be sent ag~~ain~~st him.

12 Let a bear robb~~ed~~ of her cubs mee~~t~~ a man, R~~ath~~er th~~an~~ a f~~ool~~ in his folly.

13 Wh~~o~~ever rew~~ar~~d~~s~~ evil for g~~oo~~d, Evil shall not dep~~ar~~t from his h~~ou~~se.

14 The beginning of strife is like breaching a dam, Therefore stop contention before quarreling breaks out.

15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, Both of them alike are an abomination to YAHWEH.

16 Why is there money in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom, Seeing he has no understanding?

17 A friend loves at all times; And a brother is born for adversity.

18 A man void of understanding strikes hands, And becomes collateral in the presence of his neighbor.

19 He who loves disobedience loves strife. One who builds a high gate seeks destruction.

20 One who has a perverse heart doesn't find prosperity, And one who has a deceitful tongue falls into trouble.

21 He who becomes the father of a fool grieves. The father of a fool has no joy.

22 A cheerful heart makes good medicine, But a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

23 A wicked man receives a bribe in secret, To pervert the ways of justice.

24 Wisdom is before the face of one who has understanding, But the eyes of a fool wander to the ends of the earth.

25 A foolish son brings grief to his father, And bitterness to her who bore him.

26 Also to punish the righteous is not good, Nor to flog officials for their integrity.

27 He who spares his words has knowledge. He who is even tempered is a man of understanding.

28 Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is counted wise. When he shuts his lips, he is thought to be discerning.

Proverbs 18

1 An unfriendly man pursues selfishness, And defies all sound judgment.

2 A fool has no delight in understanding, But only in broadcasting his own opinion.

3 When wickedness comes, contempt also comes, And with shame comes disgrace.

4 The words of a man's mouth are like deep waters. The fountain of wisdom is like a flowing brook.

5 To be p^ärtial to the f^açes of the wicked is not g^{oo}d, N^or to deprive the innoc^ent of justic^e.

6 A f^{ee}l's lips c^ome into strif^e, And his m^{ou}th invites beatings.

7 A f^{ee}l's m^{ou}th is his destructi^on, And his lips are a sn^are to his soul.

8 The w^ords of a gossip are like dainty m^orsels: **T**hey go d^own into a p^erson's innermost p^ärts.

9 One wh^o is slack in his w^orks Is br^other to him wh^o is a m^äster of destructi^on.

10 The n^ame of YAHWEH is a strong t^ower: The rⁱghteous run to him, and are saf^e.

11 The rⁱch man's w^ealth is his strong çity, Like an unscalable w^äll in his own imaginati^on.

12 Bef^ore destructi^on the h^eärt of man is pr^oud, But bef^ore honor is humilⁱty.

13 He wh^o giv^es answer bef^ore he hear^s, **T**hat is folly and sh^ame to him.

14 A man's spirit will sust^ain him in sickness, But a crush^ed spirit wh^o can bear?

15 The h^eärt of the disc^erning gets knowledg^e. The ear of the wis^e seeks knowledg^e.

16 A man's gift mak^es r^oom for him, And bring^s him bef^ore gr^eat men.

17 He wh^o ple^ad^s his c^ause first seem^s right; Until an^other c^ome^s and qu^estions him.

18 The lot settle^s disput^es, And keep^s strong ones ap^ärt.

19 A br^other offended is m^ore difficult th^an a f^ortified çity; And disput^es are like the b^är^s of a c^astle.

20 A man's st^omach is filled with the fruit of his m^{ou}th. With the h^ärvest of his lips he is satisfi^ed.

21 Death and lif^e are in the p^ower of the t^ongue; **T**hos^e wh^o l^ove it will e^at its fruit.

22 Wh^oever find^s a wif^e find^s a g^{oo}d thⁱng, And obt^ain^s favor of YAHWEH.

23 The p^oor ple^ad^s for m^erçy, But the rⁱch answer^s h^ärshly.

24 A man of many c^ompanions may be ruⁱned, But th^ere is a friend wh^o sticks closer th^an a br^other.

Proverbs 19

1 Better is the p^oor wh^o w^älks in his integrit^y **T**han he wh^o is p^erverse in his lips and is a f^ool.

2 It isn't good to have zeal without knowledge; Nor being hasty with one's feet and missing the way.

3 The foolishness of man subverts his way; His heart rages against YAHWEH.

4 Wealth adds many friends, But the poor is separated from his friend.

5 A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who pours out lies shall not go free.

6 Many will entreat the favor of a ruler, And everyone is a friend to a man who gives gifts.

7 All the relatives of the poor shun him: How much more do his friends avoid him! He pursues them with pleas, but they are gone.

8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul. He who keeps understanding shall find good.

9 A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who utters lies shall perish.

10 Delicate living is not appropriate for a fool, Much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger. It is his glory to overlook an offense.

12 The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion, But his favor is like dew on the grass.

13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father. A wife's quarrels are a continual dripping.

14 House and riches are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from YAHWEH.

15 Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep. The idle soul shall suffer hunger.

16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, But he who is contemptuous in his ways shall die.

17 He who has pity on the poor lends to YAHWEH; He will reward him.

18 Discipline your son, for there is hope; Don't be a willing party to his death.

19 A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty, For if you rescue him, you must do it again.

20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter end.

21 There are many plans in a man's heart, But Yahweh's counsel will prevail.

22 **That** *whi***ch** *ma***kes** a man to be *de***sire**d is his kindness. A *p***o**or man is better *th***an** a *li***ar**.

23 The *fe***ar** of YAHWEH *le***ad**s to *li***fe**, *th***en** contentment; *He* rests and will not be *to***uch**ed by trouble.

24 The sluggard *bur***ie**s his hand in the *di***sh**; *He* will not so *mu***ch** as bring it to his *mo***uth** again.

25 Flog a scoffer, and the simple will *l***ea**rn *pr***ud**ence; Rebuke one *wh***o** has understanding, and he will *ga***in** *kn***ow**ledge.

26 He *wh***o** robs his *f***ä**ther and *dr***ive**s away his *mo***th**er, Is a *so***n** *wh***o** *ca***u**ses *sh***ame** and brings *re***pro**ch.

27 Stop, *my* *so***n**, listening to *in***stru**ction, And you will *str***ay** from the *w***o**rds of *kn***ow**ledge.

28 A corrupt witness mocks *ju***sti**ce, And the *mo***uth** of the wicked gulps *do***wn** *in***iqu**ity.

29 Penalties are *pre***pa**red for scoffer**s**, And *be***at**ings for the backs of *fo***ol**s.

Proverbs 20

1 *Wi***ne** is a mocker, and *be***er** is a *br***aw**ler; *Wh***o**ever is led astray *by* *th***em** is not *wi***se**.

2 The terror of a king is *li***ke** the *r***o**aring of a *li***o**n: *He* *wh***o** *pr***ov**okes him to anger *f***o**rfeits his *o***wn** *li***fe**.

3 It is an *h***on**or for a man to *ke***ep** *alo***o**f from *str***if**e; But every *fo***ol** will be *qu***ar**reling.

4 The sluggard will not *pl***ow** *by* *re***as**on of the winter; *Th***er**e**f**ore he *sh***all** beg in *h***ar**vest, and have *no***th**ing.

5 *C***o**unsel in the *he***ä**rt of man is *li***ke** *de***ep** *w***ä**ter; But a man of understanding will *dr***ä**w it *o***ut**.

6 Many men *cl***aim** to be men of unfailing *l***o**ve, But *wh***o** can *fi***nd** a *fa***ith**ful man?

7 A *ri***ght**eous man *wh***o** *w***ä**lks in his integrity, *B***l**essed are his *ch***il**dren *ä***ft**er him.

8 A king *wh***o** sits on the *th***ro**ne of *ju***d**gment Scatter**s** away *ä***ll** *ev***il** *w***ith** his *ey***e**s.

9 *Wh***o** can *sa***y**, "I have *ma***de** *my* *he***ä**rt *pu***re**. I am *cl***ea**n and *w***ith**out sin?"

10 Differing *w***ei**ghts and differing *me***ä**sure**s**, *B***o**th of *th***em** *al***i**ke are an *ab***o**mination to YAHWEH.

11 **E**ven a **child** **m**akes himself **known** **by** his **doings**, **W**hether his **w**ork is **pure**, and **w**hether it is **right**.

12 The **hearing ear**, and the **seeing eye**, **YAHWEH** has **made** **even both** of **them**.

13 **D**on't **love** **sleep**, lest you **come** to poverty; **O**pen **y**our **eyes**, and you **shall** be satisfied **with** bread.

14 "It's no **good**, it's no **good**," says the **buyer**; But **when** he is gone his **way**, **then** he **boasts**.

15 **T**here is **gold** and **abundance** of **rubies**.; But the lips of **knowledge** are a **rare** jewel.

16 **T**ake the **garment** of one **who** **puts** up collateral for a **stranger**; And **hold** him in **pledge** for a **wayward** **woman**.

17 **F**r~~ä~~udulent **food** is **sweet** to a man, But **afterwards** his **mouth** is filled **with** gravel.

18 **P**lan**s** are **established** **by** **advice**; **By** **wise** **guidance** you **wag** **war**!

19 He **who** **goes** **about** as a **tale**-bearer **reveals** **secrets**; **T**here**fore** **don't** **keep** **company** **with** him **who** **opens** **wide** his lips.

20 **W**h**o**ever **cur**ses his **father** or his **mother**, His lamp **shall** be **put** **out** in blackness of **darkness**.

21 An **inheritance** **quickly** **gained** at the beginning, **W**on't be **blessed** in the end.

22 **D**on't **say**, "I will **pay** back **evil**." **W**ait for **YAHWEH**, and he will **save** you.

23 **YAHWEH** detests differing **weights**, And **dishonest** **scales** are not **pleasing**.

24 A man's **steps** are from **YAHWEH**; **H**ow **then** can man understand his **way**?

25 It is a **snare** to a man **make** a **rash** **dedication**, And **later** reconsider his **vows**.

26 A **wise** king **winnows** **out** the wicked, And **drives** the **threshing** **wheel** **over** **them**.

27 The spirit of man is **Yahweh's** lamp, **S**e**arching** **all** his innermost **parts**.

28 **L**ove and **faithfulness** **keep** the king **safe**. His **throne** is **sustained** **by** **love**.

29 The **glory** of young men is **their** **strength**. The splendor of **old** men is **their** **gray** **hair**.

30 **W**ounding **blows** **cleanse** away **evil**, And **beatings** **purge** the innermost **parts**.

Proverbs 21

1 The king's **h**ea**r**t is in Y**ä**hweh's hand **l**ike the **w**ä**t**er**c**ö**u**rse**s**. **H**e **t**ü**r**n**s** it *wherever* he **d**e**s**i**r**e**s**.

2 Every **w**ay of a man is **r**ight in his **o**wn **e**y**e**s, But YAHWEH **w**eigh**s** the **h**ea**r**ts.

3 To **d**e **r**ight**e**ousness and just**i**ce Is **m**ö**r**e **a**cc**e**ptable to YAHWEH **t**han sacrific**e**.

4 A **h**igh **l**ö**o**k, and a **p**roud **h**ea**r**t, The lamp of the wicked, is sin.

5 The **p**lan**s** of the dilig**e**nt **s**urely lead to profit; And everyone **w**ho is **h**asty **s**urely **r**ush**e**s to poverty.

6 Getting **t**rea**s**ure**s** by a **l**y**i**ng **t**ö**n**gue Is a **f**lee**t**ing **v**apor for **t**h**o**s**e** **w**ho **s**ee**k** **d**ea**t**h.

7 The **v**io**l**en**c**e of the wicked will **d**rive **t**hem **a**way, **B**e**c**a**u**s**e** **t**hey **r**e**f**use to **d**e **w**hat is **r**ight.

8 The **w**ay of the **g**uilty is **d**e**v**ious, But the conduct of the **i**nnoc**e**nt is **u**p**r**ight.

9 It is better to dwell in the **c**ö**r**ner of the **h**ouse**t**op, **T**han to **s**ha**r**e a **h**ouse with a **c**ontentious **w**ö**m**an.

10 The **s**oul of the wicked **d**e**s**i**r**e**s** **e**vil; His **n**eigh**o**rbor **f**ind**s** no **m**er**c**y in his **e**y**e**s.

11 *When* the mocker is **p**unish**e**d, the simple **g**ain**s** **w**is**d**ö**m**; *When* the **w**is**e** is instructed, he **r**e**c**eiv**e**s **k**nowled**g**e.

12 The **R**ight**e**ous one **c**ö**n**sider**s** the **h**ouse of the wicked, And **b**ring**s** the wicked to **r**uin.

13 **W**h**e**ver stops his **e**ar**s** at the **c**ry of the **p**ö**o**r, **H**e will **ä**l**s**o **c**ry **ö**ut, but **s**hall not be **h**ea**r**d.

14 A gift in **s**ecret **p**ac**i**fie**s** anger; And a **b**ribe in the **c**loak, strong **w**rä**t**h.

15 It is joy to the **r**ight**e**ous to **d**e just**i**ce; But it is a **d**e**s**trü**c**tion to the **w**ö**r**ker**s** of **i**niquity.

16 The man **w**ho **w**ä**n**d**e**r**s** **ö**ut of the **w**ay of understanding **S**hall rest in the assembly of the dead.

17 He **w**ho **l**ö**v**e**s** **p**lea**s**ure **s**hall be a **p**ö**o**r man: **H**e **w**ho **l**ö**v**e**s** **w**ine and oil **s**hall not be **r**ich.

18 The wicked is a **r**ansö**m** for the **r**ight**e**ous; The **t**rea**c**herous for the **u**p**r**ight.

19 It is better to dwell in a **d**e**s**ert land, **T**han **w**ith a contentious and **f**ret**f**ul **w**ö**m**an.

20 **There** is prec**ious** treas**ure** and oil in the dwelling of the wis**e**; But a **foolish** man sw**allows** it up.

21 He wh**o** foll**ows** ä**fter** r**ighteousness** and kindness **Finds** life, r**ighteousness**, and honor.

22 A wis**e** man scal**e**s the **city** of the m**ighty**, And brings **down** the strength of its confidenc**e**.

23 Wh**o**ever gu**ards** his m**outh** and his t**ongue** **Keeps** his soul from troubles**.**

24 The pr**oud** and hä**ughty** man, "scoffer" is his nam**e**; He w**orks** in the arroganc**e** of pride.

25 The des**ire** of the sluggard kills him, F**or** his hand**s** refus**e** to labor.

26 **There** are **those** wh**o** cov**et** greedily ä**ll** the day long; But the r**ighteous** give**s** and d**oesn't** with**hold**.

27 The sacrific**e** of the wicked is an abominat**ion**: H**ow** much m**ore**, *when* he brings it with a wicked mind!

28 A fä**lse** witness will per**ish**, And a man wh**o** list**ens** spe**aks** to et**er**nity.

29 A wicked man hä**rden**s his fac**e**; But as for the upr**ight**, he establis**hes** his way**s**.

30 **There** is no wis**dom** n**or** understanding N**or** c**ounsel** against YAHWEH.

31 The h**orse** is prep**ared** for the day of battle; But victory is with YAHWEH.

Proverbs 22

1 A g**ood** name is m**ore** desir**able** **than** great rich**e**s; L**oving** favor r**ather** **than** silver and g**old**.

2 The r**ich** and the p**oor** have **this** in comm**on**: YAHWEH is the mak**er** of **them** ä**ll**.

3 A pr**udent** man **see**s dang**er**, and hid**e**s himself; But the simple p**ass** on, and suffer for it.

4 The res**ult** of h**um**ility and the f**ear** of YAHWEH Is wealt**h**, honor, and lif**e**.

5 **th**orns and sn**are**s are in the p**äth** of the wicked: Wh**o**ever gu**ards** his soul st**ays** from **them**.

6 Train up a **child** in the way he **shou**ld go, And *when* he is **old** he will not dep**art** from it.

7 The r**ich** rul**e**s over the p**oor**. The borrow**er** is s**er**vant to the lender.

8 He wh**o** s**ow**s wickedness re**aps** trouble, And the rod of his f**ury** will be destroyed.

- 9 He **who** has a **generous eye** will be **blessed**; **För** he **shareş** his **feed with** the **pör**.
- 10 **Drive out** the mocker, and **strife** will **go out**; Yes, **quarrelş** and **insults** will stop.
- 11 He **who** **loveş** **purity** of **heärt** and **speaks** **gracefully** Is the **king's** friend.
- 12 The **eyeş** of **YAHWEH** **watch over** **knowledge**; But he **frustrates** the **wörds** of the **unfaithful**.
- 13 The **sluggard** **sayş**, "**There** is a **liön outside!** I will be **killed** in the **streets!**"
- 14 The **mouth** of an **adulteress** is a **deep** pit: **He who** is under **Yähweh's** **wrätth** will **fäll** into it.
- 15 **Folly** is **bound** up in the **heärt** of a **child**: The **rod** of **discipline** **driveş** it **fär** from him.
- 16 **Whoever** **oppresses** the **pör** for his **own** **increase** and **whoever** **giveş** to the **rich**, **Both** **come** to **poverty**.
- 17 Turn **yöur** **ear**, and **listen** to the **wörds** of the **wiße**. **Apply** **yöur** **heärt** to my **teaching**.
- 18 For it is a **pleasant** **thing** if you **keep** **them** **within** you, If **äll** of **them** are **ready** on **yöur** **lips**.
- 19 **That** **yöur** **trust** **may** be in **YAHWEH**, I **teach** you **today**, **even** you.
- 20 Haven't I written to you **thirty** **excellent** **things** Of **counsel** and **knowledge**,
- 21 To **teach** you **truth**, **reliable** **wörds**, To **give** **sound** **answerş** to the **oneş** **who** sent you?
- 22 **Don't** **exploit** the **pör**, **because** he is **pör**; And **don't** **crush** the **needy** in **cört**;
- 23 For **YAHWEH** will **plead** **their** **case**, And **plunder** the **life** of **thoşe** **who** **plunder** **them**.
- 24 **Don't** **befriend** a **hot-tempered** man, And **don't** **associate** **with** **one** **who** **harbors** **anger**:
- 25 Lest you **learn** his **wayş**, And **ensnare** **yöur** **soul**.
- 26 **Don't** you be **one** of **thoşe** **who** **strike** **handş**, Of **thoşe** **who** are **collateral** for **debts**.
- 27 If you **don't** have **meanş** to **pay**, **Why** **shüld** he **take** **away** **yöur** **bed** from under you?
- 28 **Don't** **move** the **ancient** **boundary** **stone**, **Which** **yöur** **fätherş** have set up.

29 Do you **see** a man skilled in his **wôrk**? **He** will **sêrve** kings; **He** won't **sêrve** **obscure** men.

Proverbs 23

1 When you sit to **eat with** a **ruler**, **Cônsider** diligently **whât** is befôre you;

2 **Pôt** a *knife* to **yôur throât**, If you are a man given to **appetite**.

3 **Don't** be **desirous** of his **dainties**, **Seeing** **they** are **deçeitful food**.

4 **Don't** **weary** **yôurself** to be **rich**. In **yôur wisdôm**, **show** restraint

5 **Why** **de** you set **yôur eyes** on **that** **which** is not? **Fôr** it **çertainly** **sprouts** wings **like** an **eagle** and **flies** in the **sky**.

6 **Don't** **eat** the **feed** of him **who** has a **stingy eye**, And **don't** **crave** his **delicacies**:

7 For as he **thinks** about the cost, so he is. "**Eat** and **drink!**" he says to you, But his **heart** is not **with** you.

8 The **môrsel** **which** you have **eaten** you **shall** vomit up, And **leçe** **yôur good wôrds**.

9 **Don't** **speak** in the **ears** of a **fool**, **Fôr** he will **despiçe** the **wisdôm** of **yôur wôrds**.

10 **Don't** **move** the **ancient** **boundary stone**. **Don't** **encroach** on the **fields** of the **fätherless**:

11 For **their** Defender is strong. **He** will **plead** **their case** against you.

12 Apply **yôur heart** to **instruction**, And **yôur ears** to the **wôrds** of **knowledge**.

13 **Don't** **withhold** **correction** from a **child**. If you **punish** him **with** the rod, he will not **die**.

14 **Punish** him **with** the rod, And **save** his **soul** from **Sheol**

15 **My sôn**, if **yôur heart** is **wiçe**, **Then** **my heart** will be glad, **even** **mine**:

16 Yes, **my heart** will **rejoice**, When **yôur lips** **speak** **whât** is **right**.

17 **Don't** let **yôur heart** **envy** **sinnerç**; But **räther** **fear** YAHWEH **âll** the **day** long.

18 **Indeed** **surely** **there** is a **future** **hope**, And **yôur** **hope** will not be cut off.

19 Listen, **my sôn**, and be **wiçe**, And **keep** **yôur heart** on the **right päth**

20 **Don't** be among **oneç** drinking **tee** much **wine**, Or **thoçe** **who** **gôrg** **themselves** on **meat**:

21 For the drunkard and the glutton **shall** bec**o**me p**o**or; And drowsiness clo**th**e**s** them in rag**s**

22 Listen to y**o**ur f**ä**ther wh**e** gav**e** you lif**e**, And don't desp**i**se y**o**ur m**ö**ther when she is **o**ld.

23 Bu**y** the tru**th**, and don't sell it: Get wis**d**om, disc**i**pline, and understanding.

24 The f**ä**ther of the r**i**ght**e**ous has gre**a**t joy. Wh**e**ever f**ä**ther**s** a wis**e** child del**i**ghts in him.

25 Let y**o**ur f**ä**ther and y**o**ur m**ö**ther be glad! Let her wh**e** b**ö**re you rejo**i**ce!

26 My s**ö**n, give me y**o**ur he**ä**rt; And let y**o**ur ey**e**s keep in my way**s**.

27 For a prostitute is a **d**eep pit; And a wayward w**i**fe is a narrow well.

28 Yes, she lie**s** in wait like a robber, And incre**a**se**s** the un**f**ai**th**ful among men.

29 Wh**e** has w**o**e? Wh**e** has sorrow? Wh**e** has strife? Wh**e** has complaints? Wh**e** has need**l**ess bru**i**se**s**? Wh**e** has blood**sh**ot ey**e**s?

30 **Th**ose wh**e** stay long at the wine; **Th**ose wh**e** go to seek **o**ut mixed wine.

31 Don't lo**ö**ok at the wine when it is red, When it sp**ä**rkle**s** in the cup, When it go**e**s down sm**e**ethly:

32 At the lä**st** it bit**e**s like a snake, And poi**š**on**s** like a viper.

33 Y**o**ur ey**e**s will see stran**g**e **th**ing**s**, And y**o**ur mind will imagine confu**s**ing **th**ing**s**.

34 Yes, you will be as he wh**e** lie**s** down in the midst of the sea, Or as he wh**e** lie**s** on top of the rigging:

35 "They hit me, and I was not h**ü**rt; They be**a**t me, and I don't fee**l** it! When will I wake up? I can **d**e it again. I can find an**ö**ther."

Proverbs 24

1 Don't you be envious against **e**vil men; **N**eith**e**r des**i**re to be with them:

2 For **th**eir he**ä**rts plot **v**iolen**ç**e, And **th**eir lips **t**ä**k** about mis**ch**ief.

3 **th**rough wis**d**om a **h**ouse is built; **B**y understanding it is estab**l**ished;

4 By knowled**g**e the **r**oom**s** are filled **W**ith **ä**ll rare and be**a**utiful treas**u**re.

5 A wis**e** man has gre**a**t **p**ower; And a knowled**g**eable man incre**a**se**s** strength;

6 For **b**y wis**e** guidan**ç**e you wag**e** y**o**ur w**ä**rr; And victory is in many adv**i**sor**s**.

7 Wis**d**om is **t**ee high for a **f**ool: He **d**oesn't **o**pen his **m**outh in the gate.

8 One **who** plots to **do** evil Will be **called** a **schemer**.

9 The **schemes** of folly are sin. The mocker is detested **by** men.

10 If you **falter** in the **time** of trouble, **Your** **strength** is **small**.

11 **Rescue those** **who** are **being** led away to **death**! **Indeed**, **hold** back **those** **who** are staggering to the **slaughter**!

12 If you **say**, "**Behold**, **we** didn't **know** **this**;" **Doesn't** he **who** **weighs** the **hearts** **Consider** it? **He** **who** **keeps** **your** **soul**, **doesn't** he **know** it? **Shall** he not render to every man **according** to his **work**?

13 **My** **son**, **eat** **honey**, for it is **good**; The **droppings** of the **honeycomb**, **which** are **sweet** to **your** **taste**:

14 **So** you **shall** **know** **wisdom** to be to **your** **soul**; If you have **found** it, **then** will **there** be a **reward**, **Your** **hope** will not be cut off.

15 **Don't** **lay** in **wait**, wicked man, **against** the **habitation** of the **righteous**. **Don't** destroy his **resting-place**:

16 For a **righteous** man **falls** seven **times**, and **risesh** up **again**; But the wicked are **overthrown** **by** calamity.

17 **Don't** **rejoice** when **your** enemy **falls**. **Don't** let **your** **heart** be glad when he is **overthrown**;

18 Lest YAHWEH **see** it, and it **displeaseth** him, And he **turn** away his **wrath** from him.

19 **Don't** fret **yourself** **because** of **evildoers**; **Neither** be **envious** of the wicked:

20 For **there** will be no **reward** to the **evil** man; And the lamp of the wicked **shall** be **snuffed** **out**.

21 **My** **son**, **fear** YAHWEH and the king. **Don't** join **those** **who** are **rebellious**:

22 For **their** calamity will **rise** suddenly; The **destruction** from **them** **both** -- **who** **knows**?

23 **These** **also** are **sayings** of the **wise**. To **show** **partiality** in **judgment** is not **good**.

24 He **who** **says** to the wicked, "**You** are **righteous**;" **Peoples** **shall** **curse** him, and **nations** **shall** **abhor** him --

25 But it will **go** well **with** **those** **who** **convict** the guilty, And a **rich** blessing will **come** on **them**.

26 An **honest** answer is **like** a kiss on the lips.

27 Prepare y^our w^ork **o**utside. **M**ake it ready for you in the **f**ield. **a**fterward**s**, build y^our **h**ouse.

28 **D**on't be a witness **a**gainst y^our neighbor **w**ithout **c**ause. **D**on't **d**eceive with y^our lips.

29 **D**on't **s**ay, "I will **d**o to him as he has **d**one to me; I will render to the man **a**cc^ording to his w^ork."

30 I went **b**y the **f**ield of the sluggard, **B**y the viney^ard of the man void of understanding;

31 Beh^old, it was **a**ll grown **o**ver with **t**horns. Its s^urface was **c**overed with nettles, And its st^one w^all was broken **d**own.

32 **T**hen I **s**aw, and **c**onsidered well. I **s**aw, and **r**eceived instruction:

33 A little **s**leep, a little slumber, A little **f**olding of the hand**s** to **s**leep;

34 So **s**hall y^our poverty **c**ome as a robber, And y^our w^ant as an **a**rmed man.

Proverbs 25

1 **T**hese **a**lso are prov^erb**s** of Solomon, **w**h**i**ch the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied **o**ut.

2 It is the gl^ory of Elohim to **c**on**c**eal a **t**hing, But the gl^ory of king**s** is to **s**earch **o**ut a matter.

3 As the heav**e**n**s** for height, and the **e**arth for depth, So the he^arts of king**s** are un**s**earchable.

4 **T**ake away the dross from the silver, And material **c**ome**s** **o**ut for the refiner;

5 **T**ake away the wicked from the king's **p**res**e**nc**e**, And his **t**h**o**ne will be establi**s**hed in **r**ight**e**ousness.

6 **D**on't ex^alt y^ourself in the **p**res**e**nc**e** of the king, Or **c**laim a **p**lac**e** among great men;

7 For it is better **t**hat it be said to you, "**C**ome up **h**ere," **T**han **t**hat you **s**hould be **p**ut lower in the **p**res**e**nc**e** of the princ**e**, **w**h**o**m y^our **e**y**e**s have **s**een.

8 **D**on't be **h**asty in bringing **c**h**a**r**g**e**s** to c^ourt. **W**hat will you **d**o in the end when y^our neighbor **s**hame**s** you?

9 **D**ebate y^our **c**ase with y^our neighbor, And **d**on't betray the confiden**c**e of an**o**ther;

10 Lest one **w**h**o** hear**s** it **p**ut you to **s**hame, And y^our bad reputati**o**n never dep**a**rt.

11 A w^ord fitly spok**e**n is **l**ike apple**s** of gold in setting**s** of silver.

12 As an **ear**-ring of **gold**, and an **ô**rnament of **fine gold**, So is a **wi**ſe **re**prover to an **o**bedient **ear**.

13 As the **cold** of **snow** in the **time** of **hâ**rvest, So is a **faith**ful messenger to **tho**ſe **wh**o ſend him; **Fô**r he **refre**ſheſ the ſoul of his **mâ**ſterſ.

14 As **clou**dſ and wind **with**out **rain**, So is he **wh**o **bo**aſts of gifts **de**ceptively.

15 By **pati**ençe a **ruler** is **pê**rſuaded. A ſoft **tô**ngue **bre**akſ the **bone**.

16 Have you **fo**und **hôn**ey? **E**at as **much** as is ſuffiçient for you, Leſt you **eat** **tee** **much**, and vomit it.

17 Let **yô**ur **fo**ôt be ſeldô**m** in **yô**ur neighbor's **hou**ſe, Leſt he be **we**ary of you, and **ha**te you.

18 A man **wh**o **give**ſ **fâ**lſe **te**ſtimôny **ag**ainſt his neighbor Iſ **li**ke a club, a **swô**rd, or a **shâ**r

arrow.

19 **Confid**ençe in **ſome**one **un**faithful in **time** of trouble Iſ **li**ke a bad **te**eth, or a **lame** **fo**ôt.

20 As one **wh**o **take**ſ **away** a **gâ**rment in **cold** **wea**ther, Or **vine**gar on **soda**, So is one **wh**o **ſing**ſ ſongſ to a heavy **heâ**rt.

21 If **yô**ur enemy is hungry, **give** him **fo**od to **eat**; If he iſ **th**iſtry, **give** him **wâ**ter to drink:

22 For you will **he**ap **co**alſ of **fi**re on his head, And **YAHWEH** will **re**wârd you.

23 The **nô**th wind **bring**ſ **fô**rth **rain**: So a **back**biting **tô**ngue **bring**ſ an angry **fa**çe.

24 It iſ better to dwell in the **cô**rner of the **hou**ſetop, **Th**an to **sha**re a **hou**ſe **with** a contentiouſ **wô**man.

25 Like **cold** **wâ**ter to a **th**iſtry ſoul, So iſ **gô**od **new**ſ from a **fâ**r country.

26 Like a muddied ſpring, and a **poll**uted well, So iſ a **ri**ghteouſ man **wh**o **give**ſ **way** **be**fôre the wicked.

27 It iſ not **gô**od to **eat** **much** **hôn**ey; **Nô**r iſ it *honorable* to **ſe**ek oneſ **own** *honor*.

28 Like a **ç**ity **th**at iſ **bro**ken **down** and **with**out **wâ**llſ Iſ a man **wh**oſe ſpirit iſ **with**out **re**ſtraint.

Proverbs 26

1 **Li**ke **snow** in ſummer, and aſ **rain** in **hâ**rvest, So *honor* iſ not fitting for a **fo**ol.

2 **Li**ke a fluttering ſparrow, **Li**ke a **dâ**rting **sw**allow, So the **unde**ſerved **cû**rſe **do**eſn't **cô**me to reſt.

- 3 A whip for the h^orse, a brid^le for the donkey, And a rod for the back of f^ool^s!
- 4 Don't answer a f^ool acc^ording to his folly, Lest you **á**lso be like him.
- 5 Answer a f^ool acc^ording to his folly, Lest he be wⁱs^e in his own ey^es.
- 6 One wh^o send^s a messag^e by the hand of a f^ool Is cutting off feet and drinking violenc^e.
- 7 Like the leg^s of the lame th^at hang lo^ose: So is a parable in the mou^th of f^ool^s.
- 8 As one wh^o bind^s a stone in a sling, So is he wh^o give^s honor to a f^ool.
- 9 Like a th^orn^bush th^at go^es into the hand of a drunkard, So is a parable in the mou^th of f^ool^s.
- 10 As an **á**rcher wh^o wound^s **á**ll, So is he wh^o hire^s a f^ool Or he wh^o hire^s th^ose wh^o p^áss by.
- 11 As a dog th^at ret^urn^s to his vomit, So is a f^ool wh^o repe^ats his folly.
- 12 Do you see a man wⁱs^e in his own ey^es? **T**here is m^óre hope for a f^ool th^an for him.
- 13 The sluggard say^s, "**T**here is a li^on in the road! A fi^érce li^on ro^am^s the street^s!"
- 14 As the d^óor t^urn^s on its hinge^s, So do^es the sluggard on his bed.
- 15 The sluggard burie^s his hand in the dish. He is t^{oo} lazy to bring it back to his mou^th.
- 16 The sluggard is wⁱs^er in his own ey^es **T**han seven men wh^o answer with discreti^on.
- 17 Like one wh^o seize^s a dog's ear^s Is one wh^o p^ásse^s by and meddle^s in a qu^árrel not his own.
- 18 Like a madman wh^o she^ets firebrand^s, arrow^s, and death,
- 19 Is the man wh^o de^çeive^s his neighbor and say^s, "Am I not joking?"
- 20 For lack of w^óod the fire go^es out; Where **t**here is no gossip, a qu^árrel die^s down.
- 21 As coal^s are to hot ember^s, And w^óod to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife.
- 22 The w^órd^s of a whisperer are as dainty m^órsel^s, **T**hey go down into the innermost p^árts.
- 23 Like silver dross on an **é**arthen vessel Are the lips of a f^érvent one with an evil heart.

24 A maliçious man dişguişeş himself with his lips, But he härborş evil in his heärt.

25 When his speeçh is çhärmîng, don't believe him; Fôr there are seven abominatiônş in his heärt:

26 His maliçe may be conçealed by deçeption, But his wickedness will be expoşed in the assembly.

27 Whoever digş a pit shall fäll into it. Whoever rollş a stone, it will cômê back on him.

28 A lying töngue hates thoşe it hûrts; And a flattering mouth wôrks ruin.

Proverbs 27

1 Don't boast about tômorrow; Fôr you don't know what a day may bring fôrth.

2 Let another man praişe you, And not yôur own mouth; A stranger, and not yôur own lips.

3 A stone is heavy, And sand is a bûrden; But a feel's provocation is heavier than both.

4 Wräth is cruel, And anger is overwhelming; But who is able to stand befôrê jealousy?

5 Better is open rebuke Than hidden love.

6 Faithful are the woundş of a friend; älthoûgh the kisseş of an enemy are profuse.

7 A full soul loathş a honeycomb; But to a hungry soul, every bitter thing is sweet.

8 As a bird that wanderş from her nest, So is a man who wanderş from his home.

9 Perfume and inçeense bring joy to the heärt; So doş êarnest counsel from a man's friend.

10 Don't forsake yôur friend and yôur fäther's friend. Don't go to yôur brôther's house in the day of yôur disäster: Better is a neighbor who is near than a distant brôther.

11 Be wişe, my sôn, And bring joy to my heärt, Then I can answer my tôrmentor.

12 A prudent man seeş danger and takes refuge; But the simple päss on, and suffer for it:

13 Take his gärrment when he pûts up collateral for a stranger; Hold it for a wayward wôman!

14 He who blesses his neighbor with a loud voice êarly in the môrning, It will be taken as a cûrse by him.

- 15 A **c**ontinual **d**reeping on a **r**ainy **d**ay And a contentious **w**ife are **a**like:
- 16 **R**estraining her is **l**ike restraining the wind, Or **l**ike **g**räsing oil in his **r**ight hand.
- 17 **I**ron **sh**ärpens **i**ron; So a man **sh**ärpens his friend's **c**ountenanc**e**.
- 18 **W**h**e**ever tend**s** the fig **t**ree **sh**all **e**at its fruit. **H**e **wh**e **l**ooks **ä**fter his **m**äster **sh**all be *honored*.
- 19 As **w**äter reflects a **f**ac**e**, So a man's **h**ä**r**t reflects the man.
- 20 **S**heol and Abaddon are never satisfi**e**d; And a man's **e**y**e**s are never satisfi**e**d.
- 21 The **c**ru**ç**ible is for silver, And the **f**ürna**ç**e for **g**old; But man is **r**efin**e**d **by** his **p**rai**s**e.
- 22 **T**h**o**ugh you grind a **f**ool in a **m**örtar **w**ith a pestle along **w**ith grain, Yet his **f**oolishness will not be rem**o**ved from him.
- 23 **K**now well the **s**tate of **y**ö**u**r flocks, And **p**ay attention to **y**ö**u**r h**e**rds:
- 24 For **r**ich**e**s are not forever, **N**ö**r** **d**oes even the **c**rown **e**ndure to **ä**ll **g**enerati**o**n**s**.
- 25 The **h**ay is rem**o**ved, and the new **g**rowth **a**pp**e**ars, The **g**räs**e**s of the hills are **g**ath**e**red in.
- 26 The lamb**s** are for **y**ö**u**r **c**loth**ing**, And the **g**oats are the **p**ri**ç**e of a field.
- 27 **T**here will be plenty of **g**oats' milk for **y**ö**u**r **f**eed, **F**ör **y**ö**u**r family's **f**eed, And for the **n**ourish**m**ent of **y**ö**u**r **s**ervant **g**ir**l**s.

Proverbs 28

- 1 The wicked **f**lee *when no one pursues*; But the **r**ight**e**ous are as **b**old as a **l**ion.
- 2 In rebell**io**n, a land has many **r**uler**s**, But **ö**rd**e**r is **m**aintain**e**d **by** a man of understanding and **k**nowled**g**e.
- 3 A **n**eed**y** man **wh**e oppresses the **p**ö**o**r Is **l**ike a **d**riving **r**ain **wh**ich **l**eaves no crops.
- 4 **T**h**o**s**e** **wh**e forsake the **l**ä**w** **p**rai**s**e the wicked; But **th**o**s**e **wh**e **k**ee**p** the **l**ä**w** contend **w**ith **th**e**m**.
- 5 **E**vil men **d**on't understand justic**e**; But **th**o**s**e **wh**e **s**ee**k** YAHWEH understand it **f**ully.
- 6 Better is the **p**ö**o**r **wh**e **w**ä**k**s in his integrity, **T**han he **wh**e is **p**erv**e**rse in his **w**ay**s**, and he is **r**ich.
- 7 **W**h**e**ever **k**ee**p**s the **l**ä**w** is a **w**is**e** **s**ön; But he **wh**e is a **c**ompan**io**n of gluttons shames his **f**ä**t**her.

8 He **wh**e **inc**re**as**e**s** his **weal**th **by** **ex**cessive interest **Gath**er**s** it for one **wh**e **ha**s pity on the **p**oor.

9 He **wh**e **t**urn**s** away his **ear** from **he**aring the **l**aw, **E**ven his **pr**ayer is an abomination.

10 **Wh**oever **c**au**s**e**s** the upright to **go** astray in an **evil way**, **H**e will **f**all into his **own** trap; But the **blameless** will inherit **g**ood.

11 The **rich** man is **wi**se in his **own** **eye**s; But the **p**oor **wh**e **ha**s understanding **see**s **th**rough him.

12 **Wh**en the **righteous** triumph, **there** is **great** **gl**ory; But **wh**en the wicked **rise**, men **hide** **th**emsel**ve**s.

13 He **wh**e **con**ceal**s** his **sin**s **do**e**s**n't prosper, But **wh**oever confesses and **ren**ounce**s** **th**em **find**s **m**er**cy**.

14 Blessed is the man **wh**e **a**lways **fe**ar**s**; But one **wh**e **h**arden**s** his **he**art **f**all**s** into trouble.

15 As a **r**oaring **li**on or a **ch**arg**ing** bear, So is a wicked **ruler** **over** helpless **pe**ople.

16 The **ruler** **wh**e **l**acks **jud**gment is a **great** **ty**rant. One **wh**e **h**ates ill-gotten **gain** will have long **day**s.

17 A man **wh**e **i**s **t**ormented **by** **li**fe **blo**od will be a **fug**itive until **de**ath; No one will **supp**ort him.

18 Whoever **w**alks **blamelessly** is kept **safe**; But one **with** **p**erv**er**se **way**s will **f**all suddenly.

19 One **wh**e **w**ork**s** his land will have an **abundanc**e of **fo**od; But one **wh**e **ch**ase**s** **fantas**ies will have his fill of poverty.

20 A **faithful** man is **rich** **with** **bl**essings; But one **wh**e **i**s **e**ager to be **rich** will not go **unpunished**.

21 To **show** **p**artiality is not **g**ood; Yet a man will **do** **w**rong for a **pie**ce of bread.

22 A **stingy** man **hurrie**s **a**fter **rich**e**s**, And **do**e**s**n't **know** **th**at poverty **wa**its for him.

23 One **wh**e **reb**uke**s** a man will **a**fterward **find** **m**ore **fa**vor **Th**an one **wh**e **flatter**s **with** the **t**ongue.

24 **Wh**oever **rob**s his **f**ather or his **m**other, and **say**s, "It's not **w**rong." **H**e is a **p**artner **with** a destroyer.

25 One **wh**e **i**s **greedy** **stir**s up **strife**; But one **wh**e **tr**usts in YAHWEH will prosper.

26 One **who** trusts in himself is a **fool**; But one **who** **walks** in **wisdom**, he is kept **safe**.

27 One **who** **gives** to the **poor** has no lack; But one **who** **closes** his **eyes** will have many **curse**s.

28 *When* the wicked **rise**, men **hide** **themselves**; But *when* **they** **perish**, the **righteous** **thrive**.

Proverbs 29

1 He **who** is often **rebuked** and stiffens his neck Will be **destroyed** suddenly, **with** no remedy.

2 *When* the **righteous** **thrive**, the **people** **rejoice**; But *when* the wicked **rule**, the **people** **groan**.

3 **Who**ever **loves** **wisdom** brings joy to his **father**; But a **companion** of prostitutes **squanders** his **wealth**.

4 The king **by** **justice** **makes** the land **stable**, But he **who** **takes** **bribes** **tears** it **down**.

5 A man **who** **flatters** his **neighbor**, **Spreads** a net for his **feet**.

6 An **evil** man is **snared** **by** his sin, But the **righteous** can sing and be glad.

7 The **righteous** **care** **about** **justice** for the **poor**. The wicked **aren't** **concerned** **about** **knowledge**.

8 **Mockers** **stir** up a **city**, But **wise** men **turn** away anger.

9 If a **wise** man **goes** to **court** **with** a **foolish** man, The **fool** **rages** or scoffs, and **there** is no **peace**.

10 The **bloodthirsty** **hate** a man of integrity; And **they** **seek** the **life** of the **upright**.

11 A **fool** vents **all** of his anger, But a **wise** man brings himself under **control**.

12 If a **ruler** **listens** to **lies**, **all** of his **officials** are wicked.

13 The **poor** man and the oppressor have **this** in **common**: YAHWEH **gives** **sight** to the **eyes** of **both**.

14 The king **who** **fairly** **judges** the **poor**, His **throne** **shall** be **established** forever.

15 The rod of **correction** **gives** **wisdom**, But a **child** left to himself **causes** **shame** to his **mother**.

16 *When* the wicked **increase**, sin **increases**; But the **righteous** will **see** **their** **downfall**.

17 Correct **your** **son**, and he will give you **peace**; Yes, he will bring **delight** to **your** **soul**.

18 Where **there** is no **revelatiön**, the **peöple** cäst off **resträint**; But one **who** **keeps** the **läw** is **blessed**.

19 A **sêrvant** cän't be corrected **by wörd**s. **Thöugh** he **understands**, yet he will not respond.

20 Do you **see** a man **who** is **hasty** in his **wörd**s? **There** is **möre hope** for a **fool** **than** for him.

21 He **who** **pampers** his **sêrvant** from **yöuth** Will have him **becöme** a **son** in the end.

22 An angry man **stirs** up **strife**, And a **wrätful** man **aböunds** in sin.

23 A man's **pride** **brings** him **low**, But one **who** is of a **lowly** spirit **gains** honor.

24 **Who**ever is an **accomplice** of a **thief** is an enemy of his **own** **soul**. He **takes** an **öath**, but **dars** not testify.

25 The **fear** of man **proves** to be a **snare**, But **who**ever **püts** his trust in YAHWEH is kept **safe**.

26 Many **seek** the **ruler's** **favor**, But a man's **justice** **comes** from YAHWEH.

27 A **dishonest** man detests the **righteous**, And the **upright** in **their** **ways** detest the wicked.

Proverbs 30

1 The **wörd**s of Agur the **son** of Jakeh, the oracle: The man **says** to **Ithiel**, To **Ithiel** and Ucal:

2 "**Surely** I am the **most** ignorant man, And **don't** have a man's **understanding**.

3 I have not **learned** **wisdom**, **Neither** **de** I have the **knowledg**e of the **Holy** One.

4 **Who** has **ascended** up into heaven, and **descended**? **Who** has **gathered** the wind in his fists? **Who** has **bound** the **wät**ers in his **gärment**? **Who** has **established** **äl**l the **ends** of the **earth**? **What** is his **name**, and **what** is his **son's** **name**, if you **know**?

5 "Every **wörd** of Elohim is **fläwless**. He is a **shield** to **thöse** **who** take **refug**e in him.

6 **Don't** you add to his **wörd**s, Lest he **reprove** you, and you be **found** a **liar**.

7 "**Two** **things** I have **äsked** of you; **Don't** **deny** me **beföre** I **die**:

8 **Remove** **fär** from me **falsehööd** and **lies**. Give me **neither** poverty **nör** **riches**. **Feed** me **with** the **feed** that is **needful** for me;

9 Lest I be **füll**, **deny** you, and **say**, '**who** is YAHWEH? Or lest I be **pöor**, and **steal**, And so **dishonor** the **name** of **my** Elohim.

- 10 "Don't slander a sêrvant to his mäster, Lest he cûrse you, and you be held guilty.
- 11 **There** is a **generation** **that** cûrse**s** **their** fäther, And **do**esn't bless **their** möther.
- 12 **There** is a **generation** **that** is pure in **their** own eyesh, Yet are not **washed** from **their** filthiness.
- 13 **There** is a **generation**, **oh** how lofty are **their** eyesh! **Their** eyelids are lifted up.
- 14 **There** is a **generation** **whose** teeth are like swördsh, And **their** jäwsh like knives, To devöur the pöör from the êarth, and the needy from among men.
- 15 "The leach has **two** dâughters: 'Give, give. "**There** are **three** **things** **that** are never satisfied; **Föur** **that** don't say, 'Enough:
- 16 **Sheol**, the barren womb; The êarth **that** is not satisfied with wäter; The fire **that** **do**esn't say, 'Enough;
- 17 And the eye **that** mocks at his fäther, And scörnsh obedience to his möther: The ravensh of the valley shall pick it out, The young eaglesh shall eat it.
- 18 "**There** are **three** **things** **which** are too amazing for me, **Föur** **which** I don't understand:
- 19 The way of an eagle in the air; The way of a sêrpent on a rock; The way of a ship in the midst of the sea; And the way of a man with a maiden.
- 20 So is the way of an adulterous wöman: **She** eats and wipes her mouth, And says, I have **done** **nothing** wrong.
- 21 "**För** **three** **things** the êarth tremble, And under **föur**, it cän't bear up:
- 22 For a sêrvant when he is king; A fool when he is filled with food;
- 23 For an unloved wöman when she is married; And a handmaid **who** is heir to her mistress.
- 24 "**There** are **föur** **things** **which** are little on the êarth, But **they** are exçeeding wise:
- 25 The ants are not a strong people, Yet **they** provide **their** food in the summer;
- 26 The conies are but a feeble folk, Yet **make** **they** **their** houses in the rocks;
- 27 The locusts have no king, Yet **they** advance in ranks;
- 28 You can catch a lizard with **yöur** handsh, Yet she is in kingsh' palacesh.
- 29 "**There** are **three** **things** **which** are stately in **their** märch, **Föur** **which** are stately in going:
- 30 The lion, **which** is mightiest among animalsh, And **do**esn't tûrn away for any;

31 The greyhound, the male goat **á**lso; And the king against whom **there** is no **ri**ſing up.

32 "If you have **done** **feel**ishly in lifting up **yó**urself, Or if you have **thó**ught **evil**, **Pút** **yó**ur hand **over** **yó**ur **mouth**.

33 For as the **chú**urning of milk brings **fó**rth butter, And the wringing of the **no**ſe brings **fó**rth **bló**od; **So** the **fó**rcing of **wr**áth brings **fó**rth **strife**."

Proverbs 31

1 The **wó**rds of king Lemuel; the oracle **whi**ch his **mó**ther **tá**ught him.

2 "**Oh**, **my** **són**!" **Oh**, **són** of **my** **wemb**! **Oh**, **són** of **my** **vow**s!

3 **Don't** give **yó**ur **streng**th to women, **Nó**r **yó**ur **way**s to **that** **whi**ch **destroy**s kings.

4 It is not for kings, Lemuel; it is not for kings to drink **wine**; **Nó**r for **prince**s to **say**, 'Where is strong drink?

5 Lest **they** drink, and forget the **lá**w, And **perv**ert the **justi**ce **due** to anyone **whó** is afflicted.

6 Give strong drink to him **whó** is ready to **perish**; And **wine** to the bitter in **soul**:

7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, And remember his **mi**ſery no **mó**re.

8 **Open** **yó**ur **mouth** for the **mute**, In the **caú**ſe of **á**ll **whó** are left **de**ſolate.

9 **Open** **yó**ur **mouth**, **judg**e **righte**ously, And **ſe**rve **justi**ce to the **pó**or and **needy**."

10 **Whó** can **find** a **wó**rthy **wó**man? **Fó**r her **pric**e is **fá**r **abó**ve **rubie**s..

11 The **heá**rt of her **hu**ſband trusts in her. **He** **shall** have no lack of **gain**.

12 She **doe**s him **gó**od, and not **há**rm, **á**ll the **day**s of her **life**.

13 She **see**ks **wó**ol and flax, And **wó**rks **eagerly** **with** her **hand**s.

14 She is **li**ke the **mé**rchant **ships**. **She** brings her bread from **afá**r.

15 She **ri**ſeſ **á**lſo **whi**le it is yet **ni**ght, **Give**s **fee**d to her **hou**ſehold, And **thei**r **tá**ſk to her **ſe**rvant **gí**rſ.

16 She **con**ſiderſ a **fi**eld, and **bu**yſ it. **With** the **fruit** of her **hand**s, she plants a vine**yá**rd.

17 She **gí**rdſ her loins **with** **streng**th, And **make**s her **á**rmſ strong.

18 She **pé**rceiveſ **that** her **mé**rchandise is profitable. Her lamp **doe**ſn't **go** **out** by **ni**ght.

19 She **lays** her **hands** to the distaff, And her **hands** **hold** the spindle.

20 She **stretches** **out** her hand to the **poor**; Yes, she **reaches** **forth** her **hands** to the **needy**.

21 She is not **afraid** of the **snow** for her **household**; **For** **all** her **household** are **clothed** **with** **scarlet**.

22 She **makes** for **herself** **carpets** of tapestry. Her **clothing** is **fine** linen and **purple**.

23 Her **husband** is respected in the **gates**, *When* he sits **among** the **elders** of the land.

24 She **makes** linen **garments** and **sells** **them**, And **delivers** sashes to the **merchant**.

25 **Strength** and dignity are her **clothing**. She **laughs** at the **time** to **come**.

26 She **opens** her **mouth** **with** **wisdom**. Instruction of **faithfulness** is on her **tongue**.

27 She **looks** well to the **ways** of her **household**, And **doesn't** **eat** the bread of **idleness**.

28 Her **children** **rise** up and **call** her **blessed**. Her **husband** **also** **praises** her:

29 "Many women **do** **noble** **things**, But you **excel** **them** **all**."

30 **Charm** is **deceitful**, and **beauty** is **vain**; But a **woman** **who** **fears** YAHWEH, she **shall** be **praised**.

31 Give her of the **fruit** of her **hands**; Let her **works** **praise** her in the **gates**.

Ecclesiastes 1

1 The wórdş of the Preacher, the sön of David, king in Jeruşalem:

2 "Vanity of vanities," sayş the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, áll is vanity."

3 What döş man gain from áll his labor in which he laborş under the sun?

4 One generatiön goeş, and anöther generatiön comeş; but the éarth remains forever.

5 The sun álsö riseş, and the sun goeş down, and hurrieş to its plaçe where it riseş.

6 The wind goeş towárd the south, and túrnş areound to the nóth. It túrnş areound continually as it goeş, and the wind retúrnş again to its cóurseş.

7 All the riverş run into the sea, yet the sea is not full. To the plaçe where the riverş flow, there they flow again.

8 All thingş are full of weariness beyond uttering. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nór the ear filled with hearing.

9 That which haş been is that which shall be; and that which haş been döne is that which shall be döne: and there is no new thing under the sun.

10 Is there a thing of which it may be said, "Behold, this is new?" It haş been long ago, in the ageş which were befóre us.

11 There is no memory of the fõrmer; neither shall there be any memory of the latter that are to come, among thoşe that shall come äfter.

12 I, the Preacher, was king over Işrael in Jeruşalem.

13 I appliéd my heärt to seek and to seäch out by wişdóm concêrning áll that is döne under the sky. It is a heavy búrden that Elohim haş given to the sönş of men to be afflicted with.

14 I have seen áll the wörks that are döne under the sun; and, behold, áll is vanity and a chasing äfter wind.

15 That which is croòked cän't be made straight; and that which is lacking cän't be counted.

16 I said to myself, "Behold, I have obtained for myself great wişdóm above áll who were befóre me in Jeruşalem. Yes, my heärt haş had great experiençe of wişdóm and knowledgë."

17 I appliéd my heärt to know wişdóm, and to know madness and folly. I pèrceived that this álsö was a chasing äfter wind.

18 For in much **wiṣḏom** is much **grief**; and he **who** **increases** **knowledg**e **increases** **sorrow**.

Ecclesiastes 2

1 I said in my **heärt**, "**C**ome **n**ow, I will test you **w**ith **m**irth: **therefö**re enjoy **pleaṣure**;" and, **behold**, **this ä**lso was **v**anity.

2 I said of **läu**ghter, "It is **foolishness**;" and of **m**irth, "**W**hat **d**oes it **acc**omplish?"

3 I **s**earched in my **heärt** **h**ow to **cheer** my **flesh** with **wine**, my **heärt** yet **guiding** me with **wiṣḏom**, and **h**ow to **lay hold** of folly, until I **might see** **wh**at it was **göod** for the **sonṣ** of men **th**at **they shö**uld **d**e under heaven **ä**ll the **dayṣ** of **the**ir **liveṣ**.

4 I **m**ade **m**yself **g**reat **wör**ks. I **b**uilt **m**yself **hou**seṣ. I **p**lanted **m**yself **vineyär**dṣ.

5 I **m**ade **m**yself **gär**denṣ and **pär**ks, and I **p**lanted **treeṣ** in **the**m of **ä**ll **k**indṣ of **fruit**.

6 I **m**ade **m**yself **poolṣ** of **wät**er, to **wät**er from it the forest **wh**ere **treeṣ** were **reared**.

7 I **b**öught **men-s**ervants and **maid-s**ervants, and had **s**ervants **börn** in my **hou**se. I **ä**lso had **g**reat **poṣṣ**essionṣ of **h**erdṣ and **flockṣ**, **abö**ve **ä**ll **who** were **befö**re me in **Jeruṣ**alem;

8 I **ä**lso **g**athered **silver** and **gold** for **m**yself, and the **treas**ure of **kingṣ** and of the **provin**ceṣ. I **g**ot **m**yself **men-singerṣ** and **women-singerṣ**, and the **deli**ghts of the **sonṣ** of men -- **muṣ**ical **instru**ments, and **th**at of **ä**ll **sör**ts.

9 **S**o I was **g**reat, and **incre**ased **mö**re **th**an **ä**ll **who** were **befö**re me in **Jeruṣ**alem. **M**y **wiṣḏom** **ä**lso **re**mained **w**ith me.

10 **W**hatever **m**y **eyeṣ** **de**sired, I **di**dn't **keep** from **the**m. I **di**dn't **w**ithhold **m**y **heärt** from any **joy**, for **m**y **heärt** **rejoic**ed **bec**ause of **ä**ll **m**y **labor**, and **th**is was **m**y **pör**tion from **ä**ll **m**y **labor**.

11 **T**hen I **löök**ed at **ä**ll the **wör**ks **th**at **m**y **handṣ** had **wör**ked, and at the **labor** **th**at I had **labored** to **d**e; and, **behold**, **ä**ll was **v**anity and a **chasing ä**fter **w**ind, and **the**re was **n**o **profit** under the **sun**.

12 I **tü**rned **m**yself to **C**onsider **wiṣḏom**, **madness**, and **folly**: for **wh**at can the **kingṣ** **su**ccessor **d**e? **J**ust **th**at **wh**ich **h**as **bee**n **dö**ne long ago.

13 **T**hen I **sä**w **th**at **wiṣḏom** **excels** **folly**, as **fär** as **li**ght **excels** **där**kness.

14 The **wiṣe** man's **eyeṣ** are in his **head**, and the **fool** **wä**lks in **där**kness -- and yet I **p**erceived **th**at **one** event **happ**enṣ to **the**m **ä**ll.

15 **T**hen said I in my **heärt**, "As it **happ**enṣ to the **fool**, so will it **happ**en **even** to me; and **wh**y was I **th**en **mö**re **wiṣe**?" **T**hen said I in my **heärt** **th**at **th**is **ä**lso is **v**anity.

16 For of the **wiſe** man, **even** as of the **fool**, **there** is no memory for ever, **seeing** **that** in the **days** to **come** **all** will have **been** long forgotten. **Indeed**, the **wiſe** man must **die** just **like** the **fool**!

17 **So** I **hated** **life**, **because** the **work** **that** is **worked** under the sun was **grievous** to me; for **all** is vanity and a **chasing** **after** wind.

18 I **hated** **all** my **labor** in **which** I **labored** under the sun, **seeing** **that** I must **leave** it to the man **who** **comes** **after** me.

19 **Who** **knows** **whether** he will be a **wiſe** man or a **fool**? Yet he will have **rule** **over** **all** of my **labor** in **which** I have **labored**, and in **which** I have **shown** **myself** **wiſe** under the sun. **This** **also** is vanity.

20 **Therefore** I began to **cause** my **heart** to **despair** **concerning** **all** the **labor** in **which** I had **labored** under the sun.

21 For **there** is a man **whose** **labor** is with **wisdom**, with **knowledge**, and with **skillfulness**; yet he **shall** **leave** it for his **portion** to a man **who** **has** not **labored** **therein**. **This** **also** is vanity and a **great** **evil**.

22 For **what** **has** a man of **all** his **labor**, and of the **striving** of his **heart**, in **which** he **labors** under the sun?

23 For **all** his **days** are **sorrow**, and his **travail** is **grief**; yes, **even** in the **night** his **heart** **takes** no rest. **This** **also** is vanity.

24 **There** is **nothing** better for a man **than** **that** he **should** **eat** and **drink**, and **make** his **soul** enjoy **good** in his **labor**. **This** **also** I **saw**, **that** it is from the hand of Elohim.

25 For **who** can **eat**, or **who** can have enjoyment, **more** **than** I?

26 For to the man **who** **pleases** him, Elohim **gives** **wisdom**, **knowledge**, and **joy**; but to the sinner he **gives** **travail**, to **gather** and to **heap** up, **that** he **may** **give** to him **who** **pleases** Elohim. **This** **also** is vanity and a **chasing** **after** wind.

Ecclesiastes 3

1 For every**thing** **there** is a **season**, and a **time** for every **purpose** under heaven:

2 A **time** to be **born**, And a **time** to **die**; A **time** to plant, And a **time** to pluck up **that** **which** is planted;

3 A **time** to kill, And a **time** to **heal**; A **time** to **break** **down**, And a **time** to **build** up;

4 A **time** to **weep**, And a **time** to **laugh**; A **time** to **mourn**, And a **time** to **dance**;

5 A **time** to **cast** **away** **stones**, And a **time** to **gather** **stones** **together**; A **time** to **embrace**, And a **time** to **refrain** from **embracing**;

6 A **time** to **seek**, And a **time** to **leſe**; A **time** to **keep**, And a **time** to **cäst away**;

7 A **time** to **tear**, And a **time** to **sew**; A **time** to **keep silençe**, And a **time** to **ſpeak**;

8 A **time** to **love**, And a **time** to **hate**; A **time** for **wâr**, And a **time** for **peaçe**.

9 **Whät** profit haſ he **whö** wörks in **that** in **whiçh** he **laborſ**?

10 I have **ſeen** the **bûrden** **whiçh** Elohim haſ given to the **ſonſ** of men to be afflicted **with**.

11 He haſ **made** every**thi**ng **beautifûl** in its **time**. He haſ **älſo** set **etêr**nity in **their** **heärt**s, yet so **that** man **cän't** **find** **out** the **wörk** **that** Elohim haſ **done** from the beginning **even** to the end.

12 I **know** **that** **there** is **nothi**ng better for **them** **than** to **rejoiče**, and to **de** **gôod** as long as **they** live.

13 **Älſo** **that** every man **ſhould** **eat** and drink, and enjoy **gôod** in **äl**l his **labor**, is the gift of Elohim.

14 I **know** **that** **whä**tever Elohim **doeſ**, it **ſhall** be forever. **Nothi**ng can be added to it, **nôr** any**thi**ng **taken** from it; and Elohim haſ **done** it, **that** men **ſhould** **fear** befôre him.

15 **That** **whiçh** is haſ **been** long ago, and **that** **whiçh** is to be haſ **been** long ago: and Elohim **ſeeks** **again** **that** **whiçh** is **päſſed** away.

16 **Môre**over I **ſäw** under the sun, in the **plaçe** of **juſtiçe**, **that** wickedness was **there**; and in the **plaçe** of **righteousness**, **that** wickedness was **there**.

17 I said in my **heärt**, "Elohim will **judg**e the **righteous** and the wicked; for **there** is a **time** **there** for every **pûrpoſe** and for every **wörk**."

18 I said in my **heärt**, "As for the **ſonſ** of men, Elohim tests **them**, so **that** **they** may **ſee** **that** **they** **themſelveſ** are **like** animalſ.

19 For **that** **whiçh** happens to the **ſonſ** of men happens to animalſ. **Even** one **thi**ng happens to **them**. As the one **dieſ**, so the **öther** **dieſ**. Yes, **they** have **äl**l one **breäth**; and man haſ no **advantag**e over the animalſ: for **äl**l is vanity.

20 All **go** to one **plaçe**. **Ä**ll are from the dust, and **äl**l **tûrn** to dust **again**.

21 **Whö** **knowſ** the spirit of man, **wheth**er it **goeſ** upward, and the spirit of the animal, **wheth**er it **goeſ** downward to the **êarth**?"

22 **Therê**fôre I **ſäw** **that** **there** is **nothi**ng better, **than** **that** a man **ſhould** **rejoiče** in his **wörk**s; for **that** is his **pôrtiön**: for **whö** can bring him to **ſee** **whät** will be **ä**fter him?

Ecclesiastes 4

1 **Then** I returned and **saw** **all** the oppressions **that** are done under the sun: and, behold, the **tears** of **those** who were oppressed, and **they** had no comforter; and on the side of **their** oppressors **there** was power; but **they** had no comforter.

2 **Therefore** I praised the dead who have been long dead **more** **than** the living who are yet alive.

3 Yes, better **than** **them** **both** is him who has not yet been, who has not seen the evil work **that** is done under the sun.

4 **Then** I saw **all** of labor and of achievement **that** is the envy of a man's neighbor. **This** **also** is vanity and a striving after wind.

5 The fool folds his hands together and ruins himself.

6 Better is a handfull, with quietness, **than** two handfuls with labor and chasing after wind.

7 **Then** I returned and saw vanity under the sun.

8 **There** is one who is alone, and he has neither son nor brother. **There** is no end to **all** of his labor, **neither** are his eyes satisfied with wealth. **For** whom **then**, do I labor, and deprive my soul of enjoyment? **This** **also** is vanity, yes, it is a miserable business.

9 Two are better **than** one, because they have a good reward for **their** labor.

10 For if **they** fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falls, and doesn't have another to lift him up.

11 Again, if two lie together, **then** they have warmth; but how can one keep warm alone?

12 If a man prevails against one who is alone, two shall withstand him; and a three fold cord is not quickly broken.

13 Better is a poor and wise youth **than** an old and foolish king who doesn't know how to receive admonition any more.

14 For out of prison he came forth to be king; yes, even in his kingdom he was born poor.

15 I saw **all** the living who walk under the sun, **that** they were with the youth, the other, who succeeded him.

16 **There** was no end of **á**ll the **pe**ople, **even** of **á**ll **them** **over** **whom** he was -- yet **thos**e **wh**e **c**ome **á**fter **sh**all not **rejoic**e in him. **Surely** **this** **á**lso is vanity and a **chasing** **á**fter wind.

Ecclesiastes 5

1 **Gu**árd **y**óur steps **wh**en you **go** to God's **hou**se; for to **drá**w **ne**ar to **listen** is better **th**an to give the **sacrific**e of **fe**el's, for **they** **don't** **know** **th**at **they** **de** evil.

2 **Don't** be **rash** **with** **y**óur **me**uth, and **don't** let **y**óur **he**árt be **hasty** to utter **anyth**ing **bef**óre Elohim; for Elohim is in heaven, and you on **é**árt^h. **Theref**óre let **y**óur **w**órd's be few.

3 For as a **dre**am **com**e's **with** a multitude of **car**e's, so a **fe**el's **spe**ech **with** a multitude of **w**órd's.

4 **Wh**en you **vow** a **vow** to Elohim, **don't** **def**er to **pay** it; for he **has** no **plea**sure in **fe**el's. **Pay** **th**at **wh**ich you **vow**.

5 It is better **th**at you **sh**óud not **vow**, **th**an **th**at you **sh**óud **vow** and not **pay**.

6 **Don't** **allow** **y**óur **me**uth to lead you into sin. **Don't** protest **bef**óre the **messen**ger **th**at **this** was a **mista**ke. **Wh**y **sh**óud Elohim be angry at **y**óur **voic**e, and destroy the **w**órk of **y**óur **hand**s?

7 For in the multitude of **dre**am's **th**ere are vanities, as well as in many **w**órd's: but you must **fe**ar Elohim.

8 If you **see** the **oppres**ion of the **p**óor, and the **viol**ent **taking** **away** of **justi**ce and **right**eousness in a district, **don't** **má**rvel at the matter: for one **offi**cial is **ey**ed **by** a **hi**gher one; and **th**ere are **offi**cial's **over** **them**.

9 **M**óreover the profit of the **é**árt^h is for **á**ll. The king profits from the **fi**eld.

10 He **wh**e **lov**e's silver **sh**all not be **satisfi**ed **with** silver; **n**óor he **wh**e **lov**e's **abund**ánc'e, **with** **incr**eáse: **this** **á**lso is vanity.

11 **Wh**en **gó**od's **incr**eáse, **thos**e **wh**e **eat** **them** are **incr**eáse'd; and **wh**at **advantag**e is **th**ere to its **ow**ner, **ex**cept to **fe**ast on **them** **with** his **ey**e's?

12 The **sleep** of a **lab**oring man is **sweet**, **wh**ether he **e**ats little or **much**; but the **abund**ánc'e of the **rich** will not **allow** him to **sleep**.

13 **There** is a **griev**ous **evil** **wh**ich I have **seen** under the sun: **wealt**h kept **by** its **ow**ner to his **há**rm.

14 **Thos**e **rich**e's **perish** **by** **misf**órtune, and if he **has** **fath**ered a **s**ón, **th**ere is **n**óthing in his hand.

15 As he **came forth** from his **mother's womb**, **naked shall he go** again as he came, and **shall take nothing** for his **labor**, **which he may** carry away in his hand.

16 **This also** is a **grievous evil**, **that in all** points as he **came**, so **shall he go**. And **what profit does** he have **when labor** for the wind?

17 All his **days** he **also eats** in **därkness**, he is **frustrated**, and **has** sickness and **wrätth**.

18 Behold, **that which** I have **seen** to be **good** and proper is for one to **eat** and to drink, and to enjoy **good** in **all** his **labor**, in **which** he **labor** under the sun, **all** the **days** of his **life** **which** Elohim **has** given him; for **this** is his **portion**.

19 Every man **also** to **whom** Elohim **has** given **riches** and **wealth**, and **has** given him **power** to **eat** of it, and to **take** his **portion**, and to **rejoice** in his **labor** -- **this** is the gift of Elohim.

20 For he **shall** not often reflect on the **days** of his **life**; **because** Elohim **occupies** him **with** the joy of his **heart**.

Ecclesiastes 6

1 **There** is an **evil** **which** I have **seen** under the sun, and it is heavy on men:

2 a man to **whom** Elohim **gives** **riches**, **wealth**, and **honor**, so **that** he lacks **nothing** for his **soul** of **all** **that** he **desires**, yet Elohim **gives** him no **power** to **eat** of it, but an **alien** **eats** it. **This** is vanity, and it is an **evil** **disease**.

3 If a man **fäther** a hundred **children**, and **lives** many **years**, so **that** the **days** of his **years** are many, but his **soul** is not filled **with** **good**, and **moreover** he **has** no burial; I **say**, **that** an untimely **birth** is better **than** he:

4 for it **comes** in vanity, and **departs** in **därkness**, and its **name** is **covered** **with** **därkness**.

5 **Moreover** it **has** not **seen** the sun **nor** **known** it. **This** **has** rest **rätth** **than** the **other**.

6 Yes, **though** he live a **thousand** **years** **twice** **told**, and yet **fails** to enjoy **good**, **don't** **all** go to one **place**?

7 All the **labor** of man is for his **mouth**, and yet the **appetite** is not filled.

8 For **what** **advantage** **has** the **wise** **more** **than** the **fool**? **What** **has** the **poor** man, **that** **knows** **how** to **walk** **before** the living?

9 Better is the **sight** of the **eyes** **than** the **wandering** of the **desire**. **This** **also** is vanity and a **chasing** **after** wind.

10 Whatever has been, its name was given long ago; and it is known what man is; neither can he contend with him who is mightier than he.

11 For there are many words that create vanity. What does that profit man?

12 For who knows what is good for man in life, all the days of his vain life which he spends like a shadow? For who can tell a man what will be after him under the sun?

Ecclesiastes 7

1 A good name is better than fine perfume; and the day of death better than the day of one's birth.

2 It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men, and the living should take this to heart.

3 Sorrow is better than laughter; for by the sadness of the face the heart is made good.

4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.

6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool. This also is vanity.

7 Surely extortion makes the wise man foolish; and a bribe destroys the understanding.

8 Better is the end of a thing than its beginning. The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

9 Don't be hasty in your spirit to be angry, for anger rests in the bosom of fools.

10 Don't say, "Why were the former days better than these?" For you do not ask wisely about this.

11 Wisdom is as good as an inheritance. Yes, it is more excellent for those who see the sun.

12 For wisdom is a defense, even as money is a defense; but the excellency of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it.

13 Consider the work of Elohim, for who can make that straight, which he has made crooked?

14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity Consider; yes, Elohim has made the one side by side with the other, to the end that man should not find out anything after him.

15 All **this** have I **seen** in **my days** of vanity: **there** is a **righteous** man **who** **perishes** in his **righteousness**, and **there** is a wicked man **who** **lives** long in his **evil-doing**.

16 **Don't** be **overly righteous**, **neither** **make yourself** **overly wise**. **Why should** you **destroy yourself**?

17 **Don't** be **too** wicked, **neither** be **foolish**. **Why should** you **die** **before your time**?

18 It is **good** **that** you **should** **take hold** of **this**. Yes, **also** from **that** **don't** **withdraw** **your** hand; for he **who** **fears** Elohim will **come forth** from **them all**.

19 **Wisdom** is a **strength** to the **wise** man **more** **than** ten **rulers** **who** are in a **city**.

20 **Surely** **there** is not a **righteous** man on **earth**, **who** **does** **good** and **doesn't** sin.

21 **Also** **don't** **take heed** to **all words** **that** are spoken, lest you **hear your** **servant** **curse** you;

22 for often **your** **own** **heart** **knows** **that** you **yourself** have **likewise** **curse** **others**.

23 All **this** have I **proved** in **wisdom**. I said, "I will be **wise**;" but it was **far** from me.

24 **That** **which** is, is **far** off and **exceedingly** **deep**. **Who** can **find** it **out**?

25 I **turned** **around**, and **my** **heart** **sought** to **know** and to **search** **out**, and to **seek** **wisdom** and the **scheme** of **things**, and to **know** **that** wickedness is **stupidity**, and **that** **foolishness** is **madness**.

26 I **find** **more** bitter **than** **death** the **woman** **whose** **heart** is **snare** and traps, **whose** **hands** are **chains**. **Whoever** **pleases** Elohim **shall** **escape** from her; but the sinner will be **ensnared** by her.

27 **Behold**, **this** have I **found**, **says** the **Preacher**, one to **another**, to **find** **out** the **scheme**;

28 **which** **my** **soul** still **seeks**; but I have not **found**: one man among a **thousand** have I **found**; but a **woman** among **all** **those** have I not **found**.

29 **Behold**, **this** **only** have I **found**: **that** Elohim **made** man **upright**; but **they** **search** for many **schemes**.

Ecclesiastes 8

1 **Who** is **like** the **wise** man? And **who** **knows** the **interpretation** of a **thing**? A man's **wisdom** **makes** his **face** **shine**, and the **hardness** of his **face** is **changed**.

2 I **say**, "**Keep** the king's **command**!" **because** of the **oath** to Elohim.

3 **Don't** be **hasty** to **go** **out** of his **presence**. **Don't** **persist** in an **evil** **thing**, for he **does** **whatever** **pleases** him,

4 for the king's wôrd is supreme. **who** can say to him, "What are you doing?"

5 **who**ever keeps the commandment shall not come to harm, and his wise heart will know the time and procedure.

6 For **there** is a time and procedure for every purpose, **although** the misery of man is heavy on him.

7 For he doesn't know **that** which will be; for **who** can tell him how it will be?

8 **There** is no man **who** has power over the spirit to contain the spirit; **neither** does he have power over the day of death. **There** is no discharge in war; **neither** shall wickedness deliver **those** **who** practice it.

9 All **this** have I seen, and applied my mind to every work **that** is done under the sun. **There** is a time in **which** one man has power over another to his hurt.

10 So I saw the wicked buried. **Indeed** they came **also** from holiness. **They** went and were forgotten in the city where they did **this**. **This** **also** is vanity.

11 **Because** sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, **therefore** the heart of the sons of men is fully set in **them** to do evil.

12 **Though** a sinner commits crimes a hundred times, and lives long, yet surely I know **that** it will be better with **those** **who** fear Elohim, **who** are reverent before him.

13 But it shall not be well with the wicked, **neither** shall he lengthen days like a shadow; **because** he doesn't fear Elohim.

14 **There** is a vanity **which** is done on the earth, **that** **there** are righteous men to whom it happens according to the work of the wicked. **Again**, **there** are wicked men to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous. I said **that** **this** **also** is vanity.

15 **Then** I commended mirth, **because** a man has no better thing under the sun, **than** to eat, and to drink, and to be joyful: for **that** will accompany him in his labor **all** the days of his life **which** Elohim has given him under the sun.

16 **When** I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business **that** is done on the earth (for **also** **there** is **that** **neither** day **nor** night sees sleep with his eyes),

17 **then** I saw **all** the work of Elohim, **that** man can't find out the work **that** is done under the sun, **because** however much a man labors to seek it out, yet he won't find it. Yes, **moreover**, **though** a wise man thinks he can comprehend it, yet he won't be able to find it.

Ecclesiastes 9

1 For **á**ll **th**is I **l**aid to my **h**eärt, **e**ven to **e**xplôre **á**ll **th**is: **th**at the **r**ighteous, and the **w**isê, and **th**eir **w**ôrks, are in the hand of Elohim; **w**hether it is **l**ôve or **h**atred, man **d**ôesn't **k**now it; **á**ll is **b**efôre **th**em.

2 All **th**ings **c**ôme **a**like to **á**ll. **T**here is one event to the **r**ighteous and to the wicked; to the **g**ôod, to the **c**lean, to the **u**nclean, to him **w**h~~e~~ **s**acrifices, and to him **w**h~~e~~ **d**ôesn't **s**acrificê. As is the **g**ôod, so is the sinner; he **w**h~~e~~ **t**akes an **o**ath, as he **w**h~~e~~ **f**earş an **o**ath.

3 **T**his is an **e**vil in **á**ll **th**at is **d**ône under the sun, **th**at **th**ere is one event to **á**ll: yes **á**lso, the **h**eärt of the **s**ônş of men is **f**ull of **e**vil, and madness is in **th**eir **h**eärt **w**hile **th**ey live, and **á**fter **th**at **th**ey go to the dead.

4 For to him **w**h~~e~~ is joined **w**ith **á**ll the living **th**ere is **h**ope; for a living dog is better **th**an a dead **l**ion.

5 For the living **k**now **th**at **th**ey will **d**ie, but the dead **d**on't **k**now **any**thing, **n**either **d**e **th**ey have any **m**ôre a **r**ewârd; for the memory of **th**em is forgotten.

6 **A**lso **th**eir **l**ôve, **th**eir **h**atred, and **th**eir **e**nv~~y~~ **h**aş **p**erishêd long ago; **n**either have **th**ey any **m**ôre a **p**ôrtion forever in **any**thing **th**at is **d**ône under the sun.

7 **G**o **y**ôur **w**ay -- **e**at **y**ôur **b**read **w**ith **j**oy, and drink **y**ôur **w**ine **w**ith a merry **h**eärt; for Elohim **h**aş **á**lready **a**çcepted **y**ôur **w**ôrks.

8 Let **y**ôur **g**ärm~~e~~nts be **á**lways **w**hite, and **d**on't let **y**ôur **h**ead lack oil.

9 Live **j**oyfully **w**ith the **w**ife **w**h~~e~~m you **l**ôve **á**ll the **d**ays of **y**ôur **l**ife of vanity, **w**hich he **h**aş given you under the sun, **á**ll **y**ôur **d**ays of vanity: for **th**at is **y**ôur **p**ôrtion in **l**ife, and in **y**ôur **l**abor in **w**hich you **l**abor under the sun.

10 **W**hatever **y**ôur **h**and **f**inds to **d**e, **d**e it **w**ith **y**ôur **m**ight; for **th**ere is no **w**ôr~~k~~, **n**ôr **d**evicê, **n**ôr **k**nowledgê, **n**ôr **w**isdom, in **S**heol, **w**here you are **g**oing.

11 I **r**etûrned, and **s**âw under the sun, **th**at the **r**acê is not to the swift, **n**ôr the battle to the strong, **n**either yet bread to the **w**isê, **n**ôr yet **r**iches to men of understanding, **n**ôr yet **f**avor to men of skill; but **t**ime and **ch**ançe happen to **th**em **á**ll.

12 For man **á**lso **d**ôesn't **k**now his **t**ime. As the **f**ish **th**at are **t**aken in an **e**vil net, and as the **b**irdş **th**at are **c**âught in the **s**na~~r~~e, **e**ven so are the **s**ônş of men **s**na~~r~~ed in an **e**vil **t**ime, **w**hen it **f**ällş suddenly on **th**em.

13 I have **á**lso **s**een **w**isdom under the sun in **th**is **w**ay, and it **s**eemed **g**reat to me.

14 **T**here was a little **ç**ity, and few men **w**ithin it; and a **g**reat king **c**ame **a**gainst it, **b**esiegêd it, and **b**uilt **g**reat **b**ulwarks **a**gainst it.

15 Now a p^oor wⁱs^e man was f^ound in it, and he b^y his wⁱs^do^m deliver^ed the cⁱty; yet no man remember^ed **that same** p^oor man.

16 **Then** said I, Wⁱs^do^m is better **than** strength. Never**theless** the p^oor man's wⁱs^do^m is despⁱs^ed, and his w^or^ds are not h^eard.

17 The w^or^ds of the wⁱs^e h^eard in **quiet** are better **than** the cry of him wh^o r^ul^es among f^ool^s.

18 Wⁱs^do^m is better **than** weap^on^s of w^ar; but one sinner destroy^es much g^ood.

Ecclesiastes 10

1 Dead flie^s c^au^se the oil of the perfumer to send f^or**th** an **evil** odor; so d^oe^s a little folly **outweigh** wⁱs^do^m and honor.

2 A wⁱs^e man's h^eart is at his rⁱght hand, but a f^ool's h^eart at his left.

3 Yes **also**, when the f^ool w^alk^s b^y the w^ay, his understanding fail^s him, and he say^s to everyone **that** he is a f^ool.

4 If the spirit of the ruler rⁱs^es up ag**ainst** you, don't le**ave** y^our pl**ace**; for g**entleness** lay^s gr**eat** offenses to rest.

5 **There** is an **evil** wh**ich** I have **seen** under the sun, the s^ort of error wh**ich** pro**ceeds** from the ruler.

6 Folly is set in gr**eat** dignity, and the r**ich** sit in a l**ow** pl**ace**.

7 I have **seen** s^er**vants** on h^or**ses**, and princ**es** w^alk**ing** like s^er**vants** on the **earth**.

8 He wh^o dig^s a pit may f**all** into it; and wh^oe**ver** br**eaks** th**rough** a w**all** may be bitten b**y** a snake.

9 Wh^oe**ver** c**arves** **out** st**ones** may be inj**ured** b**y** them. Wh^oe**ver** splits w**ood** may be end**angered** th**ereby**.

10 If the ax is blunt, and one d^oe^sn't sh**arpen** the ed**ge**, **then** he must **use** m^or**e** strength; but skill bring^s succ**ess**.

11 If the sn**ake** bit**es** bef**ore** it is ch**armed**, **then** is **there** no profit for the charmer's t**ongue**.

12 The w^or^ds of a wⁱs^e man's m**outh** are gr**acious**; but a f^ool is sw**allowed** b**y** his **own** lips.

13 The beginning of the w^or^ds of his m**outh** is f**oolishness**; and the end of his t**alk** is mis**chievous** madness.

14 A **fe**el **ä**lso multiplieš wörds. Man döesn't know *wh*at will be; and **th**at *wh*ich will be äfter him, **wh**o can tell him?

15 The labor of **fe**elš wearieš every one of **th**em; for he döesn't know *h*ow to go to the çity.

16 Wo~~e~~ to you, land, *wh*en yôur king is a **ch**ild, And yôur prinçes eat in the mörning!

17 Happy are you, land, *wh*en yôur king is the sön of nobleš, And yôur prinçes eat in *du*e seäson, Fôr strength, and not for drunkenness!

18 By Slo**th**fulness the reef sinks in; And **th**rough idleness of the handš the house leaks.

19 A fea**st** is made for läug**ht**er, And wine makes the life glad; And mone**y** is the answer for ä**ll** **th**ingš.

20 Don't revile the king, no, not in yôur **th**öughts; And don't revile the rich in yôur bed**ch**amber: Fôr a bïrd of the sky may carry yôur voiç**e**, And **th**at *wh*ich haš wings may tell the matter.

Ecclesiastes 11

1 Cä**st** yôur bread on the wä**te**rš; Fôr you **sh**all find it ä**ft**er many **da**yš.

2 Give a pör**ti**ön to seven, yes, **ev**en to eight; Fôr you don't know *wh*at **ev**il will be on the **ë**ar**th**.

3 If the clou**d**š are full of rain, **th**ey empty **th**emselveš on the **ë**ar**th**; And if a tree fällš towärd the s**ou**th, or towärd the nör**th**, In the plac**e** *wh*ere the tree fällš, **th**ere **sh**all it be.

4 He *wh*o ob**se**rveš the wind won't sow; And he *wh*o regärdš the clou**d**š won't reap.

5 As you don't know *wh*at is the way of the wind, Nör *h*ow the boneš grow in the w**om**b of her *wh*o is with child; **Ev**en so you don't know the wörk of Elohim *wh*o dö**e**š ä**ll**.

6 In the mörning sow yôur seed, And in the evening don't with**h**old yôur hand; Fôr you don't know *wh*ich will prosper, *wh*ether **th**is or **th**at, Or *wh*ether **th**ey **bo**th will be **eq**ually gö**o**d.

7 **Tr**uly the **li**ght is swe**e**t, And a pleä**s**ant **th**ing it is for the **ey**eš to **se**e the sun.

8 Yes, if a man liveš many yearš, let him rejoice in **th**em ä**ll**; But let him remember the **da**yš of däre**kn**ess, for **th**ey **sh**all be many. ä**ll** **th**at c**ö**meš is vanity.

9 Rejoice, young man, in your youth, And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth, And walk in the ways of your heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But know that for all these things Elohim will bring you into judgment.

10 Therefore remove sorrow from your heart, And put away evil from your flesh; For youth and the down of life are vanity.

Ecclesiastes 12

1 Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the evil days come, and the years draw near, When you will say, "I have no pleasure in them;"

2 Before the sun, the light, the moon, and the stars are darkened, And the clouds return after the rain;

3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, And the strong men shall bow themselves, And the grinders cease because they are few, And those who look out of the windows are darkened,

4 And the doors shall be shut in the street; When the sound of the grinding is low, And one shall rise up at the voice of a bird, And all the daughters of music shall be brought low;

5 Yes, they shall be afraid of heights, And terrors will be in the way; And the almond tree shall blossom, And the grasshopper shall be a burden, And desire shall fail; Because man goes to his everlasting home, And the mourners go about the streets:

6 Before the silver cord is severed, Or the golden bowl is broken, Or the pitcher is broken at the spring, Or the wheel broken at the cistern,

7 And the dust returns to the earth as it was, And the spirit returns to Elohim who gave it.

8 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity!

9 Further, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge. Yes, he pondered, sought out, and set in order many proverbs.

10 The Preacher sought to find out acceptable words, and that which was written blamelessly, words of truth.

11 The words of the wise are like goads; and like nails well fastened are words from the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.

12 Furthermore, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

13 This is the end of the matter. all has been heard.

Song of Solomon 1

1 The Song of songs, **which** is Solomon's. Belóved

2 Let him kiss me **with** the kisseş of his **mouth**; Fór yóur love is better **than** wine.

3 Yóur oilş have a pleaşing fragrançe. Yóur name is oil póured fórt, **Therefore** the virgins love you.

4 **Take** me away **with** you. Let us hurry. The king haş bróught me into his **chambers**. Friends **We** will be glad and rejoicę in you. **We** will **praiş** yóur love **móre** than wine! Belóved **They** are **right** to love you.

5 I am **därk**, but **lovely**, You **däughterş** of Jeruşalem, **Like** Kedar's tents, **Like** Solomon's **ş** **ç**urtains.

6 **Don't** stare at me beca^{use} I am **därk**, Be^{cause} the sun haş scórched me. My **móther's** **sonş** were angry **with** me. **They** **made** me **keeper** of the vineyärđ. I haven't kept my **own** vineyärđ.

7 Tell me, you **whom** my soul **loveş**, **Where** you graze yóur flock, **Where** you rest **them** at **noon**; Fór **why** **shóuld** I be as one **who** is veiled **Beside** the flocks of yóur **companions**? **Lóver**

8 If you **don't** **know**, **most** **beautiful** **among** women, **Follow** the tracks of the **sheep**. Graze yóur young goats **beside** the **shepherdş'** tents.

9 I have **compared** you, my love, To a **steed** in **Pharaoh's** **chariots**.

10 Yóur **cheeks** are **beautiful** **with** **earringş**, Yóur neck **with** strings of **jewelş**.

11 We will **make** you **earringş** of **gold**, **With** studs of silver. Belóved

12 **While** the king sat at his **table**, **My** **pêfume** spread its **fragrançe**.

13 **My** **belóved** is to me a sachet of myrrh, **That** **lieş** **between** my **breasts**.

14 **My** **belóved** is to me a cluster of henna blossómş **From** the vineyärđş of En Gedi. **Lóver**

15 **Behold**, you are **beautiful**, my love. **Behold**, you are **beautiful**. Yóur **eyeş** are **doveş**. Belóved

16 **Behold**, you are **beautiful**, my **belóved**, yes, **pleaş**ant; And **our** **couch** is **vêrdant**. **Lóver**

17 The **beamş** of **our** **house** are **cedarş**. **our** **räfterş** are **firş**. Belóved

Song of Solomon 2

1 I am a **ro**se of **Sh**aron, A lily of the valley**s**.

2 As a lily among **th**orns, So is my **lo**ve among the **d**aughters. Bel**o**ved

3 As the apple **tree** among the **tree**s of the **w**ood, So is my **be**loved among the **so**ns. I sat **do**wn under his **sh**adow with **gr**e**a**t **de**light, His **fr**uit was **sw**ee**t** to my **ta**ste.

4 He br**o**ught me to the **ba**nquet **h**all. His banner **o**ver me is **lo**ve.

5 Streng**th**en me with **ra**isins, Refresh me with **ap**ple**s**; F**o**r I am **fa**int with **lo**ve.

6 His left hand is under my **h**ead. His **ri**ght hand **em**brac**e**s me.

7 I **ad**jure you, **d**aughters of **Jeru**salem, **By** the **ro**es, or **by** the **hi**nds of the **fi**eld, **Th**at you not **st**ir up, **n**or **aw**aken **lo**ve, Until it so **de**sire**s**.

8 The **vo**ice of my **be**loved! Beh**o**ld, he **co**me**s**, **Le**aping on the **mo**untain**s**, **Sk**ipping on the **hi**ll**s**.

9 My **be**loved is **li**ke a roe or a young hart. Beh**o**ld, he stand**s** behind **o**ur **w**all! He **lo**oks in at the **wi**ndow**s**. He **gl**anc**e**s **th**rough the **lat**tice.

10 My **be**loved **sp**oke, and said to me, **Ri**se up, my **lo**ve, my **be**autif**u**l one, and **co**me away.

11 For, beh**o**ld, the winter is **p**ast. The **ra**in is **o**ver and gone.

12 The **fl**ower**s** **ap**pear on the **e**ar**th**; The **ti**me of the singing has **co**me, And the **vo**ice of the **t**urtle-d**o**ve is **he**ard in **o**ur land.

13 The fig **tree** ripens her **gr**een fig**s**. The **vi**ne**s** are in **bl**oss**o**m; **Th**ey give **fo**rb**o** their **fr**agran**ce**. **A**rise, my **lo**ve, my **be**autif**u**l one, And **co**me away. **L**over

14 My **d**ove in the clefts of the rock, In the **hi**ding **pl**ac**e**s of the mountainside, Let me **se**e **y**our **fa**ce. Let me **he**ar **y**our **vo**ic**e**; F**o**r **y**our **vo**ic**e** is **sw**ee**t**, and **y**our **fa**ce is **lo**v**e**ly.

15 **C**at**sh** for us the **fo**x**e**s, The little **fo**x**e**s **th**at spoil the **vi**ney**ä**rd**s**; F**o**r **o**ur **vi**ney**ä**rd**s** are in **bl**oss**o**m. Bel**o**ved

16 My **be**loved is **mi**ne, and I am his. He **br**ow**s**es among the **li**lie**s**.

17 Until the **da**y is **co**ol, and the **sh**adow**s** **fl**ee away, **T**urn, my **be**loved, And be **li**ke a **ro**e or a young **h**art on the **mo**untain**s** of Bether.

Song of Solomon 3

1 By **n**ight on my **b**ed, I **s**ought him **w**hom my **s**oul **l**oves. I **s**ought him, but I didn't **f**ind him.

2 I will get up **n**ow, and **g**o about the **c**ity; In the **s**treet**s** and in the **s**quare**s** I will **s**ee**k** him **w**hom my **s**oul **l**oves. I **s**ought him, but I didn't **f**ind him.

3 The **w**atchmen **w**ho **g**o about the **c**ity **f**ound me; "Have you **s**een him **w**hom my **s**oul **l**oves?"

4 I had **s**car**c**ely **p**asse**d** from **t**hem, **W**hen I **f**ound him **w**hom my **s**oul **l**oves. I held him, and **w**ould not let him **g**o, **U**ntil I had **b**rought him into my **m**other's **h**ouse, **I**nto the **c**hamber of her **w**ho **c**on**c**eived me.

5 I **a**dju**r**e you, **d**au**g**hter**s** of **J**eru**s**alem, **B**y the **r**oes, or **b**y the **h**inds of the **f**ield, **T**hat you not **s**tir up, **n**or **a**waken **l**ove, **U**ntil it so **d**esire**s**.

6 **W**ho is **t**his **w**ho **c**ome**s** up from the wilderness **l**ike pillar**s** of **s**moke, **P**erfumed with myrrh and frankincense, **W**ith **a**ll **s**pi**c**es of the **m**er**c**hant?

7 **B**ehold, it is Solomon's **c**arria**g**e! Sixty **m**ighty men are **a**round it, **O**f the **m**ighty men of **I**srael.

8 **T**hey **a**ll handle the **s**w**o**rd, and are **e**xp**e**rt in **w**ar. **E**very man has his **s**w**o**rd on his **t**h**i**gh, **B**eca**u**se of **f**ear in the **n**ight.

9 **K**ing Solomon **m**ade himself a **c**arria**g**e **O**f the **w**ood of **L**ebanon.

10 **H**e **m**ade its pillar**s** of **s**ilver, **I**ts **b**ott**o**m of **g**old, **i**ts **s**eat of **p**ur**p**le, **I**ts **m**idst **b**eing **p**aved with **l**ove, **F**rom the **d**au**g**hter**s** of **J**eru**s**alem.

11 **G**o **f**orth, you **d**au**g**hter**s** of **Z**ion, and **s**ee king Solomon, **W**ith the **c**rown with **w**h**i**ch his **m**other has **c**rowned him, **I**n the **d**ay of his **w**edding**s**, **I**n the **d**ay of the gladness of his **h**eart. **L**over

Song of Solomon 4

1 **B**ehold, you are **b**eautiful, **m**y **l**ove. **B**ehold, you are **b**eautiful. **Y**our **e**ye**s** are **d**ove**s** behind **y**our veil. **Y**our **h**air is as a flock of **g**oats, **T**hat **d**escend from **M**ount **G**ilead.

2 **Y**our **t**ee**t**h are **l**ike a newly shorn flock, **W**h**i**ch have **c**ome up from the **w**ashing, **W**here every one of **t**hem has **t**wins. **N**one is bereaved among **t**hem.

3 **Y**our lips are **l**ike **s**c**a**rlet **t**h**r**ead. **Y**our **m**outh is **l**ovely. **Y**our temple**s** are **l**ike a **p**iece of a pomegranate behind **y**our veil.

4 **Y**our neck is **l**ike **D**avid's **t**ower built for an armory, **W**hereon **t**here hang a **t**hous**a**nd **s**hield**s**, **a**ll the **s**hield**s** of the **m**ighty men.

5 **Y**our **tw**o breasts are **lik**e **tw**o **f**awn**s** **T**hat are twins of a roe, **Wh**ich **fe**ed among the lilies.

6 Until the **da**y is **co**ol, and the **sh**adow**s** **flee** away, I will **go** to the **mo**untain of myrrh, To the hill of frankincense.

7 You are **á**ll **be**autiful, **my** **l**ove. **T**here is no spot in you.

8 **C**ome **with** me from Lebanon, **my** **br**ide, **With** me from Lebanon. **L**ook from the top of Amana, From the top of Senir and Hermon, From the **li**on**s'** **den**s, From the **mo**untain**s** of the leopard**s**.

9 You have **rav**ished **my** **he**art, **my** **br**ide. **Y**ou have **rav**ished **my** **he**art **with** one of **y**our **ey**e**s**, **With** one **ch**ain of **y**our **ne**ck.

10 **H**ow **be**autiful is **y**our **l**ove, **my** **br**ide! **H**ow **mu**ch better is **y**our **l**ove **th**an **w**ine! The **fr**agran**ç**e of **y**our **p**erfume**s** **th**an **á**ll manner of **sp**ice**s**!

11 **Y**our **li**ps, **my** **br**ide, drip **lik**e the **h**oney**co**mb. **H**oney and milk are under **y**our **to**ngue. The smell of **y**our **g**arments is **lik**e the smell of Lebanon.

12 A **lock**ed up **g**arden is **my** **br**ide; A **lock**ed up spring, A **se**aled **fo**untain.

13 **Y**our **sh**eets are an **ó**rchard of pomegranates, **with** **pre**ci**o**us **fr**uits: Henna **with** **sp**ikenard plants,

14 **Sp**ikenard and saffron, Calamus and **ç**innam**o**n, **with** every **kin**d of **in**çense **tr**ee; Myrrh and **al**oe**s**, **with** **á**ll the best **sp**ice**s**,

15 A **fo**untain of **g**arden**s**, A well of living **w**ater**s**, **F**lowing **str**eam**s** from Lebanon. **Be**loved

16 **A**wake, **nó**rth wind; and **co**me, you **so**uth; **B**low on **my** **g**arden, **th**at its **sp**ice**s** may **fl**ow **o**ut. Let **my** **be**loved **co**me into his **g**arden, And **ta**ste his **pre**ci**o**us **fr**uits. **L**over

Song of Solomon 5

1 I have **co**me into **my** **g**arden, **my** **br**ide. I have **gath**ered **my** myrrh **with** **my** **sp**ice; I have **eat**en **my** **h**oney**co**mb **with** **my** **h**oney; I have **dr**unk **my** **w**ine **with** **my** **mi**lk. **F**riend**s** **E**at, friend**s**! **D**rink, yes, drink abundantly, **be**loved. **Be**loved

2 I was **as**leep, but **my** **he**art was **aw**ake. It is the **vo**ice of **my** **be**loved **wh**o **kn**ocks: **O**pen to me, **my** **br**ide, **my** **l**ove, **my** **d**ove, **my** **un**defiled; **F**o**r** **my** **h**ead is filled **with** **de**w, **My** **h**air **with** the dampness of the **ni**ght.

3 I have **ta**ken off **my** **ro**be. **I**ndeed, must I **pu**t it on? I have **wash**ed **my** **fe**et. **I**ndeed, must I soil **th**em?

4 My beloved thrust his hand in through the latch opening. My heart pounded for him.

5 I rose up to open for my beloved. My hands dripped with myrrh, My fingers with liquid myrrh, On the handles of the lock.

6 I opened to my beloved; But my beloved left; gone away. My heart went out when he spoke. I looked for him, but I didn't find him. I called him, but he didn't answer.

7 The watchmen who go about the city found me. They beat me. They bruised me. The keepers of the walls took my cloak away from me.

8 I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem, If you find my beloved, That you tell him that I am faint with love. Friends

9 How is your beloved better than another beloved, You fairest among women? How is your beloved better than another beloved, That you do so adjure us? Beloved

10 My beloved is white and ruddy. The best among ten thousand.

11 His head is like the purest gold. His hair is bushy, black as a raven.

12 His eyes are like doves beside the water brooks, Washed with milk, mounted like jewels.

13 His cheeks are like a bed of spices with towers of perfume. His lips are like lilies, dropping liquid myrrh.

14 His hands are like rings of gold set with beryl. His body is like ivory work overlaid with sapphires.

15 His legs are like pillars of marble set on sockets of fine gold. His appearance is like Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.

16 His mouth is sweetness; Yes, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, Daughters of Jerusalem. Friends

Song of Solomon 6

1 Where has your beloved gone, you fairest among women? Where has your beloved turned, that we may seek him with you? Beloved

2 My beloved has gone down to his garden, To the beds of spices, To feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

3 I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine. He browses among the lilies,

4 You are beautiful, my love, as Tirzah, Lovely as Jerusalem, awesome as an army with banners.

5 **T**urn away **y**our **e**yes from me, **F**or **th**ey have **o**ver**c**ome me. **Y**our **h**air is **l**ike a flock of **g**oats, **T**hat **l**ie along the **s**ide of Gilead.

6 **Y**our **t**eeth are **l**ike a flock of **e**wes, **W**hich have **c**ome up from the **w**ashing; Of **wh**ich every one has twins; **N**one is bereaved among **th**em.

7 **Y**our temples are **l**ike a piece of a pomegranate behind **y**our veil.

8 **T**here are sixty **q**ueens, eighty concubines, And **v**irgins without number.

9 **M**y **d**ove, my **p**erfect one, is **u**nique. She is her **m**other's **o**nly **d**aughter. She is the favorite one of her **w**ho **b**ore her. The **d**ughters **s**aw her, and **c**alled her **b**lessed, The **q**ueens and the concubines, and **th**ey **p**raised her.

10 **W**ho is she **w**ho **l**ooks **f**orth as the **m**orning, **B**eautiful as the **m**oon, **C**lear as the sun, **â**wesome as an **â**rmy with banners?

11 I went **d**own into the nut **t**ree grove, To **s**ee the **g**reen plants of the valley, To **s**ee **w**hether the **v**ine budded, And the pomegranates were in **f**lower.

12 Without **r**ealizing it, **M**y **d**esire set me **w**ith **m**y royal people's **ch**ariots. Friends

13 **R**eturn, **r**eturn, **S**hulammitel! **R**eturn, **r**eturn, **th**at **w**e may **g**aze at you. **L**over **W**hy **d**o you **d**esire to **g**aze at the **S**hulammitel, As at the **d**ance of Mahanaim?

Song of Solomon 7

1 **H**ow **b**eautiful are **y**our **f**eeet in sandals, **p**rin**c**e's **d**aughter! **Y**our **r**ounded **t**higs are **l**ike **j**ewels, The **w**ork of the **h**ands of a **s**killful **w**orkman.

2 **Y**our **b**ody is **l**ike a **r**ound goblet, No **m**ixed **w**ine is **w**anting. **Y**our **w**aist is **l**ike a **h**eaap of **w**heat, Set **a**bout **w**ith **l**ilies.

3 Your **t**wo **b**reasts are **l**ike **t**wo **f**awns, **T**hat are **t**wins of a **r**oe.

4 **Y**our **n**eck is **l**ike an **i**vory **t**ower. **Y**our **e**yes are **l**ike the **p**ools in **H**eshbon **b**y the **g**ate of **B**ath-rabbim; **Y**our **n**ose is **l**ike the **t**ower of **L**ebanon **wh**ich **l**ooks **t**oward **D**amascus.

5 **Y**our **h**ead on you is **l**ike **C**armel, The **h**air of **y**our **h**ead **l**ike **p**urple; The king is held **c**aptive in its **t**resses.

6 **H**ow **b**eautiful and **h**ow **p**leasant are you, **L**ove, for **d**elights!

7 **T**his, **y**our **s**tature, is **l**ike a **p**alm **t**ree, **Y**our **b**reasts **l**ike its **f**ruit.

8 I said, "I will **c**limb up into the **p**alm **t**ree. I will **t**ake **h**old of its **f**ruit." Let **y**our **b**reasts be **l**ike **cl**usters of the **v**ine, The **s**mell of **y**our **b**reath **l**ike **a**pples, **B**eloved

9 Y^ôur m^outh like the best wine, **That goes down sm^oothly** for my beloved, Gliding **through** the lips of **tho^se who** are asleep.

10 I am my beloved's. His desⁱre is tow^{ar}d me.

11 C^ome, my beloved, let us go f^orth into the field. Let us lodg^e in the villag^es.

12 Let's go **é**arly up to the viney^{ar}d^s. Let's **see whether** the vine has budded, Its blossom is **o**pen, And the pomegranates are in **fl**ower. **There** I will give you my **l**ove.

13 The mandrakes give f^orth fragran^çe. At **o**ur d^oor^s are **á**ll kind^s of precⁱous fruits, new and **o**ld, **Which** I have st^ored up for you, my beloved.

Song of Solomon 8

1 Oh **th**at you were like my **br**other, **who** sucked the breasts of my **m**other! If I found you **o**utside, I w^ould kiss you; Yes, and no one w^ould despⁱs^e me.

2 I w^ould **l**ead you, bringing you into my **m**other's house, **who** w^ould instruct me. I w^ould have you drink spiced wine, Of the **juic**e of my pomegranate.

3 His left hand w^ould be under my head. His **ri**ght hand w^ould embrac^e me.

4 I **adj**ure you, d^áughter^s of Jeru^salem, **Th**at you not stⁱr up, n^or aw^aken **l**ove, Until it so desⁱre^s. Friends

5 **who** is **th**is **who** com^es up from the wilderness, **Le**aning on her beloved? Under the apple **t**ree I aroused you. **There** y^our **m**other **con**ceived you. **There** she was in **l**abor and b^ore you.

6 Set me as a **se**al on y^our he^{ar}t, As a **se**al on y^our **á**rm; **F**o^r **l**ove is strong as de^ath. Jealousy is as **cr**uel as **She**ol; Its **fl**ashes are **fl**ashes of **fi**re, A very **fl**ame of YAHWEH.

7 Many w^áter^s c^án't **qu**ench **l**ove, **Ne**ither can **fl**ood^s **d**rown it. If a man w^ould give **á**ll the wealth of his **h**ouse for **l**ove, **He** w^ould be utterly sc^orn^ed. Friends

8 We have a little sister. She has no breasts. **Wh**at **sh**all we **d**o for **o**ur sister In the **d**ay when she is to be sp^oken for?

9 If she is a w^áll, **We** will build on her a turret of silver. If she is a d^oor, **We** will enclo^se her with **b**oard^s of **ç**edar. Bel^oved

10 I am a w^áll, and my breasts like **t**ower^s, **Th**en I was in his **e**y^es like one **who** found **pe**ace.

14 C^ome away, my beloved! Be like a gazelle or a young stag on the **m**ountain^s of **spic**e^s!

Isaiah 1

The **vi**si**o**n of **I**saiah the **so**n of Amoz, **wh**ich he **s**aw **co**n**c**er**n**ing Judah and Jeru**s**alem, in the **da**ys of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

2 **H**ear, heavens, and listen, **e**ar**th**; **f**or Y**ä**hweh [a] has **sp**oken: "I have **n**our**ish**ed and **br**o**u**ght up **ch**ildren, and **th**ey have **r**e**be**lled against me.

3 The ox **kn**ows his **ow**ner, and the donkey his **m**ä**st**er's **cri**b; but **I**sra**e**l **do**esn't **kn**ow, **m**y **pe**ople **do**n't **C**o**n**sider."

4 Ah **sin**fu**l** **na**ti**o**n, a **pe**ople **lo**aded with **in**iquity, offspring [b] of **ev**il-**do**er**s**, children **wh**o **de**al corruptly! **T**hey have **fo**rsaken Y**ä**hweh. **T**hey have **des**pi**s**ed the **H**oly One of **I**sra**e**l. **T**hey **ä**re **e**strang**e**d and backward.

5 **W**hy **sh**ould you **be** **be**aten **m**ö**r**e, that you **re**volt **m**ö**r**e and **m**ö**r**e? The **wh**ole head **i**s sick, and the **wh**ole **he**ä**r**t **f**aint.

6 From the **so**le of the **fo**öt **ev**en to the head **th**ere **i**s **n**o **so**undness in it: **w**ound**s**, **w**elts, and **o**pen **s**ö**r**e**s**. **T**hey haven't **be**en **cl**os**e**d, **n**eith**e**r **ba**ndag**e**d, **n**eith**e**r **so**oth**e**d with **oi**l.

7 **Y**ö**u**r **co**untry **i**s **de**so**la**te. **Y**ö**u**r **ci**tie**s** **ä**re **b**ü**r**ned with **fi**re. **S**tranger**s** **de**vour **y**ö**u**r land in **y**ö**u**r **pr**es**e**nc**e**, and it **i**s **de**so**la**te, as **ov**er**th**rown by **str**anger**s**.

8 The **d**ä**u**ghter of **Z**ion **i**s left **li**ke a **sh**elter in a vine**y**ä**r**d, **li**ke a hut in a **fi**eld of melons, like a **be**sie**g**e**d** **ci**ty.

9 Unless Y**ä**hweh of **ä**rmie**s** had left to us a very **sm**äll remnant, **w**e **w**ould have **be**en **a**s **S**odom; **w**e **w**ould have **be**en **li**ke Gomorrah.

10 **H**ear Y**ä**hweh's **w**ö**r**d, **y**ou **ru**ler**s** of Sodom! Listen to the **l**ä**w** of **o**ur God, [c] you **pe**ople of Gomorrah!

11 "**W**hat **ä**re the **mu**ltit**u**de of **y**ö**u**r **sa**crific**e**s to **m**e?", says Y**ä**hweh. "I have had **en**ough of the **b**ü**r**nt offerings of **ra**m**s**, and the fat of **fe**d **an**imal**s**. I **do**n't **de**li**g**ht in the **bl**ö**o**d of **b**ü**l**l**s**, or of **la**m**b**s, or of **ma**le **go**ats.

12 **W**hen you **co**me to **ap**pear **be**fö**r**e me, **wh**o **ha**s **re**qu**ir**ed **th**is at **y**ö**u**r hand, to **tr**ample **m**y **c**ö**u**rt**s**?

13 Bring **n**o **m**ö**r**e **v**ain offerings. **I**nc**e**nse **i**s an **ab**ominati**o**n to **m**e; **n**e**w** **m**ö**o**n**s**, **S**abbat**h**s, and **co**nvocati**o**n**s**: I **c**ä**n**'t bear **w**ith **ev**il **as**sembli**e**s.

14 **M**y **so**ul **ha**tes **y**ö**u**r **N**e**w** **M**ö**o**n**s** and **y**ö**u**r **ap**pointed **fe**asts. **T**hey **ä**re a **b**ü**r**den to **m**e. I am **w**eary of bearing **th**em.

15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you. Yes, when you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.

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

17 Learn to do well. Seek justice. Relieve the oppressed. Judge the fatherless. Plead for the widow.”

18 “Come now, and let us reason together,” says Yāhweh: “Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

20 but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of Yāhweh has spoken it.”

21 How the faithful city has become a prostitute! She was full of justice; righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers.

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

23 Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves. Everyone loves bribes, and follows after rewards. They don't judge the fatherless, neither does the cause of the widow come to them.

24 Therefore the Lord, Yahweh of armies, the Mighty One of Israel, says: “Ah, I will get relief from my adversaries, and avenge myself on my enemies;

25 and I will turn my hand on you, thoroughly purge away your dross, and will take away all your tin.[e]

26 I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called 'The city of righteousness, a faithful town.'

27 Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and her converts with righteousness.

28 But the destruction of transgressors and sinners shall be together, and those who forsake Yāhweh shall be consumed.

29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which you have desired, and you shall be confounded for the gardens that you have chosen.

30 For you shall be as an oak whose leaf fades, and as a garden that has no water.

31 The strong will be like tinder, and his work like a spark. They will both burn together, and no one will quench them.”

Isaiah 2

This is what Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 It shall happen in the latter days, that the mountain of Yähwēh's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.

3 Many people shall go and say, "Come, let's go up to the mountain of Yähwēh, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For out of Zion the law shall go out, and Yähwēh's word from Jerusalem.

4 He will judge between the nations, and will decide concerning many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

5 House of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of Yähwēh.

6 For you have forsaken your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled from the east, with those who practice divination like the Philistines, and they clasp hands with the children of foreigners.

7 Their land is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures. Their land also is full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots.

8 Their and also is full of idols. They worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made.

9 Man is brought low, and mankind is humbled; therefore don't forgive them.

10 Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, from before the terror of Yähwēh, and from the glory of his majesty.

11 The lofty looks of man will be brought low, the haughtiness of men will be bowed down, and Yähwēh alone will be exalted in that day.

12 For there will be a day of Yähwēh of armies for all that is proud and haughty, and for all that is lifted up; and it shall be brought low:

13 For all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, for all the oaks of Bashan,

14 For all the high mountains, for all the hills that are lifted up,

15 For every lofty tower, for every fortified wall,

16 For **á**ll the **ships** of Tarshish, and **fó**r **á**ll pleáshant imagery.

17 The loftiness of man **shall be** bowed **dó**wn, and the háughtiness of men **shall be** bróught **low**; and Yáhweh **alone shall be** exálted in **that day**.

18 The **idols shall** utterly páss away.

19 Men **shall go into** the **caveş** of the rocks, and **into** the **holeş** of the **é**arth, from befóre the terror of Yáhweh, and from the glóry of hiş majesty, *when he ariseş* to **shake** the **é**arth mightily.

20 In **that day**, men **shall cá**st away **their idols** of silver, and **their idols** of gold, which have **been made fó**r **themselveş** to wórsnip, to the moleş and to the bats;

21 To **go into** the cavernş of the rocks, and **into** the clefts of the ragged rocks, from befóre the terror of Yáhweh, and from the glóry of hiş majesty, *when he ariseş* to **shake** the **é**arth mightily.

22 Stop trusting in man, *whose breath is* in hiş nostrils; for of **whát accó**unt **iş** he?

Isaiah 3

Fór, behold,[a] the Lórd, Yáhweh of ármieş, **takes away** from Jeruşalem and from Judah supply and suppórt, the **whole** supply of bread, and the **whole** supply of wáter;

2 the **mighty** man, the man of wárr, the **judg**e, the **prophet**, the **diviner**, the elder,

3 the captain of fifty, the honorable man, the **có**nselor, the skilled crafts-man, and the clever **enchanter**.

4 I will give boyş to **be** **their** prínceş, and **children shall rule over** them.

5 The **people** will **be** oppresse**d**, everyone **by** anóther, and everyone **by** hiş neighbor. The **child** will **behave** himself **pró**udly **against** the **old** man, and the **base** **against** the honorable.

6 **Indeed** a man **shall take hold** of hiş bróther in the **houş**e of hiş fáther, **saying**, “**You** have **clothing**, **you be** **our** ruler, and let **this ruin be** under **yó**ur hand.”

7 In **that day** he will **cry** **out**, **saying**, “I will not **be** a **healer**; for in my **houş**e **iş** **neither** bread **nó**r **clothing**. **You shall** not **make** me ruler of the **people**.”

8 For Jeruşalem **iş** **ruined**, and Judah **iş** **fá**llen; **becá**use **their** **tó**ngue and **their** **dó**ingş **á**re **against** Yáhweh, to **pró**voke the **eyeş** of hiş glóry.

9 The **ló**ok of **their** **faceş** **testify** **against** **them**. **They** **parade** **their** sin **like** Sodom. **They** **don't** **hide** it. **Wo**e to **their** **soul**! For **they** have **bró**ught **disá**ster upon **themselveş**.

10 Tell the **righteous** “Good!” For **they shall eat** the fruit of **their deeds**.

11 **Woe** to the wicked! **Disaster is** upon **them** for the **deeds** of his hands will be **paid** back to him.

12 **As for** my people, **children are** their oppressors, and women **rule over** them. **My people, those who** lead you **cause you** to **err**, and destroy the way of **your paths**.

13 **Yahweh stands** up to contend, and **stands** to **judge** the people.

14 **Yahweh** will enter into **judgment with** the elders of his people, and **their leaders**: “It is you who have **eaten** up the vineyard. The plunder of the **poor** is in **your houses**.”

15 **What do you mean that you** crush my people, and grind the **face** of the **poor**?” says the **Lord**, **Yahweh of armies**.

16 **Moreover** **Yahweh** said, “**Because** the **daughters** of **Zion** are **haughty**, and **walk with** **outstretched** necks and **flirting eyes**, walking to trip **as they go**, jingling **ornaments** on **their feet**;

17 **therefore** the **Lord** brings **sore** on the crown of the head of the women of **Zion**, and **Yahweh** will **make** their scalps **bald**.”

18 In **that day** the **Lord** will **take** away the **beauty** of **their** anklets, the headbands, the **creccent necklaces**,

19 the **earrings**, the **bracelets**, the **veils**,

20 the **headdresses**, the **ankle chains**, the **sashes**, the **perfume bottles**, the **charms**,

21 the **signet rings**, the **nose rings**,

22 the **fine robes**, the **cap**es, the **cloaks**, the **purses**,

23 the **hand mirrors**, the **fine linen garments**, the **tiaras**, and the **shawls**.

24 It **shall** happen **that** instead of **sweet spices**, **there shall be** rottenness; instead of a **belt**, a **rope**; instead of well set **hair**, **baldness**; instead of a **robe**, a wearing of sackcloth; and branding instead of **beauty**.

25 **Your** men **shall fall** by the **sword**, and **your** **mighty** in the **war**.

26 Her **gates** **shall** lament and **mourn**; and **she** **shall be** **desolate** and sit on the **ground**.

Isaiah 4

Seven women **shall take hold** of one man in **that day**, saying, “We will **eat our own bread**, and wear **our own clothing**: **only let us be called by your name**. **Take away our reproach**.”

2 In **that day**, Yähweh’s **branch** will be **beautiful** and **glorious**, and the **fruit** of the land will be the **beauty** and **glory** of the **survivors** of **Israel**.

3 It will happen, **that he who is** left in **Zion**, and **he who remains** in **Jerusalem**, **shall be called holy**, **even everyone who is** written among the living in **Jerusalem**;

4 *when* the **Lôrd** **shall have washed away** the **filth** of the **daughters** of **Zion**, and **shall have purged** the **blood** of **Jerusalem** from **within** it, **by** the spirit of **justice**, and **by** the spirit of **burning**.

5 Yähweh will **create** **over** the **whole** **habitation** of **Mount Zion**, and **over her assemblies**, a **cloud** and **smoke** **by day**, and the **shining** of a **flaming fire** **by night**; **fôr** **over** **all** the **glôry** will be a **canopy**.

6 **There** will be a **pavilion** **fôr** a **shade** in the **daytime** from the **heat**, and **fôr** a **refuge** and **fôr** a **shelter** from **storm** and from **rain**

Isaiah 5

Let **me** sing **fôr** **my** well **belôved** a **song** of **my** **belôved** about **his** **vineyard**. **My** **belôved** had a **vineyard** on a very **fruitful** hill.

2 He dug it up, **gathered** **out** its **stones**, planted it **with** the **choicest** **vine**, built a **tower** in the middle of it, and **also** cut **out** a **wine** press **therein**. He **looked fôr** it to **yield** **grapes**, but it **yielded** **wild** **grapes**.

3 “**Now**, inhabitants of **Jerusalem** and men of **Judah**, **please** **judge** **between** **me** and **my** **vineyard**.

4 **What** **could** have **been** **done** **more** to **my** **vineyard**, **that** I have not **done** in it? **Why**, **when** I **looked fôr** it to **yield** **grapes**, did it **yield** **wild** **grapes**?

5 **Now** I will tell **you** **what** I will **do** to **my** **vineyard**. I will **take** **away** its **hedge**, and it will **be** **eaten** up. I will **break** **down** its **wall** of it, and it will **be** **trampled** **down**.

6 I will **lay** it a **wasteland**. It **won't** **be** **pruned** **nôr** **hoed**, but it will **grow** **briers** and **thorns**. I will **also** command the **clouds** **that** **they** **rain** **no** **rain** on it.”

7 For the **vineyard** of Yähweh of **armies** **is** the **house** of **Israel**, and the men of **Judah** **his** **pleasant** plant: and **he** **looked fôr** **justice**, but, **behold**, **oppression**; for **righteousness**, but, **behold**, a **cry** of **distress**.

8 Woe to **thoſe** *who* join **houſe** to **houſe**, *who* lay field to **field**, until **there iſ** no **reem**, and *you* **äre** made to dwell **alone** in the middle of the land!

9 In **my earſ**, Yähweh of **ärmieſ** ſayſ:“**Surely** many **houſeſ** will be **deſolate**, **even** **great** and **beautiful**, unoccupied.

10 For ten **acreſ** [a] of viney**ä**rd **shall** yield one **bäth**, [b] and a **homer** [c] of **seed** **shall** yield an **ephah**.” [d]

11 Woe to **thoſe** *who* **riſe** up **ë**arly in the **mörning**, **that** **they** may follow strong drink; *who* **stay** **late** into the **niġht**, until **wine** inflameſ **them**!

12 The **härp**, **lyre**, tambourine, and **flute**, with **wine**, **äre** at **their** **feast**s; but **they** don't respect the **wörk** of Yähweh, **neither** have **they** **conſidered** the operation of hiſ **handſ**.

13 **Therefore** **my** **people** go into captivity **för** lack of **knowledġe**. **Their** honorable men **äre** **famiſhed**, and **their** **multitudeſ** **äre** **pärched** with **thiſt**.

14 **Therefore** **Sheol** [e] has en**lä**rged its **deſire**, and **opened** its **mouth** **without** **meaſure**; and **their** **glör**y, **their** **multitude**, **their** **pomp**, and **he** *who* **rejoiceſ** among **them**, **deſcend** into it.

15 **So** man iſ **brö**ught **low**, mankind iſ **humbled**, and the **eyeſ** of the arrogant oneſ **äre** **humbled**;

16 but Yähweh of **ärmieſ** iſ **exäl**ted in **juſtice**, and God the **Holy** One iſ **ſanctified** in **riġhteous**neſſ.

17 **Then** the **lambſ** will **graze** aſ in **their** **pä**ſture, and **ſtrangerſ** will **eat** the **ruinſ** of the **rich**.

18 Woe to **thoſe** *who* **drä**w iniquity with **cördſ** of **fälſehöö**d, and wickedneſſ aſ with **cä**rt **rope**;

19 *Who* **ſay**, “Let him **make** **ſpeed**, let him **haſten** hiſ **wörk**, **that** **we** may **ſee** it; and let the **counſel** of the **Holy** One of **Iſrael** **drä**w **near** and **cö**me, **that** **we** may **know** it!”

20 Woe to **thoſe** *who* **cäll** **evil** **göö**d, and **göö**d **evil**; *who* **püt** **därkneſſ** **för** **liġht**, and **liġht** **för** **därkneſſ**; *who* **püt** **bitter** **för** **ſweet**, and **ſweet** **för** **bitter**!

21 Woe to **thoſe** *who* **äre** **wiſe** in **their** **own** **eyeſ**, and **prudent** in **their** **own** **ſiġht**!

22 Woe to **thoſe** *who* **äre** **miġhty** to drink **wine**, and **championſ** at mixing strong drink;

23 *who* **acqu**it the **guilty** **för** a **bribe**, but **deny** **juſtice** **för** the **innocent**!

24 **Therefôre** aš the tóngue of fire devourš the stubble, and aš the dry gräss sinks down in the flame, so their reet shall be aš rottenness, and their blossom shall go up aš dust; because they have rejected the lăw of Yăhweh of ärmieš, and despiseđ the wôrd of the Holy One of Išrael.

25 **Therefôre** Yăhweh'š anger bûrnš against hiš people, and he haš stretchđ out hiš hand against them, and haš struck them. The mountains tremble, and their dead bodieš äre aš refuse in the middle of the streets. For äll this, hiš anger iš not tûrned away, but hiš hand iš still stretchđ out.

26 He will lift up a banner to the nationš from fär, and he will whistle fôr them from the end of the êarth. Behold, they will come speedily and swiftly.

27 No one shall be weary nôr stumble among them; no one shall slumber nôr sleep; neither shall the belt of their waist be untied, nor the strap of their sandalš be broken:

28 whesē arrowš äre shärp, and äll their bows bent. Their hôrseš' hooſs will be like flint, and their wheelš like a whîrlwind.

Their rôaring will be like a lioness. They will rôar like young lionš. Yes, they shall rôar, and seize their prey and carry it off, and there will be no one to deliver.

30 They will rôar against them in that day like the rôaring of the sea. If one loôks to the land behold, dărkness and distress. The light iš dărkened in its cloudš.

Isaiah 6

In the year that king Uzziah died, I sâw the Lôrd sitting on a throne, high and lifted up; and hiš train filled the temple.

2 Above him stôod the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With twe he covered hiš façe. With twe he covered hiš feet. With twe he flew.

3 One cälled to another, and said,

“Holy, holy, holy, iš Yăhweh of ärmieš! The whole êarth iš full of hiš glôry!”

4 The foundationš of the thresholdš shôok at the voiçe of him who cälled, and the house wăš filled with smoke.

5 **Then** I said, “Woe iš me! Fôr I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell among a people of unclean lips: fôr my eyēš have seen the King, Yăhweh of ärmieš!”

6 **Then** one of the seraphim flew to **me**, having a live **coal** in his hand, **which** he had taken **with** the tongs from off the **altar**.

7 He **touch**ed my **mouth** **with** it, and said, "Behold, **this** has **touch**ed yôur lips; and yôur iniquity **is** taken away, and yôur sin forgiven."

8 I **heard** the **Lôrd's** voice, saying, "**Whom** shall I send, and **who** will go **fôr** us?"

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

9 He said, "Go, and tell **this** people,

'**You** hear **indeed**, but **don't** understand; and **you** see **indeed**, but **don't** **pêrceive**.'

10 **Make** the **heärt** of **this** people fat. **Make** their **ear**s heavy, and **shut** their **eye**s; lest they see **with** their **eye**s, and hear **with** their **ear**s, and understand **with** their **heärt**, and **tûrn** again, and **be** healed."

11 **Then** I said, "Lord, **how** long?"

He answered,

"Until **çities** **äre** waste **with**out inhabitant, and **house**s **with**out man, and the land **becôme**s utterly waste,

12 And **Yähweh** has removed men **fär** away, and the forsaken **plaçe**s **äre** many **with**in the land.

13 If **there** **is** a **tenth** left in it, **that** **älso** will in **tûrn** **be** **cônsum**ed: as a terebinth, and **a**s an oak, **who**e stock **remain**s when they **äre** felled; **so** the holy **seed** **is** its stock."

Isaiah 7

In the **day**s of Ahaz the **son** of Jotham, the **son** of Uzziah, king of **Judah**, Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the **son** of Remaliah, king of **I**srael, went up to **Jeru**salem to **wär** against it, but **coûd** not prevail against it.

2 **David's** **hou**se **wa**s told, "Syria **is** allied **with** Ephraim." His **heärt** trembled, and the **heärt** of his **peo**ple, **a**s the **tree**s of the forest tremble **with** the wind.

3 **Then** **Yähweh** said to **I**saiah, "Go **out** **now** to **meet** Ahaz, **you**, and **Shearjashub** yôur **son**, at the end of the **conduit** of the upper **pool**, on the **highway** of the fuller's field.

4 Tell him, 'Be **carefûl**, and **keep** **cä**m. **Don't** **be** afraid, **neither** let yôur **heärt** **be** faint **becau**se of **thes**e **two** tails of smoking **tôrche**s, **fôr** the **fiêr**ce anger of Rezin and Syria, and of the **son** of Remaliah.

5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the s**ón** of Remaliah, have plotted **evil** against **you**, **saying**,

6 “Let’s **go** up against **Judah**, and **tear** it **apärt**, and let’s **divide** it among **ourselves**, and set up a king **within** it, **even** the s**ón** of Tabeel.”

7 **This is** *whát* the L**órd** Y**äh**w**eh** **says**: “It **shall** not stand, **neither** **shall** it happen.”

8 For the head of Syria **is** Damascus, and the head of Damascus **is** Rezin; and **within** sixty-**five** **years** Ephraim **shall be** broken in **pieces**, **so that** it **shall** not be a **people**;

9 and the head of **Ephraim** **is** **Samaria**, and the head of **Samaria** **is** Remaliah’s **són**. If **you** will not **believe**, **surely** **you** **shall** not be **established**.”

10 Y**äh**w**eh** **spoke** again to Ahaz, **saying**, 11 “Ask a **sign** of Y**äh**w**eh** **yóur** God; **ask** it **either** in the **depth**, **ór** in the **height** **abóve**.”

12 But Ahaz said, “I will not **ask**, **neither** will I tempt Y**äh**w**eh**.”

13 **He** said, “Listen **now**, **houše** of **David**. **Is** it not **enough** **fóur** **you** to try the **patience** of men, **that** **you** will try the **patience** of **my** God **álsó**?

14 **Theréfóre** the L**órd** himself will give **you** a **sign**. Behold, the **vîr**gin will **conceive**, and bear a **són**, and **shall** **cáll** his **name** Immanuel.[a]

15 **He** **shall** **eat** butter and **hóney** *when he knows* to **refuse** the **evil**, and **cheese** the **góod**.

16 For **befóre** the **child** *knows* to **refuse** the **evil**, and **cheese** the **góod**, the land *whése* **twé** **kings** **you** **abhóur** **shall be** forsaken.

17 Y**äh**w**eh** will bring on **you**, on **yóur** **people**, and on **yóur** **fáther’s** **houše**, **days** **that** have not **come**, from the **day** **that** Ephraim **depärted** from **Judah**; **even** the king of Assyria.

18 It will happen in **that** **day** **that** Y**äh**w**eh** will *whistle* **fóur** the **fly** **that** **is** in the uttermost **pärt** of the **rivers** of **Egypt**, and **fóur** the **bee** **that** **is** in the land of Assyria.

19 **They** **shall** **come**, and **shall** **áll** rest in the **desólate** **valleys**, in the clefts of the rocks, on **áll** **thórn** **hedges**, and on **áll** **pástures**.

20 In **that** **day** the L**órd** will **shave** **with** a **razor** **that** **is** **hired** in the **pärts** beyond the River, **even** **with** the king of Assyria, the head and the **hair** of the **feet**; and it **shall** **álsó** **consume** the **beard**.

21 It **shall** happen in **that** **day** **that** a man **shall** **keep** **alive** a young **cow**, and **twé** **sheep**;

22 and it **shall** happen, **that** because of the abundance of milk **which they shall** give **he shall** eat butter: **fôr** everyone will eat butter and **honey that is** left **within** the land.

23 It will happen in **that day** that every place where **there were** a **thousand** vines at a **thousand** silver shekels,[b] shall be **fôr** briers and **thorns**.

24 **People** will go **there** with arrows and with bow, because **âll** the land will be briers and **thorns**.

25 All the hills **that were** cultivated with the hoe, **you shall** not come **there** **fôr** fear of briers and **thorns**; but it **shall be** **fôr** the sending out of oxen, and **fôr** the treading of sheep.”

Isaiah 8

Yâhweh said to me, “Take a **läg** tablet, and write on it with a man's pen, 'For Maher Shalal Hash Baz'; [a]

2 and I will take **fôr** myself faithful witnesses to testify: **Uriah** the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.”

3 I went to the prophetess, and **she** conceived, and bore a son. **Then** Yâhweh said to me, “Call his name 'Maher Shalal Hash Baz.'

4 For before the **child** knows how to say, 'My father, You and, 'My mother, You the riches of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria will be carried away by the king of Assyria.”

5 Yâhweh spoke to me yet again, saying,

6 “Because **this** people have refused the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son;

7 **now** therefore, behold, the Lord brings upon **them** the mighty flood waters of the River: the king of Assyria and **âll** his glory. It will come up over **âll** its channel, and go over **âll** its banks.

8 It will sweep onward into Judah. It will overflow and pass through; it will reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of its wings will fill the width of your land, Immanuel.

9 Make an uproar, you people, and be broken in pieces! Listen, **âll** you from far countries: dress for battle, and be shattered! Dress for battle, and be shattered!

10 Take counsel together, and it will be brought to nothing; speak the word, and it will not stand: **fôr** God is with us.”

11 For Yähweh spoke **thus** to **me with** a strong hand, and instructed **me** not to **wá**lk in the way of **this** **pe**ople, saying,

12 “**Don't say**, 'A **c**onspiráçy! **You c**onçêrning **á**ll **ab**out **wh**ich **this** **pe**ople **say**, 'A **c**onspiráçy! **You** **ne**ither **f**ear **th**eir **th**reats, **n**ôr **be** terrorized.

13 Yähweh of **á**rmieş **iş** **wh**o **you** must respect **aş** **h**oly. **He** **iş** the one **you** must **f**ear. **He** **iş** the one **you** must dread.

14 He will **be** a sanctuary, but **f**ôr **bo**th **h**ouseş of **Iş**rael, **he** will **be** a trap and a **s**na**r**e **f**ôr the inhabitants of **Jeru**şalem.

15 Many will stumble **o**ver it, **f**áll, **be** broken, **be** **s**na**r**ed, and **be** **c**aptured.”

16 Wrap up the testim**o**ny. Seal the **l**áw **a**m**o**ng **my** **dis**çipleş.

17 I will **wait** **f**ôr Yähweh, **wh**o **h**ideş **hiş** **f**aç**e** from the **h**ou**ş**e of **J**acob, and I will **l**ô**o**k **f**ôr him.

18 **Beh**old, I and the **ch**ildren **wh**em Yähweh **haş** given **me** **á**re **f**ôr **s**ign**ş** and **f**ôr **w**onder**ş** in **Iş**rael from Yähweh of **á**rmieş, **wh**o **d**well**ş** in Mount **Z**ion.

19 **Wh**en **th**ey tell **you**, “Consult **with** **th**o**ş**e **wh**o have familiar spirits and **with** the **w**izard**ş**, **wh**o chirp and **wh**o mutter:” **sh**ô**u**ldn't a **pe**ople consult **with** **th**eir **G**od? **Sh**ô**u**ld **th**ey consult the dead on behálf of the living?

20 **T**ûrn to the **l**áw and to the testim**o**ny! If **th**ey **do**n't **s**pe**a**k **acc**ôrding to **th**is **w**ôrd, **su**rely **th**ere **iş** **n**o **m**ôrning **f**ôr **th**em.

21 **Th**ey will **p**áss **th**rou**gh** it, very distressed and hungry; and it will happen **th**at **wh**en **th**ey **á**re hungry, **th**ey will **w**orry, and **c**ûr**s**ed **by** **th**eir **k**ing and **by** **th**eir **G**od. **Th**ey will **t**ûrn **th**eir **f**aç**eş** upward,

22 and **l**ô**o**k to the **é**ar**th**, and **see** distress, **d**árkness, and the **g**l**o**om of anguish.. **Th**ey will **be** driven **int**o **th**ick **d**árkness. ck to the plunder, swift toy”.

Isaiah 9

But **th**ere **sh**all **be** **n**o **m**ôre **g**l**o**om **f**ôr **h**êr **wh**o **w**áş in anguish.. In the **f**ôrmer **t**ime, **he** **br**ô**u**ght **int**o contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the latter **t**ime **he** **haş** **m**ade it **g**l**o**rious, **by** the way of the **s**ea, beyond the **J**ôrdan, **G**alilee of the **n**ation**ş**.

2 The **pe**ople **wh**o **w**á**k**ed in **d**árkness have **seen** a **g**reat **l**ight. **Th**o**ş**e **wh**o lived in the land of the **sh**adow of **de**ath, on **th**em the **l**ight **haş** **sh**ined.

3 **You** have multiplied the **n**ation. **You** have **inc**re**a**sed **th**eir **joy**. **Th**ey **re**joice **bef**ôre **you** **acc**ôrding to the joy in **h**árvest, **aş** men **re**joice **wh**en **th**ey **d**ivide the **p**lunder.

4 For the **yoke** of hiş **bûrden**, and the **stâff** of hiş **shoulder**, the rod of hiş oppressor, **you** have **broken aş** in the **day** of Midian.

5 For **âll** the **ârmor** of the **ârmêd** man in the **noişy** battle, and the **gârments** **rolled** in **blôod**, will **be fôr bûrning**, **fuel fôr** the **fire**.

6 For to us a **child** iş **bôrn**. To us a **sôn** iş given; and the **gôvêrnment** will **be** on hiş **shoulderş**. Hiş **name** will **be cálled** **Wônderfûl**, **Côunselor**, **Miğhty** God, **Everlâsting** **Fâther**, **Prinçe** of **Peaçe**.

7 Of the **increâse** of hiş **gôvêrnment** and of **peaçe** **there shall be no** end, on **David's throne**, and on hiş **kingdôm**, to **establish** it, and to **uphold** it **with** **justiçe** and **with** **riğhteousness** from **that time** on, **even** forever. The **zeal** of **Yâhwêh** of **ârmieş** will **perfôr** **this**.

8 The **Lôrd** sent a **wôrd** into **Jacob**, and it **fállş** on **Işrael**.

9 All the **people** will **know**, including Ephraim and the inhabitants of **Samaria**, **who say** in **pride** and in **arrogançe** of **heârt**,

10 "The bricks have **fâllen**, but **we** will **build with** **cut stone**. The **sycamôre** **fig treeş** have **been** cut **down**, but **we** will **put çedarş** in **their plaçe**."

11 **Therefore** **Yâhwêh** will set up on **high** against him the **advêrsarieş** of **Rezin**, and will **stîr** up hiş **enemieş**,

12 The **Syrians** in **frônt**, and the **Philistines** **behind**; and **they** will **devoûr** **Işrael** **with open** **mouth**. For **âll this**, hiş **anger** iş not **tûrned** **away**, but hiş **hand** iş **stretchêd** **out** still.

13 Yet the **people** have not **tûrned** to him **who** struck **them**, **neither** have **they sôught** **Yâhwêh** of **ârmieş**.

14 **Therefore** **Yâhwêh** will cut off from **Işrael** **head** and **tail**, **pâ/m** **branch** and **reed**, in **one** **day**.

15 The **elder** and the **honorabê** man iş the **head**, and the **prophet** **who** **teaçeş** **lieş** iş the **tail**.

16 For **thoşe** **who** lead **this** **people** lead **them** **astray**; and **thoşe** **who** **âre** led by **them** **âre** **destroyed**.

17 **Therefore** the **Lôrd** will not **rejoiçe** **over** **their** young men, **neither** will **he** have **cômpassiôn** on **their** **fâtherless** and **widowş**; for everyone iş **profane** and an **evildêr**, and every m still **outh** **speaks** **folly**. For **âll this** hiş **anger** iş not **tûrned** **away**, but hiş **hand** iş **stretchêd** **out**.

18 For wickedness **bûrnş** like a **fire**. It **devourş** the **brierş** and **thörnş**; yes, it **kindleş** in the **thicket**s of the forest, and **they roll** upward in a **column** of **smoke**.

19 **Through** **Yähweh** of **Armies'** **wrätth**, the land **iş** **bûrnt** up; and the **people** **äre** the **fuel** **fôr** the **fire**. **No** one **spareş** hiş **brother**.

20 One will **devour** on the **right** hand, and **be** hungry; and **he** will **eat** on the left hand, and **they** will not **be** **satisfied**. Everyone will **eat** the **flesh** of hiş **own** **ärm**:

21 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh; and **they** **together** **shall** **be** **against** **Judah**. For **äll** **this** hiş **anger** **iş** not **tûrned** away, but hiş **hand** **iş** **stretcheđ** **out** still.

Isaiah 10

Woe to **thoşe** **who** **decree** **unrighteous** **decreeş**, and to the **writerş** **who** **write** **oppressive** **decrees**;

2 to **deprive** the **needy** from **justice**, and to rob the **pöor** among **my** **people** of **their** **rights**, **that** **widowş** **may** **be** **their** **plunder**, and **that** **they** **may** **make** the **fätherless** **their** **prey**!

3 **What** will **you** **de** in the **day** of **vişitation**, and in the **deşolation** **which** will **come** from **afär**? To **whom** will **you** **flee** **fôr** **help**? **Where** will **you** **leave** **yöur** **wealth**?

4 **They** will **only** bow **down** under the **prişonerş**, and will **fäll** under the **slain**. For **äll** **this** hiş **anger** **iş** not **tûrned** away, but hiş **hand** **iş** **stretcheđ** **out** still.

5 Alas Assyrian, the rod of **my** **anger**, the **stäff** in **whoşe** **hand** **iş** **my** **indignation**!

6 I will send him **against** a **profane** **nation**, and **against** the **people** **who** **anger** **me** will I give him a **command** to **take** the **plunder** and to **take** the **prey**, and to **tread** **them** **down** **like** the **mirre** of the **streets**.

7 **How**ever **he** **doşn't** **mean** **so**, **neither** **doş** hiş **heärt** **think** **so**; but it **iş** in hiş **heärt** to **destroy**, and to **cut** off not a few **nationş**.

8 For **he** **sayş**, "Aren't **äll** of **my** **prinçeş** **kingş**?"

9 **Işn't** **Calno** **like** **Carchemish**? **Işn't** **Hamath** **like** **Arpad**? **Işn't** **Samaria** **like** **Damascus**?"

10 **Aş** **my** **hand** **haş** **found** the **kingdömş** of the **idolş**, **whoşe** **engraved** **imageş** **exceedeđ** **thoşe** of **Jeruşalem** and of **Samaria**;

11 **shall** I not, **aş** I have **done** to **Samaria** and **hêr** **idolş**, **so** **de** to **Jeruşalem** and **hêr** **idolş**?

12 **Therefore** it will happen **that**, when the **Lôrd** has performed his whole work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the willful proud heart of the king of Assyria, and the insolence of his haughty looks.

13 For he has said, "By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I have understanding: and I have removed the boundaries of the people, and have robbed their treasures. Like a valiant man I have brought down their rulers.

14 My hand has found the riches of the people like a nest, and like one gathers eggs that are abandoned, have I gathered all the earth. There was no one who moved their wing, or that opened their mouth, or chirped."

15 **Shoûd** an ax brag against him who chops with it? **Shoûd** a saw exalt itself above him who saws with it? As if a rod should lift those who lift it up, or as if a staff should lift up someone who is not wood.

16 **Therefore** the **Lôrd**, **Yähweh** of armies, will send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory a burning will be kindled like the burning of fire.

17 The light of Israel will be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and it will burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day.

18 He will consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body. It will be as when a standard bearer faints.

19 The remnant of the trees of his forest shall be few, so that a child could write their number.

20 It will come to pass in that day that the remnant of Israel, and those who have escaped from the house of Jacob will no more again lean on him who struck them, but shall lean on **Yähweh**, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

21 A remnant will return, even the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.

22 For though your people, Israel, are like the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will return. A destruction is determined, overflowing with righteousness.

23 For the **Lôrd**, **Yähweh** of armies, will make a full end, and that determined, throughout all the earth.

24 **Therefore** the **Lôrd**, **Yähweh** of armies, says "My people who dwell in Zion, don't be afraid of the Assyrian, though he strike you with the rod, and lift up his staff against you, as Egypt did.

25 For yet a very little while, and the indignation against you will be accomplished, and my anger will be directed to his destruction."

26 Yāhweh of **ārmieş** will **stīr** up a **scōurg**e against him, a**ş** in the slā**ugh**ter of Midian at the rock of Oreb. Hi**ş** rod will **be over** the **sea**, and **he** will lift it up **like he did** against **Egypt**.

27 It will happen in **that day**, **that hiş būrden** will dep**ärt** from off y**ō**ur **shou**lder, and hi**ş yoke** from off y**ō**ur neck, and the **yoke shall be** destroyed beca**use** of the anointing oil.

28 **He** ha**ş** **cō**me to Aiath. **He** ha**ş** p**ässe**d **throu**gh Migron. At Michmash **he stōreş** hi**ş** **bagga**ge.

29 **They** have gone **over** the **päss**. **They** have **taken up** **their lodg**ing at Geba. Ramah tremble**ş**. Gibeah of Saul ha**ş** fled.

30 Cry **aloud with** y**ō**ur **voic**e, d**ā**ughter of Gallim! Listen, Laishah! **You pō**or Anathoth!

31 Madmenah **iş** a **fug**itive. The inhabitants of Gebim **flee fō**r **saf**ety.

32 This very **day** **he** will **hā**lt at Nob. **He** **shake**s hi**ş** hand at the **mountain** of the d**ā**ughter of **Zion**, the hill of **Jeru**şalem.

33 Beh**old**, the **Lō**rd, Yāhweh of **ārmieş**, will lop the **bo**ugh**ş** **with** terror. The **tā**ll will **be** cut **down**, and the lofty will **be** br**ō**ught **low**.

34 **He** will cut **down** the **th**icket**s** of the forest **with** **irō**n, and Lebanon will **fā**ll **by** the **Mi**ghty One.

Isaiah 11

A **she**et will **cō**me **out** of the stock of Jesse, and a **branch** **out** of hi**ş** **re**ets will bear fruit.

2 Yāhweh'**ş** Spirit will rest on him: the spirit of wi**ş**d**ō**m and understanding, the spirit of **cō**nsel and **mi**ght, the spirit of *knowledg*e and of the **fe**ar of Yāhweh.

3 Hi**ş** deli**gh**t will **be** in the **fe**ar of Yāhweh. **He** will not **judg**e **by** the **si**ght of hi**ş** **ey**e**ş**, **neither** **dec**ide **by** the **he**aring of hi**ş** **ear**ş;

4 but **with** **ri**ght**e**ousness **he** will **judg**e the **pō**or, and **dec**ide **with** **equ**ity **fō**r the humble of the **ē**arth. **He** will **strike** the **ē**arth **with** the rod of hi**ş** **mouth**; and **with** the **breath** of hi**ş** lips **he** will kill the wicked.

5 **Ri**ght**e**ousness will **be** the belt of hi**ş** **wa**ist, and **fa**ith**fu**lness the belt of hi**ş** **wa**ist.

6 The **wō**lf will live **with** the **lamb**, and the leopard will **lie** **down** **with** the young **go**at; The **cā**f, the young **liō**n, and the fattened **cā**f **toget**her; and a little **child** will **lead** **them**.

7 The **c**ow and the bear will **g**raze. **T**heir young one**s** will **l**ie **d**own together. The **l**ion will **e**at str**á**w **l**ike the ox.

8 The **n**ursing **ch**ild will **p**lay **n**ear a cobra's **h**ole, and the **w**eaned **ch**ild will **p**ut his hand on the **v**iper's **d**en.

9 They will not **h**urt **n**or **d**estroy in **á**ll **m**y **h**oly **m**ountain; for the **é**arth will **b**e **f**ull of the **k**nowled**g**e of **Y**ähweh, as the **w**áter**s** **c**óver the **se**a.

10 It will happen in **th**at **d**ay **th**at the **n**ation**s** will **s**ee**k** the **r**oot of Jesse, **w**ho **s**tand**s** **a**s a banner of the **p**eople**s**; and his **r**esting **p**lac**e** will **b**e **g**l**ó**rious.

11 It will happen in **th**at **d**ay **th**at the **L**órd will set his **h**and **a**gain the **s**econd **t**ime to **r**e**c**over the remnant **th**at **i**s left of his **p**eople from Assyria, from **E**gypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the **i**sland**s** of the **se**a.

12 **H**e will set up a banner **f**ó**r** the **n**ation**s**, and will assemble the outcasts of **I**srael, and **g**ath**e**r **t**o**g**eth**e**r the disp**e**rsed of **J**udah from the **f**ó**u**r **c**órn**e**r**s** of the **é**arth.

13 The envy **á**lso of Ephraim will dep**á**rt, and **th**os**e** **w**ho **p**é**r**secute **J**udah will be cut off. Ephraim **w**on't envy **J**udah, and **J**udah **w**on't **p**é**r**secute Ephraim.

14 **T**hey will **f**ly **d**own on the **s**hould**e**r**s** of the Philistines on the west. **T**o**g**eth**e**r **t**hey will plunder the **ch**ildren of the **e**ast. **T**hey will extend **t**heir **p**ow**e**r **o**ver Edom and Moab, and the **ch**ildren of Ammon will **o**bey **t**hem.

15 **Y**ähweh will utterly destroy the **t**óngue of the Egyptian **se**a; and **w**ith his **s**có**r**ching wind **h**e will **w**ave his **h**and **o**ver the River, and will split it **i**nto seven **s**tream**s**, and **c**á**u**s**e** men to **m**á**r**ch **o**ver in sandal**s**.

16 **T**here will **b**e a **h**ighway **f**ó**r** the remnant **th**at **i**s left of his **p**eople from Assyria, **l**ike **t**here **w**á**s** **f**ó**r** **I**srael in the **d**ay **th**at **h**e **c**ame up **o**ut of the land of **E**gypt.

Isaiah 12

In **th**at **d**ay **y**ou will **s**ay, "I will give **t**hanks to **y**ou, **Y**ähweh; **f**ó**r** **th**ough **y**ou **w**é**r**e angry **w**ith **m**e, **y**ó**u**r anger has **t**ú**r**ned **a**way and **y**ou **c**ó**m**fort **m**e.

2 Behold, God **i**s **m**y **s**alvati**ó**n. I will trust, and will not **b**e **a**fraid; **f**ó**r** **Y**äh, **Y**ähweh, **i**s **m**y **s**treng**th** and song; and **h**e has **b**ecó**m**e **m**y **s**alvati**ó**n."

3 **T**her**e**fó**r**e **w**ith **j**oy **y**ou will **d**r**á**w **w**á**t**er **o**ut of the well**s** of **s**alvati**ó**n.

4 In **th**at **d**ay **y**ou will **s**ay, "Give **t**hanks to **Y**ähweh! **C**á**l**l on his **n**ame. **D**ecl**a**re his **d**oing**s** among the **p**eople**s**. **P**rocl**a**im **th**at his **n**ame **i**s **e**xá**l**ted!

5 Sing to **Y**ähweh, **f**ó**r** **h**e has **d**ó**n**e **e**x**c**ellent **t**hing**s**! Let **t**his **b**e **k**nown in **á**ll the **é**arth!

6 Cry aloud and **shout**, you inhabitant of Zion; **fôr** the Holy One of **Išrael** **iš** great among you!”

Isaiah 13

The **bûrden** of Babylon, *which* **Išaiah** the **son** of Amoz **sâw**:

2 Set up a banner on the **bare** **mountain**! Lift up **yôur** **voicë** to **them**! **Wave** **yôur** hand, **that they may go into** the **gates** of the **nobleš**.

3 I have **commanded** **my** **consecrated** **oneš**; yes, I have **called** **my** **mighty** men **fôr** my anger, **even** **my** **proudly** exulting **oneš**.

4 The **noišë** of a **multitude** **iš** in the **mountainš**, **aš** of a **great** **people**; the **noišë** of an **uprôar** of the **kingdômš** of the **nationš** **gathered** **together**! **Yähweh** of **ärmieš** **iš** mustering the **ä**rm~~y~~ **fôr** the battle.

5 **They** **come** from a **fär** country, from the **uttermost** **pärt** of heaven, **even** **Yähweh**, and the **weaponš** of hiš **indignation**, to destroy the **whole** land.

6 **Wail**; **fôr** the **day** of **Yähweh** **iš** at hand! It will **come** **aš** **destruction** from the **Almighty**.

7 **Therefore** **äll** **handš** will **be** **feeble**, and everyone's **heärt** will melt.

8 **They** will **be** **dišmayed**. Pangs and **sorrowš** will **seize** **them**. **They** will **be** in pain like a **wôman** in **labor**. **They** will **look** in **amazement** one at another. **Their** **faceš** will **be** **faceš** of **flame**.

9 **Behold**, the **day** of **Yähweh** **comeš**, **cruel**, **with** **wrätth** and **fiërçë** anger; to **make** the land a **dešolation**, and to destroy its **sinnerš** **out** of it.

10 For the **stärš** of the **sky** and its **constellationš** will not give **their** **light**. The sun will **be** **därkened** in its **going** **out**, and the **moon** will not **cauše** its **light** to **shine**.

11 I will **punish** the **wôrld** **fôr** **their** **evil**, and the wicked **fôr** **their** **iniquity**. I will **cauše** the **arrogançë** of the **proud** to **cease**, and will **humble** the **håughtiness** of the terrible.

12 I will **make** **people** **môre** **rare** **than** **fine** **gold**, **even** a **pêrson** **than** the **pure** gold of Ophir.

13 **Therefore** I will **make** the **heavenš** tremble, and the **earth** will **be** **shaken** **out** of its **place** in **Yähweh** of Armies' **wrätth**, and in the **day** of hiš **fiërçë** anger.

14 It will happen **that** like a hunted gazelle, and like **sheep** **that** **no** one **gatherš**, **they** will **each** **tûrn** to **their** **own** **people**, and will **each** **flee** to **their** **own** land.

15 Everyone **who** **iš** **found** will **be** **thrust** **through**. Everyone **who** **iš** **captured** will **fäll** by the **swôrd**.

16 **Their** infants **also** will **be** dashed in **pieces** bef**ore** **their** **eyes**. **Their** **houses** will **be** ransacked, and **their** **wives** **raped**.

17 Beh**old**, I will st**ir** up the Medes against **them**, wh**o** will not val**ue** silver, and a**s** f**or** gold, **they** will not del**ight** in it.

18 **Their** **bows** will dash the young men in **pieces**; and **they** shall have **no** pity on the fruit of the **womb**. **Their** **eyes** will not sp**are** children.

19 Babylon, the gl**ory** of king**doms**, the be**auty** of the Chaldeans' **pride**, will **be** like when God **overth**rew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 It will never **be** inhabited, **neither** will it **be** lived in from **generation** to **generation**. The Arabian will not **pitch** a tent **there**, **neither** will **shepherds** **make** **their** flocks **lie** **down** **there**.

21 But **wild** animals of the des**ert** will **lie** **there**, and **their** **houses** will **be** full of jackals. Ostriches will dwell **there**, and **wild** goats will frolic **there**.

22 **Wolves** will **cry** in **their** **fortresses**, and jackals in the ple**asant** pal**aces**. H**er** time **is** near to **come**, and h**er** **days** will not **be** prolonged.

Isaiah 14

F**or** Y**ah**weh will have **compassion** on Jacob, and will yet **cheese** I**s**rael, and set **them** in **their** **own** land. The foreigner will join himself **with** **them**, and **they** will **unite** **with** the **house** of Jacob.

2 The **people**s will **take** **them**, and bring **them** to **their** **place**. The **house** of I**s**rael will **possess** **them** in Y**ah**weh's land f**or** **servants** and f**or** **handmaids**. **They** will **take** a**s** captive**s** **those** wh**ose** captive**s** **they** w**ere**; and **they** shall **rule** **over** **their** oppressor**s**.

3 It will happen in the **day** **that** Y**ah**weh will give **you** rest from **your** sorrow, from **your** trouble, and from the **hard** **service** in **which** **you** w**ere** made to **serve**,

4 that **you** will **take** up **this** parable ag**ainst** the king of Babylon, and **say**, "H**ow** the oppressor ha**s** **ceased**! The **golden** **city** ha**s** **ceased**!"

5 **Yah**weh ha**s** **broken** the st**aff** of the wicked, the **scepter** of the ruler**s**,

6 wh**o** struck the **people**s in **wrath** **with** a **continual** stroke, wh**o** ruled the nation**s** in anger, **with** a **persecution** **that** **no** one restrained.

7 The whole **earth** **is** at rest, and **is** **quiet**. **They** **break** **out** song.

8 Yes, the **cypress** **trees** **rejoice** **with** **you**, **with** the **cedars** of Lebanon, **saying**, "Since **you** **are** humbled, **no** lumberjack ha**s** **come** up ag**ainst** us."

9 **Sheol** [a] from beneath has moved for you to meet you at your coming. It stirs up the departed spirits for you, even all the rulers of the earth. It has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

10 They all will answer and ask you, "Have you also become as weak as we are? Have you become like us?"

11 Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, [b] with the sound of your stringed instruments. Maggots are spread out under you, and worms cover you.

12 How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, who laid the nations low!

13 You said in your heart, "I will ascend into heaven! I will exalt my throne above the stars of God! I will sit on the mountain of assembly, in the far north!"

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds! I will make myself like the Most High!"

15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, [c] to the depths of the pit.

16 Those who see you will stare at you. They will ponder you, saying, "Is this the man who made the earth to tremble, who shook kingdoms;

17 who made the world like a wilderness, and overthrew its cities; who didn't release his prisoners to their home?"

18 All the kings of the nations, sleep in glory, everyone in his own house.

19 But you are cast away from your tomb like an abominable branch, clothed with the slain, who are thrust through with the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit; like a dead body trodden under foot.

20 You will not join them in burial, because you have destroyed your land. You have killed your people. The offspring [d] of evildoers will not be named forever.

21 Prepare for slaughter of his children because of the iniquity of their fathers, that they not rise up and possess the earth, and fill the surface of the world with cities.

22 "I will rise up against them," says Yähwëh of armies, "and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and son and son's son," says Yähwëh.

23 "I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and pools of water. I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," says Yähwëh of armies.

24 Yähwëh of armies has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have thought, so shall it happen; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

25 **that** I will **break** the Assyrian in **my** land, and tread him under **foot** on **my** **mountain**s. **Then** hi**s** **yoke** will **leave** **them**, and hi**s** **burden** **leave** **their** **shoulder**s.

26 **This** i**s** the plan **that** i**s** dete**rm**ined f**o**r the whole **ear**th. **This** i**s** the hand **that** i**s** **stretch**ed out over **all** the **nation**s.

27 For Y**ah**weh of **arm**ies ha**s** planned, and **who** can stop it? Hi**s** hand i**s** **stretch**ed out, and **who** can **tu**rn it back?"

28 **This** **burden** wa**s** in the **year** **that** king Ahaz **died**.

29 Don't rejoy**ce**, O Philistia, **all** of **you**, beca**u**se the rod **that** struck **you** i**s** broken; f**o**r **out** of the serpent's **ree**t an adder will eme**rg**e, and hi**s** fruit will be a fiery flying **ser**pent.

30 The **fi**rstb**o**rn of the **po**or will **eat**, and the **needy** will **lie** down in **saf**ety; and I will kill **yo**ur **ree**t with **famine**, and **yo**ur remnant will be killed.

31 **Howl**, gate! Cry, **city**! **You** **are** melted away, Philistia, **all** of **you**; f**o**r **smo**ke **come**s **out** of the **no**rth, and **there** i**s** no straggler in hi**s** ranks.

32 **What** will **they** answer the messenger**s** of the **nation**? **That** Y**ah**weh ha**s** **found**ed Zion, and in **he**r the afflicted of hi**s** **peo**ple will **take** **refug**e.

Isaiah 15

The **bur**den of Moab: f**o**r in a **ni**ght, Ar of Moab i**s** **laid** waste, and br**o**ught to **no**thing; f**o**r in a **ni**ght Kir of Moab i**s** **laid** waste, and br**o**ught to **no**thing.

2 **They** have gone up to Bayith, and to Dibon, to the **hi**gh **plac**es, to **weep**. Moab wails **over** Nebo and **over** Medeba. **Bald**ness i**s** on **all** of **their** **head**s. Every **beard** i**s** cut off.

3 In **their** **street**s, **they** **cloth**e **themsel**ve**s** in sackcloth. In **their** **street**s and on **their** **housetop**s, everyone wails, **weep**ing abundantly.

4 Heshbon **crie**s **out** with Elealeh. **Their** **voi**ce i**s** **he**ard **even** to Jahaz. **Theref**ore the **armed** men of Moab **cry** **aloud**. **Their** **soul**s tremble **with**in **them**.

5 **My** **he**art **crie**s **out** f**o**r Moab! **He**r **noble**s **flee** to Zoar, to Eglath Shelishiyah; f**o**r **they** **go** up **by** the **as**cent of Luhith **with** **weep**ing; f**o**r on the **way** to Horonaim, **they** **rais**e up a **cry** of **destructi**on.

6 For the **wat**er**s** of Nimrim will be **des**olate; f**o**r the **grass** ha**s** **wither**ed away, the tender **grass** **fail**s, **there** i**s** no **green** **thi**ng.

7 **Theref**ore **they** will carry away the **abundan**ce **they** have gotten, and **that** **whi**ch **they** have **st**ored up, **over** the **brook** of the **willow**s.

8 For the cry has gone around the borders of Moab; its wailing to Eglaim, and its wailing to Beer Elim.

9 For the waters of Dimon are full of blood; for I will bring yet more on Dimon, a lion on those of Moab who escape, and on the remnant of the land.

Isaiah 16

Send the lambs for the ruler of the land from Selah to the wilderness, to the mountain of the daughter of Zion.

2 For it will be that as wandering birds, as a scattered nest, so will the daughters of Moab be at the fords of the Arnon.

3 Give counsel! Execute justice! Make your shade like the night in the middle of the noonday! Hide the outcasts! Don't betray the fugitive!

4 Let my outcasts dwell with you! As for Moab, be a hiding place for him from the face of the destroyer. For the extortionist is brought to nothing. Destruction ceases. The oppressors are consumed out of the land.

5 A throne will be established in loving kindness. One will sit on it in truth, in the tent of David, judging, seeking justice, and swift to do righteousness.

6 We have heard of the pride of Moab, that he is very proud; even of his arrogance, his pride, and his wrath. His boastings are nothing.

7 Therefore Moab will wail for Moab. Everyone will wail. You will mourn for the raisin cakes of Kir Hareseth, utterly stricken.

8 For the fields of Heshbon languish with the vine of Sibmah. The lords of the nations have broken down its choice branches, which reached even to Jazer, which wandered into the wilderness. Its sheets were spread abroad. They passed over the sea.

9 Therefore I will weep with the weeping of Jazer for the vine of Sibmah. I will water you with my tears, Heshbon, and Elealeh: for on your summer fruits and on your harvest the battle shout has fallen.

10 Gladness is taken away, and joy out of the fruitful field; and in the vineyards there will be no singing, neither joyful noise. Nobody will tread out wine in the presses. I have made the shouting stop.

11 Therefore my heart sounds like a harp for Moab, and my inward parts for Kir Heres.

12 It will happen that when Moab presents himself, when he wears himself on the high place, and comes to his sanctuary to pray, that he will not prevail.

13 **This** is the **wôrd** **that** Yähweh spoke **conçêrning** Moab in **time** **päst**.

14 But **nôw** Yähweh haş spoken, **saying**, “Within **threë** **yearş**, aş a **wôrker** **bound** **by** contract **wôuld** **count** **them**, the **glôry** of Moab **shall** **be** **brôught** into **contempt**, **with** **âll** hiş **great** **multitude**; and the remnant will **be** very **smâll** and **feeble**.”

Isaiah 17

The **bûrden** of Damascus: “Behold, Damascus **is** **taken** away from **being** a **çity**, and it will **be** a **ruinous** **heap**.

2 The **çities** of Aroer **äre** forsaken. **They** will **be** **fôr** flocks, *which shall lie down*, and **no** one **shall** **make** **them** afraid.

3 The **fôrtress** **shall** **çease** from Ephraim, and the **kingdôm** from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria. **They** will **be** aş the **glôry** of the **children** of **Işrael**,” sayş Yähweh of **ârmieş**.

4 “It will happen in **that** **day** **that** the **glôry** of **Jacob** will **be** **made** **thin**, and the fatness of hiş **flesh** will **becôme** **lean**.

5 It will **be** **like** *when the hârvester gatherş the wheat*, and hiş **ârm** **reaps** the **grain**. Yes, it will **be** **like** *when one gleanş grain in the valley of Rephaim*.

6 Yet **gleanings** will **be** left **there**, **like** the **shaking** of an olive tree, **two** **ôr** **threë** oliveş in the top of the uppermost **boûgh**, **fôur** **ôr** **five** in the **outermost** **branches** of a **fruitful** **tree**,” sayş Yähweh, the God of **Işrael**.

7 In **that** **day**, **people** will **lôok** to **their** **Maker**, and **their** **eyeş** will have respect **fôr** the **Holy** **One** of **Işrael**.

8 **They** will not **lôok** to the **âltarş**, the **wôr**k of **their** **handş**; **neither** **shall** **they** respect **that** *which their fingers have made*, **either** the **Asherah** **poleş**, **ôr** the **incense** **âltarş**.

9 In **that** **day**, **their** strong **çities** will **be** **like** the forsaken **plaçeş** in the **wôods** and on the **môuntain** top, *which wêre forsaken from befôre the children of Işrael*; and it will **be** a **deşolation**.

10 For **you** have forgotten the God of **yôur** **salvation**, and have not remembered the rock of **yôur** **strength**. **Therefore** **you** plant **pleaşant** plants, and set **out** foreign seedlings.

11 In the **day** of **yôur** planting, **you** **hedgë** it in. In the **môrning**, **you** **make** **yôur** **seed** blossom, but the **hârvest** **fleeş** away in the **day** of grief and of desperate sorrow.

12 Ah, the **uprôar** of many **peopleş**, **whë** **rôar** **like** the **rôaring** of the **seaş**; and the **rushing** of **nationş**, **that** **rush** **like** the **rushing** of **mighty** **wâterş**!

13 The **nations** will **rush** like the **rushing** of many **waters**: but **he** will **rebuke** **them**, and **they** will **flee** **fär** off, and will **be chased** like the **chäff** of the **mountains** **beföre** the wind, and **like** the **whirling** dust **beföre** the **stör**m.

14 At **evening**, **behold**, **terror!** **Beföre** the **mörning**, **they äre no möre**. **This is** the **pörtion** of **thosē** **whē** plunder us, and the lot of **thosē** **whē** rob us.

Isaiah 18

Ah, the land of the **rustling** of **wings**, **which is** beyond the **rivers** of Ethiopia;

2 **that** **sends** **ambassadors** **by** the **sea**, **even** in **vessels** of **papyrus** on the **waters**, **saying**, “Go, **you** **swift** **messenger**s, to a **nation** **täll** and **smooth**, to a **people** **äwesöme** from **their** **beginning** **onwärd**, a **nation** **that** **measures** **out** and **treads** **down**, **whosē** land the **rivers** **divide!**”

3 All **you** **inhabitants** of the **wörld**, and **you** **dwellers** on the **earth**, **when** a **banner** **is** **lifted** up on the **mountains**, **look!** **When** the **trumpet** **is** **blown**, **listen!**

4 For **Yähweh** **said** to **me**, “I will **be** **still**, and I will **see** in **my** **dwelling** **placē**, **like** **clear** **heat** in **sunshine**, **like** a **cloud** of **dew** in the **heat** of **härvest**.”

5 For **beföre** the **härvest**, **when** the **blossöm** **is** **over**, and the **flower** **becomes** a **ripening** **grape**, **he** will **cut** off the **sprigs** **with** **pruning** **hóoks**, and **he** will **cut** **down** and **take** **away** the **spreading** **branches**.

6 **They** will **be** **left** **together** **för** the **ravenous** **birds** of the **mountains**, and **för** the **animals** of the **earth**. The **ravenous** **birds** will **summer** on **them**, and **äll** the **animals** of the **earth** will **winter** on **them**.

7 In **that** **time**, a **present** will **be** **brought** to **Yähweh** of **ärmies** from a **people** **täll** and **smooth**, **even** from a **people** **äwesöme** from **their** **beginning** **onwärd**, a **nation** **that** **measures** **out** and **treads** **down**, **whosē** land the **rivers** **divide**, to the **placē** of the **name** of **Yähweh** of **ärmies**, **Mount** **Zion**.

Isaiah 19

The **bürden** of **Egypt**: “Behold, **Yähweh** **rides** on a **swift** **cloud**, and **comes** to **Egypt**. The **idols** of **Egypt** will **tremble** at his **presençe**; and the **heart** of **Egypt** will **melt** **within** it.

2 I will **stîr** up the **Egyptians** **against** the **Egyptians**, and **they** will **fight** everyone **against** his **brother**, and everyone **against** his **neighbor**; **çity** **against** **çity**, and **kingdöm** **against** **kingdöm**.

3 The **spirit** of **Egypt** will **fail** **within** it. I will **destroy** its **counsel**. **They** will **seek** the **idols**, the **chärmer**s, **thosē** **whē** have **familiar** **spirits**, and the **wizard**s.

4 I will give **over** the **Egyptians** into the hand of a **cruel lórd**. A **fiêrçe** king will **rule over them**,” says the **Lórd**, **Yähweh** of **ärmieş**.

5 The **wáters** will **fail** from the **sea**, and the river will **be wasted** and **becóme dry**.

6 The **riverş** will **becóme foul**. The **streamş** of **Egypt** will **be diminished** and **dried up**. The **reedş** and **flagş** will **wither away**.

7 The **meadowş** **by** the **Nile**, **by** the brink of the **Nile**, and **áll** the **sown fieldş** of the **Nile**, will **becóme dry**, **be driven away**, and **be no móre**.

8 The **fishermen** will lament, and **áll thoşe whe fish** in the **Nile** will **móurn**, and **thoşe whe** spread nets on the **wáters** will **languish**.

9 **Móre** **over thoşe whe wôrk** in **combed flax**, and **thoşe whe weave white cloth**, will **be confounded**.

10 The **pillarş** will **be broken** in **pieçeş**. **áll thoşe whe wôrk fôr hire** will **be grieved** in **soul**.

11 The **prinçeş** of **Zoan** **äre** utterly **foolish**. The **counsel** of the **wişest counselorş** of **Pharaoh** haş **becóme stupid**. **How de you say** to **Pharaoh**, “I am the **şon** of the **wişe**, the **şon** of **ançient kingş**?”

12 *Where* **then** **äre** **yóur wişe** men? Let **them** tell **you** **nôw**; and let **them** *know* **what** **Yähweh** of **ärmieş** haş **pûrposeđ** **conçêrning** **Egypt**.

13 The **prinçeş** of **Zoan** have **becóme foolş**. The **prinçeş** of **Memphis** **äre** **deçeived**. **They** have **cáuşed** **Egypt** to **go astray**, **whe** **äre** the **córnêrstone** of **hêr** **tribeş**.

14 **Yähweh** haş **mixeđ** a spirit of **pervêrseness** in the middle of **hêr**; and **they** have **cáuşed** **Egypt** to **go astray** in **áll** of its **wôrkş**, **like** a drunken man **staggerş** in his **vomit**.

15 **Neither** **shall** **there** **be** any **wôrk fôr** **Egypt**, **whiçh** head **ó**r tail, **pälm branch** **ó**r **rush**, **may de**.

16 In **that day** the **Egyptians** will **be like** women. **They** will tremble and **fear** **becáuşe** of the **shaking** of **Yähweh** of **Armieşş** hand, **whiçh** he **shakeş** **over** **them**.

17 The land of **Judah** will **becóme** a terror to **Egypt**. Everyone to **whe**m **mentiôn** **iş** **made** of it will **be afraid**, **becáuşe** of the **planş** of **Yähweh** of **ärmieş**, **whiçh** he **detêrmineş** **against** it.

18 In **that day**, **there** will **be** **fiwe** **çitieş** in the land of **Egypt** **that** **speak** the language of **Canaan**, and swear to **Yähweh** of **ärmieş**. One will **be** **cállêd** “The **çity** of **destruction**.”

19 In **that day**, **there** will be an **altar** to Yähweh in the middle of the land of **Egypt**, and a pillar to Yähweh at its **bó**rdér.

20 It will be **fó**r a **si**gn and **fó**r a witness to Yähweh of **är**mieş in the land of **Egypt**; **fó**r **they** will **cry** to Yähweh **beca**uše of oppressorş, and **he** will send **them** a **savior** and a defender, and **he** will deliver **them**.

21 Yähweh will be **known** to **Egypt**, and the **Egyptianş** will **know** Yähweh in **that day**. Yes, **they** will **wó**rship with sacrificē and offering, and will **vow** a **vow** to Yähweh, and will **perfó**rm it.

22 Yähweh will **strike** **Egypt**, striking and **healing**. **They** will **retó**rn to Yähweh, and **he** will be **entreat**ed by **them**, and will **heal** **them**.

23 In **that day** **there** will be a **highway** **ó**ut of **Egypt** to Assyria, and the Assyrian **shall** **có**me into **Egypt**, and the Egyptian into **Assyria**; and the Egyptians will **wó**rship with the Assyrians.

24 In **that day**, **Iş**raeł will be the **thi**rd with **Egypt** and with **Assyria**, a blessing within the **é**ar**th**;

25 because Yähweh of **är**mieş haş **blesse**d **them**, **saying**, "Blessed be **Egypt** my **peo**ple, Assyria the **wó**r**k** of my **handş**, and **Iş**raeł my **inheritan**çe."

Isaiah 20

In the **year** **that** Tärtan **came** to Ashdod, **when** Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and **he** **fó**ught **again**st Ashdod and **tó**ok it;

2 at **that time** Yähweh **spoke** by **Iş**aiah the **so**n of Amoz, **saying**, "Go, and **lee**sen the sackcloth from off **yó**ur **waist**, and **take** **yó**ur **sho**eş from off **yó**ur **feet**." He did **so**, **wá**king **naked** and barefoot.

3 Yähweh said, "Aş my **sé**r**vant** **Iş**aiah haş **wá**l**ke**d **naked** and **ba**refó**ot** **three** **yearş** **fó**r a **si**gn and a **wó**nder **con**ç**er**ning **Egypt** and **con**ç**er**ning Ethiopia,

4 so the king of Assyria will lead **away** the captiveş of **Egypt** and the exileş of Ethiopia, **young** and **old**, **naked** and barefoot, and with buttocks **un**có**ver**ed, to the **shame** of **Egypt**.

5 They will be **diş**mayed and **con**fo**und**ed, **beca**uše of **Ethiopia** **their** **expectatió**n, and of **Egypt** **their** **gló**ry.

6 The inhabitants of **this** **coast** land will **say** in **that day**, 'Behold, **this** **iş** **ó**ur **expectatió**n, **where** **we** fled **fó**r help to be **delivered** from the king of Assyria. And **we**, **how** will **we** **escape**?'"

Isaiah 21

The **b**urden of the wilderness of the **se**a. **A**s **w**hirlwind**s** in the **S**outh sweep **th**rough, it **c**ome**s** from the wilderness, from an **á**wesome land.

2 A grievous **v**ision **i**s declared to me. The trea**ch**erous man **de**al**s** trea**ch**erously, and the destroyer destroy**s**. **G**o up, Elam; attack! I have stoppe**d** **á**ll of Media's **s**ighing.

3 **T**here**f**ore **m**y **t**h**i**gh**s** **á**re filled with anguish.. **P**ain**s** have taken hold on me, like the **p**ain**s** of a **w**oman in labor. I am in **so** much pain **th**at I **c**án't hear. I **so** am **d**is**m**ayed **th**at I **c**án't see.

4 **M**y **h**eá**r**t flutters. Horror has **f**righ**t**ened me. The **t**wi**l**ight **th**at I **d**e**s**ired has **bee**n **t**ur**n**ed into trembling **f**o**r** me.

5 **T**hey **pre**pare the **ta**ble. **T**hey set the **wa**tch. **T**hey **e**at. **T**hey drink. **R**ise up, **yo**u **pr**ince**s**, oil the **sh**ield!

6 For the **L**ord said to me, "**G**o, set a **wa**tchman. Let him **de**clare **wh**at he **see**s.

7 **W**hen he **see**s a **tr**ee**p**, **h**o**r**semen in **pa**ir**s**, a **tr**ee**p** of donkey**s**, a **tr**ee**p** of camel**s**, he **sh**all listen **d**iligently **w**ith **gr**e**a**t attentiveness."

8 **H**e **cri**ed like a **li**o**n**: "Lord, I stand **c**ontinu**a**lly on the **wa**tch**to**wer in the **da**ytime, and every **ni**ght I **st**ay at **m**y **po**st.

9 **B**ehold, **h**ere **c**ome**s** a **tr**ee**p** of men, **h**o**r**semen in **pa**ir**s**." **H**e answered, "**F**állen, **f**állen **i**s Babylon; and **á**ll the **e**ngraved **im**age**s** of **h**e**r** **go**d**s** **á**re broken to the **gr**ound.

10 **Y**ou **á**re **m**y **t**hreshing, and the **gr**ain of **m**y **fl**o**r**!" **T**hat **wh**ich I have **h**e**a**rd from **Y**áhw**e**h of **á**rmie**s**, the God of **I**s**r**ael, I have **de**clared to **yo**u.

11 The **b**urden of **D**umah. One **c**á**ll**s to me **o**ut of **S**eir, "**W**atchman, **wh**at of the **ni**ght? **W**atchman, **wh**at of the **ni**ght?"

12 The **wa**tchman said, "The **m**ó**r**ning **c**ome**s**, and **á**lso the **ni**ght. If **yo**u will **i**n**q**uire, **i**n**q**uire. **C**ome back **ag**ain."

13 The **b**urden on **A**rabia. In the forest in **A**rabia **yo**u will **lod**ge, **yo**u **ca**ravan**s** of **D**edanites.

14 **T**hey **br**o**u**ght **w**á**t**er to him **wh**o **wa**s **t**hirsty. The inhabitants of the land of **T**ema met the **f**ugitive**s** **w**ith **th**eir bread.

15 For **th**ey fled **aw**ay from the **sw**ó**r**d**s**, from the **dr**á**w**n **sw**ó**r**d, from the bent **bo**w, and from the **h**eat of battle.

16 For the L^ord said to me, “**W**ithin a **y**ear, **a**s a **w**orker **b**ound **b**y contract **w**ould count it, **a**ll the gl^ory of Kedar will **f**ail,

17 and the **r**esid^ue of the number of the **a**rcher^s, the **m**ighty men of the **c**hildren of Kedar, will **b**e few; **f**o^r Y^ahweh, the God of I^srael, **h**a^s spoken it.”

Isaiah 22

The **b**u^rden of the valley of **v**isⁱoⁿ. **W**hat **a**il^s **y**ou **n**ow, **t**hat **y**ou have **a**ll gone up to the **h**ouse^tops?

2 **Y**ou **t**hat **a**re full of **s**houting, a **t**umultuous **c**ity, a joyous **t**own; **y**our slain **a**re not slain **w**ith the sw^ord, **n**either **a**re **t**hey dead in battle.

3 All **y**our **r**uler^s fled away together. **T**hey **w**ere bound **b**y the **a**rcher^s. **a**ll **w**ho **w**ere found **b**y **y**ou **w**ere bound together. **T**hey fled **f**ar away.

4 **T**here^fore I said, “**L**ook away from me. I will weep bitterly. **D**on't labor to **c**omfort me **f**o^r the destructi^on of the **d**au^ghter of **m**y people.

5 For it **i**s a **d**ay of **c**onfusi^on, and of treading **d**own, and of perplexity, from the L^ord, Y^ahweh of **a**rmie^s, in the valley of **v**isⁱoⁿ; a **b**reaking **d**own of the **w**all^s, and a crying to the **m**ountain^s.”

6 Elam carried his **q**uiver, **w**ith **c**hariots of men and **h**orsemen ; and Kir uncovered the **s**hield.

7 **Y**our **c**hoic^est valleys **w**ere full of **c**hariots, and the **h**orsemen set **t**hemselves in array at the **g**ate.

8 He **t**ook away the **c**overing of Judah; and **y**ou **l**ooked in **t**hat **d**ay to the **a**rmor in the **h**ouse of the forest.

9 **Y**ou **s**aw the **b**reache^s of David's **c**ity, **t**hat **t**hey **w**ere many; and **y**ou gathered together the **w**ater^s of the **l**ower **p**ool.

10 **Y**ou numbered the **h**ouse^s of Jeru^salem, and **y**ou **b**roke **d**own the **h**ouse^s to **f**ortify the **w**all.

11 **Y**ou **a**lso **m**ade a **r**es^ervoir between the **t**wo **w**all^s **f**o^r the **w**ater of the **o**ld **p**ool. But **y**ou didn't **l**ook to him **w**ho had **d**one **t**his, **n**either did **y**ou have respect **f**o^r him **w**ho **p**urposed it long ago.

12 In **t**hat **d**ay, the L^ord, Y^ahweh of **a**rmie^s, **c**alled to **w**eeping, and to **m**ourning, and to **b**aldness, and to dressing in sackcloth:

13 and behold, joy and gladness, killing cattle and killing **s**heep, **e**ating **f**lesh and drinking **w**ine: “Let us **e**at and drink, **f**o^r **t**o^morrow **w**e will **d**ie.”

14 Yāhweh of **ä**rmieş revealed himself in my earş, “Surely **this** iniquity will not be forgiven you until you die,” sayş the Lōrd, Yāhweh of **ä**rmieş.

15 **Thus** sayş the Lōrd, Yāhweh of **ä**rmieş, “Go, get yōurself to **this** treaşurer, even to Shebna, **who** iş over the houşe, and say,

16 ' **Wh**at **ä**re you **do**ing here? **Who** haş you here, **that** you have dug **o**ut a **tomb** here? **You** Cutting himself **o**ut a **tomb** on **hi**gh, **chiş**eling a habitation **f**ōr himself in the rock!”

17 Behold, Yāhweh will **overc**ome you and **h**ūrl you away violently. Yes, **he** will gräsp you **f**irmly.

18 **He** will **sure**ly wind you **ar**ound and **ar**ound, and **th**row you like a **b**äll into a **l**ärgē country. **There** you will **di**e, and **there** the **ch**ariots of yōur glōry will **be**, you **sh**ame of yōur lord's houşe.

19 I will **th**rurst you from yōur offiçe. You will **be** pulled **do**wn from yōur station.

20 It will happen in **that** day **that** I will **c**äll my **s**ērvant Eliakim the **s**ōn of Hilkiah,

21 and I will **clo**the him with yōur **ro**be, and streng~~th~~en him with yōur belt. I will commit yōur **g**ōvērment into **hi**ş hand; and **he** will **be** a **f**äthē to the inhabitants of Jeruşalem, and to the houşe of Judah.

22 I will **lay** the **key** of David's houşe on hiş **sh**oulder. **He** will **o**pen, and **no** one will **sh**ut. **He** will **sh**ut, and **no** one will **o**pen.

23 I will **f**ästen him like a **n**ail in a **sure** plaçe. **He** will **be** **f**ōr a **th**rone of glōry to hiş **f**äthē's houşe.

24 They will hang on him **ä**ll the glōry of hiş **f**äthē's houşe, the offspring and the **iss**ue, every smäll vessel, from the cups **even** to **ä**ll the **pitch**erş.

25 “In **that** day,” sayş Yāhweh of **ä**rmieş, “the **n**ail **that** **w**aş **f**ästened in a **sure** plaçe will **give** way. It will **be** cut **do**wn, and **f**äll. The **b**ūrden **that** **w**aş on it will **be** cut off, **f**ōr Yāhweh haş **s**po~~n~~en it.”

Isaiah 23

The **b**ūrden of Tyre. **Howl**, you **sh**ips of Tarshish! **F**ōr it iş **l**aid waste, **so** **that** **there** iş **no** houşe, **no** entering in. From the land of Kittim it iş **re**vealed to **th**em.

2 **Be** still, you inhabitants of the **co**ast, you **wh**om the **m**ērchants of Sidon, **that** **p**äss over the **se**a, have replenishēd.

3 On **gr**eat **w**äterş, the **seed** of the Shihor, the **h**ärvest of the Nile, **w**aş **h**ēr **re**venue. **She** **w**aş the **m**ärket of **n**ationş.

4 Be **ashamed**, Sidon; **fôr** the **sea** has spoken, the **stronghold** of the **sea**, **saying**, “I have not **travailed**, **nôr** given **birth**, **neither** have I **nourished** young men, **nôr** **brôught** up **virgins**.”

5 **When** the **repôrt** **cômês** to **Egypt**, **they** will **be** in **anguish** at the **repôrt** of **Tyre**.

6 **Pass over** to **Tarshish**! **Wail**, **you** inhabitants of the **coast**!

7 Is **this** **yôur** **joyous** **çity**, **whesê** **antiquity** is of **ançient** **days**, **whesê** **feet** carried **hêr** **fär** away to **travel**?

8 **Who** has planned **this** **against** **Tyre**, the **giver** of **crowns**, **whesê** **mêrchants** **äre** **princes**, **whesê** **traffickers** **äre** the **honorable** of the **êarth**?

9 **Yähweh** of **ärmies** has planned it, to **stain** the **pride** of **äll** **glôry**, to **bring** into **contempt** **äll** the **honorable** of the **êarth**.

10 **Päss** **through** **yôur** **land** **like** the **Nile**, **däughter** of **Tarshish**. **There** is **no** **restraint** any **môre**.

11 **He** has **stretchêd** **out** his **hand** **over** the **sea**. **He** has **shaken** the **kingdôm**s. **Yähweh** has **ôrdered** the **destructiôn** of **Canaan's** **stronghold**s.

12 **He** said, “**You** **shall** **rejoice** **no** **môre**, **you** **oppressed** **virgin** **däughter** of **Sidon**. **Arişê**, **päss** **over** to **Kittim**. **Even** **there** **you** will have **no** **rest**.”

13 **Behold**, the **land** of the **Chaldeans**. **This** **people** **wâş** **not**. The **Assyrians** **founded** it **fôr** **thosê** **whê** **dwel** in the **wilderness**. **They** set up **their** **towers**. **They** **overthrew** its **palaces**. **They** **made** it a **ruin**.

14 **Howl**, **you** **ships** of **Tarshish**, **fôr** **yôur** **stronghold** is **laid** **waste**!

15 It will **côme** to **päss** in **that** **day** **that** **Tyre** will **be** **forgotten** **seventy** **years**, **accôrding** to the **days** of one **king**. the **end** of **seventy** **years** it will **be** to **Tyre** **like** in the **song** of the **prostitute**.

16 **Take** a **hârp**; **go** **about** the **çity**, **you** **prostitute** **that** has **been** **forgotten**. **Make** **sweet** **melody**. **Sing** many **songs**, **that** **you** **may** **be** **remembered**.

17 It will happen **âfter** the **end** of **seventy** **years** **that** **Yähweh** will **vişit** **Tyre**, and **she** **shall** **retûrn** to **hêr** **wages**, and will **play** the **prostitute** with **äll** the **kingdôm**s of the **wôrld** on the **sûrfaçe** of the **êarth**.

18 **Hêr** **mêrchandise** and **hêr** **wages** will **be** **holiness** to **Yähweh**. It will **not** **be** **treaşured** **nôr** **laid** up; **fôr** **hêr** **mêrchandise** will **be** **fôr** **thosê** **whê** **dwel** **befôre** **Yähweh**, to **eat** **suffiçiently**, and **fôr** **durable** **clothing**.

Isaiah 24

Behold, Yāhweh makes the **ēarth** empty, makes it waste, **tūrn**s it upside down, and scatters its inhabitants.

2 It will be **a**s with the people, **so** with the priest; **a**s with the sērvant, **so** with his māster; **a**s with the maid, **so** with hēr mistress; **a**s with the buyer, **so** with the seller; **a**s with the creditor, **so** with the debtor; **a**s with the taker of interest, **so** with the giver of interest.

3 The **ēarth** will be utterly emptied and utterly laid waste; **fōr** Yāhweh ha**s** spoken this wōrd.

4 The **ēarth** mōurns and fade**s** away. The wōrld languishes and fade**s** away. The lofty people of the **ēarth** languish.

5 The **ēarth** **ā**lso is polluted under its inhabitants, beca**u**se they have transgressed the **lāw**s, violated the statute, and broken the everlāsting covenant.

6 **Therēfōre** the cūrse ha**s** devoured the **ēarth**, and **tho**se who dwell therein **āre** found guilty. **Therēfōre** the inhabitants of the **ēarth** **āre** bōrned, and few men left.

7 The new wine mōurns. The vine languishes. **All** the merry-heārted sigh.

8 The mīrth of tambourines **ce**ases. The sound of **tho**se who rejoice ends. The joy of the hārp **ce**ases.

9 **They** will not drink wine with a song. Strong drink will be bitter to **tho**se who drink it.

10 The confu**s**ed city is broken down. Every hou**s**e is shut up, **that** no man may come in.

11 **Therē** is a crying in the streets beca**u**se of the wine. **All** joy is dārkened. The mīrth of the land is gone.

12 The city is left in de**s**olation, and the gate is struck with destruction.

13 For it will be **so** within the **ēarth** among the people**s**, **a**s the shaking of an olive tree, **a**s the gleanings when the vintage is dōne.

14 **Thesē** shall lift up their voi**ç**e. **They** will shout **fōr** the majesty of Yāhweh. **They** cry aloud from the sea.

15 **Therēfōre** glōrify Yāhweh in the east, even the name of Yāhweh, the God of I**s**rael, in the islands of the sea! 16 From the uttermost pārt of the **ēarth** have we hēard songs. Glōry to the righteous! But I said, "I pine away! I pine away! wo**e** is me!" The treacherous have dealt treacherously. Yes, the treacherous have dealt very treacherously.

17 Fear, the pit, and the snare, äre on you who inhabitant the êarth.

18 It will happen that he who flees from the noise of the fear will fall into the pit; and he who comes up out of the middle of the pit will be taken in the snare; for the windows on high äre opened, and the foundations of the êarth tremble.

19 The êarth is utterly broken. The êarth is torn apart. The êarth is shaken violently.

20 The êarth will stagger like a drunken man, and will sway back and forth like a hammock. Its disobedience will be heavy on it, and it will fall and not rise again.

21 It shall happen in that day that Yähweh will punish the ärmey of the high ones on high, and the kings of the êarth on the êarth.

22 They shall be gathered together, as prisoners äre gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison; and äfter many days shall they be visited.

23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed; for Yähweh of ärmies will reign on Mount Zion, and in Jeruusalem; and before his elders will be glory.

Isaiah 25

Yähweh, you äre my God. I will exält you! I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago, in complete faithfulness and truth.

2 For you have made a city into a heap, a fortified city into a ruin, a palace of strangers to be no city. It will never be built.

3 Therefore a strong people will glorify you. A city of äwesome nations will fear you.

4 For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat, when the blast of the dreaded ones is like a storm against the wall.

5 As the heat in a dry place will you bring down the noise of strangers; as the heat by the shade of a cloud, the song of the dreaded ones will be brought low.

6 In this mountain, Yähweh of ärmies will make äll peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of choice wines, of fat things full of marrow, of well refined choice wines.

7 He will destroy in this mountain the surface of the covering that covers äll peoples, and the veil that is spread over äll nations.

8 He has swallowed up death forever! The Lord Yähweh will wipe away tears from off äll faces. He will take the reproach of his people away from off äll the êarth, for Yähweh has spoken it.

9 It **shall be** said in **that day**, “Behold, **this is** our God! We have waited **f**or him, and **he** will **save** us! **This is** Yāhweh! We have waited **f**or him. We will **be** glad and rejoice in his **salvation!**”

10 For in **this** mountain Yāhweh’s hand will rest.

Moab will **be** trodden **d**own in his **plac**e, **even** like strāw **is** trodden **d**own in the **w**āter of the dunghill.

11 He will spread **o**ut his **hand**s in the middle of it, like one **wh**o swims spreads **o**ut **hand**s to swim, but his **pride** will **be** humbled together **w**ith the **cr**āft of his **hand**s.

12 He has **br**ought the **high** **f**ortress of **y**our **w**ālls **d**own, **laid** low, and **br**ought to the **g**round, **even** to the dust.

Isaiah 26

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

“We have a strong **ç**ity. God appoints **salvation** **f**or **w**ālls and **b**ulwārks.

2 **O**pen the **g**ates, **th**at the **righteous** **n**atiōn may enter: the one **wh**ich **keeps** **faith**.

3 **Y**ou will **keep** whoever’s **mind** **is** **steadf**ast in **p**erfect **pe**ac**e**, **bec**āuse **he** trusts in **y**ou.

4 Trust in Yāhweh forever; for in Yāh, Yāhweh, **is** an everlāsting Rock.

5 For **he** has **br**ought **d**own **tho**se **wh**o dwell on **high**, the lofty **ç**ity. **He** **lays** it **low**. **He** **lays** it **low** **even** to the **g**round. **He** **bring**s it **even** to the dust.

6 The **f**oot **sh**all tread it **d**own; **E**ven the **fe**et of the **p**oor, and the steps of the **ne**edy.”

7 The way of the just **is** **up**rightness. **Y**ou **wh**o **ā**re **up**right **make** the **p**āth of the **righteous** level.

8 Yes, in the way of **y**our **jud**gments, Yāhweh, have **we** waited **f**or **y**ou. **Y**our **n**ame and **y**our **ren**own **ā**re the **de**si**r**e of **o**ur **s**oul.

9 **With** **my** **s**oul have I **de**si**r**ed **y**ou in the **n**ight. Yes, **w**ith **my** **s**pirit **w**ithin **me** will I **seek** **y**ou **ē**arnestly; **f**or **wh**en **y**our **jud**gments **ā**re in the **ē**arth, the inhabitants of the **w**orld **l**ēarn **righteousness**.

10 Let **favor** **be** **sh**own to the wicked, yet **he** will not **l**ēarn **righteousness**. In the land of **up**rightness **he** will **de**al **w**rongfully, and will not **see** Yāhweh’s majesty.

11 Yāhweh, **y**our **hand** **is** lifted up, yet **they** **don’t** **see**; but **they** will **see** **y**our **zeal** **f**or the **pe**ople, and **be** disappointed. Yes, **fire** will **c**onsume **y**our **adv**ersaries.

12 Yähweh, you will ördäin peaçe för us, för you have älsö döne äll öur wörk för us.

13 Yähweh öur God, öther lördş besideş you have had döminion över us, but by you öny will we make mentión of yöur name.

14 The dead shall not live. The depärted spirits shall not riş. Thereföre you have vişited and destroyed them, and cäuşed äll memory of them to perish.

15 You have increäsed the nation, O Yähweh. You have increäsed the nation! You äre glörfied! You have enlärged äll the börders of the land.

16 Yähweh, in trouble they have vişited you. They pöured öut a prayer when yöur chastening wäş on them.

17 Like aş a wöman with child, whe draws near the time of hër delivery, iş in pain and criesh öut in hër pangs; so we have been beföre you, Yähweh.

18 We have been with child. We have been in pain. We gave birth, it seemş, öny to wind. We have not wörked any deliverançe in the êarth; neither have the inhabitants of the wörlf ällen.

19 Yöur dead shall live. My dead bodieş shall ariş. Awake and sing, you whe dwell in the dust; för yöur dew iş like the dew of hërş, and the êarth will cäst öut the depärted spirits.

20 Cöme, my people, enter into yöur reemş, and shut yöur döorş behind you. Hide yöurself för a little moment, until the indignation iş päst.

21 For, behold, Yähweh cömeş öut of hiş plaçe to punish the inhabitants of the êarth för their iniquity. The êarth älsö will dislöşe hër blööd, and will no longer cöver hër slain.

Isaiah 27

In that day, Yähweh with hiş härd and greät and strong swörd will punish leviath, the fleeing sêrpent, and leviathan the twisted sêrpent; and he will kill the dragon that iş in the sea.

2 In that day, sing to hër, "A pleaşant vineyäd!

3 I, Yähweh, am its keeper. I will wäter it every moment. Lest anyone damage it, I will keep it niçht and day.

4 Wräth iş not in me, but if I shöüld find brierş and thörnş, I wöüld dö battle! I wöüld märch on them and I wöüld bürn them together.

5 Or else let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peaçe with me. Let him make peaçe with me."

6 In **days** to **come**, **Jacob** will **take root**. **Israel** will **blossom** and **bud**. **They** will fill the **surface** of the **world** with **fruit**.

7 **Has he** struck **them** **as he** struck **those** **who** struck **them**? **Or** **are they** killed like **those** **who** killed **them** **were** killed?

8 In **measure**, when **you** send **them** **away**, **you** contend with **them**. **He** **has** **removed** **them** with his **rough** **blast** in the **day** of the **east** wind.

9 **Therefore** by **this** the iniquity of **Jacob** will **be** forgiven, and **this** **is** **all** the **fruit** of **taking** **away** his **sin**: **that he** **makes** **all** the **stones** of the **altar** **as** **chalk** **stones** **that** **are** **beaten** in **pieces**, **so** **that** the **Asherah** **poles** and the **incense** **altars** **shall** **rise** **no** **more**.

10 For the **fortified** **city** **is** **solitary**, a **habitation** **deserted** and **forsaken**, **like** the wilderness. The **cañon** will **feed** **there**, and **there** **he** will **lie** **down**, and **consume** its **branches**.

11 When its **bovines** **are** **withered**, **they** will **be** **broken** off. The women will **come** and set **them** on **fire**, **for** **they** **are** a **people** of **no** understanding. **Therefore** **he** **who** **made** **them** will **not** have **compassion** on **them**, and **he** **who** **formed** **them** will **show** **them** **no** **favor**.

12 It will happen in **that** **day**, **that** **Yahweh** will **thresh** from the **flowing** **stream** of the **Euphrates** to the **brook** of **Egypt**; and **you** will **be** **gathered** one by one, **children** of **Israel**.

13 It will happen in **that** **day** **that** a **great** trumpet will **be** **blown**; and **those** **who** **were** ready to **perish** in the land of **Assyria**, and **those** **who** **were** **outcasts** in the land of **Egypt**, **shall** **come**; and **they** will **worship** **Yahweh** in the **holy** **mountain** at **Jerusalem**.

Isaiah 28

Woe to the **crown** of **pride** of the **drunkards** of **Ephraim**, and to the **fading** **flower** of his **glorious** **beauty**, **which** **is** on the head of the **fertile** valley of **those** **who** **are** **overcome** with **wine**!

2 **Behold**, the **Lord** **has** a **mighty** and **strong** one. **Like** a **storm** of **hail**, a **destroying** **storm**, and **like** a **storm** of **mighty** **waters** **overflowing**, **he** will **cast** **them** **down** to the **earth** with his **hand**.

3 The **crown** of **pride** of the **drunkards** of **Ephraim** will **be** **trodden** under **foot**.

4 The **fading** **flower** of his **glorious** **beauty**, **which** **is** on the head of the **fertile** valley, **shall** **be** **like** the **first-ripe** fig **before** the **summer**; **which** **someone** picks and **eats** **as** **soon** **as** **he** **sees** it.

5 In **that day**, Yähweh of **ärmies** will bec**ome** a **cr**ow**n** of gl**ö**ry, and a **diadem** of **beauty**, to the **rešidue** of hi**ş** **pe**ople;

6 and a spirit of **justi**ç**e** to him **wh**e**** sits in **judg**ment****, and **streng**th**** to **tho**ş**e wh**e**** t**urn** back the battle at the **gate**.

7 **They ä**l**so reel with wine**, and stagger **with** strong drink. The **priest** and the **prophet reel with** strong drink. **They ä**re **swällo**wed up **by wine**. **They stagger with** strong drink. **They ä**rr in **višion**. **They stumble** in **judg**ment****.

8 For **ä**ll **table**ş**** **ä**re **co**m**pletely **fü**ll** of **fil**th**y** vomit and **fil**th**iness**.

9 **Wh**o**m** will he **teach** **knowledg**e****? To **wh**o**m** will he **explai**n**** the **messag**e****? **Tho**ş**e wh**e**** **ä**re **weaned** from the **milk**, and **drä**w**n** from the **breasts**?

10 For it **i**ş**** **pre**ç**ept** on **pre**ç**ept**, **pre**ç**ept** on **pre**ç**ept**; **lin**e**** on **lin**e****, **lin**e**** on **lin**e****; **he**r**e** a little, **th**e**r**e**** a little.

11 But **he** will **speak** to **this nation with** stammering lips and in **an**ö**ther language**;

12 to **wh**o**m** he **said**, “This **i**ş**** the **resting plac**e****. Give rest to **weary**”; and “**This i**ş**** the **refreshing**”; yet **th**e**y w**ö**uld** not **hear**.

13 **Th**e**r**e**f**ö**r**e**** Yähweh’s **w**ö**rd** will **be** to **th**e**m** **pre**ç**ept** on **pre**ç**ept**, **pre**ç**ept** on **pre**ç**ept**; **lin**e**** on **lin**e****, **lin**e**** on **lin**e****; **he**r**e** a little, **th**e**r**e**** a little; **th**at** th**e**y may go**, **fä**ll backward, **be broken**, **be snar**e**d**, and **be taken**.

14 **Th**e**r**e**f**ö**r**e**** **hear** Yähweh’s **w**ö**rd**, **yo**u**** **scoff**e**r**ş****, **th**at** rul**e** th**is** pe**o**ple in **Jeru**ş**alem**:**

15 “**B**e**ca**u**s**e** yo**u**** have said, ‘**We** have **ma**d**e** a **co**v**enant with** **de**a**th**, and with **Sheol** [a] are **we** in **ag**r**eement**. **Wh**e**n** the **o**v**erflowing sco**ü**rg**e** p**ä**s**ş**e**ş** th**r**o**u**gh**, it **w**o**n’t c**ö**m**e** to us**; **f**ö**r** we have **ma**d**e** **li**e**ş** **ö**ur **refug**e****, and **we** have **hidden** **ö**ur**selv**e**ş** under **fä**lse**h**ö**ö**d.’”

16 **Th**e**r**e**f**ö**r**e**** **th**u**s say**ş**** the **L**ö**rd Yähweh**, “**Behold**, I **lay** in **Zion** **f**ö**r** a **fo**u**ndati**ö**n** a **st**o**ne**, a **tri**e**d st**o**ne**, a **pre**ç**i**o**us c**ö**rnerst**o**ne** of a **su**r**e fo**u**ndati**ö**n**. **He wh**e**** **believ**e**s** **sh**al**l** not act **hastily**.

17 I will **ma**k**e** **justi**ç**e** the **mea**ş**uring lin**e****, and **right**e**ousness** the **plumb lin**e****. The **hail** will **swe**e**p** away the **refug**e**** of **li**e**ş**, and the **w**ä**t**e**r**ş**** will **o**v**erflow** the **hiding plac**e****.

18 Your **co**v**enant with** **de**a**th** **sh**al**l be** annulled, and **y**ö**ur** **ag**r**eement with** **Sheol** [b] shall not stand. **Wh**e**n** the **o**v**erflowing sco**ü**rg**e** p**ä**s**ş**e**ş** th**r**o**u**gh**, **th**e**n yo**u**** will **be** **trampled down** by it.

19 As **o**f**ten a**ş**** it **p**ä**s**ş**e**ş** th**r**o**u**gh**, it will **seize yo**u****; **f**ö**r m**ö**rning by m**ö**rning** it will **p**ä**s**ş**e** **th**r**o**u**gh**, **by day** and **by night**; and it will **be n**ö**th**ing**** but **terror** to understand the **messag**e****.”

20 For the bed is **tee shórt** to stretch **out** on, and the blanket is **tee narrow** to wrap oneself in.

21 For Yähweh will **rise** up **aş** on Mount Perazim. **He** will **be** angry **aş** in the valley of Gibeon; **that he may do** his **wórk**, his **unuşual wórk**, and bring to **päss** his **act**, his **extraórdinary** act.

22 Now **therefóre don't be** scofferş, lest **yóur** bondş **be made** strong; **fó**r I have **heard** a **decree** of destruction from the **Lórd**, Yähweh of **ärmieş**, on the **whole earth**.

23 Give **ear**, and **hear my voiçe**! Listen, and **hear my speech**!

24 **Does he** who **plowş** to **sow plow** **continually**? **Does he keep túrning** the soil and **breaking** the clods?

25 **When he** has leveled its **súrfaçe**, **doesn't he** plant the dill, and scatter the cumin **seed**, and **pút** in the **wheat** in rows, the **bárléy** in the appointed **plaçe**, and the spelt in its **plaçe**?

26 For his **God** instructs him in **right judgment**, and **teacheş** him.

27 For the dill **äre** not **threshed** with a **shárp** instrument, **neither is** a **cárt wheel túrned** over the cumin; but the dill is **beaten out** with a stick, and the cumin with a rod.

28 Bread **flour** must **be ground**; **so he** will not **áways be threshing** it. **átho**ugh he **driveş** the **wheel** of his **threshing cárt** over it, his **hórses** don't grind it.

29 **This á**lso **comeş** out from Yähweh of **ärmieş**, **who is** **wónderfú**l in **có**nsel, and **exçellent** in **wişdó**m.

Isaiah 29

Woe to Ariel! Ariel, the **çity** where **David** encamped! Add **year** to **year**; let the **feasts** **come** **aróund**;

2 **then** I will distress Ariel, and **there** will **be** **mó**urning and **lamentationş**. **She shall be** to **me** **aş** an **á**ltar **hearth**.^[a]

3 I will encamp **against you á**ll **aróund you**, and will **lay sieg**e **against you** with **posted treeps**. I will **raise sieg**e **wó**rks **against you**.

4 **You** will **be bró**ught **down**, and will **speak** **out** of the **ground**. **Yóur** **speech** will mumble **out** of the dust. **Yóur** **voiçe** will **be** **aş** of one **who** has a familiar spirit, **out** of the **ground**, and **yóur** **speech** will **whisper** **out** of the dust.

5 But the **multitude** of **yóur foş** will **be** **like** **fine** dust, and the **multitude** of the **ruthless** **oneş** **like** **cháff** **that blowş** **away**. Yes, it will **be** in an instant, suddenly.

6 She will be visited by Yähweh of ärmies with thunder, with earthquake, with great noise, with whirlwind and storm, and with the flame of a devouring fire.

7 The multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all who fight against her and her stronghold, and who distress her, will be like a dream, a vision of the night.

8 It will be like when a hungry man dreams, and behold, he eats; but he awakes, and his hunger isn't satisfied; or like when a thirsty man dreams, and behold, he drinks; but he awakes, and behold, he is faint, and he is still thirsty. The multitude of all the nations that fight against Mount Zion will be like that.

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

10 For Yähweh has poured out on you a spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes, the prophets; and he has covered your heads, the seers.

11 All vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is educated, saying, "Read this, please"; and he says, "I can't, for it is sealed:"

12 and the book is delivered to one who is not educated, saying, "Read this, please"; and he says, "I can't read."

13 The Lord said, "Because this people draws near with their mouth and with their lips to honor me, but they have removed their heart far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men which has been taught;

14 therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men will perish, and the understanding of their prudent men will be hidden."

15 Woe to those who deeply hide their counsel from Yähweh, and whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us?" and "Who knows us?"

16 You turn things upside down! Should the potter be thought to be like clay; that the thing made should say about him who made it, "He didn't make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding?"

17 Isn't it yet a very little while, and Lebanon will be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field will be regarded as a forest?

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

19 The humble **also** will **increase** **their** joy in Yähweh, and the **pöör** among men will rejoice in the **Holy** One of **Işrael**.

20 For the **ruthless** **iş** **bröught** to **nóth**ing, and the scoffer **ceases**, and **á**ll **thoşe** who **äre** **alért** to **de** **evil** **äre** cut off—

21 who **cáuşe** a **pêrson** to be **indict**ed by a **wôrd**, and **lay** a **snare** **fôr** the **ärbiter** in the **gate**, and **who** **deprive** the **innocent** of **justiçe** with **fá**lse **testimóny**.

22 **Theréfôre** Yähweh, **who** **redeemed** **Abraham**, **says** **conçerning** the **houşe** of **Jacob**: “**Jacob** **shall** **no** longer be **ashamed**, **neither** **shall** **hiş** **façe** grow **pale**.”

23 But **when** **he** **seeş** **hiş** **children**, the **wôrk** of **my** **handş**, in the middle of him, **they** will **sanctify** **my** **name**. Yes, **they** will **sanctify** the **Holy** One of **Jacob**, and will stand in **á**wè of the God of **Işrael**.

24 They **á**lso **who** **êrr** in spirit will **cóme** to understanding, and **thoşe** **who** grumble will **reçeive** **instructiön**.”

Isaiah 30

“**Wo**e to the rebellious children”, **says** Yähweh, “**who** **take** **cöunsel**, but not from **me**; and **who** **make** an **alliançe**, but not with **my** Spirit, **that** **they** may add sin to sin,

2 **who** set **out** to go **down** into **Egypt**, and have not **äsked** **my** **advicè**; to **strengthen** **themselves** in the **strength** of **Pharaoh**, and to **take** **refuge** in the **shadow** of **Egypt**!

3 **Theréfôre** the **strength** of **Pharaoh** will be **yöur** **shame**, and the **refuge** in the **shadow** of **Egypt** **yöur** **cönfuşiön**.

4 For **their** **prinçes** **äre** at **Zoan**, and **their** **ambassadorş** have **cóme** to **Hanes**.

5 **They** **shall** **á**ll be **ashamed** **becáuşe** of a **people** **that** **cän't** profit **them**, **that** **äre** not a help **nör** profit, but a **shame**, and **á**lso a **reproach**.”

6 The **bûrden** of the **animalş** of the **South**. **throug**h the land of trouble and **anguish**., of the **lioness** and the **liön**, the **viper** and **fiery** **flying** **sêrpent**, **they** carry **their** **riches** on the **shoulderş** of young **donkeyş**, and **their** **treasureş** on the humps of **camelş**, to an unprofitable **people**.

7 For **Egypt** helps in **vain**, and to **no** **pûrpoşe**; **theréfôre** have I **called** **hêr** **Rahab** **who** sits still.

8 **Now** go, **write** it **befôre** **them** on a tablet, and **inscribe** it in a **böök**, **that** it may be **fôr** the **time** to **cóme** forever and ever.

9 For it **iş** a rebellious **people**, **lying** **children**, **children** **who** will not **hear** Yähweh's **láw**;

10 **who** tell the **seers**, “**Don't see!**” and to the **prophets**, “**Don't prophecy** to us **right things**. Tell us **pleasant things**. **Prophecy** **deceits**.”

11 Get **out** of the way. **Turn** aside from the **path**. **Cause** the Holy One of **Israel** to **cease** from **before** us.”

12 **Therefore** **thus** says the Holy One of **Israel**, “**Because** you **despise** **this word**, and trust in **oppression** and **perverseness**, and **rely** on it;

13 **therefore** **this iniquity** **shall be** to you **like** a **breach** ready to **fall**, swelling **out** in a **high wall**, **whose** **breaking comes** suddenly in an instant.

14 **He** will **break** it **as** a potter's vessel **is broken**, **breaking** it in **pieces** **without sparing**, **so that** **there won't be found** among the **broken piece** a **piece good enough** to **take fire** from the **hearth**, **or** to dip up **water** **out** of the **cistern**.”

15 For **thus** said the **Lord Yähwēh**, the Holy One of **Israel**, “You will **be saved** in **returning** and **rest**. **Your strength** will **be** in **quietness** and in **confidence**.” You **refused**,

16 but you said, “**No, for** we will **flee** on **horses**”; **therefore** you will **flee**; and, “**We** will **ride** on the **swift**”; **therefore** **those** **who** **pursue** you will **be** **swift**.

17 One **thousand** will **flee** at the **threat** of one. At the **threat** of **five**, you will **flee** until you **are** left **like** a **beacon** on the top of a **mountain**, and **like** a banner on a hill.

18 **Therefore** **Yähwēh** will **wait**, **that** **he** may **be gracious** to you; and **therefore** **he** will **be exalted**, **that** **he** may have **mercy** on you, **for** **Yähwēh** **is** a God of **justice**. **Blessed** **are** **all those** **who** **wait** **for** him.

19 For the **people** will dwell in **Zion** at **Jerusalem**. You will **weep** **no more**. **He** will **surely be gracious** to you at the **voice** of **your cry**. **When** **he** **hears** you, **he** will **answer** you.

20 **Though** the **Lord** may give you the bread of **adversity** and the **water** of **affliction**, yet **your teachers** **won't be** hidden any **more**, but **your eyes** will **see** **your teachers**;

21 and **when** you **turn** to the **right** hand, and **when** you **turn** to the **left**, **your ears** will **hear** a **voice** behind you, **saying**, “**This** **is** the way. **Walk** in it.”

22 You **shall** **defile** the **overlaying** of **your** **engraved images** of silver, and the **plating** of **your** **molten images** of gold. You **shall** **cast** **them away** **as** an **unclean thing**. You **shall** **tell** it, “**Go** away!”

23 **He** will give the **rain** **for** **your seed**, **with** **which** you will **sow** the **ground**; and bread of the **increase** of the **ground** will **be** **rich** and **plentiful**. In **that** **day**, **your** **livestock** will **feed** in **large pastures**.

24 The oxen **likewise** and the young donkeys **that** till the ground will **eat** savory feed, **which** has been winnowed **with** the shovel and **with** the fork.

25 **There** shall be brooks and streams of water on every lofty mountain and on every high hill in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.

26 Moreover the light of the moon will be like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven days, in the day that Yähwëh binds up the fracture of his people, and heals the wound they were struck with.

27 Behold, Yähwëh's name comes from far away, burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke. His lips are full of indignation, and his tongue is as a devouring fire.

28 His breath is as an overflowing stream that reaches even to the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction; and a bridle that leads to ruin will be in the jaws of the people.

29 You will have a song, as in the night when a holy feast is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goes with a flute to come to Yähwëh's mountain, to Israel's Rock.

30 Yähwëh will cause his glorious voice to be heard, and will show the descent of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and the flame of a devouring fire, with a blast, storm, and hailstones.

31 For through Yähwëh's voice the Assyrian will be dismayed. He will strike him with his rod.

32 Every stroke of the rod of punishment, which Yähwëh will lay on him, will be with the sound of tambourines and harps. He will fight with them in battles, brandishing weapons.

33 For his burning place has long been ready. Yes, for the king it is prepared. He has made its pyre deep and large with fire and much wood. Yähwëh's breath, like a stream of sulfur, kindles it.

Isaiah 31

Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, and rely on horses, and trust in chariots because they are many, and in horsemen because they are very strong, but they don't look to the Holy One of Israel, and they don't seek Yähwëh!

2 Yet he also is wise, and will bring disaster, and will not call back his words, but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of those who work iniquity.

3 Now the **Egyptians** are men, and not God; and **their horses** flesh, and not spirit. When **Yähweh** stretches out his hand, **both he who** helps shall stumble, and **he who** is helped shall fall, and **they all** shall be consumed together.

4 For **Yähweh** says to me, "As the lion and the young lion growling over his prey, if a multitude of **shepherds** is called together against him, will not be dismayed at **their voice**, nor abase himself for **their noise**, so **Yähweh** of **armies** will come down to fight on Mount Zion and on its heights.

5 As **birds** hovering, so **Yähweh** of **armies** will protect Jerusalem. He will protect and deliver it. He will pass over and preserve it."

6 Return to him from whom you have deeply revolted, **children of Israel**.

7 For in **that day** everyone shall cast away his idols of silver and his idols of gold—sin which your own hands have made for you.

8 "The Assyrian will fall by the sword, not of man; and the sword, not of mankind, shall devour him. He will flee from the sword, and his young men will become subject to forced labor.

9 His rock will pass away by reason of terror, and his princes will be afraid of the banner," says **Yähweh**, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem

Isaiah 32

Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in justice.

2 A man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the storm, as streams of water in a dry place, as the shade of a large rock in a weary land.

3 The eyes of those who see will not be dim, and the ears of those who hear will listen.

4 The heart of the rash will understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers will be ready to speak plainly.

5 The fool will no longer be called noble, nor the scoundrel be highly respected.

6 For the fool will speak folly, and his heart will work iniquity, to practice profanity, and to utter error against **Yähweh**, To make empty the soul of the hungry, and to cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

7 The ways of the scoundrel are evil. He devises wicked devices to destroy the humble with lying words, even when the needy speaks right.

8 But the noble devises noble things; and he will continue in noble things.

9 Rise up, you women who are at ease! Hear my voice! You careless daughters, give ear to my speech!

10 For days beyond a year you will be troubled, you careless women; for the vintage shall fail. The harvest won't come.

11 Tremble, you women who are at ease! Be troubled, you careless ones! Strip yourselves, make yourselves naked, and put sackcloth on your waist.

12 Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

13 Thorns and briers will come up on my people's land; yes, on all the houses of joy in the joyous city.

14 For the palace will be forsaken. The populous city will be deserted. The hill and the watchtower will be for dens forever, a delight for wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks;

15 Until the Spirit is poured on us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is considered a forest.

16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness; and righteousness will remain in the fruitful field.

17 The work of righteousness will be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

18 My people will live in a peaceful habitation, in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

19 Though hail flattens the forest, and the city is leveled completely.

20 Blessed are you who sow beside all waters, who send out the feet of the ox and the donkey.

Isaiah 33

Woe to you who destroy, but you weren't destroyed; and who betray, but nobody betrayed you! When you have finished destroying, you will be destroyed; and when you have finished betrayal, you will be betrayed.

2 Yähwëh, be gracious to us. We have waited for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

3 At the noise of the thunder, the people have fled. When you lift yourself up, the nations are scattered.

4 Your plunder will be gathered as the caterpillar gathers. Men will leap on it as locusts leap.

5 Yähweh **iş** exálted, **för** he dwellş on **hiġh**. He haş filled Zion **with** **juſtiċe** and **riġhteouſneſſe**.

6 **There** will be stability in **yôur** **timeş**, abundanċe of **ſalvatiôn**, **wişdôm**, and **knowledġe**. The **fear** of Yähweh **iş** **yôur** **treaşure**.

7 Behold, **their** valiant oneş **cry** **outside**; the **ambassadorş** of **peaċe** **weep** bitterly.

8 The **hiġhwayş** **äre** **deşolate**. The traveling man **ċe**aseş. The **côvenant** **iş** **broken**. He haş **deſpişed** the **ċitieş**. He **dôe**sn't respect man.

9 The land **môurnş** and **languiſheş**. Lebanon **iş** **confounded** and **withereş** away. Sharon **iş** **like** a **deşert**, and Bashan and Carmel **äre** stripped **bare**.

10 “**Now** I will **arişe**,” sayş Yähweh; “**Now** I will lift **my**self up. **Now** I will be **exálted**.”

11 **You** will **conċeive** **chäff**. **You** will give **birth** to stubble. **Yôur** **breath** **iş** a **fire** **that** will **devo**ur **you**.

12 The **peopleş** will be **like** the **bûrning** of lime, **like** **thôrnş** **that** **äre** cut **dôwn** and **bûrned** in the **fire**.

13 **Hear**, **you** **who** **äre** **fär** off, **what** I have **dône**; and, **you** **who** **äre** **near**, **acknowledġe** **my** **miġht**.”

14 The **sinnerş** in **Zion** **äre** **afraid**. Trembling haş **ſeized** the **godleſſe** oneş. **Who** **among** us can live **with** the **devo**uring **fire**? **Who** **among** us can live **with** **everlăſting** **bûrning**?

15 **He** **who** **wălkeş** **riġhteouſly**, and **ſpeakeş** **blameleſſy**; **He** **who** **deſpişeş** the **gain** of **oppreſſionş**, **who** **geſtureş** **with** hiş **handş**, **refuſing** to **take** a **bribe**, **who** **ſtopſ** hiş **earş** from **hearing** of **blôôd**, and **ſhuteş** hiş **eyeş** from **lôôking** at **evil**—

16 **he** will dwell on **hiġh**. Hiş **plăċe** of **de**feñſe will be the **fôrtreſſe** of **rockş**. Hiş **bread** will be **ſupplie**d. Hiş **wătereş** will be **ſure**.

17 **Yôur** **eyeş** will **ſee** the king in hiş **beauty**. **They** will **ſee** a **distant** land.

18 **Yôur** **heărt** will **meditate** on the **terror**. **Where** **iş** **he** **who** **counted**? **Where** **iş** **he** **who** **weighed**? **Where** **iş** **he** **who** **counted** the **towerş**?

19 **You** will **no** longer **ſee** the **fiêrċe** **people**, a **people** of a **deep** **ſpeeċh** **that** **you** **căn**'t **compre**hend, **with** a **ſtrange** **language** **that** **you** **căn**'t **under**ſtand.

20 Look at **Zion**, the **ċity** of **ôur** **appointed** **feſtivalş**. **Yôur** **eyeş** will **ſee** **Jeruſalem**, a **quiet** **habitation**, a **tent** **that** **won**'t be **remov**ed. Its **ſtakeş** will never be **pluck**ed up, nor will any of its **côrdş** be **broken**.

21 But **there** Yähweh will **be with** us in majesty, a **placē** of **widē** rivers and streams, in **which no** galley with **ōarš** will go, **neither** will any gallant **ship päss** by **there**.

22 For Yähweh **iš** **our** judge. Yähweh **iš** **our** lāwgiver. Yähweh **iš** **our** king. He will **save** us.

23 Yōur rigging **iš** **untied**. **They** **coū**dn't **strengthē**n the **fōot** of **their** **mäst**. **They** **coū**dn't spread the **sail**. **Then** the prey of a **great** plunder **waš** divided. The **lame** **tōok** the prey.

24 The inhabitant **won't** **say**, "I am sick." The **people** **who** dwell **therein** will **be** forgiven **their** **iniquity**.

Isaiah 34

Cōme **near**, **you** **nationš**, to **hear**! Listen, **you** **peopleš**. Let the **ēarth** and **āll** it **containš** **hear**; the **wōrld**, and **everythi**ng **that** **cōmeš** from it.

2 For Yähweh **iš** **enragē**d **against** **āll** the **nationš**, and **angry** **with** **āll** **their** **ārmieš**. He **haš** utterly destroyed **them**. He **haš** given **them** **over** **fōr** **slāughtē**r.

3 **Their** **slain** will **ā**lso **be** **cāst** **out**, and the **stēnch** of **their** **dead** **bodieš** will **cōme** up; and the **mountainš** will melt in **their** **blōōd**.

4 All of the **ārm**y of the **sky** will **be** **dišš**olved. The **sky** will **be** **rollē**d up **like** a **scroll**, and **āll** its **ārmieš** will **fade** away, as a **leaf** **fadeš** from off a **vine** **ōr** a **fig** **tree**.

5 For **my** **swōrd** **haš** drunk its fill in the **sky**. **Behold**, it will **cōme** **dōwn** on Edom, and on the **people** of **my** **cūrse**, **fōr** **judg**ment.

6 Yähweh's **swōrd** **iš** filled **with** **blōōd**. It **iš** **cōverē**d **with** **fat**, **with** the **blōōd** of **lambš** and **goats**, with the fat of the **kidneyš** of **ramš**; for Yähweh **haš** a **sacrificē** in Bozrah, And a **great** **slāughtē**r in the land of Edom.

7 The **wild** **oxen** will **cōme** **dōwn** **with** **them**, and the **young** **būllš** **with** the **mighty** **būllš**; and **their** **land** will **be** **drunken** **with** **blōōd**, and **their** **dust** **madē** **greāšy** **with** **fat**.

8 For Yähweh **haš** a **day** of **vengean**çe, a **year** of recompense **fōr** the **cāu**se of Zion.

9 Its **streamš** will **be** **tūr**ned **intō** **pitch**, its **dust** **intō** **sulfur**, And its **land** will **becōme** **būr**ning **pitch**.

10 It **won't** **be** **quenched** **nigh**t **nōr** **day**. Its **smoke** will **go** up forever. From **generatiōn** to **generatiōn**, it will **lie** **waste**. **No** **one** will **päss** **throug**h it forever and ever.

11 But the pelican and the porcupine will possess it. The owl and the raven will dwell in it. He will stretch the line of confusion over it, and the plumb line of emptiness.

12 They shall call its nobles to the kingdom, but none shall be there; and all its princes shall be nothing.

13 Thorns will come up in its palaces, nettles and thistles in its fortresses; and it will be a habitation of jackals, a court for ostriches.

14 The wild animals of the desert will meet with the wolves, and the wild goat will cry to his fellow. Yes, the night creature[a] shall settle there, and shall find herself a place of rest.

15 The arrow snake will make her nest there, and lay, hatch, and gather under her shade. Yes, the kites will be gathered there, every one with her mate.

16 Search in the book of Yähwah, and read: not one of these will be missing: none will lack her mate. For my mouth has commanded, and his Spirit has gathered them.

17 He has cast the lot for them, and his hand has divided it to them with a measuring line. They shall possess it forever. From generation to generation they will dwell in it.

Isaiah 35

The wilderness and the dry land will be glad. The desert will rejoice and blossom like a rose.

2 It will blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing. Lebanon's glory will be given to it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They will see Yähwah's glory, the excellence of our God.

3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Tell those who have a fearful heart, "Be strong. Don't be afraid. Behold, your God will come with vengeance, God's retribution. He will come and save you.

5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.

6 Then the lame man will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing; for waters will break out in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

7 The burning sand will become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. Grass with reeds and rushes will be in the habitation of jackals, where they lay.

8 A **highway** will **be there**, a **road**, and it will **be called** The **Holy Way**. The **unclean** shall not **päss** over it, but it will **be för** **thoſe** **who wå**k in the **Way**. Wicked **foe**ſ will not **go there**.

9 No **liön** will **be there**, nor will any ravenous animal **go** up on it. **They** will not **be found there**; but the **redeemed** will **wå**k **there**.

10 The **Yähweh**'ſ **ransomed** oneſ will **retü**rn, and **cö**me **with** singing to **Zion**; and **everlä**ſting joy will **be** on **their** **head**ſ. **They** will **obtain** gladness and joy, and **sorrow** and **ſighing** will **flee** away.”

Isaiah 36

Now in the **fö**urteenth **year** of king Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria **attacked** **å**ll of the **förtified** **çities** of **Judah**, and **captured** **them**.

2 The king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to **Jeruſ**alem to king Hezekiah **with** a **lä**rg **å**rmy. **He** **ſtö**öd **by** the **aqueduct** from the upper **pool** in the **fuller**'ſ **field** **highway**.

3 Then Eliakim the **ſön** of Hilkiyah, **who** **wå**ſ **over** the **houſe**hold, and Shebna the **ſcri**b_e, and **Joah**, the **ſön** of Asaph, the **recör**der **came** **ö**ut to him.

4 Rabshakeh said to **them**, “Now tell Hezekiah, '**Thus** **ſay**ſ the **great** king, the king of Assyria, “**Wh**at **confidenc**e **iſ** **this** in **wh**ich **you** trust?”

5 I **ſay** **th**at **yö**ur **cö**unſel and **ſtreng**th **för** the **wå**r **å**re **ö**nly **vain** **wör**dſ. **Now** in **whö**m **de** **you** trust, **th**at **you** have rebelled **again**ſt **me**?”

6 **Behö**ld, **you** trust in the **ſtä**ff of **this** **bru**ſed **reed**, **even** in **Egypt**, **wh**ich if a man **lean**ſ on it, it will **go** **intö** **hiſ** hand and **pi**erçe it. **So** **iſ** **Pharaoh** king of **Egypt** to **å**ll **whö** trust in him.

7 But if **you** tell **me**, '**We** trust in **Yähweh** **ö**ur **God**, **you** **iſ**n't **th**at **he** **whö**ſe **high** **plac**eſ and **whö**ſe **å**ltarſ Hezekiah haſ **taken** **away**, and haſ **said** to **Judah** and to **Jeruſ**alem, ‘**You** **ſhall** **wör**ſhip **beför**e **this** **å**ltar?’”

8 **Now** **therefö**re, **plea**ſe **make** a **pled**g_e to **my** **må**ſter the king of Assyria, and I will **give** **you** **twö** **thö**uſand **hö**rſeſ, if **you** **å**re **able** on **yö**ur **på**rt to **ſet** **rid**eſ on **them**.

9 **Hö**w **th**en can **you** **tü**rn **away** the **fa**çe of one captain of the **le**aſt of **my** **må**ſter'ſ **ſ**êrvants, and **püt** **yö**ur trust on **Egypt** **för** **chariö**tſ and **för** **hö**rſemen ?

10 Have I **cö**me up **ö**w **withö**ut **Yähweh** **again**ſt **this** land to **deſ**troy it? **Yähweh** ſaid to **me**, “**Go** up **again**ſt **this** land, and **deſ**troy it.””

11 Then Eliakim, Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh, “Please **speak** to **yôur** **sêrvants** in **Aramaic**, **fôr** **we** understand it; and **don't speak** to us in the **Jewš'** language in the **hearing** of the **people** **who** **äre** on the **wäll**.”

12 But Rabshakeh said, “**Haş** **my** **mäster** sent me **only** to **yôur** **mäster** and to **you**, to **speak** **thesê** **wôrds**, and not to the men **who** sit on the **wäll**, **who** will **eat** **their** **own** dung and drink **their** **own** **urine** **with** **you**?”

13 Then Rabshakeh **stôod**, and **cäll**ed **out** **with** a **loud** **voiç**e in the **Jewš'** language, and said, “**Hear** the **wôrds** of the **great** king, the king of Assyria!

14 **Thus** **says** the king, '**Don't** let Hezekiah **deç**eive **you**; **fôr** **he** will not **be** **able** to deliver **you**.

15 **Don't** let Hezekiah **make** **you** trust in **Yähweh**, **saying**, “**Yähweh** will **surely** deliver us. **This** **çity** **won't** **be** given into the hand of the king of Assyria.”

16 **Don't** listen to Hezekiah, **fôr** **thus** **says** the king of Assyria, 'Make **yôur** **pea**çe **with** me, and **come** **out** to me; and **each** of **you** **eat** from hiş **vine**, and **each** one from hiş fig **tree**, and **each** one of **you** drink the **wäter**ş of hiş **own** **çistêrn**;

17 until I **come** and **take** **you** away to a land **like** **yôur** **own** land, a land of **grain** and new **wine**, a land of bread and viney**ärd**ş.

18 Bew**are** lest Hezekiah **pêrsuade** **you**, **saying**, “**Yähweh** will deliver us.” Have any of the **god**ş of the **nation**ş delivered **their** **land**ş from the hand of the king of Assyria?

19 **Where** **äre** the **god**ş of Hamath and Arpad? **Where** **äre** the **god**ş of Sepharvaim? Have **they** delivered **Samaria** from **my** hand?

20 **Who** **äre** **they** among **äll** the **god**ş of **thesê** **country**ş **that** have delivered **their** country **out** of **my** hand, **that** **Yähweh** **shou**ld deliver **Jeru**şalem **out** of **my** hand?”

21 But **they** remained **silent**, and said **noth**ing in reply, **fôr** the king's **commandment** **wa**ş, “**Don't** answer him.”

22 **Then** Eliakim the **son** of Hilkiyah, **who** **wa**ş over the **household**, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the **son** of Asaph, the **recô**rd, **came** to Hezekiah **with** **their** **cloth**ş **tô**rn, and **told** him the **wôrds** of Rabshakeh.

Isaiah 37

When king Hezekiah **he**ard it, **he** **tô**re hiş **cloth**ş, **covered** himself **with** sackcloth, and went into **Yähweh**'ş **hou**şe.

2 He sent Eliakim, **who was** over the **household**, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, **covered with** sackcloth, to **Išaiāh** the prophet, the **son** of Amoz.

3 **They** said to him, “**Thus says** Hezekiah, 'Today **is** a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of rejection; **fōr** the **children** have **come** to the **birth**, and **there is** no strength to give **birth**.’”

4 It **may be** Yāhweh **yōur** God will **hear** the **wōrds** of Rabshakeh, **whom** the king of Assyria **hiş** māster haş sent to **defy** the living God, and will **rebuke** the **wōrds** **which** Yāhweh **yōur** God haş **heard**. **Therefore** lift up **yōur** prayer **fōr** the remnant **that is** left.”

5 **So** the **sērvants** of king Hezekiah **came** to **Išaiāh**.

6 **Išaiāh** said to **them**, “Tell **yōur** māster, 'Yāhweh **says**, “**Don't be** afraid of the **wōrds** **that** you have **heard**, **with** **which** the **sērvants** of the king of Assyria have **blasphemed** me.

7 **Behold**, I will **put** a spirit in him and **he** will **hear** news, and will **retūrn** to **hiş** own land. I will **cause** him to **fall** **by** the **swōrd** in **hiş** own land.””

8 **So** Rabshakeh **retūrn**ed, and **found** the king of Assyria **wārring** **against** Libnah, **fōr** **he** had **heard** **that** **he** **was** **depart**ed from Lachish.

9 **He** **heard** news **concerning** Tirhakah king of **Ethiopia**, “**He** **has** **come** **out** to **fight** **against** you.” When **he** **heard** it, **he** sent **messenger**s to Hezekiah, **saying**,

10 “**Thus** you **shall** **speak** to Hezekiah king of **Judah**, **saying**, 'Don't let **yōur** God in **whom** you trust **deceive** you, **saying**, “**Jeru**şalem **won't** be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.”

11 **Behold**, you have **heard** **what** the **kings** of Assyria have **done** to **āll** **lands**, **by** destroying **them** utterly. **Shall** you be delivered?

12 Have the **god**s of the **nation**s delivered **them**, **which** **my** **fāther**s have destroyed, Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the **children** of Eden **who** **wēre** in Telassar?

13 **Where** **is** the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the **city** of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?”

14 Hezekiah **received** the letter from the hand of the **messenger**s and read it. **Then** Hezekiah went up to Yāhweh's **hou**se, and spread it **befōre** Yāhweh.

15 Hezekiah **prayed** to Yāhweh, **saying**,

16 “Yahweh of **ārmie**s, the God of **I**şrael, **who** **is** **enthron**ed among the cherubim, you **āre** the God, **even** you **alone**, of **āll** the **kingdōm**s of the **ēarth**. You have **made** heaven and **ēarth**.

17 Tûrn yôur ear, Yähweh, and hear. Open yôur eyes, Yähweh, and behold. Hear áll of the wôrdş of Sennacherib, who haş sent to defy the living God.

18 Truly, Yähweh, the kingş of Assyria have destroyed áll the countrieş and their land,

19 and have cást their godş into the fire; fôr they wêre no godş, but the wôrk of men's hands, wôod and stone; therêfôre they have destroyed them.

20 Now therêfôre, Yähweh our God, save us from hiş hand, that áll the kingdômş of the êarth may know that you äre Yähweh, even you only.”

21 Then Işaiah the sôn of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, “Yähweh, the God of Işrael sayş, ' Becauşe you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria,

22 this iş the wôrd which Yähweh haş spoken concêrning him. The virgin dâughter of Zion haş despişed you and ridiculed you. The dâughter of Jeruşalem haş shaken hêr head at you.

23 Whom have you defied and blasphemed? Against whom have you exálted yôur voice and lifted up yôur eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Işrael.

24 By yôur sêrvants, have you defied the Lôrd, and have said, “With the multitude of my chariots I have cômè up to the height of the mountrainş, to the innermost pârts of Lebanon. I will cut down its táll cedarş and its choiçe cypress treeş. I will enter into its fârthest height, the forest of its fruitful field.

25 I have dug and drunk wáter, and with the sole of my feet I will dry up áll the riverş of Egypt.”

26 Have you not heard how I have done it long ago, and fôrmed it in ançient timeş? Now I have brôught it to pæss, that it shôuld be yôurş to destroy fôrtified çitieş, tûrning them into ruinous heaps.

27 Therêfôre their inhabitants had little power. They wêre dismayed and confounded. They wêre like the græss of the field, and like the green hêrb, like the græss on the housetops, and like a field befôre its crop haş grown.

28 But I know yôur sitting down, yôur going out, yôur côming in, and yôur raging against me.

29 Becauşe of yôur raging against me, and becauşe yôur arrogançe haş cômè up into my earş, therêfôre will I put my hòok in yôur noşe and my bridle in yôur lips, and I will tûrn you back by the way by which you came.

30 **This shall be the sign to you.** You will eat **this year that which** grows of itself, and in the **second year that which** springs from the same; and in the **third year sow and reap and plant vineyards,** and eat **their fruit.**

31 The remnant **that is escaped** of the **house** of Judah will again **take root downward,** and bear **fruit upward.**

32 For **out of Jerusalem** a remnant will **go out,** and **survivors** will **escape** from **Mount Zion.** The **zeal of Yāhweh of armies** will **perform this.'**

33 **Therefore** Yāhweh says **concerning** the king of Assyria, 'He will not **come to this city,** **nor shoot** an **arrow there,** **neither will he come before it with shield,** **nor cast** up a **mound against it.**

34 **By the way that he came,** **by the same he shall return,** and **he shall not come to this city,** You says Yāhweh.

35 'For I will defend **this city to save it, for my own sake,** and **for my servant David's sake.'**

36 Yāhweh's **angel** went **out** and struck one hundred and **eighty-five thousand** men in the camp of the Assyrians. *When men arose early in the morning,* **behold, these were all dead bodies.**

37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria **departed,** went **away,** **returned** to Nineveh, and **stayed there.**

38 **As he was worshipping** in the **house** of Nisroch his **god,** Adrammelech and Sharezer his **sons** struck him **with the sword;** and **they escaped** into the land of Ararat. Esar Haddon his **son** reigned in his **place.**

Isaiah 38

In **those days was** Hezekiah sick and **near death.** **Isaiah** the **prophet,** the **son** of Amoz, **came** to him, and said to him, "Yāhweh says, 'Set **your house** in **order,** **for you** will **die,** and not live.'"

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

3 and said, "Remember **now,** Yāhweh, I beg **you,** **how** I have **walked** before **you** in **truth** and **with** a **perfect heart,** and have **done that which is good** in **your sight.**" Hezekiah wept bitterly.

4 **Then** Yāhweh's **word** came to **Isaiah,** saying,

5 "Go, and tell Hezekiah, 'Yahweh says, the God of **David your father,** "I have **heard your prayer.** I have **seen your tears.** Behold, I will add **fifteen years** to **your life.**

6 I will deliver **you** and **this çity** out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend **this çity**.

7 **This shall be** the sign to **you** from Yähweh, **that** Yähweh will **de this thing that he haş** spoken.

8 Behold, I will **cauße** the **shadow** on the sundial, **which** haş gone **dow**n on the sundial of Ahaz **with** the sun, to **retür**n backward ten steps. **So** the sun **retür**ned ten steps on the sundial on **which** it had gone **dow**n.””

9 The **writ**ing of Hezekiah king of **Judah**, **when he** had **been** sick, and had **reco**vered of his sickness.

10 I said, “In the middle of **my life** I **go into** the **gates** of **Sheol**.^[a] I am **depr**ived of the **reşid**ue of **my yearş**.”

11 I said, “I **won't see** Yäh, Yäh in the land of the living. I will **see** man **no m**öre **with** the inhabitants of the **w**orld.

12 **My** dwelling **iş** **remo**ved, and **iş** **carried away** from **me like** a **shepherd's** tent. I have **rolled up**, **like** a **weaver**, **my life**. **He** will cut **me** off from the **loom**. From **day** **even to ni**ght **you** will **make** an end of **me**.

13 I **waited** **patiently** until **m**orning. **He** **breaks** **äll my boneş** like a **li**ön. From **day** **even to ni**ght **you** will **make** an end of **me**.

14 I **chattered** like a **swallow** **ör** a **crane**. I **moaned** like a **d**öve. My **eyeş** **weaken** **lo**öking upward. Lord, I am **oppre**sed. Be **my security**.”

15 **What** will I **say**? **He** haş **both** spoken to **me**, and himself haş **done** it. I will **w**alk **carefully** **äll my yearş** **becauße** of the **anguish** of **my soul**.

16 Lörd, men live **by theş things**; and **my** spirit **findş** **life** in **äll** of **them**: **you** **rest**öre **me**, and **cauße** **me** to live.

17 Behold, **f**ör **pe**çe I had **great** **anguish**., but **you** have in **love** **f**ör **my soul** delivered it from the pit of **corrupti**ön; for **you** have **c**äst **äll my sinş** behind **y**öur back.

18 For **Sheol**^[b] can't **praiße** **you**. **Deat**h can't **çelebrate** **you**. **Thoße** **who** go **dow**n into the pit can't **hope** **f**ör **y**öur **truth**.

19 The living, the living, **he shall praiße** **you**, **aş** I **de** today. The **f**äther **shall make** **known** **y**öur **truth** to the **children**.

20 Yähweh will **save** **me**. **Theref**öre **we** will sing **my** **songş** **with** stringed instruments **äll** the **dayş** of **our** **life** in Yähweh's **houße**.

21 Now **Išaiāh** had said, “Let **them take** a **cake** of figs, and **lay** it **fōr** a **poultiçe** on the boil, and **he shall recover**.”

22 Hezekiah **ā**lso had said, “**Whā**t **iš** the **sign** **thā**t I will **go** up to **Yāhweh’s** **houše**?”

Isaiah 39

At **thā**t **time**, Merodach Baladan the **son** of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a **preš**ent to Hezekiah; **fōr** **he hē**ard **thā**t **he** had **been** sick, and had **recovered**.

2 Hezekiah **wāš** **pleāš**ed **with** **them**, and **showed** **them** the **houše** of hiš **preçious** **thiņš**, the silver, and the **gold**, the **spiçeš**, and the **preçious** oil, and **ā**ll the **houše** of hiš **ā**rmor, and **ā**ll **thā**t **wāš** **fō**und in hiš **treāšureš**. **There wāš** **nō**thing in hiš **houše**, **nō**r in **ā**ll hiš **dō**minion, **thā**t Hezekiah didn't **show** **them**.

3 **Then** **Išaiāh** the **prophet** **came** to king Hezekiah, and **āsked** him, “**Whā**t did **theš**e men **say**? *Where* did **they** **cō**me from to **you**?”

Hezekiah said, “**They** have **cō**me from a **country** **fār** from **me**, **even** from Babylon.”

4 **Then** **he āsked**, “**Whā**t have **they** **seen** in **yō**ur **houše**?”

Hezekiah answered, “**They** have **seen** **ā**ll **thā**t **iš** in my **houše**. **There** **iš** **nō**thing **ā**mong my **treāšureš** **thā**t I have not **shown** **them**.”

5 **Then** **Išaiāh** said to Hezekiah, “**Hear** the **wō**rd of **Yāhweh** of **ā**rmieš:

6 ‘**Behold**, the **dayš** **ā**re **cō**ming *when* **ā**ll **thā**t **iš** in **yō**ur **houše**, and **thā**t **whiçh** **yō**ur **fā**therš have **stō**red up until **today**, will **be** **carried** to Babylon. **Nō**thing will **be** left, **you** **sayš** **Yāhweh**.

7 **They** will **take** away **yō**ur **sonš** **whē** will **issue** from **you**, **whēm** **you** **shall** **fā**ther, and **they** will **be** **eunuchs** in the king of Babylon's **palāçe**.”

8 **Then** Hezekiah said to **Išaiāh**, “**Yāhweh’s** **wō**rd **whiçh** **you** have **spoken** **iš** **gō**od.” **He** said **mō**reover, “**For** **there** will **be** **peçe** and **truth** in my **dayš**.”

Isaiah 40

“**Cō**mfort, **cō**mfort my **pe**ople,” **sayš** **yō**ur **God**.

2 “**Speak** **cō**mfortably to **Jeruše**lem; and **cā**ll **ō**ut to **hēr** **thā**t **hēr** **wā**rfare **iš** **accō**mplished, **thā**t **hēr** **ini**quity **iš** **pā**rdoned, **thā**t **she** haš **reçe**ived of **Yāhweh’s** hand double **fō**r **ā**ll **hēr** **sinš**.”

3 The **voiçe** of one **whē** **cā**llš **ō**ut,

“**Prepā**re the way of **Yāhweh** in the wilderness! **Ma**ke a level **hi**ghway in the **deš**ert **fō**r **ō**ur **God**.

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The uneven shall be made level, and the rough places a plain.

5 Yähweh's glory shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of Yähweh has spoken it."

6 The voice of one saying, "Cry!" One said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory is like the flower of the field.

7 The grass withers, the flower fades, because Yähweh's breath blows on it. Surely the people are like grass.

8 The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God stands forever."

9 You who tell good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who tell good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with strength. Lift it up. Don't be afraid. Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold, your God!"

10 Behold, the Lord Yähweh will come as a mighty one, and his arm will rule for him. Behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom. He will gently lead those who have their young.

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and marked off the sky with his span, and calculated the dust of the earth in a measuring basket, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

13 Who has directed Yähweh's Spirit, or has taught him as his counselor?

14 Who did he take counsel with, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

15 Behold, the nations are like a drop in a bucket, and are regarded as a speck of dust on a balance. Behold, he lifts up the islands like a very little thing.

16 Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor its animals sufficient for a burnt offering.

17 All the nations are like nothing before him. They are regarded by him as less than nothing, and vanity.

18 To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to him?

19 A workman has cast an image, and the goldsmith overlays it with gold, and casts silver chains for it.

20 He who is too impoverished for such an offering chooses a tree that will not rot. He seeks a skillful workman to set up an engraved image for him that will not be moved.

21 Haven't you known? Haven't you heard, yet? Haven't you been told from the beginning? Haven't you understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in;

23 who brings princes to nothing; who makes the judges of the earth like meaningless.

24 They are planted scarcely. They are sown scarcely. Their stock has scarcely taken root in the ground. He merely blows on them, and they wither, and the whirlwind takes them away as stubble.

25 "To whom then will you liken me? Who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these, who brings out their army by number. He calls them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power, Not one is lacking.

27 Why do you say, Jacob, and speak, Israel, "My way is hidden from Yähweh, and the justice due me is disregarded by my God?"

28 Haven't you known? Haven't you heard? The everlasting God, Yähweh, The Creator of the ends of the earth, doesn't faint. He isn't weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the weak. He increases the strength of him who has no might.

30 Even the youths faint and get weary, and the young men utterly fall;

31 But those who wait for Yähweh will renew their strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run, and not be weary. They will walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 41

"Keep silent before me, islands, and let the peoples renew their strength. Let them come near, then let them speak. Let's meet together for judgment.

2 Who has raised up one from the east? Who called him to his foot in righteousness? He hands over nations to him, and makes him rule over kings. He gives them like the dust to his sword, like the driven stubble to his bow.

3 He pursues them, and passes by safely, Even by a way that he had not gone with his feet.

4 **who** has **worke**d and **done** it, calling the **generations** from the beginning? I, **Yähweh**, the first, and **with** the **läst**, I am **he**.”

5 The **islands** have **seen**, and **fear**. The **ends** of the **earth** tremble. **They** **approach**, and **come**.

6 Everyone helps his **neighbor**. **They** **say** to **their brothers**, “**Be** strong!”

7 **So** the **cä**r^hpen^hter **encourages** the **goldsmith**. **He** **who** **smee**th^hes **with** the hammer **encourages** him **who** **strikes** the anvil, **saying** of the **soldering**, “**It is good**”; and he **fä**st^hens it **with** **nails**, **that** it **might** not totter.

8 “**But you**, **Išrael**, **my** **sê**r^hvant, **Jacob** **whom** I have **cho**sen, the offspring[a] of **Abraham** **my** friend,

9 **You** **whom** I have **taken** hold of from the **ends** of the **earth**, and **called** from its **cô**r^hners, and **said** to **you**, ‘**You are** **my** **sê**r^hvant, I have **cho**sen **you** and not **cä**st **you** **away**.’

10 **Don't** **you** **be** afraid, **fôr** I am **with** **you**. **Don't** **be** di^hsmayed, **fôr** I am **yô**ur God. I will **streng**th^hen **you**. Yes, I will help **you**. Yes, I will **uphold** **you** **with** the **right** hand of **my** **righte**ousness.

11 **Behold**, **â**ll **tho**se **who** **ä**re incensed **against** **you** will **be** disappointed and **confound**ed. **Tho**se **who** **strive** **with** **you** will **be** like **nô**th^hing, and **shall** **perish**.

12 **You** will **seek** **them**, and **won't** **find** **them**, **even** **tho**se **who** **contend** **with** **you**. **Tho**se **who** **wä**r **against** **you** will **be** **a**š **nô**th^hing, **a**š a non-existent **th**ing.

13 For I, **Yähweh** **yô**ur God, will **hold** **yô**ur **right** hand, **saying** to **you**, ‘**Don't** **be** afraid. I will help **you**.’

14 **Don't** **be** afraid, **you** **wô**rm **Jacob**, and **you** men of **Išrael**. I will help **you**,” **says** **Yähweh**, “and **yô**ur **Rede**emer **is** the **Holy** One of **Išrael**.

15 **Behold**, I have **made** **you** **into** a new **shä**r^hp **th**reshing instrument **with** **teeth**. **You** will **th**resh the **mountains**, and **beat** **them** **smä**ll, and will **make** the **hills** like **chä**ff.

16 **You** will **winn**ow **them**, and the wind will carry **them** **away**, and the **whî**rlwind will scatter **them**. **You** will **rejoi**ce in **Yähweh**. **You** will **glô**ry in the **Holy** One of **Išrael**.

17 The **pô**or and **needy** **seek** **wä**ter, and **there** **is** **nô**ne. **Their** **tô**ngue **fail**s **fôr** **th**irst. I, **Yähweh**, will **answer** **them**. I, the God of **Išrael**, will not **for**sake **them**.

18 I will **open** **river**s on the **bare** **he**ights, and **spring**s in the middle of the **valley**s. I will **make** the wilderness a **pe**el of **wä**ter, and the **dry** land **spring**s of **wä**ter.

19 I will **pút** **çedar**, acacia, myrtle, and oil **trees** in the wilderness. I will set **çypress trees**, **pine**, and box **trees** **together** in the **deşert**;

20 **that they may see**, *know*, **Cónsider**, and understand **together**, **that** **Yähweh's** hand **haş done this**, and the **Holy One** of **Işrael** **haş created** it.

21 **Produce** **yôur cäuse**," **sayş** **Yähweh**. "**Bring out yôur strong reasons**," **sayş** the King of **Jacob**.

22 "Let **them announce**, and **declare** to us **what shall** happen. **Declare** the **fôrmer things**, **what they äre**, **that we may Cónsider** **them**, and **know** the latter end of **them**; or **show** us **things** to **cóme**.

23 **Declare** the **things that äre** to **cóme hereäfter**, **that we may know that you äre** **godş**. Yes, **de good**, **ôr de evil**, **that we may be dişmayed**, and **see** it **together**.

24 **Behold**, **you äre** of **noth**ing, and **yôur wôrk** **iş** of **noth**ing. **He who choeşş** **you** **iş** an **abomination**.

25 "I have **rais**ed up one from the **nôth**, and **he haş côme**; from the **rişing** of the sun, one **who cällş** on **my name**; and **he shall côme** on **rulers** **aş** on **môrtar**, and **aş** the potter **treadş** **clay**.

26 **Who** **haş declared** it from the beginning, **that we may know**? And **befôre**, **that we may say**, '**He iş right**?' **Surely**, **there iş no** one **who declareş**. **Surely**, **there iş no** one **who showş**. **Surely**, **there iş no** one **who hearş yôur wôrdş**.

27 I am the **fîrst** to **say** to **Zion**, '**Behold**, **lôök at them**;' and I will **give** one **who bringş** **góod newş** to **Jeruşalem**.

28 **When** I **lôök**, **there iş no** man; **even among them** **there iş no** **counselor** **who**, **when** I **äsk** of **them**, can **answer** a **wôrd**.

29 **Behold**, **ä**ll of **them**, **their deedş äre** vanity and **noth**ing. **Their molten images äre** wind and **cónfuşion**.

Isaiah 42

"**Behold**, **my sêrvant**, **whom** I **uphold**; **my choşen**, in **whom** **my soul delightş** — I **have pút** **my Spirit** on him. **He** will bring **justice** to the **nationş**.

2 **He** will not **shout**, nor **rais**e hiş **voic**e, nor **cäuse** it to be **hêard** in the **street**.

3 **He** won't **break** a **bruşed reed**. **He** won't **quench** a dimly **bûrning** wick. **He** will **faithfully** bring **justice**.

4 **He** will not **fail** **nôr be discourag**ed, until **he haş** set **justice** in the **êarth**, and the **islandş** will wait **fôr** hiş **lâw**."

5 **Thus** says God Yähweh, **he** who created the heavens and stretched them out, **he** who spread out the **earth** and **that** which comes out of it, **he** who gives breath to its people and spirit to **those** who walk in it.

6 “I, Yähweh, have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand, and will keep you, and make you a covenant for the people, as a light for the nations;

7 to open the blind eyes, to bring the prisoners out of the dungeon, and those who sit in darkness out of the prison.

8 “I am Yähweh. **That** is my name. I will not give my glory to another, nor my praise to engraved images.

9 Behold, the former things have happened, and I declare new things. I tell you about them before they come up.”

10 Sing to Yähweh a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is therein, the islands and their inhabitants.

11 Let the wilderness and its cities raise their voices, with the villages that Kedar inhabits. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing. Let them shout from the top of the mountains!

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

13 Yähweh will go out like a mighty man. He will stir up zeal like a man of war. He will raise a war cry. Yes, he will shout aloud. He will triumph over his enemies.

14 “I have been silent a long time. I have been quiet and restrained myself. Now I will cry out like a travailing woman. I will both gasp and pant.

15 I will destroy mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs. I will make the rivers islands, and will dry up the pools.

16 I will bring the blind by a way that they don't know. I will lead them in paths that they don't know. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. I will do these things, and I will not forsake them.

17 “Those who trust in engraved images, who tell molten images, 'You are our gods' will be turned back. They will be utterly disappointed.

18 “Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see.

19 Who is blind, but my servant? Or who is as deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is as blind as he who is at peace, and as blind as Yähweh's servant?

20 You see many things, but don't observe. His ears are open, but he doesn't listen.

21 It **pleas**ed Yähweh, **f**ör hi**ş** **righteousness'** **sake**, to magnify the **l**áw, and **make** it honorable.

22 But **this i**ş a robbed and plundered **pe**ople. All of **them** **ä**re snared in **hole**ş, and **they** **ä**re hidden in **prison**ş. **They** have become captive**ş**, and **no** one deliver**ş**; and a plunder, and **no** one say**ş**, ' Rest**ö**re **them!**'

23 **Who i**ş **there** among **you** **who** will give **ear** to **this**? **Who** will listen and **hear** **f**ör the **time** to **c**öme?

24 **Who** **gave** **Jacob** **a**ş plunder, and **I**şrael to the robber**ş**? Didn't Yähweh, **he** against **whom** **we** have sinned? For **they** **wou**ld not **w**á/k in hi**ş** **way**ş, and **they** disobeyed hi**ş** **l**áw.

25 **Theref**ö**re** **he** **p**öured the **fierc**eness of hi**ş** anger on him, and the **strength** of battle; and it set him on **fire** **á**ll **arou**nd, but **he** didn't **know**; and it **b**ü**rn**ed him, but **he** didn't **take** it to **he**á**rt**.”t

Isaiah 43

But **now** Yähweh **who** **created** **you**, **Jacob**, and **he** **who** **f**ö**rm**ed **you**, **I**şrael say**ş**:
“**Don't** **be** afraid, **f**ör I have **rede**emed **you**. I have **c**á**ll**ed **you** **by** **y**ö**ur** **name**. **You** **ä**re **mine**.”

2 **When** **you** **p**á**ss** **th**rough the **w**á**ter**ş, I will **be** **with** **you**; and **th**rough the **river**ş, **they** will not **over**flow **you**. **When** **you** **w**á/k **th**rough the **fire**, **you** will not **be** **b**ü**rn**ed, and **flame** will not **sc**ö**rch** **you**.

3 For I am Yähweh **y**ö**ur** **God**, the **Holy** **One** of **I**şrael, **y**ö**ur** **Savior**. I have given **Egypt** **a**ş **y**ö**ur** **rans**ö**m**, **Ethiopia** and **Seba** in **y**ö**ur** **plac**e.

4 **Since** **you** have **been** **pre**ç**ious** and **honored** in **my** **sight**, and I have **lo**ved **you**; **theref**ö**re** I will give **people** in **y**ö**ur** **plac**e, and **nation**ş instead of **y**ö**ur** **life**.

5 **Don't** **be** afraid; **f**ör I am **with** **you**. I will bring **y**ö**ur** offspring[a] from the **east**, and **gather** **you** from the west.

6 I will tell the **n**ö**rt**h, 'Give **them** up!' and tell the **s**ö**ut**h, 'Don't **hold** **them** back! Bring **my** **son**ş from **f**á**r**, and **my** **d**á**ught**er**ş** from the **end**ş of the earth—

7 everyone **who** **i**ş **c**á**ll**ed **by** **my** **name**, and **whom** I have **created** **f**ör **my** **gl**ö**ry**, **whom** I have **f**ö**rm**ed, yes, **whom** I have **made**.”

8 Bring **ö**ut the **blind** **people** **who** have **eye**ş, and the **deaf** **who** have **ear**ş.

9 Let **á**ll the **nation**ş **be** **gather**ed **together**, and let the **people**ş **be** assembled. **Who** among **them** can **decla**re **this**, and **show** us **f**ö**rm**er **th**ing**ş**? Let **them** bring **their** witnesses, **that** **they** **may** **be** justified; or let **them** **hear**, and **say**, “**That** **i**ş **tru**e.”

10 “You **ä**re my witnesses,” says Yähweh, “With my sêrvant **wh**om I have **ch**osen; **th**at you may know and believe me, and understand **th**at I am **h**e. Befôre me **th**ere **w**as no God fôrmed, **ne**ither will **th**ere be **ä**fter me.

11 I myself am Yähweh; and beside^s me **th**ere is no savior.

12 I have declared, I have saved, and I have **sh**own; and **th**ere **w**as no strange god among you. **Th**erefôre you **ä**re my witnesses”, says Yähweh, “and I am God.

13 Yes, sinçe the day **w**as I am **h**e; and **th**ere is no one **wh**o can deliver **o**ut of my hand. I will **w**ork, and **wh**o can hinder it?”

14 Yähweh, yôur Redeemer, the Holy One of Işrael says: “For yôur sake, I have sent to Babylon, and I will bring **ä**ll of **th**em down **a**s fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the **sh**ips of **th**eir rejoicing.

15 I am Yähweh, yôur Holy One, the Creator of Işrael, yôur King.”

16 Yähweh, **wh**o makes a way in the sea, and a p^äth in the mighty w^äters says:

17 **wh**o brings **o**ut the **ch**ariot and h^orse, the **ä**rmy and the mighty man (**th**ey lie down together, **th**ey shall not rise; **th**ey **ä**re extinct, **th**ey **ä**re quenched like a wick):

18 “Don't remember the fôrmer **th**ings, and don't Consider the **th**ings of old.

19 Behold, I will **de** a new **th**ing. It springs **o**ut now. Don't you know it? I will **ev**en make a way in the wilderness, and rivers^s in the des^{er}t.

20 The animals^s of the field **sh**all honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; because I give w^äter in the wilderness and rivers^s in the des^{er}t, to give drink to my people, my chosen,

21 the people which I fôrmed fôr myself, **th**at they might declare my praise.

22 Yet you have not c^älled on me, Jacob; but you have been weary of me, Işrael.

23 You have not br^ought me of yôur sheep fôr b^ürn^t offerings; **ne**ither have you honored me with yôur sacrifices. I have not b^ürdened you with offerings, nor wearied you with frankincense.

24 You have b^ought me no sweet cane with m^oney, nor have you filled me with the fat of yôur sacrifices; but you have b^ürdened me with yôur sins. You have wearied me with yôur iniquities^s.

25 I, even I, am **h**e **wh**o blots **o**ut yôur transgressions^s fôr my own sake; and I will not remember yôur sins.

26 Put me in remembrance. Let us plead together. Declare your case, that you may be justified.

27 Your first father sinned, and your teachers have transgressed against me.

28 Therefore I will profane the princes of the sanctuary; and I will make Jacob a curse, and Israel an insult.”

Isaiah 44

Yet listen now, Jacob my servant, and Israel, whom I have chosen.

2 This is what Yähhweh who made you, and formed you from the womb, who will help you says: “Don't be afraid, Jacob my servant; and you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

3 For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and streams on the dry ground. I will pour my Spirit on your descendants, [a] and my blessing on your offspring:

4 and they will spring up among the grass, as willows by the watercourses.

5 One will say, 'I am Yähhweh's;' and another will be called by the name of Jacob; and another will write with his hand 'to Yähhweh,' and honor the name of Israel.”

6 This is what Yähhweh, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, Yähhweh of armies, says: “I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

7 Who is like me? Who will call, and will declare it, and set it in order for me, since I established the ancient people? Let them declare the things that are coming, and that will happen.

8 Don't fear, neither be afraid. Haven't I declared it to you long ago, and shown it? You are my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? Indeed, there is not. I don't know any other Rock.”

9 Everyone who makes an engraved image is vain. The things that they delight in will not profit. Their own witnesses don't see, nor know, that they may be disappointed.

10 Who has fashioned a god, or molds an image that is profitable for nothing?

11 Behold, all his fellows will be disappointed; and the workmen are mere men. Let them all be gathered together. Let them stand up. They will fear. They will be put to shame together.

12 The blacksmith **th** takes an ax, **w**orks in the **coals**, **fashions** it with hammers**s**, and **w**orks it with his strong **ä**rm. He **i**s hungry, and his strength **fail**s; he drinks **n**o **wä**ter, and **i**s faint.

13 The cärrpenter stretches **ö**ut a line. He **m**ärks it **ö**ut with a pen**ç**il. He **sh**apes it with plan**e**s. He **m**ärks it **ö**ut with **c**ompasses**s**, and **sh**apes it like the fig**ü**re of a man, with the **be**auty of a man, to res**i**de in a **hou**se.

14 He cuts **d**own **ç**edar**s** f**ö**r himself, and takes the **ç**ypress and the **o**ak, and streng**th**ens**s** f**ö**r himself one among the **tree**s of the forest. He plants a **ç**ypress tree, and the rain **n**ourishes**s** it.

15 Then it will **be** f**ö**r a man to **b**ürn; and he takes **s**ome of it, and **w**ärms himself. Yes, he **b**ürns it, and **b**akes bread. Yes, he **m**akes a god, and **w**örships it; he **m**akes it an engraved **im**age, and **f**älls down to it.

16 He **b**ürns p**ä**rt of it in the **f**ire. With p**ä**rt of it, he **e**ats **m**eat. He **ro**asts a **ro**ast, and **i**s satisfied. Yes, he **w**ärms himself, and says, "Aha! I am **w**ärm. I have **seen** the **f**ire."

17 The rest of it he **m**akes into a god, **e**ven his engraved **im**age. He **bow**s down to it and **w**örships, and **pr**ays to it, and says, "Deliver me; f**ö**r **you** **ä**re my god!"

18 They **don't** **know**, **neither** **do** they **C**onsider: for he has **sh**ut their **eye**s, **that** they **c**än't **see**; and their **he**ärts, **that** they **c**än't understand.

19 **No** one **th**inks, **neither** **i**s there **know**ledge **n**ör understanding to **say**, "I have **b**ürned p**ä**rt of it in the **f**ire. Yes, I have **ä**lso **b**ak**e**d bread on its **coals**. I have **ro**asted **m**eat and **e**aten it. **Sh**all I **m**ake the rest of it into an **ab**omination? **Sh**all I **bow** down to a **tree** trunk?"

20 He **feed**s on **ash**es. A **de**ceived **he**ärt has **t**ürned him **as**ide; and he **c**än't deliver his **s**oul, nor **say**, "**I**s'n't there a **lie** in my **ri**ght hand?"

21 Remember **thes**e **th**ings, **J**acob and **I**srael; for **you** **ä**re my **s**êrvant. I have **f**örmed **you**. **You** **ä**re my **s**êrvant. **I**srael, **you** will not **be** forgotten by **me**.

22 I have blotted **ö**ut, **a**s a **th**ick **cl**oud, **y**öur **tr**ansgressions**s**, and, **a**s a **cl**oud, **y**öur **sin**s. **R**et**ü**rn to **me**, f**ö**r I have **re**de**e**emed **you**.

23 Sing, **you** **he**avens, f**ö**r **Y**ähweh has **d**one it! **Sh**out, **you** **low**er p**ä**rts of the **ë**ar**th**! **B**reak **ö**ut into singing, **you** **m**ountains, O forest, **ä**ll of **y**öur **tree**s, for **Y**ähweh has **re**de**e**emed **J**acob, and will **gl**ö**r**ify himself in **I**srael.

24 **Y**ähweh, **y**öur **R**ede**e**emer, and he **wh**o **f**örmed **you** from the **w**omb says: "I am **Y**ähweh, **wh**o **m**akes **ä**ll **th**ings; **wh**o **a**lone stretches **ö**ut the heavens; **wh**o spreads **ö**ut the **ë**ar**th** by **my**self;

25 **who** frustrates the signs of the liars, and makes diviners mad; who turns wise men backward, and makes their knowledge foolish;

26 **who** confirms the word of his servant, and performs the counsel of his messengers; who says of Jerusalem, '**She** will be inhabited;' and of the cities of Judah, 'They will be built,' and 'I will raise up its waste places;'

27 **who** says to the deep, 'Be dry,' and 'I will dry up your rivers;'

28 **who** says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure,' even saying of Jerusalem, '**She** will be built;' and of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid.'"

Isaiah 45

Yähweh says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him, and strip kings of their armor; to open the doors before him, and the gates shall not be shut:

2 "I will go before you, and make the rough places smooth. I will break the doors of brass in pieces, and cut apart the bars of iron.

3 I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that it is I, Yähweh, who call you by your name, even the God of Israel.

4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel my chosen, I have called you by your name. I have given you a title, though you have not known me.

5 I am Yähweh, and there is no one else. Besides me, there is no God. I will strengthen [a] you, though you have not known me;

6 that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is no one besides me. I am Yähweh, and there is no one else.

7 I form the light, and create darkness. I make peace, and create calamity. I am Yähweh, who do all these things.

8 Rain, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Let the earth open, that it may produce salvation, and let it cause righteousness to spring up with it. I, Yähweh, have created it.

9 Woe to him who strives with his Maker — a clay pot among the clay pots of the earth! Shall the clay ask him who fashions it, 'What are you making?' or your work, 'He has no hands?'

10 Woe to him who says to a father, 'What have you become the father of?' or to a mother, 'To what have you given birth?'"

11 Yähweh, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker says: "You ask me about the things that are to come, concerning my sons, and you command me concerning the work of my hands!

12 I have made the earth, and created man on it. I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens; and I have commanded all their army.

13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will make straight all his ways. He shall build my city, and he shall let my exiles go free, not for price nor reward," says Yähweh of armies.

14 Yähweh says: "The labor of Egypt, and the merchandise of Ethiopia, and the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over to you, and they shall be yours. They will go after you. They shall come over in chains; and they will bow down to you. They will make supplication to you: 'Surely God is in you; and there is no one else. There is no other god.

15 Most certainly you are a God who hidden yourself, God of Israel, the Savior."

16 They will be disappointed, yes, confounded, all of them. Those who are makers of idols will go into confusion together.

17 Israel will be saved by Yähweh with an everlasting salvation. You will not be disappointed nor confounded to ages everlasting.

18 For Yähweh who created the heavens, the God who formed the earth and made it, who established it and didn't create it a waste, who formed it to be inhabited says: "I am Yähweh; and there is no other.

19 I have not spoken in secret, in a place of the land of darkness. I didn't say to the offspring [b] of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain.' I, Yähweh, speak righteousness. I declare things that are right.

20 "Assemble yourselves and come. Draw near together, you who have escaped from the nations. Those have no knowledge who carry the wood of their engraved image, and pray to a god that can't save.

21 Declare and present it. Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has shown this from ancient time? Who has declared it of old? Haven't I, Yähweh? There is no other God besides me, a just God and a Savior; There is no one besides me.

22 "Look to me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

23 I have sw~~o~~rn by myself. The w~~o~~rd has gone ~~o~~ut of my mouth in righteousness, and will not be revok~~e~~d, that to me every knee shall bow, every t~~o~~ngue shall take an oath.

24 They will say of me, 'There is righteousness and strength only in Y~~ä~~hweh.'" Even to him shall men come; and ~~a~~ll those who rag~~e~~d against him shall be disappointed.

25 All the offspring [c] of I~~s~~rael will be justified in Y~~ä~~hweh, and will rejoice!

Isaiah 46

Bel bows down. Nebo st~~ee~~ps. Their idols ~~a~~re carried by animals, and on the livestock. The things that you carried around ~~a~~re heavy loads, a b~~u~~rden f~~o~~r the weary.

2 They st~~ee~~p and they bow down together. They cou~~l~~d not deliver the b~~u~~rden, but they have gone into captivity.

3 "Listen to me, house of Jacob, and ~~a~~ll the remnant of the house of I~~s~~rael, that have been carried from their birth, that have been carried from the w~~o~~mb.

4 Even to old age I am he, and even to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear. Yes, I will carry, and will deliver.

5 "To whom will you liken me, and Consider my equal, and compare me, that we may be equal?

6 Some p~~o~~ur out gold from the bag, and weigh silver in the balance. They hire a goldsmith, and he makes it a god. They f~~a~~ll down — yes, they w~~o~~rship.

7 They bear it on their shoulder. They carry it, and set it in its place, and it stands there. It cannot move from its place. Yes, one may cry to it, yet it can not answer. It cannot save him out of his trouble.

8 "Remember this, and show yourselves men. Bring it to mind again, you transgressors.

9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is no other. I am God, and there is none like me.

10 I declare the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done. I say: My counsel will stand, and I will do ~~a~~ll that I please.

11 I call a ravenous bird from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. Yes, I have spoken. I will ~~a~~lso bring it to pass. I have planned. I will ~~a~~lso do it.

12 Listen to me, you stubborn-he~~a~~rted, who are far from righteousness!

13 I bring **my righteousness near**. It **is not far off**, and **my salvation will not wait**. I will grant **salvation to Zion, my glory to Israel**.

Isaiah 47

“**Come down**, and sit in the dust, **virgin daughter** of Babylon. Sit on the **ground without a throne**, **daughter** of the Chaldeans. For **you will no longer be called tender and delicate**.

2 Take the mill**stones**, and **grind flour**. **Remove your veil**, lift up **your skirt**, **uncover your legs**, and **wade through the rivers**.

3 **Your nakedness will be uncovered**. Yes, **your shame will be seen**. I will **take vengeance**, and will **spare no one**.”

4 Our Redeemer, Yähwëh of **armies is his name**, **is the Holy One of Israel**.

5 “Sit in **silence**, and **go into darkness**, **daughter** of the Chaldeans. For **you shall no longer be called the mistress of kingdoms**.

6 I **was angry with my people**. I **profaned my inheritance**, and **gave them into your hand**. You **showed them no mercy**. You **laid a very heavy yoke** on the **aged**.

7 You said, 'I will **be a princess forever**;' **so that you did not lay these things** to **your heart**, nor did you remember the **results**.

8 “**Now therefore hear this**, **you who are given to pleasures**, **who sit securely**, **who say in your heart**, 'I am, and **there is no one else beside me**. I **shall not sit as a widow**, **neither shall I know the loss of children**.'

9 But **these two things shall come to you** in a **moment in one day**, the loss of **children and widowhood**. **They will come on you in their full measure**, in the **multitude of your sorceries**, and the **great abundance of your enchantments**.

10 For **you have trusted in your wickedness**. You have said, '**No one sees me**.' **Your wisdom and your knowledge has perverted you**. You have said in **your heart**, 'I am, and **there is no one else beside me**.'

11 **Therefore disaster will come on you**. You **won't know when it dawns**. **Mischief will fall on you**. You **won't be able to put it away**. **Desolation will come on you suddenly**, **which you don't understand**.

12 “Stand **now with your enchantments**, and **with the multitude of your sorceries**, in **which you have labored from your youth**; **as if you might profit**; **as if you might prevail**.

13 You **ä**re **wearied** in the **multitude** of **yöur cöunselş**. Now let the **astrologerş**, the **stärgazerş**, and the **monthly prognosticatorş**, stand up and **save you** from the **things that will cöme on you**.

14 Behold, **they shall ä**re like stubble. The **fire** will **bürn them**. **They won't** deliver **themselves** from the **power** of the **flame**. It **won't be** a **coal** to **wärm** at or a **fire** to sit by.

15 The **things that you** labored in will **be like this: thoşe who** have trafficked with **you** from **yöur youth** will **each** wander in his **own way**. **There will be no** one to **save you**.

Isaiah 48

“Hear **this**, **houşe** of **Jacob**, you **who ä**re **cälled by** the name of **Işrael**, and have **cöme out** of the **wäters** of **Judah**. You swear by **Yähweh's** name, and **make mentión** of the God of **Işrael**, but not in **truth**, **nör** in **righteousness**.

2 (fö**r** **they cäll** **themselves** citizens of the **holy çity**, and **rely** on the God of **Işrael**; **Yähweh of ärmieş iş** his name):

3 I have **declared** the **förm**er **things** from of **old**; yes, **they went out** of my **mouth**, and I **revealed** **them**. I did **them** suddenly, and **they** happened.

4 **Beçause** I **knew** **that you ä**re obstinate, and **yöur** neck **iş** an **iron** sinew, and **yöur** brow **bräss**;

5 **therefö**re I have **declared** it to **you** from of **old**; befö**re** it **came** to **päss** I **showed** it to **you**; lest **you shö**uld say, '**My idol haş** **döne** **them**, and **my engraved image**, and **my molten image**, **haş** **commanded** **them**.'

6 You have **hê**ard it; **see ä**ll **this**. And **you**, **won't you** **declare** it?

“I have **shown you** new **things** from **this time**, **even hidden things**, **which you** have not **known**.

7 **They ä**re **created** **nöw**, and not from of **old**; and befö**re** **today** **you** didn't **hear** **them**; lest **you shö**uld say, '**Behold**, I **knew** **them**.'

8 Yes, **you** didn't **hear**; yes, **you** didn't **know**; yes, from of **old** **yöur** **ear wäş** not **opened**: for I **knew** **that you** dealt very **treacherously**, and **wê**re **cälled** a transgressor from the **wömb**.

9 For **my** name's **sake**, I will **defê**r **my** anger, and **fö**r **my** **praişe** I **hold** it back **fö**r **you**, **so** **that** I **don't** cut **you** off.

10 Behold, I have **refined** **you**, but not **aş** silver. I have **choşen** **you** in the **furnaçe** of affliction.

11 For **my own sake**, for **my own sake**, I will **do** it; for **how would my name be profaned?** I will not give **my glory** to **another**.

12 “Listen to **me**, O **Jacob**, and **Israel** **my called**: I am **he**; I am the **first**, I am **also** the **last**.

13 Yes, **my hand has laid the foundation** of the **earth**, and **my right hand has spread out the heavens**. *When I call to them, they stand up together.*

14 “Assemble **yourself**, **all of you**, and **hear**; **who among them has declared these things?** He **whom Yähweh loves** will **do what he likes** to Babylon, and **his arm** will **be against** the Chaldeans.

15 I, **even I**, have **spoken**; yes, I have **called** him. I have **brought** him, and **he shall make his way** prosperous.

16 “**Come near to me** and **hear this**: “From the beginning I have not **spoken in secret**; from the **time that it happened**, I **was there**.” **Now the Lord Yähweh has sent me**, with **his Spirit**.

17 Yähweh, **your Redeemer**, the **Holy One of Israel** says: “I am Yähweh **your God**, **who teaches you** to profit, **who leads you by the way that you should go**.

18 Oh **that you** had listened to **my commandments!** **Then your peace would have been like a river**, and **your righteousness like the waves of the sea**.

19 **Your offspring [a] also would have been as the sand**, and the **descendants of your body like its grains**. **His name would not be cut off nor destroyed from before me**.”

20 **Leave Babylon!** Flee from the Chaldeans! **With a voice of singing announce this**, tell it **even to the end of the earth**: say, “**Yähweh has redeemed his servant Jacob!**”

21 **They didn't thirst when he led them through the deserts**. **He caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them**. **He split the rock also**, and the **waters gushed out**.

22 “**There is no peace**”, says Yähweh, “for the wicked.”

Isaiah 49

Listen, **islands**, to **me**. Listen, **you people**, from **afar**: Yähweh **has called me** from the **womb**; from the **inside of my mother he has mentioned my name**.

2 **He has made my mouth like a sharp sword**. **He has hidden me in the shadow of his hand**. **He has made me a polished shaft**. **He has kept me close in his quiver**.

3 **He said to me**, “**You are my servant**; **Israel**, in **whom I will be glorified**.”

4 But I said, “I have labored in vain. I have spent my strength in vain for nothing; yet surely the justice due to me is with Yähweh, and my reward with my God.”

5 Now Yähweh says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, and to gather Israel to him, for I am honorable in Yähweh's eyes, and my God has become my strength.

6 Indeed, he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel? I will also give you as a light to the nations, that you may be my salvation to the end of the earth.”

7 Yähweh, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, says to him whom man despises, to him whom the nation abhors, to a servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and rise up; princes, and they shall worship; because of Yähweh who is faithful, even the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

8 Yähweh says, “In an acceptable time I have answered you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you. I will preserve you, and give you for a covenant of the people, to raise up the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritage:

9 saying to those who are bound, 'Come out! You; to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves!' “They shall feed along the paths, and their pasture shall be on all treeless heights.

10 They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun strike them: for he who has mercy on them will lead them. He will guide them by springs of water.

11 I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be exalted.

12 Behold, these shall come from afar; and behold, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.”

13 Sing, heavens; and be joyful, earth; and break out into singing, mountains: for Yähweh has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his afflicted.

14 But Zion said, “Yahweh has forsaken me, and the Lord has forgotten me.”

15 “Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yes, these may forget, yet I will not forget you! 16 Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands. Your walls are continually before me.

17 Your children hurry. Your destroyers and those who devastated you will leave you.

18 Lift up your eyes all around, and see: all these gather themselves together, and come to you. As I live,” says Yähweh, “you shall surely clothe yourself with them all as with an ornament, and dress yourself with them, like a bride.

19 “For, aš fôr yôur waste and yôur deşolate plaçeş, and yôur land that haş been destroyed, surely now that land will be tee smâll fôr the inhabitants, and thoşe who swallowed you up will be fär away.

20 The children of yôur bereavement will say in yôur earş, ' This plaçe iş tee smâll fôr me. Give me a plaçe to live in.'

21 Then you will say in yôur heärt, ' Who haş conçeived theşe fôr me, sinçe I have been bereaved of my children, and am solitary, an exile, and wandering back and fôrth? Who haş brôught theşe up? Behold, I waş left alone. Where wêre theşe?’”

22 Thus sayş the Lôrd Yähweh, “Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nationş, and lift up my banner to the peopleş; and they shall bring yôur sonş in their boşom, and yôur dâughterş shall be carried on their shoulderş.

23 Kings shall be yôur foster fâtherş, and their queenş yôur nûrsing motherş. They will bow down to you with their faceş to the êarth, and lick the dust of yôur feet; Then you will know that I am Yähweh; and thoşe who wait fôr me shall not be disappointed.”

24 Shall the plunder be taken from the mighty, or the lâwful captiveş be delivered?

25 But Yähweh sayş, “Even the captiveş of the mighty shall be taken away, and the plunder retrieved from the fiêrçe; for I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save yôur children.

26 I will feed thoşe who oppress you with their own flesh; and they will be drunk on their own blôod, aş with sweet wine. Then âll flesh shall know that I, Yähweh, am yôur Savior, and yôur Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”

Isaiah 50

Yähweh sayş, “Where iş the bill of yôur mother's divôrçe, with which I have put hêr away? or to which of my creditors have I sold you? Behold, you wêre sold fôr yôur iniquities, and yôur mother waş put away fôr yôur tranşgressionş.

2 Why, when I came, waş there no one? when I câlled, Why waş there no one to answer? Is my hand shôrtened at âll, that it cän't redeem? or have I no power to deliver? Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea. I make the riverş a wilderness: their fish stink, becauşe there iş no wâter, and die fôr thîrst.

3 I clothe the heavenş with blackness, and I make sackcloth their cövering.”

4 The Lôrd Yähweh haş given me the töngue of thoşe who äre tâught, that I may know how to sustain with wôrdş him who iş weary. He wakenş mörning by mörning, he wakenş my ear to hear aş thoşe who äre tâught.

5 The L^ord Y^ähweh ha^s opened my ear, and I wa^s not rebellious. I have not t^urned back.

6 I ga^ve my back to tho^se who be^at me, and my cheeks to tho^se who plucke^d off the haⁱr. I didn't hi^de my fa^çe from sha^me and spitting.

7 For the L^ord Y^ähweh will help me. The^re^fo^re I have not beeⁿ confounde^d. The^re^fo^re I have set my fa^çe like a flint, and I know that I sha^ll not be disappointe^d.

8 He who justifi^es me i^s near. Who will bring cha^rge^s against me? Let us stand up together. Who i^s my adv^ersary? Let him co^me near to me.

9 Behold, the L^ord Y^ähweh will help me! Who i^s he who will coⁿdemn me? Behold, they will ^all grow old like a ga^rment. The moth^s will ea^t them up.

10 Who among you fear^s Y^ähweh, and obe^ys the voi^çe of hi^s s^er^vant? He who wa^rks in da^rkness, and ha^s no li^ght, let him trust in Y^ähweh's name and rely on hi^s God.

11 Behold, ^all you who kindle a fi^re, who ad^orn yo^urselfe^s with to^rche^s around yo^urselfe^s; walk in the fla^me of yo^ur fi^re, and among the to^rche^s that you have kindle^d. You will have thi^s from my hand: You will lie do^wn in sorrow.

Isaiah 51

“Listen to me, you who follow ^after ri^ghteousness, you who seek Y^ähweh: lo^ok to the rock you we^re cut from, and to the qua^rry you we^re dug from.

2 Lo^ok to Abraham yo^ur fa^ther, and to Sarah who bo^re you; for when he wa^s but one I ca^lled him, and I blesse^d him, and ma^de him many.

3 For Y^ähweh ha^s co^mforted Zion. He ha^s co^mforted ^all he^r waste place^s, and ha^s ma^de he^r wilderness like Eden, and he^r des^ert like the ga^rden of Y^ähweh. Joy and gladness will be fo^und the^reⁱn, th^anksgiving, and the voi^çe of melody.

4 “Listen to me, my peo^ple; and hear me, my nation: for a la^w will go o^ut from me, and I will establi^sh my justic^e fo^r a li^ght to the peo^ple^s.

5 My ri^ghteousness i^s near. My salvati^on ha^s gone o^ut, and my ^arms will judg^e the peo^ple^s. The islaⁿd^s will wait fo^r me, and they will trust my ^arm.

6 Lift up yo^ur eye^s to the heav^en^s, and lo^ok on the ^earth beneath; for the heav^en^s will vanish away like smoke, and the ^earth will wear o^ut like a ga^rment; and its inhabitants will die in the sa^me way: but my salvati^on will be forever, and my ri^ghteousness will not be abolishe^d.

7 “Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law: Don't fear the reproach of men, and don't be dismayed at their insults.

8 For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool; but my righteousness will be forever, and my salvation to all generations.”

9 Awake, awake, put on strength, arm of Yähweh! Awake, as in the days of old, the generations of ancient times. Isn't it you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the monster?

10 Isn't it you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over?

11 Those ransomed by Yähweh will return, and come with singing to Zion; and everlasting joy shall be on their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy. Sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

12 “I, even I, am he who comforts you. Who are you, that you are afraid of man who shall die, and of the son of man who will be made as grass?

13 Have you forgotten Yähweh your Maker, who stretched out the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth? Do you live in fear continually all day because of the fury of the oppressor, when he prepares to destroy? Where is the fury of the oppressor?

14 The captive exile will speedily be freed; and he will not die and go down into the pit, and his bread will not fail.

15 For I am Yähweh your God, who stir up the sea, so that its waves roar: Yahweh of armies is his name.

16 I have put my words in your mouth, and have covered you in the shadow of my hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and tell Zion, “You are my people.”

17 Awake, awake! Stand up, Jerusalem, you who have drunk from Yähweh's hand the cup of his wrath. You have drunken the bowl of the cup of staggering, and drained it.

18 There is no one to guide her among all the sons to whom she has given birth; and there is no one who takes her by the hand among all the sons who she has brought up.

19 These two things have happened to you — who will grieve with you? — desolation and destruction, and famine and the sword. How can I comfort you?

20 Yôur sônş have fainted. **They lie** at the head of **âll** the **street**s, **like** an antelope in a net. **They** **âre** **füll** of the Yähweh's **wrâth**, the rebuke of yôur God.

21 **Therêfôre** **nôw** **hear** **this**, **you** afflicted, and drunken, but not **with** wine:

22 **Thus** says yôur **Lôrd** Yähweh, your God **whô** **plead**s the **câuse** of his **peopl**e, "Behold, I have **taken** **out** of yôur hand the cup of staggering, **even** the **bowl** of the cup of my **wrâth**. **You** will not drink it any **môre**:

23 and I will **püt** it into the hand of **thoşe** **whô** afflict **you**, **whô** have said to yôur **soul**, 'Bow **dôwn**, **that** **we** may **wâlk** **over** **you**;' and **you** have **laid** yôur **back** **aş** the **grôund**, **like** a **street** to **thoşe** **whô** **wâlk** **over**."

Isaiah 52

Awake, awake! **Püt** on yôur **strength**, Zion. **Püt** on yôur **beautifûl** **gârments**, Jeruşalem, the **holy** **çity**: for from **nôw** on the **unçircumçised** and the **unclean** will **nô** **môre** **côme** into **you**.

2 **Shake** yôurself from the dust! **Arişe**, sit up, Jeruşalem! **Rele**ase yôurself from the **bond**s of yôur neck, captive **dâughter** of Zion!

3 For Yähweh says, "You **wêre** **sold** **fôr** **nôthing**; and **you** will **be** **rede**emed **with**out **môney**."

4 For **thus** says the **Lôrd** Yähweh: "My **peopl**e went **dôwn** at the **fîrst** into **Egypt** to live **ther**e: and the Assyrian has **oppress**ed **them** **with**out **câuse**."

5 "**Nôw** **therêfôre**, **whât** **dô** I **dô** **her**e," says Yähweh, "**see**ing **that** **my** **peopl**e **âre** **taken** **away** **fôr** **nôthing**? Those **whô** **rul**e **over** **them** **mock**," says Yähweh, "and **my** **name** **iş** **blasphem**ed **côntinu**ally **âll** the **day**."

6 **Therêfôre** **my** **peopl**e **shall** **know** **my** **name**. **Therêfôre** **they** **shall** **know** in **that** **day** **that** I am **he** **whô** **spe**aks. Behold, it **iş** I."

7 **Hôw** **beautifûl** on the **môuntain**s **âre** the **feet** of him **whô** **bring**s **gôod** **newş**, **whô** **publiş**eş **pea**çe, **whô** **bring**s **gôod** **newş**, who **proclai**mş **salvati**on, **whô** **says** to Zion, "Yôur God **reign**s!"

8 Yôur **watchmen** lift up **their** **voiç**e, **togeth**er **they** **sing**; for **they** **shall** **see** **eye** to **eye**, **wh**en Yähweh **retûrn**s to Zion.

9 **Bre**ak **out** into **joy**, sing **togeth**er, **you** **waste** **plaç**eş of Jeruşalem; for Yähweh has **cômf**orted his **peopl**e. **He** has **rede**emed Jeruşalem.

10 Yähweh has **made** **bare** his **holy** **ârm** in the **ey**eş of **âll** the **nati**onş; and **âll** the **end**s of the **êarth** have **seen** the **salvati**on of **our** God.

11 Depärt, depärt, go out from there; touch no unclean thing! Go out from among hêr! Cleansê yôurselves, you who carry Yähweh's vessels.

12 For you shall not go out in haste, neither shall you go by flight: for Yähweh will go befôre you; and the God of Işrael will be yôur rear guärd.

13 Behold, my sêrvant will deal wişely. He will be exálted and lifted up, and will be very high.

14 Just as many wêre astonished at you (hiş appearance wás mărred môre than any man, and hiş fôrm môre than the sonş of men),

15 so he will cleansê [a] many nationş. Kings will shut their mouthş at him: for they will see that which had not been told them; and they will understand that which they had not hêard.

Isaiah 53

Who haş believed our message? To whom haş the ärm of Yähweh been revealed?

2 For he grew up befôre him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He haş no good looks ôr majesty. When we see him, there is no beauty that we shôuld desîre him.

3 He wás despised, and rejected by men; a man of suffering, and acquainted with disêasê. He wás despised as one from whom men hide their face; and we didn't respect him.

4 Surely he haş borne our sickness, and carried our suffering; yet we considered him plagued, struck by God, and afflicted.

5 But he wás piêced fôr our transgressionş. He wás crushed fôr our iniquities. The punishment that brôught our peace wás on him; and by hiş woundş we äre healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray. Everyone haş túrned to hiş own way; and Yähweh haş laid on him the iniquity of us äll.

7 He wás oppressed, yet when he wás afflicted he didn't open hiş mouth. As a lamb that is led to the sláughtêr, and as a sheep that befôre its shearers is silent, so he didn't open hiş mouth.

8 He wás taken away by oppression and judgment; and as fôr hiş generation, who considered that he wás cut off out of the land of the living and stricken fôr the disobediençe of my people?

9 They made hiş grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in hiş death; älthoogh he had done no violençe, nor wás any deceit in hiş mouth.

10 Yet it pleased Yähweh to bruise him. He has caused him to suffer. When you make his soul an offering for sin, he will see his offspring. [a] He will prolong his days, and Yähweh's pleasure will prosper in his hand.

11 After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [b] and be satisfied. My righteous servant will justify many by the knowledge of himself; and he will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore will I give him a portion with the great, and he will divide the plunder with the strong; because he poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 54

“Sing, barren, you who didn't give birth; break out into singing, and cry aloud, you who did not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife,” says Yähweh.

2 “Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your habitations; don't spare: lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes.

3 For you will spread out on the right hand and on the left; and your offspring [a] will possess the nations, and settle in desolate cities.

4 “Don't be afraid; for you will not be ashamed. Don't be confounded; for you will not be disappointed. For you will forget the shame of your youth; and the reproach of your widowhood you shall remember no more.

5 For your Maker is your husband; Yähweh of armies is his name. The Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer. He will be called the God of the whole earth.

6 For Yähweh has called you as a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, even a wife of youth, when she is cast off,” says your God.

7 “For a small moment have I forsaken you; but with great mercies will I gather you.

8 In overflowing wrath I hid my face from you for a moment; but with everlasting loving kindness I will have mercy on you,” says Yähweh your Redeemer.

9 “For this is like the waters of Noah to me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah will no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I will not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.

10 For the mountains may depart, and the hills be removed; but my loving kindness will not depart from you, and my covenant of peace will not be removed,” says Yähweh who has mercy on you.

11 “You afflicted, tossed with storms, and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in beautiful colors, and lay your foundations with sapphires.

12 I will make your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones.

13 All your children will be taught by Yähweh; and your children's peace will be great.

14 In righteousness you will be established. You will be far from oppression, for you will not be afraid; and far from terror, for it shall not come near you.

15 Behold, they may gather together, but not by me. Whoever gathers together against you will fall because of you.

16 “Behold, I have created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame, and forges a weapon for his work; and I have created the destroyer to destroy.

17 No weapon that is formed against you will prevail; and you will condemn every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of Yähweh's servants, and their righteousness is of me,” says Yähweh.

Isaiah 55

“Come, everyone who thirsts, to the waters! Come, he who has no money, buy, and eat! Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which doesn't satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in richness.

3 Turn your ear, and come to me. Hear, and your soul will live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you don't know; and a nation that didn't know you shall run to you, because of Yähweh your God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he has glorified you.”

6 Seek Yähweh while he may be found. Call on him while he is near.

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts. Let him return to Yähweh, and he will have mercy on him; and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

8 “For my **th**oughts **ä**re not y**ö**ur **th**oughts, and y**ö**ur **w**ays **ä**re not my **w**ays,” says Y**ä**hweh.

9 “For **a**ş the heavens **ä**re **h**igher **th**an the **ë**arth, **s**o **ä**re my **w**ays **h**igher **th**an y**ö**ur **w**ays, and my **th**oughts **th**an y**ö**ur **th**oughts.

10 For **a**ş the **r**ain **c**omes **d**own and the **s**now from the **s**ky, and **d**oesn’t **r**et**ü**rn **th**ere, but **w**äterş the **ë**arth, and **m**akes it **g**row and bud, and **g**iveş **s**eed to the **s**ower and bread to the **e**ater;

11 **s**o **i**ş my **w**örd **th**at **g**oes **ö**ut of my **m**outh: it will not **r**et**ü**rn to **m**e void, but it will **a**cc**ö**mplish **th**at **w**hich I **p**leas**e**, and it will prosper in the **th**ing I sent it to **d**o.

12 For **y**ou **sh**all **g**o **ö**ut with **j**oy, and **b**e led **ö**ut with **p**ea**ç**e. The **m**ountainş and the **h**illş will **b**reak **ö**ut bef**ö**re **y**ou into **s**inging; and **ä**ll the **t**reeş of the **f**ieldş will clap **th**eir **h**andş.

13 Instead of the **th**örn the **ç**ypress **t**ree will **c**ome up; and instead of the **b**rier the **m**yrrtle **t**ree will **c**ome up:and it will **m**ake a **n**ame **f**ör Y**ä**hweh, for an **e**ver**lä**sting **s**ign **th**at will not **b**e cut off.”

Isaiah 56

Y**ä**hweh says, “**M**aintain **j**usti**ç**e, and **d**e **w**hat **i**ş **r**ight; **h**oldş it **f**äst; **w**h**ö** **k**eeps the **S**abbath **w**ith**ö**ut profaning it, and **k**eeps hiş **h**and from **d**oing any **e**vil.”

3 Let **n**o **f**oreign**e**r, **w**h**ö** **h**aş **j**oined himself to Y**ä**hweh, **s**pe**a**k, **s**aying, “Yahweh will **s**urely **s**eparate **m**e from hiş **p**eople.” **D**o not let the **e**unuch say, “Behold, I am a **d**ry **t**ree.”

4 For Y**ä**hweh says, “To the **e**unuch**s** **w**h**ö** **k**eep my **S**abbath

5 I will give **th**em in my **h**ou**ş**e and **w**ithin my **w**ällş a **m**em**ö**rial and a **n**ame better **th**an of **s**onş and of **d**ä**u**ghterş. I will give **th**em an **e**ver**lä**sting **n**ame, **th**at will not **b**e cut off.

6 Also the **f**oreign**e**rş, **w**h**ö** **j**oin **th**e**m**selves to Y**ä**hweh, to **s**erve him, and to **l**öve Y**ä**hweh’s **n**ame, to **b**e hiş **s**ervants, everyone **w**h**ö** **k**eeps the **S**abbath from profaning it, and **h**oldş **f**äst my **c**ovenant;

7 I will bring **th**eş**e** to my **h**oly **m**ountain, and **m**ake **th**em **j**oy**fü**l in my **h**ou**ş**e of **p**ray**e**r. **T**heir **b**ürnt offerings and **th**eir **s**acrifices will **b**e **a**cc**e**pted on my **ä**ltar; for my **h**ou**ş**e will **b**e **c**alled a **h**ou**ş**e of **p**ray**e**r **f**ör **ä**ll **p**eopleş.”

8 The **L**örd Y**ä**hweh, **w**h**ö** **g**atherş the **ö**ut**c**ästs of **I**ş**r**ael, says, “I will yet **g**ather **ö**th**e**rş to him, **b**esid**e**ş hiş **ö**wn **w**h**ö** **ä**re **g**athered.”

9 All **y**ou **a**nimalş of the **f**ield, **c**ome to **d**e**v**our, **ä**ll **y**ou **a**nimalş in the **f**orest.

10 His **w**atchmen **ä**re blind. **T**hey **ä**re **ä**ll **w**ithout knowledge. **T**hey **ä**re **ä**ll **m**ute dogs. **T**hey **c**ä'n't **b**ärk; **d**reaming, **l**ying **d**own, **l**öving to slumber.

11 Yes, the dogs **ä**re **g**reedy. **T**hey can never have enough. **T**hey **ä**re **s**hepherds **w**ho **c**ä'n't understand. **T**hey have **ä**ll **t**ürned to **t**heir **o**wn way, **e**ach one to his **g**ain, from every **q**uärtter.

12 “**C**öme,” **s**ay **t**hey, “I will get **w**ine, and **w**e will fill **ö**urselveş **w**ith strong drink; and **t**ömmorrow will be **a**ş **t**oday, **g**reat beyond meaşure.”

Isaiah 57

The **r**ighteous perish, and **n**o one **l**ayş it to heärt. **M**êrcifül men **ä**re taken away, and **n**o one **c**önsiderş that the **r**ighteous **i**ş taken away from the **e**vil.

2 He enters into **p**eaçe. **T**hey rest in **t**heir beds, **e**ach one **w**ho **w**äks in his uprightness.

3 “But **d**räw **n**ear **h**ere, **y**ou **s**önş of a **s**örçeress, **y**ou offspring [a] of adulterers and prostitutes.

4 **W**hom **d**e **y**ou mock? **A**gainst **w**hom **d**e **y**ou **m**ake a **w**ide **m**outh, and stick **ö**ut **y**öur **t**öngue? Aren't **y**ou **c**hildren of **d**isöbediençe, and offspring [b] of **f**älşhööd,

5 **y**ou **w**ho **i**nflame **y**öurselveş among the **o**aks, under every **g**reen tree; who kill the **c**hildren in the **v**alleşş, under the clefts of the rocks?

6 Among the **s**mooth stones of the valley **i**ş **y**öur **p**örtion; **t**hey, **t**hey **ä**re **y**öur lot. **Y**ou have **e**ven **p**öured a drink offering to **t**hem. **Y**ou have offered an offering. Shall I be **a**ppeaşed **f**ör **t**heş **t**hingş?

7 On a **h**igh and lofty **m**ountain **y**ou have set **y**öur bed. **Y**ou **ä**lso went up **t**here to offer sacrifice.

8 **Y**ou have set up **y**öur **m**emörial behind the **d**öorş and the **p**osts; for **y**ou have **e**xpoşed **y**öurself to **s**ömeone **b**esideş **m**e, and have gone up; you have **e**nlarged **y**öur bed, and **m**ade **y**ou a **c**övenant with **t**hem. **Y**ou **l**öved **w**hat **y**ou **s**äw on **t**heir bed.

9 **Y**ou went to the king **w**ith oil, and **i**ncreaseđ **y**öur **p**êrfumeş, and sent **y**öur ambassadorş **f**är off, and **d**egradeđ **y**öurself **e**ven to **S**heol. [c]

10 **Y**ou **w**êre **w**earied **w**ith the length of **y**öur **w**ayş; yet **y**ou didn't say, 'It **i**ş in vain.' **Y**ou **f**ound a **r**eviving of **y**öur strength; **t**hereföre **y**ou **w**êren't faint.

11 “**W**hom have **y**ou dreaded and feared, **s**o **t**hat **y**ou **l**ie, and have not remembered **m**e, **n**ö'r **l**aid it to **y**öur heärt? Haven't I held **m**y **p**eaçe **f**ör a long **t**ime, and **y**ou **d**ön't fear me?

12 I will declare **yôur** **righteousness**; and **aş** **fôr** **yôur** **wôrks**, **they** will not benefit **you**.

13 When **you** cry, let **thoşe** **whom** **you** have gathered deliver **you**; but the wind will take **them**. A breath will carry **them** **âll** away: but **he** **who** takes refuge in **me** will possess the land, and will inherit **my** **holy** **mou**ntain.”

14 **He** will say, “Build up, build up, prepare the way! Remove the stumbling-block out of the way of **my** **pe**ople.”

15 For **thus** says the **high** and lofty One **who** inhabits **et**ernity, **whoşe** **name** **iş** **Holy**: “I dwell in the **high** and **holy** **pla**çe, with him **âll**so **who** **iş** of a contrite and humble spirit, to **revive** the spirit of the humble, and to **revive** the **he**ârt of the contrite.

16 For I will not contend forever, **neither** will I be **âll**ways angry; for the spirit would faint **bef**ore **me**, and the **soulş** **whom** I have made.

17 I **waş** angry **beca**use of the iniquity of hiş **cov**etousness, and struck him; I hid myself and **waş** angry; and **he** went on backsliding in the way of hiş **he**ârt.

18 I have **seen** hiş **wayş**, and will **heal** him: I will **lead** him **âll**so, and **rest**ore **c**ômforts to him and to hiş **m**ôurnerş.

19 I create the fruit of the lips: **Pe**açe, **pe**açe, to him **who** **iş** **f**âr off and to him **who** **iş** **n**ear,” says **Y**âhweh; “and I will **heal** **them**.”

20 But the wicked **â**re **li**ke the troubled **se**a; for it **c**ân't rest, and its **w**âterş **c**âst up **m**ire and mud.

21 “**There** **iş** **n**o peace”, says **my** **G**od, “for the wicked.”:

Isaiah 58

“Cry **al**oud, **don't** spare. Lift up **yôur** **voi**çe **li**ke a trumpet. Declare to **my** **pe**ople **their** **dis**obediencçe, and to the **hou**şe of **Jacob** **their** **sinş**.

2 Yet **they** **seek** **me** **daily**, and **delight** to **know** **my** **wayş**. **Aş** a **nati**on **that** did **ri**ghteousness, and didn't for**sake** the **ô**rdinançe of **their** **G**od, **they** **â**sk of **me** **ri**ghteous judgments. **They** **delight** to **dr**âw **n**ear to **G**od.

3 ' **Why** have **we** **f**âsted, **you** say **they**, 'and **you** **don't** **see**? **Why** have **we** afflicted **our** **soul**, and **you** **don't** **noti**çe? “Behold, in the **day** of **yôur** **f**âst **you** **find** **plea**şure, and oppress **âll** **yôur** **laborerş**.

4 Behold, **you** **f**âst **f**ôr **strife** and **c**ontentiôn, and to **strike** **with** the fist of wickedness. **you** **don't** **f**âst **today** **so** **aş** to **make** **yôur** **voi**çe to **be** **he**ard on **high**.

5 Is **this** the **f**âst **that** I have **cho**şen? A **day** **f**ôr a man to humble hiş **soul**? Is it to bow **down** hiş **head** **li**ke a **reed**, and to spread sackcloth and **ash**eş under himself? Will **you** **c**âll **this** a **f**âst, and an **ac**ceptable **day** to **Y**âhweh?

6 “Isn't **this** the **fäst** **that** I have **chö**sen: to rele~~ase~~ the bond~~s~~ of wickedness, to unde~~e~~ the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and **that** you break every yoke?

7 Isn't it to distribute y~~o~~ur bread to the hungry, and **that** you bring the p~~o~~or who **ä**re cäst ~~o~~ut to y~~o~~ur hou~~s~~e? When you see the naked, **that** you cöver him; and **that** you not hide y~~o~~urself from y~~o~~ur own flesh?

8 Then y~~o~~ur light will break ~~o~~ut a~~s~~ the m~~o~~rning, and y~~o~~ur healing will appear quickly; **then** y~~o~~ur righte~~o~~usness shall go bef~~o~~re you; and Y~~ä~~hweh's gl~~o~~ry will be y~~o~~ur rear g~~u~~ärd.

9 **Then** you will c~~a~~ll, and Y~~ä~~hweh will answer; you will cry f~~o~~r help, and he will say, ' Here I am. You “If you take away from among you the yoke, finger pointing, and speaking wickedly;

10 and if you p~~o~~ur ~~o~~ut y~~o~~ur soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul: **then** y~~o~~ur light will ri~~s~~e in d~~a~~rkn~~e~~ss, and y~~o~~ur obscurity will be a~~s~~ the ne~~e~~nday;

11 and Y~~ä~~hweh will guide you c~~o~~ntinu~~a~~lly, and satisfy y~~o~~ur soul in dry pl~~a~~ce~~s~~, and make y~~o~~ur bone~~s~~ strong; and you shall be like a w~~a~~tered g~~a~~rden, and like a spring of w~~a~~ter, wh~~e~~s~~e~~ w~~a~~ter~~s~~ don't fail.

12 **Tho**se who shall be of you shall build the old waste pl~~a~~ce~~s~~; you shall rai~~s~~e up the foundati~~o~~n~~s~~ of many generati~~o~~n~~s~~; and you shall be c~~a~~lled Repairer of the Bre~~a~~ch, Rest~~o~~rer of P~~a~~th~~s~~ with Dwelling~~s~~.

13 “If you t~~u~~rn away y~~o~~ur f~~o~~ot from the Sabbath, from d~~o~~ing y~~o~~ur ple~~a~~su~~r~~e on my holy day; and c~~a~~ll the Sabbath a deli~~g~~ht, and the holy of Y~~ä~~hweh honorable; and shall honor it, not d~~o~~ing y~~o~~ur own way~~s~~, nor finding y~~o~~ur own ple~~a~~su~~r~~e, nor speaking y~~o~~ur own w~~o~~rds:

14 **then** you shall deli~~g~~ht y~~o~~urself in Y~~ä~~hweh; and I will make you to ride on the hi~~g~~h pl~~a~~ce~~s~~ of the ~~e~~ar~~t~~h; and I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob y~~o~~ur f~~a~~ther.” for Y~~ä~~hweh's m~~o~~uth has spoken it.

Isaiah 59

Behold, Y~~ä~~hweh's hand i~~s~~ not sh~~o~~rtened, **that** it c~~a~~n't save; nor hi~~s~~ ear dull, **that** it c~~a~~n't hear.

2 But y~~o~~ur iniquit~~e~~s have separated you and y~~o~~ur God, and y~~o~~ur sin~~s~~ have hidden hi~~s~~ fa~~ç~~e from you, so **that** he will not hear.

3 For y~~o~~ur hand~~s~~ **ä**re defiled with bl~~o~~od, and y~~o~~ur finger~~s~~ with iniquity. Y~~o~~ur lips have spoken lie~~s~~. Y~~o~~ur t~~o~~ngue mutter~~s~~ wickedness.

4 No one **sueš** in **righteousness**, and **no** one **pleadš** in **truth**. **They** trust in vanity, and **speak lieš**. **They conĉeive** **mischief**, and **give birth** to **iniquity**.

5 **They hatch** adders' **eggš**, and **weave** the spider's web. **He who eats** of **their** **eggš dieš**; and **that which iš** **crushed** **breaks out into** a viper.

6 **Their** webs **won't** **become** **gärments**. **They won't** **cover** **themselveš** **with** **their** **wörks**. **Their wörks** **äre** **wörks** of **iniquity**, and acts of **violence** **äre** in **their** **handš**.

7 **Their** **feet** run to **evil**, and **they** hurry to **shed** **innocent** **blööd**. **Their thöughts** **äre** **thöughts** of **iniquity**. **Desolation** and **destruction** **äre** in **their** **päthš**.

8 **They don't** **know** the **way** of **peace**; and **there iš** **no** **justice** in **their** **wayš**. **They** have **made** **crooked** **päthš** **för** **themselveš**; **whoever** **goeš** in **them** **doesn't** **know** **peace**.

9 **Therefore** **iš** **justice** **fär** from us, and **righteousness** **doesn't** **overtake** us. **We** **löök** **för** **light**, but **see** **därkness**; for **brightness**, but **we** **wäik** in **obscurity**.

10 **We** **grobe** **för** the **wäll** **like** the **blind**. **Yes, we** **grobe** **aš** **thoše** **who** have **no** **eyeš**. **We** **stumble** at **noon** **aš** if it **wäre** **twilight**. **Among** **thoše** **who** **äre** **strong**, **we** **äre** **like** **dead** **men**.

11 **We** **äll** **röar** **like** **bearš**, and **moan** **bitterly** **like** **döveš**. **We** **löök** **för** **justice**, but **there** **iš** **none**; for **salvation**, but it **iš** **fär** off from us.

12 For **our** **transgressionš** **äre** **multiplied** **beföre** **you**, and **our** **sinš** **testify** **against** us; for **our** **transgressionš** **äre** **with** us, and **aš** **för** **our** **iniquities**, **we** **know** **them**:

13 **transgressing** and **denying** **Yähweh**, and **türning** **away** from **following** **our** **God**, **speaking** **oppression** and **revolt**, **conĉeiving** and **uttering** from the **heärt** **wörđš** of **fälsehööd**.

14 **Justice** **iš** **türned** **away** **backward**, and **righteousness** **standš** **fär** **away**; for **truth** **haš** **fällén** in the **street**, and **uprightness** **cän't** **enter**.

15 **Yes, truth** **iš** **lacking**; and **he** **who** **depärts** from **evil** **makes** **himself** a **prey**. **Yähweh** **säw** it, and it **displeašed** **him** **that** **there** **waš** **no** **justice**.

16 **He** **säw** **that** **there** **waš** **no** **man**, and **wöndered** **that** **there** **waš** **no** **interĉessor**. **Therefore** **hiš** **own** **ärm** **bröught** **salvation** to **him**; and **hiš** **righteousness** **sustained** **him**.

17 **He** **püt** on **righteousness** **aš** a **breastplate**, and a **helmet** of **salvation** on **hiš** **head**. **He** **püt** on **gärments** of **vengeance** **för** **clothing**, and **waš** **clad** **with** **zeal** **aš** a **mantle**.

18 According to **their** **deedš**, he will **repay** **aš** **appropriate**, **wräth** to **hiš** **advärserieš**, **recompense** to **hiš** **enemieš**; **he** will **repay** the **islandš** **their** **due**.

19 So shall **they** fear Yähweh's name from the west, and his glôry from the rising of the sun; for he will cômê as a rushing stream, which Yähweh's breath drives.

20 "A Redeemer will cômê to Zion, and to those who tûrn from disobedience in Jacob," says Yähweh.

21 "As fôr me, this is my covenant with them," says Yähweh. "My Spirit who is on you, and my wôrds which I have put in yôur mouth, shall not depärt out of yôur mouth, nôr out of the mouth of yôur offspring, [a] nor out of the mouth of yôur offspring's offspring," says Yähweh, "from hencefôrth and forever."

Isaiah 60

"Arise, shine; fôr yôur light has cômê, and Yähweh's glôry has risen on you.

2 For, behold, dârkness will cöver the êarth, and thick dârkness the peoplê; but Yähweh will arise on you, and his glôry shall be seen on you.

3 Nations will cômê to yôur light, and kings to the brightness of yôur rising.

4 "Lift up yôur eyes âll around, and see: they âll gather themselves together. They cômê to you. Your sônş will cômê from fâr away, and yôur dâughters will be carried in ârms.

5 Then you shall see and be radiant, and yôur heärt will thrill and be enlârged; because the abundançe of the sea will be tûrned to you. The wealth of the nations will cômê to you.

6 A multitude of camels will cöver you, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah. All from Sheba will cômê. They will bring gold and frankincense, and will proclaim the praises of Yähweh.

7 All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you. The rams of Nebaioth will sêrve you. They will be accepted as offerings on my âltar; and I will beautify my glôrious house.

8 "Who âre these who fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?"

9 Surely the islands will wait fôr me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring yôur sônş from fâr, their silver and their gold with them, for the name of Yähweh yôur God, and fôr the Holy One of Israhel, because he has glôrified you.

10 "Foreigners will build up yôur walls, and their kings will sêrve you: for in my wraith I struck you, but in my favor have I had mērcy on you.

11 Yôur gates âlso shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nôr night; that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, and their kings led captive.

12 For **that nation** and kingdom **that** will not **sêrve you shall perish**; yes, **thoșe nationș shall be** utterly wasted.

13 “The glôry of Lebanon **shall côm**e to **you**, the **çypress tree**, the **pine**, and the **box tree together**, to **beautify** the **plaçe** of **my** sanctuary; and I will **make** the **plaçe** of **my feet glôrious**.

14 The **sonș** of **thoșe who** afflicted **you** will **côm**e bowing to **you**; and **âll thoșe who** despised **you** will **bow themselveș down** at the **soleș** of **yôur feet**. **They** will **câll you** **Yähweh’ș çity**, **The Zion** of the **Holy One** of **Ișrael**.

15 “*Whereaș you* have **been** forsaken and **hated**, **so that no one pässeđ through you**, I will **make you** an **etêrnal excellençy**, a joy of many **generationș**.

16 **You** will **âlso** drink the milk of the **nationș**, and will **nûrse** from royal breasts. **Then you** will **know that** I, **Yähweh**, am **yôur Savior**, **yôur Redeemer**, the **Mighty One** of **Jacob**.

17 For **bräss** I will bring **gold**; for **irôn** I will bring silver; for **wôod**, **bräss**, and **fôr stoneș**, **irôn**. I will **âlso make peaçe yôur gôvernor**, and **righteousness yôur ruler**.

18 **Violençe shall no môre be hêard** in **yôur land**, nor **desolation ôr destruction within yôur bôrderș**; but **you** will **câll yôur wâllș Salvation**, and **yôur gates praișe**.

19 The sun will **be no môre yôur light by day**; nor will the **brightness** of the **moon** give **light** to **you**, but **Yähweh** will **be yôur everlăsting light**, and **yôur God** will **be yôur glôry**.

20 **Yôur sun** will not **go down** any **môre**, nor will **yôur moon** **withdrăw** itself; for **Yähweh** will **be yôur everlăsting light**, and the **dayș** of **yôur môurning** will end.

21 **Then yôur people** will **âll be righteous**. **They** will inherit the land forever, the **branch** of **my** planting, the **wôr**k of **my** handș, **that I may be glôrified**.

22 The **little one** will **becôm**e a **thoușand**, and the **smâll one** a **strong nation**. I, **Yähweh**, will **de this quickly** in its **time**.”

Isaiah 61

The **Lôrd Yähweh’ș Spirit** **iș** on **me**; **becaușe** **Yähweh** haș **anointed me** to **preach gôod newș** to the **humble**. **He** haș **sent me** to **bind up the broken hêarted**, to **proclaim liberty** to the **captivêș**, and **releâse** to **thoșe who âre bound**;

2 to **proclaim the year** of **Yähweh’ș favor**, and the **day** of **vengeançe** of **our God**; to **cômfort âll who môurn**;

3 to **prôvide fôr thoșe who môurn** in **Zion**, to **give** to **them** a **gărland fôr ashêș**, the **oil of joy fôr môurning**, the **gărment of praișe fôr the spirit of heaviness**; **that they**

may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of Yähweh, that he may be glorified.

4 They will rebuild the old ruins. They will raise up the places long devastated. They will repair the ruined cities, that have been devastated for many generations.

5 Strangers will stand and feed your flocks, and foreigners will work your fields and your vineyards.

6 But you will be called Yähweh's priests. Men will call you the servants of our God. You will eat the wealth of the nations, and you will boast in their glory.

7 Instead of your shame you will have double. Instead of dishonor, they will rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land, they will possess double. Everlasting joy will be to them.

8 "For I, Yähweh, love justice. I hate robbery and iniquity. I will give them their reward in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 Their offspring [a] will be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge them, that they are the offspring [b] which Yähweh has blessed."

10 I will greatly rejoice in Yähweh! My soul will be joyful in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation. He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

11 For as the earth produces its bud, and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring up; so the Lord Yähweh will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 62

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning lamp.

2 The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, which Yähweh's mouth will name.

3 You will also be a crown of beauty in Yähweh's hand, and a royal diadem in your God's hand.

4 You will not be called Forsaken any more; nor will your land be called desolate any more: but you will be called Hephzibah, [a] and your land Beulah; [b] for Yähweh delights in you, and your land will be married.

5 For aš a young man marrieš a virgīn, so yōur sōnš will marry you. As a bridegroom rejoiceš over hiš bride, so yōur God will rejoice over you.

6 I have set watchmen on yōur wāllš, Jerušaalem. They will never be silent day nōr night. You who cāll on Yāhweh, take no rest,

7 and give him no rest, until he establišeš, and until he makes Jerušaalem a praīše in the ēarth.

8 Yāhweh haš swōrn by hiš right hand, and by the ärm of hiš strength, “Surely I will no mōre give yōur grain to be feēd fōr yōur enemies; and foreigners will not drink yōur new wine, fōr which you have labored;

9 but thoše who have hārvested it will eat it, and praīše Yāhweh; and thoše who have gatherēd it will drink it in the cōurts of my sanctuary.”

10 Go througħ, go througħ the gates! Prepare the way of the people! Build up, build up the hīghway! Gather out the stoneš! Lift up a banner fōr the peopleš.

11 Behold, Yāhweh haš proclaimed to the end of the ēarth, “Say to the dāughter of Zion, ‘Behold, yōur salvation cōmeš. Behold, hiš reward īš with him, and hiš recompense befōre him.’”

12 They will cāll them The holy people, Yāhweh’s redeēmed. You will be cāllēd Sōught out, A çity not forsaken.

Isaiah 63

Who īš this who cōmeš from Edom, with dyed gārments from Bozrah? Who this who īš glōrious in hiš clothing, mārching in the greatness of hiš strength? “It īš I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.”

2 Why īš yōur clothing red, and yōur gārments like him who treads in the wine vat?

3 “I have trodden the wine press alone; and of the peopleš, no one waš with me: Yes, I trod them in my anger, and trampled them in my wrāth. Their lifeblood īš sprinkled on my gārments, and I have stained āll my clothing.

4 For the day of vengeance waš in my heärt, and the year of my redeēmed haš cōme.

5 I lōoked, and there waš no one to help; and I wōndered that there waš no one to uphold: therefore my own ärm brōught salvation to me and my wrāth upheld me.

6 I trod down the peopleš in my anger, and made them drunk in my wrāth, and I pōured out their lifeblood on the ēarth.”

7 I will tell of the lōving kindnesseš of Yahweh and the praīseš of Yāhweh, accōrding to āll that Yāhweh haš given to us, and the great gōōdness

towârd the houſe of Iſrael, **which** he haſ given to **them** accôrding to hiſ mêrçięſ, and accôrding to the multitude of hiſ lóving kindneſſeſ.

8 For he ſaid, “**Su**rely, **they** äre my **people**, **children** *who* will not **deal** **fä**lſely;” ſo he became **their** Savior.

9 In **ä**ll **their** affliction he wäſ afflicted, and the **angel** of hiſ preſençe ſaved **them**. In hiſ lóve and in hiſ pity he redee**m**ed **them**. He **bô**re **them**, and carried **them** äll the **day**ſ of old.

10 But **they** rebelled, and grieved hiſ **holy** Spirit. **Therefô**re he **tû**rned and became **their** enemy, and he himſelf **fô**ught **againſt** **them**.

11 **Then** he remembered the **day**ſ of old, **Moſeſ** and hiſ **people**, ſaying, “**Where** iſ he *who* brô**u**ght **them** up **out** of the **ſea** with the **ſhepher**ſ of hiſ flock? **Where** iſ he *who* pû**t** hiſ **Holy** Spirit **amô**ng **them**?”

12 **Who** **cä**uſed hiſ glôriouſ ärm to be at **Moſeſ** ' **right** hand? **Who** divided the wä**t**erſ befôre **them**, to **ma**ke himſelf an everläſting **na**me?

13 **Who** led **them** **th**rough the **depth**ſ, **like** a **hó**rſe in the wilderness, **ſo** **th**at **they** didn't stumble?

14 As the **live**ſtock **th**at go **d**own into the **valley**, **Yähweh**'ſ Spirit **cä**uſed **them** to reſt. **So** **yo**u led **yô**ur **pe**ople, to **ma**ke **yô**urſelf a glôriouſ **na**me.

15 Look **d**own from heaven, and **ſee** from the habitation of **yô**ur **holi**neſſ and of **yô**ur glôry. **Where** äre **yô**ur **ze**al and **yô**ur **mi**ghty acts? The **yê**arning of **yô**ur **heä**rt and **yô**ur **cô**mpaſſion iſ **re**ſtrained towârd me.

16 For **yo**u äre **o**ur **Fä**ther, **th**ough Abraham **dô**eſn't **kn**ow us, and Iſrael **dô**eſ not **acknowledg**e us. **Yo**u, **Yähweh**, äre **o**ur **Fä**ther. Our Rede**e**mer from everläſting iſ **yô**ur **na**me.

17 O **Yähweh**, **Wh**y **d**e **yo**u **ma**ke us **wä**nder from **yô**ur **way**ſ, and **hä**rden **o**ur **heä**rt from **yô**ur **fe**ar? **Retû**rn **fô**r **yô**ur **ſerv**antſ' **ſa**ke, the **tribe**ſ of **yô**ur **in**heritançe.

18 **Yô**ur **holy** **pe**ople **poſſe**ſſed it but a little **wh**ile. Our **advê**ſarieſ have trodden **d**own **yô**ur **ſan**ctuary.

19 **We** have becôme **li**ke **thoſe** **o**ver **wh**om **yo**u **ne**ver **ru**led, **li**ke **thoſe** **wh**o **wê**re not **cä**ll**e**d by **yô**ur **na**me.

Isaiah 64

Oh **th**at **yo**u **wô**uld **te**ar the **heav**enſ, **th**at **yo**u **wô**uld **cô**me **d**own, **th**at the **mô**untainſ **mi**ght **qu**ake at **yô**ur **pre**ſençe.

2 As when fire kindles the brushwood, and the fire causes the water to boil; Make your name known to your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at your presence!

3 When you did awesome things which we didn't look for, you came down, and the mountains quaked at your presence.

4 For from of old men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen a God besides you, who works for him who waits for him.

5 You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned. We have been in sin for a long time. Shall we be saved?

6 For we have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteousness is like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

7 There is no one who calls on your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have consumed us by means of our iniquities.

8 But now, Yähweh, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you our potter. We all are the work of your hand.

9 Don't be furious, Yähweh, and don't remember iniquity forever. Look and see, we beg you, we are all your people.

10 Your holy cities have become a wilderness. Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

11 Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised you, is burned with fire; and all our pleasant places are laid waste.

12 Will you hold yourself back for these things, Yähweh? Will you keep silent, and punish us very severely?

Isaiah 65

"I am inquired of by those who didn't ask. I am found by those who didn't seek me. I said, 'See me, see me, You to a nation that was not called by my name.

I have spread out my hands all day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts;

3 a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens, and burning incense on bricks;

4 **who** sit among the **graves**, and spend **nights** in **secret places**; who **eat** pig's **flesh**, and **broth** of abominable **things is** in **their vessels**;

5 **who** say, 'Stay by **yô**urself, **don't** **cô**me **near** to me, for I am **holier** **than** **you**. ' **These** **ä**re smoke in my **no**se, a **fire** **that** **bû**rn^s **ä**ll day.

6 "Behold, it **is** written bef^ore me: I will not **keep** **silence**, but will **repay**, yes, I will **repay** into **their** **bô**so^m,

7 **yô**ur **own** **iniquities**, and the **iniquities** of **yô**ur **fä**th^{er}s **to**g^eth^{er}", says **Yä**hweh, "**who** have **bû**rn^ed **in**çense on the **mô**untain^s, and **blasphem**e^d me on the hills. **Therefô**re I will **fi**rst mea^sure **their** **wô**rk into **their** **bô**so^m."

8 **Yä**hweh says, "As the new **wine** **is** **found** in the cluster, and one says, 'Don't destroy it, **fô**r a blessing **is** in it:'so will I **do** **fô**r my servants' sake, **that** I may not destroy **them** **ä**ll.

9 I will bring offspring [a] out of **Jacob**, and **out** of **Judah** an inheritor of my **mô**untain^s. **My** **chô**sen will inherit it, and my **sê**rvants will dwell **there**.

10 Sharon will **be** a **fold** of flocks, and the **valley** of Achor a **plac**e **fô**r **hê**rd^s to **lie** **down** in, for my **people** **who** have **sô**ught me.

11 "But **you** **who** forsake **Yä**hweh, **who** forget my **holy** **mô**untain, **who** **prepa**re a **table** **fô**r **Fô**rtune, and **who** fill up **mixe**d **wine** to **Destiny**;

12 I will destine **you** to the **swô**rd, and **you** will **ä**ll bow **down** to the **slä**ughter; **beca**use when I **cä**ll^ed, **you** didn't answer. When I **spoke**, **you** didn't listen; but **you** did **that** **which** **wä**s **evil** in my **eye**s, and **chô**se **that** in **which** I didn't **deli**ght."

13 **Therefô**re **thus** says the **Lô**rd **Yä**hweh, "Behold, my **sê**rvants will **eat**, but **you** will **be** hungry; behold, my **sê**rvants will drink, but **you** will **be** **thi**rsy. Behold, my **sê**rvants will **rejoic**e, but **you** will **be** disappointed;

14 Behold, my **sê**rvants will sing **fô**r joy of **heä**rt, but **you** will cry **fô**r sorrow of **heä**rt, and will **wail** **fô**r anguish of spirit.

15 **You** will **leave** **yô**ur **name** **fô**r a **cû**rse to my **chô**sen; and the **Lô**rd **Yä**hweh will kill **you**. He will **cä**ll his **sê**rvants by **anô**ther **name**,

16 **so** **that** **he** **who** **blesse**s himself in the **ê**arth will bless himself in the God of **truth**; and **he** **who** **swear**s in the **ê**arth will swear by the God of **truth**; **beca**use the **fô**rmer **trouble**s **ä**re forgotten, and **beca**use **they** **ä**re hidden from my **eye**s.

17 "For, behold, I **crea**te new **heaven**s and a new **ê**arth; and the **fô**rmer **thing**s will not **be** remembered, nor **cô**me into **mind**.

18 But **be** glad and rejoice forever in **that which** I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem to **be** a delight, and **hêr** people a joy.

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in **my** people; and the voice of weeping and the voice of crying will **be** heard in **hêr** no more.

20 “No more will **there** be an infant **who** only lives a few days, nor an old man **who** has not filled his days; for the **child** will die one hundred years old, and the sinner being one hundred years old will **be** accursed.

21 **They** will build houses, and inhabit **them**. **They** will plant vineyards, and eat **their** fruit.

22 **They** will not build, and another inhabit. **They** will not plant, and another eat: for the days of **my** people will be like the days of a tree, and **my** chosen will long enjoy the work of **their** hands.

23 **They** will not labor in vain, nor give birth for calamity; for **they** are the offspring [b] of Yâhweh's blessed, and **their** descendants with **them**.

24 It will happen **that**, before **they** call, I will answer; and while **they** are yet speaking, I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. Dust will be the serpent's feed. **They** will not hurt nor destroy in **all** my holy mountain,” says Yâhweh.

Isaiah 66

Yâhweh says, “Heaven is **my** throne, and the earth is **my** footstool. What kind of house will **you** build to **me**? Where will I rest?

2 For **my** hand has made **all** these things, and so **all** these things came to be,” says Yâhweh: “but to **this** man will I look, even to **he** who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and **who** trembles at **my** word.

3 **He** who kills an ox is as **he** who kills a man; **he** who sacrifices a lamb, as **he** who breaks a dog's neck; **he** who offers an offering, as **he** who offers pig's blood; **he** who burns frankincense, as **he** who blesses an idol. Yes, **they** have chosen **their** own ways, and **their** soul delights in **their** abominations:

4 I also will choose **their** delusions, and will bring **their** fears on **them**; because when I called, no one answered; when I spoke, **they** didn't listen; but **they** did **that** which was evil in **my** eyes, and chose **that** in which I didn't delight.”

5 Hear Yähweh's wôrd, you *who* tremble at hiš wôrd: "Yôur brotherš *who* hate you, *who* cäst you out fôr my name's sake, have said, 'Let Yähweh be glôrified, **that we may see yôur joy;**' but it **iš thoše *who* shall be.**

6 A voiçe of tumult from the çity, a voiçe from the temple, a voiçe of disappointed Yähweh **that repays hiš enemies *what they dešerve.***

7 "Befôre **she** travailed, **she** gave birth. Befôre hêr pain came, **she** delivered a sôn.

8 *Who* haš hêard of such a **thing**? *Who* haš seen such **things**? **Shall** a land be bôrn in one day? **Shall** a nation be bôrn at onçe? For aš soon aš Zion travailed, **she** gave birth to hêr children.

9 **Shall** I bring to the birth, and not cäuse to be delivered?" sayš Yähweh. "**Shall** I *who* cäuse to give birth shut the womb?" sayš yôur God.

10 "Rejoice with Jeruſalem, and be glad fôr hêr, **áll** you *who* love hêr. Rejoice fôr joy with hêr, **áll** you *who* môrn over hêr;

11 **that** you may nûrse and be satisfied at the comforting breasts; **that** you may drink deeply, and be delighted with the abundançe of hêr glôry."

12 For Yähweh sayš, "Behold, I will extend peace to hêr like a river, and the glôry of the nationš like an overflowing stream; and you will nûrse. You will be carried on hêr side, and will be dandled on hêr knees.

13 As one *whom* hiš môther comforts, so will I comfort you. You will be comforted in Jeruſalem."

14 You will see it, and yôur heärt shall rejoice, and yôur bones will flourish like the tender gräss. Yähweh's hand will be known among hiš sêrvants; and he will have indignation against hiš enemies.

15 For, behold, Yähweh will come with fire, and hiš chariôts will be like the whirlwind; to render hiš anger with fierceness, and hiš rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For Yähweh will execute judgment by fire and by hiš swôrd on **áll** flesh; and **thoše** slain by Yähweh will be many.

17 "**Thoše *who* sanctify themselves and purify themselves to go to the gârdens,** behind one in the middle, **eating pig's flesh,** abominable **things,** and the mouse, **they shall come to an end together,**" sayš Yähweh.

18 "For I know **their** wôrks and **their** **thô**ughts. The time comes **th**at I will gather **áll** nationš and languages, and **they** will come, and will see my glôry.

19 “I will set a **sign** among **them**, and I will send **those** *who* escape of **them** to the **nations**, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, *who* draw the **bow**, to Tubal and Javan, to **far-**away **islands**, *who* have not **heard my fame**, **nor** have **seen my glory**; and **they shall** declare **my glory** among the **nations**.

20 They **shall** bring **all your brothers** out of **all the nations** **for** an offering to Yāhweh, on **horses**, in **chariots**, in **litters**, on **mule**, and on **camels**, to **my holy** mountain Jeru**sa**lem, says Yāhweh, as the **children of Israe**l bring **their** offering in a **clean** vessel into Yāhweh’s **house**.

21 Of **them** I will **also** select **priests** and Levites,” says Yāhweh.

22 “For **as** the new **heavens** and the new **earth**, *which* I will **make**, **shall** remain **before** me,” says Yāhweh, “so **your** offspring [a] and **your name** **shall** remain.

23 It **shall** happen **that** from one new **moon** to another, and from one **Sabbath** to another, **all flesh** will **come** to **worship** **before** me,” says Yāhweh.

24 “They will **go** out, and **look** at the dead **bodies** of the men *who* have **transgressed** against me; **for** **their** **worm** will not **die**, **nor** will **their** **fire** **be** **quenched**, and **they** will **be** **loathsome** to **all** **mankind**.”

Jeremiah 1

The **wôrd**s of Jeremia**h** the **sôn** of Hilkiah, one of the **priests** **who** **wêre** in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin.

2 Yâ**h**weh's **wôrd**[a] came to him in the **day**s of Josiah the **sôn** of Amon, king of **Judah**, in the **thirteenth** year of his reign.

3 It **came** **â**lso in the **day**s of Jehoiakim the **sôn** of Josiah, king of **Judah**, to the end of the **eleventh** year of Zedekiah, the **sôn** of Josiah, king of **Judah**, to the carrying away of **Jerusalem** captive in the **fifth** **môn**th.

4 **N**ow Yâ**h**weh's **wôrd** came to me, saying,

5 "Bef**ô**re I **f**ôrmed you in the **w**omb, I knew you. Bef**ô**re you **w**êre **b**ôrn, I sanctified you. I have appointed you a **prophet** to the **nations**."

6 **T**hen I said, "Ah, **L**ôrd [b] Yahweh! Behold,[c] I **don't** know **h**ow to **s**peak; **f**ôr I am a **child**."

7 But Yâ**h**weh said to me, "Don't **s**ay, 'I am a **child**; **Y**ou **f**ôr you must **g**o to **w**h**o**ever I send you, and you must **s**ay **w**h**a**t**e**ver I command you."

8 Don't be afraid **b**eca**u**se of **t**hem, **f**ôr I am **w**ith you to **r**escue you," says Yâ**h**weh.

9 **T**hen Yâ**h**weh **stret**ch**e**d **o**ut his hand, and **to**uch**e**d my **m**outh. **T**hen Yâ**h**weh said to me, "Behold, I have **p**ut my **w**ôrd**s** in your **m**outh."

10 Behold, I have **t**oday set you **o**ver the **nations** and **o**ver the **kingd**ôm**s**, to **u**pre**e**t and to **t**ear **d**own, to destroy and to **o**ver**t**hrow, to **b**uild and to plant."

11 **M**ôreover Yâ**h**weh's **wôrd** came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, **w**h**a**t **d**e you **s**ee?"

I said, "I **s**ee a **b**ranch of an **â**lmônd **t**ree."

12 Then Yâ**h**weh said to me, "You have **s**een well; **f**ôr I **w**atch **o**ver my **w**ôrd to **p**er**f**orm it."

13 Yâ**h**weh's **wôrd** came to me the **s**econd **t**ime, saying, "W**h**a**t** **d**e you **s**ee?"

I said, "I **s**ee a boiling **c**âuldr**o**n; and it **i**s tipping **a**way from the **n**ô**r**th."

14 **T**hen Yâ**h**weh said to me, "Out of the **n**ô**r**th, **e**vil will **b**reak **o**ut on **â**ll the inhabitants of the land."

15 For, beh**o**ld, I will **c**âll **â**ll the **f**amili**e**s of the **kingd**ôm**s** of the **n**ô**r**th," says Yâ**h**weh.

“They will c**o**me, and **they** will **each** set hi**s** **thr**one at the entranc**e** of the gat**e**s of Jeru**s**alem, and against **á**ll its wá**l**l**s** **á**ll ar**o**und, and against **á**ll the **ç**itie**s** of Judah.

16 I will utter my judg**m**ents ag**a**inst **them** conc**e**rn**ing** **á**ll **the**ir wickedness, in **th**at **they** have fors**a**ken me, and have b**u**rn**e**d inc**e**nse to **ó**ther god**s**, and w**o**rsh**ip**e**d** the w**o**rks of **the**ir **o**wn hand**s**.

17 “**You** **th**ere**f**ore **p**ut y**ó**ur belt on y**ó**ur wa**i**st, ar**i**se, and **s**ay to **them** **á**ll **th**at I command **you**. **D**on’t be di**s**may**e**d at **them**, lest I di**s**may **you** bef**ó**re **them**.

18 For, beh**o**ld, I have **m**ade **you** today a f**ó**rtified **ç**ity, an **i**r**o**n pillar, and bronze wá**l**l**s**, ag**a**inst the wh**o**le land, ag**a**inst the king**s** of Judah, ag**a**inst its prin**ç**e**s**, ag**a**inst its pri**e**sts, and ag**a**inst the **p**eople of the land.

19 They will **f**ight ag**a**inst **you**, but **they** will not prev**a**il ag**a**inst **you**; **f**ó**r** I am with **you**”, say**s** Y**á**hw**e**h, “to resc**u**e **you**.”

Jeremiah 2

Y**á**hw**e**h’s w**o**rd came to me, saying,

2 “**G**o, and proclaim in the **e**ar**s** of Jeru**s**alem, say**ing**, ‘Y**á**hw**e**h say**s**,

“I remember **f**ó**r** **you** the kind**n**ess of y**ó**ur **y**outh, the **l**ó**v**e of y**ó**ur wedding**s**; **h**ow **you** went **á**fter me in the wilderness, in a land **th**at w**á**s not sown.

3 **I**s**r**ael w**á**s holiness to Y**á**hw**e**h, the **f**irst fruit**s** of hi**s** incre**a**se. All wh**o** dev**o**ur him **sh**all be held guilty. **E**vil **sh**all c**o**me on **them**,” say**s** Y**á**hw**e**h.”

4 **H**ear Y**á**hw**e**h’s w**o**rd, O **h**ou**s**e of Jacob, and **á**ll the familie**s** of the **h**ou**s**e of **I**s**r**ael!

5 Y**á**hw**e**h say**s**, “**W**hat un**r**ight**e**ousness have y**ó**ur **f**áther**s** **f**ound in me, that **they** have gone **f**á**r** from me, and have w**á**lk**e**d **á**fter w**ó**thless vanity, and have become w**ó**rthless?”

6 **T**hey didn’t say, ‘**W**here **i**s Y**á**hw**e**h wh**o** br**ó**ught us up **o**ut of the land of **E**gypt, wh**o** led us **th**rough the wilderness, **th**rough a land of des**e**rts and of pits, **th**rough a land of d**r**ought and of the **sh**adow of death, **th**rough a land **th**at no one **p**áss**e**d **th**rough, and where no man lived?’

7 I br**ó**ught **you** into a plentiful land, to **e**at its fruit and its **g**ó**o**dn**e**ss; but **w**hen **you** entered, **you** defiled my land, and made my heritage an abominati**o**n.

8 The **p**ri**e**sts didn’t say, ‘**W**here **i**s Y**á**hw**e**h?’ and **th**os**e** wh**o** handle the **l**á**w** didn’t **k**now me. The **r**uler**s** **á**l**s**o trans**g**ress**e**d ag**a**inst me, and the **p**roph**e**ts **p**roph**e**sied by Baal, and followed **th**ing**s** **th**at **d**o not profit.

9 “**Therefore** I will yet contend **with you**,” says Yāhweh, “and I will contend **with yōur children's children**.”

10 For **päss** over to the **islands** of Kittim, and **see**; and send to Kedar, and **Cōnsider** diligently; and **see** if **there haş been such a thing**.

11 Haş a **natiōn changēd** its **godş**, **which really äre no godş**? But **my people** have **changēd their glōry fōr that which döeş** not profit.

12 “**Be astonished**, **you heavens**, at **this**, and **be** horribly afraid. **Be** very **deşolate**,” says Yāhweh.

13 “For **my people** have committed **twē evils**: **they** have **forsaken me**, the spring of living **wāters**, and cut **them out çistērnş**, broken **çistērnş**, **that can hold no wāter**.

14 **Iş İşrael** a **slave**? Is **he** a **bōrn into slavery**? **Why** haş **he** **becōme** a captive?

15 The young **liōnş** have **rōared** at him, and yelled. **They** have **made hiş** land **waste**. **Hiş çities äre bŭrned** up, **withōut** inhabitant.

16 The **children älso** of Memphis and Tahpanhes have **broken** the **crown** of **yōur** head.

17 “Haven't **you** **brōught this** on **yōurself**, in **that you** have **forsaken** Yāhweh **yōur** God, [a] when **he** led **you** **by the way**?”

18 **Now whāt dö** **you** **gain by going** to **Egypt**, to drink the **wāters** of the Shihor? Or **Why dö** **you** to **go** on the way to Assyria, to drink the **wāters** of the River? [b]

19 “**Yōur own** wickedness will correct **you**, and **yōur** backsliding will **rebuke you**. Know **therefōre** and **see that** it **iş** an **evil** and bitter **thing**, **that you** have **forsaken** Yāhweh **yōur** God, and **that my** **fear** **iş** not in **you**,” says the **Lōrd**, Yāhweh of **ärmies**.

20 “For long ago I **broke** off **yōur** **yoke**, and **bŭrst** **yōur** **bonds**. You said, 'I will not **sērve**;' for on every **high** hill and under every **green tree** **you** **bowed** **yōurself**, **playing** the prostitute.

21 Yet I had planted **you** a **noble vine**, a **pure** and **faithful seed**. **How then** have **you** **tŭrned into** the degenerate **branches** of a foreign **vine** to **me**?

22 For **though** **you** **wash** **yōurself** **with** lye, and **use** much **soap**, yet **yōur** **iniquity** **iş** **märkeđ** **befōre** **me**,” says the **Lōrd** Yāhweh.

23 “**How** can **you** **say**, 'I am not defiled. I have not gone **äfter** the Baals'? **See** **yōur** **way** in the valley. Know **whāt** **you** have **dōne**. **You äre** a swift dromedary **travērsing** **hēr** **wayş**;

24 a wild donkey used to the wilderness, **that** sniffs the wind in **hêr** craving. When **she** is in **heat**, **whê** can **tûrn** **hêr** away? All **thosê** **whê** **seek** **hêr** will not weary **themselves**. In **hêr** **month**, **they** will find **hêr**.

25 “Keep **yôur** **feet** from being **bare**, and **yôur** **throa**t from **thirst**. But **you** said, 'It is in **vain**. **No**, **fôr** I have **loved** **strangers**, and I will **go** **äfter** **them**.'

26 **Aş** the **thief** is **ashamed** when he is **found**, **so** is the **houşe** of **Işrael** **ashamed**; **they**, **their** **kings**, **their** **prinçes**, and **their** **priests**, and **their** **prophets**;

27 **whê** tell **wôod**, 'You **äre** **my** **fäther**;' and a **stone**, 'You have given **birth** to me: 'for **they** have **tûrned** **their** back to me, and not **their** **façe**; but in the **time** of **their** trouble **they** will **say**, ' **Arişe**, and **save** us.'

28 “But **where** **äre** **yôur** **godş** **that** **you** have **made** **fôr** **yôurselves**? Let **them** **arişe**, if **they** can **save** **you** in the **time** of **yôur** trouble: for **you** have **aş** many **godş** **aş** **you** have **townş**, O Judah.

29 “**Why** will **you** contend **with** **me**? **You** **äll** have **transgressed** **against** **me**,” **sayş** **Yähweh**.

30 “I have struck **yôur** **children** in **vain**. **They** **reçeived** **no** **correction**. **Yôur** **own** **swôrd** **haş** **devo**ured **yôur** **prophets**, **like** a **destroying** **liôn**.

31 **Generatiôn**, **Côn**sider **Yähweh**'s **wôrd**. Have I **been** a wilderness to **Işrael**? Or a land of **thick** **därkness**? **Why** **de** **my** **people** **say**, 'We have **broken** **leese**. **We** will **come** to **you** **no** **môre**?'

32 “Can a **virgin** forget **hêr** **ôrnaments**, or a **bride** **hêr** **attire**? Yet **my** **people** have forgotten **me** **fôr** **dayş** **withôut** **number**.

33 **How** well **you** **prepare** **yôur** **way** to **seek** **love**! **Therêfôre** **you** have **even** **tâught** the wicked women **yôur** **wayş**.

34 **Also** the **blôod** of the **soulş** of the **innocent** **pôor** is **found** in **yôur** **skirts**. **You** did not **find** **them** **bre**aking in; but it is **beca**use of **äll** **thesê** **thingş**.

35 “Yet **you** said, 'I am **innocent**. **Surely** **hiş** **anger** **haş** **tûrned** **away** from **me**.' “Behold, I will **judg**e **you**, **beca**use **you** **say**, 'I have not **sinned**.'

36 **Why** **de** **you** **go** **about** **so** **much** to **chang**e **yôur** **wayş**? **You** will **be** **ashamed** of **Egypt** **ä**lso, **aş** **you** **wêre** **ashamed** of **Assyria**.

37 **You** will **ä**lso **leave** **that** **plaçe** **with** **yôur** **handş** on **yôur** **head**; for **Yähweh** **haş** **rejected** **thosê** in **whê**m **you** **trust**, and **you** **won't** **prosper** **with** **them**.

Jeremiah 3

“They say, 'If a man puts away his wife, and she goes from him, and becomes another man's, should he return to her again? You Wouldn't that land be greatly polluted? But you have played the prostitute with many lovers; yet return again to me,” says Yāhweh.

2 “Lift up your eyes to the bare heights, and see! Where have you not been lain with? You have sat waiting for them by the road, as an Arabian in the wilderness. You have polluted the land with your prostitution and with your wickedness.

3 Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there has been no latter rain; yet you have a prostitute's forehead. You refused to be ashamed.

4 Will you not from this time cry to me, 'My Father, you are the guide of my youth?'

5 “ 'Will he retain his anger forever? Will he keep it to the end? You Behold, you have spoken and have done evil things, and have had your way.”

6 Moreover, Yāhweh said to me in the days of Josiah the king, “Have you seen that which backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and has played the prostitute there.

7 I said after she had done all these things, 'She will return to me; You but she didn't return; and her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

8 I saw when, for this very cause, that backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a bill of divorce, yet treacherous Judah, her sister, had no fear; but she also went and played the prostitute.

9 Because she took her prostitution lightly, the land was polluted, and she committed adultery with stones and with wood.

10 Yet for all this her treacherous sister, Judah, has not returned to me with her whole heart, but only in pretense,” says Yāhweh.

11 Yāhweh said to me, “Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah.

12 Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, ' Return, you backsliding Israel, You says Yāhweh; 'I will not look in anger on you; for I am merciful, says Yāhweh. 'I will not keep anger forever.

13 Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against Yāhweh your God, and have scattered your ways to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed my voice, says Yāhweh.”

14 “Ret~~u~~rn, backsliding **children**,” says Y~~ä~~hweh; “for I am a hu**sh**band to you. I will **take** one of you from a **city**, and **two** from a family, and I will bring you to Zion.

15 I will give you **shepherds** acc~~o~~rding to my **he~~a~~rt**, wh~~o~~ will **feed** you with **knowledg**e and understanding.

16 It will **come** to **p~~ä~~ss**, when you **ä**re multiplied and incre~~a~~sed in the land, in **tho**se** days**,” says Y~~ä~~hweh, “they will **no** longer say, ‘the **ä**rk of Y~~ä~~hweh’s **c**ovenant! It will not **come** to mind. **They won’t** remember it. **They won’t** miss it, **n~~o~~r** will **an~~o~~ther** be made.

17 At **that time** they will **c~~a~~ll** Jeru**sh**alem ‘Y~~ä~~hweh’s **th**rone; You and **ä**ll the **nations** will **be gathered** to it, to Y~~ä~~hweh’s **n**ame, to Jeru**sh**alem. **They will no** longer **w~~a~~k** **ä**fter the stubbornness of **their evil he~~a~~rt**.

18 In **tho**se** days** the **hou**se**** of Judah will **w~~a~~k** with the **hou**se**** of I**sh**rael, and **they** will **come** together **o**ut of the land of the **n~~o~~th** to the land **that** I **gave f~~o~~r** an inheritance to **y~~o~~ur f~~a~~ther**s****.

19 “But I said, ‘**How** I **de**s**ire** to **p~~u~~t** you among the **children**, and give you a **plea**s**ant** land, a **g~~o~~odly** heritage of the **ä**rmies of the **nations**! You and I said, ‘You shall **c~~a~~ll** me “My **F~~a~~ther**”, and **shall** not **t~~u~~rn** away from following me. You

20 “**Surely a**s**** a wife **treacherously** **de**p**arts** from **h~~e~~r** hu**sh**band, **so** you have dealt **treacherously** with me, **hou**se**** of I**sh**rael,” says Y~~ä~~hweh.

21 A **voic**e is **h~~e~~ard** on the **ba**re **heights**, the **wee**ping and the **petitions** of the **children** of I**sh**rael; **beca**u**se** they have **perve**r**ted** **their way**, they have forgotten Y~~ä~~hweh **their** God.

22 Ret~~u~~rn, you backsliding **children**, and I will **heal** **y~~o~~ur** backsliding. “Behold, we have **come** to you; **f~~o~~r** you **ä**re Y~~ä~~hweh **o**ur God.

23 Truly in **vain** is help from the **hill**s****, the **tumult** on the **mountain**s****. Truly the **salvati~~o~~n** of I**sh**rael is in Y~~ä~~hweh **o**ur God.

24 But the **shamef~~u~~l** **th**ing has **devo**ured the **labor** of **o**ur **f~~a~~ther**s**** from **o**ur **youth**, **their** flocks and **their h~~e~~rd**s****, **their son**s**** and **their d~~a~~ughter**s****.

25 Let us **lie** **do**wn in **o**ur **shame**, and let **o**ur **c~~o~~nfu**s**ion** **c~~o~~ver** us; **f~~o~~r** we have sinned against Y~~ä~~hweh **o**ur God, **we** and **o**ur **f~~a~~ther**s****, from **o**ur **youth** even to **this day**. **We** have not **obeyed** Y~~ä~~hweh **o**ur God’s **voic**e.”

Jeremiah 4

“If you will ret~~u~~rn, I**sh**rael,” says Y~~ä~~hweh, “if you will ret~~u~~rn to me, and if you will **p~~u~~t** away **y~~o~~ur** **abominati~~o~~n**s**** **o**ut of my **sight**; **then** you shall not **be removed**;

2 and you shall swear, 'As Yähweh lives, You in truth, in justice, and in righteousness. The nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.'

3 For Yähweh says to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, "Break up your fallow ground, and don't sow among thorns."

4 Circumcise yourselves to Yähweh, and take away the foreskins of your heart, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my wrath go out like fire, and burn so that no one can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

5 Declare in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, 'Blow the trumpet in the land! You Cry aloud and say, 'Assemble yourselves! Let us go into the fortified cities!'

6 Set up a standard toward Zion. Flee for safety! Don't wait; for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction."

7 A lion has gone up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations; he is on his way, he has gone out from his place, to make your land desolate, that your cities be laid waste, without inhabitant.

8 For this clothe yourself with sackcloth, lament and wail; for the fierce anger of Yähweh hasn't turned back from us.

9 "It shall happen at that day," says Yähweh, "that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder."

10 Then I said, "Ah, Lord Yähweh! Surely you have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, 'You shall have peace; You whereas the sword reaches to the heart.'"

11 At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem, "A hot wind from the bare heights in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow, nor to cleanse;

12 a full wind from these shall come for me. Now I will also utter judgments against them."

13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as the whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us! For we are ruined.

14 Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, that you may be saved. How long shall your evil thoughts lodge within you?

15 For a voice declares from Dan, and publishes evil from the hills of Ephraim:

16 “Tell the **nations**; behold, publish **against** Jeru**ş**alem, ‘**W**atchers **c**ome from a **f**ar country, and **r**aise **t**heir voice **a**gainst the **c**ities of Judah.

17 As **k**eeper**s** of a **f**ield, **t**hey **ä**re **a**gainst **h**er **ä**ll **a**round, **b**e**ca**use **s**he **h**as **b**een rebellious **a**gainst **m**e,” says **Y**ähweh.

18 “**Y**our **w**ay and **y**our **d**oings have **b**rought **t**hes**e** **t**hings to **y**ou. **T**his is **y**our wickedness; **f**ör it is **b**itter, **f**ör it **r**eache**s** to **y**our **h**eä**r**t.”

19 **M**y **a**ngu**ish**., **m**y **a**ngu**ish**! I am **p**ained at **m**y **v**ery **h**eä**r**t; **m**y **h**eä**r**t is **d**is**q**uieted in **m**e; I **c**ä**n**’t **h**old **m**y **p**ea**ç**e; **b**e**ca**use **y**ou **h**ave **h**eä**r**d, O **m**y **s**oul, the **s**ound of the trumpet, the **a**lä**r**m of **w**ä**r**.

20 **D**estructi**o**n on destructi**o**n is **c**ried; **f**ör the **w**hole **l**and is **l**aid **w**aste: suddenly **ä**re **m**y **t**ents **d**estroyed, and **m**y **c**ü**r**tains in a **m**oment.

21 **H**ow long **s**hall I **s**ee the **s**tandard, and **h**ear the **s**ound of the trumpet?

22 “For **m**y **p**eople **ä**re **f**oolish, **t**hey **d**on’t **k**now **m**e. **T**hey **ä**re **f**oolish **c**hildren, and **t**hey **h**ave **n**o **u**nderstanding. **T**hey **ä**re **s**kilful in **d**oing **e**vil, but to **d**e **g**ood **t**hey **h**ave **n**o **k**nowled**g**e.”

23 I **s**ä**w** the **ä**rt**h**, and, behold, it **w**as **w**aste and void; and the **h**eavens, and **t**hey **h**ad **n**o **l**ight.

24 I **s**ä**w** the **m**ountains, and behold, **t**hey **t**rembled, and **ä**ll the **h**ills **m**oved **b**ack and **f**ör**th**.

25 I **s**ä**w**, and behold, **t**here **w**as **n**o **m**an, and **ä**ll the **b**irds of the **s**ky **h**ad **f**led.

26 I **s**ä**w**, and behold, the **f**ruitful **f**ield **w**as a **w**ilderness, and **ä**ll its **c**ities **w**ere **b**roken **d**own at the **p**resen**ç**e of **Y**ähweh, **b**e**f**öre **h**is **f**i**ä**r**ç**e **a**nger.

27 For **Y**ähweh **s**ays, “The **w**hole **l**and **s**hall **b**e a **D**esolati**o**n ; yet will I **n**ot **m**ake a **f**üll **e**nd.

28 For **t**his the **ä**rt**h** will **m**ö**u**rn, and the **h**eavens **a**bö**v**e **b**e **b**lack; **b**e**ca**use I **h**ave **s**po**k**en it, I **h**ave **p**ü**r**posed it, and I **h**ave **n**ot **r**e**p**ented, **n**e**i**ther will I **t**ü**r**n **b**ack from it.”

29 Every **c**ity **f**lee**s** **f**ör the **n**ois**e** of the **h**ö**r**semen and **ä**r**ç**er**s**; **t**hey **g**o **i**nto the **t**hicket**s**, and **c**lim**b** up on the **r**ocks: every **c**ity is **f**orsaken, and **n**ot a **m**an **d**well**s** **t**herein.

30 You, **w**hen **y**ou **ä**re **m**ade **d**esö**l**ate, **w**hat will **y**ou **d**e? **T**hough **y**ou **c**loth**e** **y**ö**u**rself **w**ith **s**cä**r**let, **t**hough **y**ou **d**eck **y**ö**u**rself **w**ith **ö**rnament**s** of **g**old, **t**hough **y**ou **e**n**l**ä**g**e **y**ö**u**r **e**y**e**s **w**ith **m**ake**u**p, **y**ou **m**ake **y**ö**u**rself **b**eautif**u**l in **v**ain. **Y**ö**u**r **l**ö**v**er**s** **d**espi**s**e **y**ou. **T**hey **s**ee**k** **y**ö**u**r **l**ife.

31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, the anguish. as of her who gives birth to her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, who gasps for breath, who spreads her hands, saying, "Woe is me now! For my soul faints before the murderers."

Jeremiah 5

"Run back and forth through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in its wide places, if you can find a man, if there are any who does justly, who seeks truth; and I will pardon her.

2 Though they say, 'As Yähwëh lives; You surely they swear falsely.'

3 O Yähwëh, don't your eyes look on truth? You have stricken them, but they were not grieved. You have consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction. They have made their faces harder than a rock. They have refused to return.

4 Then I said, "Surely these are poor. They are foolish; for they don't know the way of Yähwëh, nor the law of their God.

5 I will go to the great men, and will speak to them; for they know the way of Yähwëh, and the law of their God." But these with one accord have broken the yoke, and burst the bonds.

6 Therefore a lion out of the forest shall kill them, a wolf of the evenings shall destroy them, a leopard shall watch against their cities; everyone who goes out there shall be torn in pieces; because their transgressions are many, and their backsliding is increased.

7 "How can I pardon you? Your children have forsaken me, and sworn by what are no gods. When I had fed them to the full, they committed adultery, and assembled themselves in troops at the prostitutes' houses.

8 They were as fed horses roaming at large: everyone neighed after his neighbor's wife.

9 "Shouldn't I punish them for these things?" says Yähwëh; "and shouldn't my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 "Go up on her walls, and destroy; but don't make a full end. Take away her branches; for they are not Yähwëh's.

11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me," says Yähwëh.

12 They have denied Yähwëh, and said, "It is not he; neither shall evil come on us; neither shall we see sword nor famine.

13 The prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them. Thus shall it be done to them.”

14 Therefore Yähweh, the God of armies says, “Because you speak this word, behold, I will make my words in your mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

15 Behold, I will bring a nation on you from far, house of Israel,” says Yähweh. “It is a mighty nation. It is an ancient nation, a nation whose language you don’t know, neither understand what they say.

16 Their quiver is an open tomb, they are all mighty men.

17 They shall eat up your harvest, and your bread, which your sons and your daughters should eat. They shall eat up your flocks and your herds. They shall eat up your vines and your fig trees. They shall beat down your fortified cities, in which you trust, with the sword.

18 “But even in those days,” says Yähweh, “I will not make a full end with you.

19 It will happen, when you say, ‘Why has Yähweh our God done all these things to us? You Then you shall say to them, ‘Just like you have forsaken me, and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve strangers in a land that is not yours.

20 You declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,

21 ‘Hear now this, foolish people, and without understanding; who have eyes, and don’t see; who have ears, and don’t hear:

22 Don’t you fear me? You says Yähweh ‘Won’t you tremble at my presence, who have placed the sand for the bound of the sea, by a perpetual decree, that it can’t pass it? and though its waves toss themselves, yet they can’t prevail; though they roar, yet they can’t pass over it.

23 “But this people has a revolting and a rebellious heart; they have revolted and gone.

24 Neither do they say in their heart, ‘Let us now fear Yähweh our God, who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season; who preserves to us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

25 “Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withheld good from you.

26 For among my people are found wicked men. They watch, as fowls lie in wait. They set a trap. They catch men.

27 As a **ca**g_e i**ş** full of b*ir*d**ş**, so **ä**re **the**ir h*ou*se**ş** full of de**ce**it. **There**f*o*re **the**y have be**co**me gre**at**, and grew **rich**.

28 **The**y have grown fat. **The**y **sh**ine; yes, **the**y ex**cel** in de**ed**ş of wickedness. **The**y don't ple**a**d the **cä**u**ş**e, the **cä**u**ş**e of the f*ä*therless, **th**at **the**y may prosper; and **the**y don't jud**g**e the **ri**ght of the **nee**dy.

29 “**Sh**all I not pun**ish** f*o*r **the**se **th**ing**ş**?” say**ş** Y*ä*hw**e**h. “**Sh**all not my soul be aveng**ed** on **such** a **nati**on **aş** **this**?”

30 “An aston**ish**ing and horrible **th**ing ha**ş** happen**ed** in the land.

31 The prop**h**ets prop**hec**y f*ä*lsely, and the priests **rule** by **the**ir **own ä**uth**or**ity; and my **pe**ople **lo**ve to have it **so**. **Wh**at will **yo**u **do** in the end of it?

Jeremiah 6

“**F**lee f*o*r **saf**ety, **yo**u **child**ren of Benjamin, **o**ut of the middle of Jeru**ş**alem, and **blow** the trumpet in Tekoa, and **rai**se up a signal on Beth Haccherem; f*o*r **ev**il **lo**oks **o**ut from the **nö**rth, and a gre**at** destruction.

2 I will cut off the **cö**mely and delicate one, the **dä**ughter of Zion.

3 **S**hepherd**ş** with **the**ir flocks **shall** **cö**me to h*ê*r; **the**y **shall** pitch **the**ir tents **ag**ainst h*ê*r **ä**ll **ar**ound; **the**y **shall** **feed** everyone in hi**ş** **plac**e.”

4 “Pre**pa**re **wä**r **ag**ainst h*ê*r; **ari**se, and let us go up at **noon**. **Wo**e to us! **F**o**r** the **day** declines, f*o*r the **sh**adow**ş** of the **ev**ening **ä**re **stretch**ed **o**ut.

5 **A**ri**se**, and let us go up **by** **nigh**t, and let us destroy h*ê*r **palac**e**ş**.”

6 For Y*ä*hw**e**h of **ä**rmie**ş** said, “Cut **down** **tree**ş, and **cä**st up a **mound** **ag**ainst Jeru**ş**alem: **this** **iş** the **ç**ity to be **vi**sited; **she** **iş** **wholly** **opp**ression **with**in h*ê*r.

7 As a well **produ**ç**eş** its **wä**ter**ş**, so **she** **produ**ç**eş** h*ê*r wickedness: **violenc**e and destruction **iş** h*ê*ard in h*ê*r; **bef**o**re** **me** **cö**ntinu**ally** **iş** **sick**ness and **wound**ş.

8 **B**e instructed, Jeru**ş**alem, lest my **soul** be **alien**ated from **yo**u; lest I **make** **yo**u a **Desolati**on, a land not inhabited.”

9 Y*ä*hw**e**h of **ä**rmie**ş** say**ş**, “**The**y **shall** **thö**roughly **gle**an the remnant of **Iş**rael like a **vine**. **Tü**rn **ag**ain **yö**ur hand **aş** a **grape** gatherer **into** the **bä**s**k**ets.”

10 To **wh**o**m** **shall** I **spe**ak and **testify**, **th**at **the**y may **hear**? **Behold**, **the**ir **ear** **iş** un**ç**ircum**ç**i**ş**ed, and **the**y **cä**n't **listen**. **Behold**, Y*ä*hw**e**h's **wö**rd ha**ş** be**co**me a **repro**ach to **them**. **The**y have **no** **deli**ght in it.

11 **There**f*o*re I am **fü**ll of Y*ä*hw**e**h's **wrät**h. I am **weary** **with** **hold**ing in.

“Pôur it out on the children in the street, and on the assembly of young men together; for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him who is full of days.

12 Their houses shall be turned to others, their fields and their wives together; for I will stretch out my hand on the inhabitants of the land, says Yâhweh.”

13 “For from their least even to their greatest, everyone is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely.

14 They have healed also the hurt of my people superficially, saying, 'Peace, peace! You when there is no peace.

15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I visit them, they shall be cast down,” says Yâhweh.

16 Yâhweh says, “Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, 'Where is the good way? You and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'

17 I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet! You But they said, 'We will not listen!'

18 Therefore hear, you nations, and know, congregation, what is among them.

19 Hear, earth! Behold, I will bring evil on this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not listened to my words; and as for my law, they have rejected it.

20 To what purpose comes there to me frankincense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices pleasing to me.”

21 Therefore Yâhweh says, “Behold, I will lay stumbling blocks before this people. The fathers and the sons together shall stumble against them. The neighbor and his friend shall perish.”

22 Yâhweh says, “Behold, a people comes from the north country. A great nation shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth.

23 They take hold of bow and spear. They are cruel, and have no mercy. Their voice roars like the sea, and they ride on horses, everyone set in array, as a man to the battle, against you, daughter of Zion.”

24 We have heard its report; our hands become feeble: anguish has taken hold of us, and pains as of a woman in labor.

25 Don't go out into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy and terror, are on every side.

26 Daughter of my people, clothe yourself with sackcloth, and wallow in ashes! Mourn, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation; for the destroyer shall suddenly come on us.

27 "I have made you a tester of metals and a fortress among my people; that you may know and try their way.

28 They are all grievous rebels, going about with slanders; they are brass and iron: they all of them deal corruptly.

29 The bellows blow fiercely; the lead is consumed of the fire: in vain do they go on refining; for the wicked are not plucked away.

30 Men will call them rejected silver, because Yähweh has rejected them."

Jeremiah 7

The word that came to Jeremiah from Yähweh, saying,

2 "Stand in the gate of Yähweh's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, 'Hear Yähweh's word, all you of Judah, who enter in at these gates to worship Yähweh.'

3 Yähweh of armies, the God of Israel says, "Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

4 Don't trust in lying words, saying, 'Yähweh's temple, Yähweh's temple, Yähweh's temple, are these.'

5 For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if you thoroughly execute justice between a man and his neighbor;

6 if you don't oppress the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow, and don't shed innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your own hurt:

7 then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, from of old even forever more.

8 Behold, you trust in lying words, that can't profit.

9 Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods that you have not known,

10 and c**o**me and stand bef**o**re me in **t**his h**o**u**s**e, **w**h**i**ch **i**s c**a**ll**e**d by **m**y **n**ame, and **s**ay, 'We **ä**re delivered; **Y**ou **t**hat **y**ou may **d**e **ä**ll **t**h**e**s**e** abominat**o**n**s**?

11 Ha**s** **t**his h**o**u**s**e, **w**h**i**ch **i**s c**a**ll**e**d by **m**y **n**ame, bec**o**me a den of robber**s** in **y**our **e**y**e**s? Behold, I, **e**ven I, have **s**een it," say**s** **Y**ä**h**w**e**h.

12 "But **g**o **n**ow to **m**y **p**l**a**ç**e** **w**h**i**ch **w**ä**s** in Shiloh, **w**h**e**re I **c**ä**u**s**e**d **m**y **n**ame to dwell at the **f**ir**s**t, and **s**ee **w**h**a**t I did to it **f**ör the wickedness of **m**y **p**eop**l**e **I**s**r**ael.

13 **N**ow, bec**a**u**s**e **y**ou have **d**one **ä**ll **t**h**e**s**e** wör**k**s," say**s** **Y**ä**h**w**e**h, "and I **s**po**k**e to **y**ou, **r**i**s**ing up **e**arly and **s**pe**a**king, but **y**ou didn't **h**ear; and I **c**ä**l**l**e**d **y**ou, but **y**ou didn't **a**n**s**wer:

14 **t**her**e**f**o**re will I **d**e to the h**o**u**s**e **w**h**i**ch **i**s c**a**ll**e**d by **m**y **n**ame, in **w**h**i**ch **y**ou trust, and to the **p**l**a**ç**e** **w**h**i**ch I **g**av**e** to **y**ou and to **y**our **f**ä**t**h**e**r**s**, **a**s I did to Shiloh.

15 I will **c**ä**s**t **y**ou **o**ut of **m**y **s**i**g**ht, **a**s I have **c**ä**s**t **o**ut **ä**ll **y**our **b**r**o**th**e**r**s**, **e**ven the **w**h**o**le offspring[a] of Ephraim.

16 "**T**her**e**f**o**re **d**on't **p**ray **f**ör **t**his **p**eop**l**e, **n**eith**e**r lift up a **c**ry **n**ör **p**ray**e**r **f**ör **t**hem, **n**eith**e**r **m**ak**e** **i**nter**c**ess**i**on to **m**e; **f**ör I will not **h**ear **y**ou.

17 **D**on't **y**ou **s**ee **w**h**a**t **t**hey **d**e in the **ç**it**i**e**s** of **J**udah and in the **s**tre**e**t**s** of **J**eru**s**alem?

18 The **c**h**i**ld**r**en **g**ath**e**r **w**ö**o**d, and the **f**ä**t**h**e**r**s** **k**ind**l**e the **f**ir**e**, and the women **k**nead the **d**ou**g**h, to **m**ak**e** **c**ak**e**s to the **q**ue**e**n of the **s**ky, and to **p**ö**u**r **o**ut drink offering**s** to **ö**th**e**r **g**od**s**, **t**h**a**t **t**hey may **p**r**o**v**o**ke **m**e to anger.

19 **D**e **t**hey **p**r**o**v**o**ke **m**e to anger? say**s** **Y**ä**h**w**e**h. "Don't **t**hey **p**r**o**v**o**ke **t**h**e**m**s**el**v**e**s**, to the **c**on**f**u**s**i**o**n of **t**h**e**ir **o**w**n** **f**äç**e**s?"

20 **T**her**e**f**o**re **t**h**u**s say**s** the **L**ö**r**d **Y**ä**h**w**e**h: "Behold, **m**y **a**nger and **m**y **w**rä**t**h **s**hall **b**e **p**ö**u**red **o**ut on **t**his **p**l**a**ç**e**, on man, and on animal, and on the **t**r**e**e**s** of the **f**ield, and on the **f**ruit of the **g**r**o**und; and it **s**hall **b**ü**r**n, and **s**hall not **b**e **q**u**e**n**c**hed."

21 **Y**ä**h**w**e**h of **ä**r**m**i**e**s, the **G**od of **I**s**r**ael say**s**: "Add **y**our **b**ü**r**nt offering**s** to **y**our **s**acrific**e**s, and **e**at **m**eat.

22 For I didn't **s**pe**a**k to **y**our **f**ä**t**h**e**r**s**, **n**ör **c**ommand **t**hem in the **d**ay **t**h**a**t I **b**rö**u**ght **t**hem **o**ut of the land of **E**gypt, **c**on**c**erning **b**ü**r**nt offering**s** ö**r** sacrific**e**s:

23 but **t**his **t**h**i**ng I **c**ommand**e**d **t**hem, **s**aying, ' Listen to **m**y **v**oi**ç**e, and I will **b**e **y**our **G**od, and **y**ou **s**hall **b**e **m**y **p**eop**l**e; and **w**ä**k** in **ä**ll the **w**ay **t**h**a**t I **c**ommand **y**ou, **t**h**a**t it may **b**e **w**ell **w**ith **y**ou.'

24 But **t**hey didn't **l**isten **n**ör **t**ü**r**n **t**h**e**ir **e**ar, but **w**ä**k**ed in **t**h**e**ir **o**w**n** **c**ö**u**n**s**el**s** and in the stubbornness of **t**h**e**ir **e**vil **h**eä**r**t, and went backward, and not **f**örward.

25 Since the day that yôur fätherş came out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have sent to you äll my sêrvants the prophets, daily rişing up êarly and sending them:

26 yet they didn't listen to me, nôr inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff: they did wôrse than their fätherş.

27 "You shall speak äll theşe wôrds to them; but they will not listen to you: you shall älso cäll to them; but they will not answer you.

28 You shall tell them, 'This iş the nation that haş not listened to Yähweh their God's voiçe, nôr reçeived instruction. Truth haş perished, and iş cut off from their mouth.'

29 Cut off yôur hair, and throw it away, and take up a lamentation on the bare heights; fôr Yähweh haş rejected and forsaken the generation of hiş wräth.

30 "For the children of Judah have done that which iş evil in my sight," sayş Yähweh. "They have set their abominations in the houşe which iş cälled by my name, to defile it.

31 They have built the high plaçeş of Topheth, which iş in the valley of the sôn of Hinnom, to burn their sônş and their dâughters in the fire; which I didn't command, nôr did it come into my mind.

32 Therefore behold, the days come", sayş Yähweh, "that it shall no môr be cälled Topheth, nôr The valley of the sôn of Hinnom, but The valley of Slâughter; fôr they shall bury in Topheth, until there iş no plaçe to bury.

33 The dead bodies of this people shall be food fôr the birds of the sky, and fôr the animals of the êarth; and no one shall frighten them away.

34 Then I will cäuse to cease from the çities of Judah, and from the streets of Jeruşalem, the voiçe of mîrth and the voiçe of gladness, the voiçe of the bridegroom and the voiçe of the bride; fôr the land shall become a waste."

Jeremiah 8

"At that time," sayş Yähweh, "they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of hiş prinçeş, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jeruşalem, out of their graves;

2 and they shall spread them beföre the sun, and the moon, and äll the ärmey of the sky, which they have loved, and which they have sêrved, and äfter which they have wälked, and which they have söught, and which they have wôrshipped: they shall not be gathered, nôr be buried, they shall be fôr dung on the sùrfaçe of the êarth.

3 Death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue that remain of this evil family, that remain in all the places where I have driven them," says Yähwëh of ärmies.

4 "Moreover you shall tell them, 'Yähwëh says:

"Shall men fall, and not rise up again? Shall one turn away, and not return?

5 Why then have the people of Jeruſalem fallen back by a perpetual backsliding? They cling to deceit, they refuse to return.

6 I listened and heard, but they didn't say what is right. No one repents of his wickedness, saying, "What have I done?" Everyone turns to his course, as a horse that rushes headlong in the battle.

7 Yes, the stork in the sky knows her appointed times; and the turtle dove, the swallow, and the crane observe the time of their coming; but my people don't know Yähwëh's law.

8 "How do you say, "We are wise, and Yähwëh's law is with us?" But, behold, the false pen of the scribes has worked falsely.

9 The wise men are disappointed. They are dismayed and trapped. Behold, they have rejected Yähwëh's word. What kind of wisdom is in them?

10 Therefore will I give their wives to others, and their fields to those who shall possess them. For everyone from the least even to the greatest is given to covetousness; from the prophet even to the priest everyone deals falsely.

11 They have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace.

12 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among those who fall; in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, says Yähwëh.

13 "I will utterly consume them, says Yähwëh: no grapes shall be on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them."

14 "Why do we sit still? Assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the fortified cities, and let us be silent there; for Yähwëh our God has put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against Yähwëh.

15 We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and behold, dismay!

16 The snórting of hiş hórseş iş héard from Dan: at the sœund of the neighing of hiş strong oneş the whole land trembleş; for they have cœme, and have devœured the land and áll that iş in it; the çity and thoşe who dwell therein.”

17 “For, behold, I will send sêrpents, adders amông you, which will not be chäarmed; and they shall bite you,” sayş Yähweh.

18 Oh that I cœuld cœmfort myself against sorrow! My heärt iş faint within me.

19 Behold, the voiçe of the cry of the dâughter of my people from a land that iş very fär off: “Işn't Yähweh in Zion? Işn't hêr King in hêr?”

“Why have they prœvoked me to anger with their engraved imageş, and with foreign vanities?”

20 “The hârvest iş päst, the summer iş ended, and we äre not saved.”

21 For the hûrt of the dâughter of my people am I hûrt: I môurn; dişmay haş taken hold on me.

22 Is there no bäm in Gilead? iş there no phyşician there? Why then işn't the health of the dâughter of my people recovered?

Jeremiah 9

Oh that my head wêre wäterş, and my eyeş a spring of tearş, that I might weep day and night fœr the slain of the dâughter of my people!

2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging plaçe of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! fœr they äre áll adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.

3 They bend their tœngue, aş their bow, fœr falsehœöd; and they äre grown strong in the land, but not fœr truth: fœr they proçeed from evil to evil, and they don't know me, sayş Yähweh.

4 Take heed everyone of hiş neighbor, and don't trust in any brœther; fœr every brœther will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will go about with slanders.

5 They will deçeive everyone hiş neighbor, and will not speak the truth: they have tâught their tœngue to speak lieş; they weary themselves to commit iniquity.

6 Yœur habitation iş in the middle of deçeit; throught deçeit they refuse to know me, sayş Yähweh.

7 Therefore Yähweh of ärmieş sayş, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; fœr how shœuld I deal with the dâughter of my people?

8 Their **t**ongue **i**s a deadly arrow; it **s**peaks de**ce**it: one **s**peaks pe**a**ceably to hi**s** neighbor with hi**s** **m**outh, but in hi**s** he**ä**rt he **l**ays wait f**ö**r him.

9 **S**hall I not visit **th**em f**ö**r **th**ese **th**ings? says Y**ä**hw**e**h; **sh**all not my soul be aveng**e**d on **su**ch a **n**ation **a**s **th**is?

10 For the **m**ountain**s** will I **t**ake up a **w**eeping and **w**ailing, and f**ö**r the **p**ä**st**ure**s** of the wilderness a lamentation, be**ca**u**s**e **th**ey **ä**re **b**ü**r**ned up, **so** **th**at **n**o one **p**ä**s**se**s** **th**rough; **ne**ither can men **h**ear the **v**oi**ç**e of the **l**ivestock; **bo**th the **b**ird**s** of the sky and the animal**s** **ä**re fled, **th**ey **ä**re gone.

11 I will **m**ake Jeru**ş**alem **h**eaps, a dwelling **pl**a**ç**e of jackal**s**; and I will **m**ake the **ç**itie**s** of Judah a Desolation, **w**ith**o**ut inhabitant.

12 **W**ho **i**s the **w**i**s**e man, **th**at may understand **th**is? **W**ho **i**s he to **w**hom the **m**outh of Y**ä**hw**e**h has spoken, **th**at he may declare it? **W**hy **i**s the land perished and **b**ü**r**ned up like a wilderness, **so** **th**at **n**o one **p**ä**s**se**s** **th**rough?

13 Y**ä**hw**e**h says, **B**e**ca**u**s**e **th**ey have forsaken my **l**ä**w** **w**h**i**ch I set bef**ö**re **th**em, and have not **o**beyed my **v**oi**ç**e, **ne**ither **w**ä**k**e**d** **th**erein,

14 but have **w**ä**k**e**d** **ä**fter the stubbornness of **th**eir **o**wn he**ä**rt, and **ä**fter the Baals, **w**h**i**ch **th**eir **f**ä**th**er**s** **t**ä**u**ght **th**em;

15 **th**er**e**f**ö**re Y**ä**hw**e**h of **ä**rmie**s**, the God of I**s**ra**e**l, says, **B**e**h**old, I will **f**eed **th**em, **e**ven **th**is **p**eo**p**le, with **w**ö**r**m**w**ö**o**d, and give **th**em **w**ä**t**er of **g**ä**l**l to drink.

16 I will scatter **th**em **ä**l**s**o among the **n**ation**s**, **w**hom **ne**ither **th**ey **n**ö**r** **th**eir **f**ä**th**er**s** have **k**no**w**n; and I will send the **sw**ö**r**d **ä**fter **th**em, until I have **c**ö**n**sumed **th**em.

17 Y**ä**hw**e**h of **ä**rmie**s** says, **C**ö**n**sider, and **c**ä**l**l f**ö**r the **m**ö**u**rn**i**ng women, **th**at **th**ey may **c**ö**m**e; and send f**ö**r the skil**f**ul women, **th**at **th**ey may **c**ö**m**e:

18 and let **th**em **m**ake **h**a**s**te, and **t**ake up a **w**ailing f**ö**r us, **th**at **ö**ur **e**y**e**s may run **d**own with **t**ear**s**, and **ö**ur **e**yelid**s** **g**ush **ö**ut with **w**ä**t**er**s**.

19 For a **v**oi**ç**e of **w**ailing **i**s **h**e**ä**rd **ö**ut of **Z**ion, **H**ow **ä**re we **r**uined! **w**e **ä**re **g**reatly **c**on**f**ounded, **be**ca**u**s**e** **w**e have forsaken the land, **be**ca**u**s**e** **th**ey have **c**ä**s**t **d**own **ö**ur dwellings.

20 Yet **h**ear Y**ä**hw**e**h's **w**ö**r**d, **y**ou women, and let **y**ö**u**r **e**ar **r**e**ç**eive the **w**ö**r**d of hi**s** **m**outh; and **t**ech **y**ö**u**r **d**ä**u**ghter**s** **w**ailing, and everyone **h**e**r** neighbor lamentation.

21 For **d**ea**th** has **c**ö**m**e up into **ö**ur **w**indow**s**, it **i**s entered into **ö**ur **p**alä**ç**e**s**; to cut off the **ç**ild**r**en from **ö**u**s**ide, and the young men from the **st**reet**s**.

22 **Speak**, Yähweh says, The dead bodies of men shall fall as dung on the open field, and as the handful after the harvester; and no one shall gather them.

23 Yähweh says, Don't let the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, don't let the rich man glory in his riches;

24 but let him who glories glory in this, that he has understanding, and knows me, that I am Yähweh who exercises loving kindness, justice, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, says Yähweh.

25 Behold, the days come, says Yähweh, that I will punish all those who are circumcised in uncircumcision:

26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that have the corners of their hair cut off, who dwell in the wilderness; for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in heart.

Jeremiah 10

Hear the word which Yähweh speaks to you, house of Israel!

2 Yähweh says, "Don't learn the way of the nations, and don't be dismayed at the signs of the sky; for the nations are dismayed at them.

3 For the customs of the people are vanity; for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the ax.

4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it not move.

5 They are like a palm tree, of turned work, and don't speak: they must be carried, because they can't go. Don't be afraid of them; for they can't do evil, neither is it in them to do good."

6 There is no one like you, Yähweh; you are great, and your name is great in might.

7 Who should not fear you, King of the nations? For it belongs to you; because among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royal estate, there is no one like you.

8 But they are together brutish and foolish: the instruction of idols! it is but a stock.

9 There is silver beaten into plates, which is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the artificer and of the hands of the goldsmith; blue and purple for their clothing; they are all the work of skilful men.

10 But Yähweh **iş** the **tru**e God; **he iş** the living God, and an everlăsting King: at hiş **wrăth** the **ĕarth** trembleş, and the **nationş** **äre** not **able** to withştand hiş indignation.

11 You **shall say this** to **them**: The godş **that** have not **made** the heavenş and the **ĕarth**, **theş** shall perish from the **ĕarth**, and from under the heavenş.

12 He haş **made** the **ĕarth** by hiş **power**, he haş **established** the **wôrld** by hiş **wişdom**, and **by** hiş understanding haş **he stretch**ed out the heavenş:

13 **When he** utterş hiş **voiç**e, **there iş** a **tumult** of **wăterş** in the heavenş, and he **căuş**eş the **vaporş** to **asc**end from the **endş** of the **ĕarth**; **he makes** **lightningş** **fôr** the rain, and bringsş the wind **out** of hiş **treăşur**eş.

14 Every man haş **become** **brutish** and **with**out **knowledg**e; every **goldsmith** **iş** disappointed **by** hiş **engraved** **imag**e; **fôr** hiş molten **imag**e **iş** **falsehood**, and **there iş** **no** **breath** in **them**.

15 **They** **äre** vanity, a **wôr**k of **deluşion** : in the **time** of **their** **vişitation** **they shall** **perish**.

16 The **pôr**tion of **Jacob** **iş** not **like theş**e; **fôr he iş** the **fôr**mer of **ăll thingş**; and **Işrael** **iş** the **tribe** of hiş **inheritanç**e: Yähweh of **ărmieş** **iş** hiş **name**.

17 **Gather** up **yôur** **war**eş **out** of the land, **you** **who** live under **sieg**e.

18 For Yähweh **sayş**, **Behold**, I will sling **out** the inhabitants of the land at **this** **time**, and will distress **them**, **that they** may **feel** it.

19 **Woe iş** **me** **becău**şe of my **hûrt**! **my** **wound** **iş** **grievous**: but I said, **Truly this iş** **my** **grief**, and I must bear it.

20 My **tent** **iş** **destroyed**, and **ăll my** **côrds** **äre** **broken**: **my** **children** have gone **away** from **me**, and **they** **äre** **no** **môre**. **There iş** **no** one to spread **my** **tent** any **môre**, and to set up **my** **cûrtainş**.

21 For the **shepherdş** **äre** **become** **brutish**, and have not **inquired** of Yähweh: **therefôr** **they** have not **prospered**, and **ăll** **their** **flocks** **äre** **scattered**.

22 The **voiç**e of **newş**, **behold**, it **comeş**, and a **great** **cômmotion** **out** of the **nôrth** **country**, to **make** the **çitieş** of **Judah** a **desolation** , a dwelling **plăç**e of jackalş.

23 Yähweh, I **know** **that** the **way** of man **iş** not in himself: it **iş** not in man **who** **wă**lkş to direct hiş **ş**teps.

24 Yähweh, correct **me**, but in **meaşur**e: not in **yôur** **anger**, lest **you** bring **me** to **nôth**ing.

25 Pôur out yôur w^räth on the nati^onş that don't know you, and on the familieş that don't c^all on yôur name: fôr they have devoured Jacob, yes, they have devoured him and consumed him, and have laid waste hiş habitation.

Jeremiah 11

The wôrd that came to Jeremiah from Yähweh, saying,

2 Hear the wôrdş of this cövenant, and speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jeruşalem;

3 and say to them, Yähweh, the God of Işrael sayş: Cûrşed iş the man who döeşn't hear the wôrdş of this cövenant,

4 which I commanded yôur fätherş in the day that I brôught them out of the land of Egypt, out of the irôn fûrnaçe, saying, Obey my voiçe, and döe them, accôrding to äll which I command you: so you shall be my people, and I will be yôur God;

5 that I may establish the oath which I swôre to yôur fätherş, to give them a land flowing with milk and höney, aş it iş today. Then answered I, and said, Amen, Yähweh.

6 Yähweh said to me, Proclaim äll theşe wôrdş in the çitieş of Judah, and in the streetş of Jeruşalem, saying, Hear the wôrdş of this cövenant, and döe them.

7 For I êarnestly protested to yôur fätherş in the day that I brôught them up out of the land of Egypt, even to this day, rişing êarly and protesting, saying, Obey my voiçe.

8 Yet they didn't obey, nôr tûrn their ear, but wäked everyone in the stubbornness of their evil heärt: therêfôre I brôught on them äll the wôrdş of this cövenant, which I commanded them to döe, but they didn't döe them.

9 Yahweh said to me, A cönspiracy iş found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jeruşalem.

10 They äre tûrned back to the iniquitieş of their fôrefätherş, who refused to hear my wôrdş; and they äre gone äfter öther godş to sêrve them: the houşe of Işrael and the houşe of Judah have broken my cövenant which I made with their fätherş.

11 Therêfôre Yähweh sayş, Behold, I will bring evil on them, which they shall not be able to escape; and they shall cry to me, but I will not listen to them.

12 Then shall the çitieş of Judah and the inhabitants of Jeruşalem go and cry to the godş to which they offer inçense: but they will not save them at äll in the time of their trouble.

13 For accôrding to the number of yôur çities äre yôur godş, Judah; and accôrding to the number of the streets of Jeruşalem have you set up âltarş to the shameful thing, even âltarş to bûrn incense to Baal.

14 Therefore don't pray fôr this people, neither lift up cry nôr prayer fôr them; fôr I will not hear them in the time that they cry to me becauše of their trouble.

15 What haş my beloved to do in my houše, sinçe she haş wôrked lewdness with many, and the holy flesh iş pässeđ from you? when you do evil, then you rejoice.

16 Yähweh cälled yôur name, A green olive tree, beautiful with goodly fruit: with the noişe of a great tumult he haş kindled fire on it, and its branches äre broken.

17 For Yähweh of ärmieş, who planted you, haş pronouçed evil against you, becauše of the evil of the houše of Işrael and of the houše of Judah, which they have wôrked fôr themselveş in provoking me to anger by offering incense to Baal.

18 Yähweh gave me knowledgē of it, and I knew it: then you showed me their doingsş.

19 But I waş like a gentle lamb that iş led to the slâughter; and I didn't know that they had devişed deviceş against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that hiş name may be no môre remembered.

20 But, Yähweh of ärmieş, who judgeş righteously, who tests the heärt and the mind, I shall see yôur vengeance on them; fôr to you have I revealed my cauše.

21 Therefore Yähweh sayş conçerning the men of Anathoth, who seek yôur life, saying, You shall not propheçy in Yähweh's name, that you not die by our hand;

22 therefore Yähweh of ärmieş sayş, Behold, I will punish them: the young men shall die by the swôrd; their sonş and their dâughterş shall die by famine;

23 and there shall be no remnant to them: fôr I will bring evil on the men of Anathoth, even the year of their vişitation.

Jeremiah 12

You äre righteous, Yähweh, when I contend with you; yet I would reaşon the cauše with you: Why doeş the way of the wicked prosper? Why äre äll they at eaşe who deal very treacherously?

2 You have planted them, yes, they have taken root; they grow, yes, they produçe fruit: you äre near in their mouth, and fär from their heärt.

3 But you, Yähweh, know me; you see me, and try my heärt towärd you: pull them out like sheep fôr the slâughter, and prepare them fôr the day of slâughter.

4 **H**ow long shall the land **m**ourn, and the **h**erbs of the **w**hole country **w**ither? **f**or the wickedness of **tho**se **w**ho dwell **th**erein, the animals **ä**re **c**onsumed, and the birds; **b**ecause **th**ey said, **H**e shall not see **o**ur latter end.

5 If **y**ou have run **w**ith the footmen, and **th**ey have **w**earied **y**ou, **th**en **h**ow can **y**ou contend **w**ith **h**orses? and **tho**ugh in a land of **pe**ace **y**ou **ä**re **s**ecure, yet **h**ow will **y**ou **d**e in the **p**ride of the **J**ordan?

6 For **e**ven **y**our **br**others, and the **h**ouse of **y**our **f**ather, **e**ven **th**ey have dealt **t**reacherously **w**ith **y**ou; **e**ven **th**ey have **c**ried **a**loud **ä**fter **y**ou: **d**on't believe **th**em, **tho**ugh **th**ey speak **b**eautiful **w**ords to **y**ou.

7 I have forsaken **m**y **h**ouse, I have **c**äst off **m**y **h**eritage; I have given the **d**earely beloved of **m**y **s**oul **i**nto the hand of **h**er **e**nemies.

8 My **h**eritage **h**as **b**ecome to **m**e **a**s a **l**ion in the forest: **s**he **h**as uttered **h**er **v**oice **a**gainst **m**e; **th**ere**f**ore I have **h**ated **h**er.

9 Is **m**y **h**eritage to **m**e **a**s a speckled **b**ird of prey? **ä**re the **b**irds of prey **a**gainst **h**er **ä**ll **a**round? **G**o, assemble **ä**ll the animals of the **f**ield, bring **th**em to **d**eavour.

10 Many **s**hepherds have destroyed **m**y **v**ineyard, **th**ey have trodden **m**y **p**ortion under **f**oot, **th**ey have **m**ade **m**y **p**leasant **p**ortion a **d**esolate wilderness.

11 **Th**ey have **m**ade it a **D**esolation ; it **m**ourns to **m**e, **b**eing **d**esolate; the **w**hole land is **m**ade **d**esolate, **b**ecause **n**o man **l**ays it to **h**eart.

12 Destroyers have **c**ome on **ä**ll the **b**are **h**eights in the wilderness; **f**or the **s**word of **Y**ähw^eh **d**eavours from the one end of the land **e**ven to the **ö**ther end of the land: **n**o **f**lesh **h**as **pe**ace.

13 **Th**ey have **s**own **w**heat, and have **r**eaped **th**orns; **th**ey have **p**ut **th**emselv**e**s to **p**ain, and profit **n**othing: and **y**ou shall be **a**shamed of **y**our **f**ruits, **b**ecause of the **f**ierce anger of **Y**ähw^eh.

14 **Y**ähw^eh says **a**gainst **ä**ll **m**y **e**vil **n**eighbor**s**, **w**ho **t**ouch the **i**nheritanc**e** **w**h**i**ch I have **c**aus**e**d **m**y **p**eople **I**sra**e**l to inherit: **b**ehold, I will pluck **th**em up from off **th**eir land, and will pluck up the **h**ouse of **J**udah from among **th**em.

15 It shall happen, **ä**fter **th**at I have plucked **th**em up, I will **r**et**u**rn and have **c**ompassion on **th**em; and I will bring **th**em **a**gain, every man to his **h**eritage, and every man to his **l**and.

16 It shall happen, if **th**ey will **d**iligently **l**earn the **w**ays of **m**y **p**eople, to swear **b**y **m**y **n**ame, **A**s **Y**ähw^eh **l**ives; **e**ven **a**s **th**ey **t**äught **m**y **p**eople to swear **b**y **B**aal; **th**en shall **th**ey be **b**uilt up in the middle of **m**y **p**eople.

17 But if **they** will not **hear**, **then** I will pluck up **that nation**, plucking up and destroying it, says **Yähweh**.

Jeremiah 13

Yähweh says to **me**, **Go**, and **buy** **yô**urself a linen belt, and **püt** it on **yô**ur waist, and **don't püt** it in **wäter**.

2 **So** I **bô**ught a belt **accô**rding to **Yähweh's** **wô**rd, and **püt** it on **my** waist.

3 **Yähweh's** **wô**rd **came** to **me** the **seco**nd **time**, **saying**,

4 **Take** the belt **that** **you** have **bô**ught, **which** **is** on **yô**ur waist, and **ari**se, **go** to the **Euphrate**s, and **hide** it **there** in a cleft of the rock.

5 **So** I went, and hid it **by** the **Euphrate**s, **a**s **Yähweh** commanded **me**.

6 After many **days**, **Yähweh** said to **me**, **Ari**se, **go** to the **Euphrate**s, and **take** the belt from **there**, **which** I commanded **you** to **hide** **there**.

7 **Then** I went to the **Euphrate**s, and dug, and **tô**ok the belt from the **plac**e *where* I had hidden it; and **behold**, the belt **was** **mä**rred, it **was** profitable **fô**r **no**thing.

8 **Then** **Yähweh's** **wô**rd **came** to **me**, **saying**,

9 **Yähweh** says, In **this** **way** I will **mä**r the **pride** of **Judah**, and the **great** **pride** of **Jeru**salem.

10 **This** **evil** **people**, **who** **refuse** to **hear** **my** **wô**rd, **who** **wä**lk in the stubbornness of **their** **heä**rt, and **ä**re gone **ä**fter **ô**ther **god**s to **sê**rve **them**, and to **wô**rship **them**, **shall** **even** **be** **a**s **this** belt, **which** **is** profitable **fô**r **no**thing.

11 For **a**s the belt **clings** to the **wa**ist of a man, **so** have I **cä**used to cling to **me** the **whole** **hou**se of **I**srael and the **whole** **hou**se of **Judah**, says **Yähweh**; **that** **they** may **be** to **me** **fô**r a **peo**ple, and **fô**r a **name**, and **fô**r a **prai**se, and **fô**r a **glô**ry: but **they** **wô**uld not **hear**.

12 **Therefô**re **you** **shall** **spea**k to **them** **this** **wô**rd: **Yähweh**, the God of **I**srael says, Every bottle **shall** **be** filled with **wine**: and **they** **shall** **tell** **you**, **Do** **we** not **ç**ertainly **know** **that** every bottle **shall** **be** filled with **wine**?

13 **Then** **you** **shall** **tell** **them**, **Yähweh** says, **Behold**, I will fill **ä**ll the inhabitants of **this** **land**, **even** the **king**s **who** sit on David's **thron**e, and the **pri**ests, and the **proph**ets, and **ä**ll the inhabitants of **Jeru**salem, **with** drunkenness.

14 I will **dash** **them** one **aga**inst **anô**ther, **even** the **fä**ther and the **son**s **together**, says **Yähweh**: I will not pity, **nô**r spare, **nô**r have **cô**mpassion, **that** I **shô**uld not destroy **them**.

15 Hear, and give ear; don't be proud; fôr Yähweh haş spoken.

16 Give glôry to Yähweh yôur God, befôre he càuşeş dârkness, and befôre yôur feet stumble on the dârk mountains, and, while you lôok fôr light, he tûrnş it into the shadow of death, and makes it gross dârkness.

17 But if you will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret fôr yôur pride; and my eye shall weep bitterly, and run down with tears, because Yähweh's flock iş taken captive.

18 Say to the king and to the queen mother, Humble yôurselveş, sit down; fôr yôur headdresses have côme down, even the crown of yôur glôry.

19 The cities of the South äre shut up, and there iş no one to open them: Judah iş carried away captive, äll of it; it iş wholly carried away captive.

20 Lift up yôur eyes, and see thoşe who côme from the nôrth: where iş the flock that waş given you, yôur beautiful flock?

21 What will you say, when he shall set over you aş head thoşe whom you have yôurself taught to be friends to you? shall not sorrows take hold of you, aş of a wôman in travail?

22 If you say in yôur heärt, Why äre theş things côme on me? fôr the greatness of yôur iniquity äre yôur skirts uncovered, and yôur heels suffer violence.

23 Can the Ethiopian change hiş skin, ôr the leopard hiş spots? then may you älsö de gööd, who äre accustomed to de evil.

24 Therefore will I scatter them, aş the stubble that pässeş away, by the wind of the wilderness.

25 This iş yôur lot, the pörtion meaşured to you from me, sayş Yähweh; because you have forgotten me, and trusted in falsehööd.

26 Therefore will I älsö uncover yôur skirts on yôur façe, and yôur shame shall appear.

27 I have seen yôur abominations, even yôur adulteries, and yôur neighing, the lewdness of yôur prostitution, on the hills in the field. Woe to you, Jeruşalem! You will not be made clean; how long shall it yet be?

Jeremiah 14

Yähweh's wôrd that came to Jeremiah concêrning the drought.

2 Judah môrnş, and its gates languish, they sit in black on the ground; and the cry of Jeruşalem iş gone up.

3 **Their nobleş** send **their** little oneş to the wăterş: **they cōme** to the çistêrnş, and find **no wăter**; **they** retŭrn with **their** vesselş empty; **they** äre disappointed and confounded, and cōver **their** headş.

4 **Beçause** of the ground **whiçh** iş cracked, **beçause** **no** rain haş been in the land, the plowmen äre disappointed, **they** cōver **their** headş.

5 Yes, the hind **ä**lso in the field cäiveş, and forsakes hêr young, **beçause** **there** iş **no** gräss.

6 The wild donkeyş stand on the bare heights, **they** pant fôr air like jackalş; **their** eyeş fail, **beçause** **there** iş **no** hêrbage.

7 **Though** our iniquities testify against us, wôrk fôr yôur name's sake, Yähweh; fôr our rebellions äre many; we have sinned against you.

8 **You** hope of Işrael, its Savior in the time of trouble, **Why** shôuld you be aş a foreigner in the land, and aş a wayfaring man **whô** tŭrnş aside to stay fôr a night?

9 **Why** shôuld you be like a scared man, aş a mighty man **whô** cän't save? Yet you, Yähweh, äre in the middle of us, and we äre cälled by yôur name; don't leave us.

10 Yähweh sayş to **this** people, **Even** so have **they** lōved to wānder; **they** have not refrained **their** feet: **therefōre** Yähweh dōş not accept **them**; **nōw** he will remember **their** iniquity, and vişit **their** sinş.

11 Yähweh said to me, Don't pray fôr **this** people fôr **their** gōod.

12 **When** **they** fäst, I will not hear **their** cry; and **when** **they** offer bŭrnt offering and meal offering, I will not accept **them**; but I will cōnsume **them** by the swôrd, and by the famine, and by the pestilençe.

13 **Then** I said, äh, Lōrd Yähweh! behold, the prophets tell **them**, **You** shall not see the swôrd, **neither** shall you have famine; but I will give you assured peaçe in **this** plaçe.

14 **Then** Yähweh said to me, The prophets propheçy lieş in **my** name; I didn't send **them**, **neither** have I commanded **them**, **neither** spoke I to **them**: **they** propheçy to you a lying vişion, and divination, and a thing of nōthing, and the deçeit of **their** own heärt.

15 **Therefōre** Yähweh sayş cōnçerning the prophets **whô** propheçy in **my** name, and I didn't send **them**, yet **they** say, Swôrd and famine shall not be in **this** land: By swôrd and famine shall **thoşe** prophets be cōnsumed.

16 The people to **whô**m **they** propheçy shall be cāst out in the streets of Jeruşalem **beçause** of the famine and the swôrd; and **they** shall have **no** one to bury them—

them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour **their** wickedness on **them**.

17 **You shall say this word to them,** Let my **eyes** run down with **tears** night and **day,** and let **them** not **cease;** for the **virgin daughter** of my **people** is broken with a **great breach,** with a very **grievous wound.**

18 If I go **out into** the **field,** **then,** behold, the **slain with** the **sword!** and if I enter **into** the **city,** **then,** behold, **those** **who** **are** sick with **famine!** for **both** the **prophet** and the **priest** go **about** in the **land,** and have **no** **knowledge.**

19 Have **you** utterly rejected **Judah?** has **your** **soul** **loathed** **Zion?** **Why** have **you** struck us, and **there** is **no** **healing** for us? **We** **looked** for **peace,** but **no** **good** **came;** and for a **time** of **healing,** and behold, **dismay!**

20 **We** **acknowledge,** **Yähweh,** **our** **wickedness,** and the **iniquity** of **our** **fathers;** for **we** have sinned against **you.**

21 **Do** not **abhor** us, for **your** **name's** **sake;** **do** not **disgrace** the **throne** of **your** **glory:** remember, **don't** **break** **your** **covenant** with us.

22 Are **there** any among the **vanities** of the **nations** that can **cause** **rain?** or can the **sky** give **showers?** aren't **you** **he,** **Yähweh** **our** **God?** **therefore** **we** will wait for **you;** for **you** have made **all** **these** **things.**

Jeremiah 15

Then **Yähweh** said to me, **Though** **Moses** and **Samuel** stood before me, yet my **mind** would not be toward **this** **people:** cast **them** out of my **sight,** and let **them** go out.

2 It shall happen, when **they** tell **you,** **Where** shall we go out? **Then** **you** shall tell **them,** **Yähweh** says: **Such** as are for **death,** to **death;** and **such** as are for the **sword,** to the **sword;** and **such** as are for the **famine,** to the **famine;** and **such** as are for **captivity,** to **captivity.**

3 I will appoint over **them** four kinds, says **Yähweh:** the **sword** to kill, and the **dogs** to **tear,** and the **birds** of the **sky,** and the **animals** of the **earth,** to **devour** and to **destroy.**

4 I will **cause** **them** to be tossed back and forth among **all** the **kingdoms** of the **earth,** because of **Manasseh,** the **son** of **Hezekiah,** king of **Judah,** for **that** **which** he did in **Jerusalem.**

5 For **who** will have pity on **you,** **Jerusalem?** or **who** will bemoan **you?** or **who** will turn aside to **ask** of **your** **welfare?**

6 You have rejected me, says Yähweh, you have gone backward: **therefö**re have I **stretche**d out my hand against you, and destroyed you; I am weary with repenting.

7 I have winnowed **them with** a fan in the **gates** of the land; I have bereaved **them of children**, I have destroyed my people; **they** didn't retürn from **their ways**.

8 **Their widows** äre increas**e**d to me aböve the sand of the seas; I have bröught on **them against** the möther of the young men a destroyer at neönday: I have caus**e**d anguish. and terror**s** to fäll on hêr suddenly.

9 She who has börne seven languishes; **she** has given up the spirit; hêr sun is gone down while it was yet day; **she** has been disappointed and confounded: and **their residue** will I deliver to the sword beföre **their enemies**, says Yähweh.

10 Woe is me, my möther, **that** you have börne me a man of strife and a man of contentiön to the whole **êarth**! I have not lent, **neither** have men lent to me; yet everyone of **them cürses** me.

11 Yähweh said, Most **çertainly** I will streng**th**en you f**ör** gööd; most **çertainly** I will caus**e** the enemy to make supplicatiön to you in the **time** of evil and in the **time** of afflictiön.

12 Can one break iron, even iron from the **nö**rth, and bräss?

13 Y**ö**ur substanc**e** and y**ö**ur treasur**e**s will I give f**ör** a plunder without price, and **that** f**ör** äll y**ö**ur sin**s**, even in äll y**ö**ur börd**e**rs.

14 I will make **them** to päss with y**ö**ur enemies into a land **which** you don't know; f**ör** a fire is kindled in my anger, **which** shall bürn on you.

15 Yähweh, you know; remember me, and visit me, and aveng**e** me of my p**er**secutor**s**; you äre patient, so don't take me away. Know **that** f**ör** y**ö**ur sake I have suffered reproach.

16 Y**ö**ur wö**r**ds w**e**re found, and I ate **them**; and y**ö**ur wö**r**ds w**e**re to me a joy and the rejoicing of my heärt: f**ör** I am c**ä**ll**e**d by y**ö**ur name, Yähweh, God of ärmie**s**.

17 I didn't sit in the assembly of **thos**e who make merry, **nö**r rejoic**e**d; I sat alone because of y**ö**ur hand; f**ör** you have filled me with indignatiön.

18 **Why** is my pain p**er**petual, and my wound incurable, **which** refus**e**s to be healed? Will you inde**e**d be to me äs a de**ç**eitful broök, like wät**e**r**s** **that** fail?

19 **Therefö**re Yähweh says, If you retürn, **then** I will bring you again, **that** you may stand beföre me; and if you take out the präcious from the vile, you shall be äs my mouth: **they** shall retürn to you, but you shall not retürn to **them**.

20 I will **make you to this people a fortified bronze wall**; and **they shall fight against you**, but **they shall not prevail against you**; **fôr I am with you to save you** and to deliver **you**, says **Yähweh**.

21 I will deliver **you** out of the hand of the wicked, and I will **redeem you** out of the hand of the terrible.

Jeremiah 16

Yähweh's wôrd came also to me, saying,

2 **You shall not take a wife, neither shall you have sons ôr daughters, in this place.**

3 For **Yähweh says concerning the sons and concerning the daughters who are bôrn in this place, and concerning their mothers who bôre them, and concerning their fathers who became their father in this land:**

4 **They shall die grievous deaths: they shall not be lamented, neither shall they be buried; they shall be as dung on the sùrface of the ground; and they shall be consumed by the swôrd, and by famine; and their dead bodies shall be food fôr the birds of the sky, and fôr the animals of the êarth.**

5 For **Yähweh says, Don't enter into the house of môrning, neither go to lament, neither bemoan them; fôr I have taken away my peacè from this people, says Yähweh, even loving kindness and tender mêrcies.**

6 **Both great and small shall die in this land; they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament fôr them, nôr cut themselves, nôr make themselves bald fôr them;**

7 **neither shall men break bread fôr them in môrning, to comfort them fôr the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink fôr their father ôr fôr their mother.**

8 **You shall not go into the house of feasting to sit with them, to eat and to drink.**

9 For **Yähweh of armies, the God of Israel says: Behold, I will cäuse to cease out of this place, befôre yôur eyes and in yôur days, the voice of mîrth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.**

10 It **shall happen, when you shall show this people all these wôrds, and they shall tell you, Why has Yähweh pronounced all this great evil against us? ôr what is our iniquity? ôr what is our sin that we have committed against Yähweh our God?**

11 **Then you shall tell them, Because yôur fathers have forsaken me, says Yähweh, and have wâked after other gods, and have sêrved them, and have wôrshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my lãw;**

12 and **you** have **done** **evil** **more** **than** **your** **fathers**; **for**, behold, **you** **walk** every one **after** the stubbornness of his **evil** **heart**, **so that** **you** **don't** listen to me:

13 **therefore** will I **cast** **you** **out** of **this** land **into** the land **that** **you** have not **known**, **neither** **you** **nor** **your** **fathers**; and **there** **you** **shall** **serve** **other** **gods** **day** and **night**; **for** I will **show** **you** **no** favor.

14 **Therefore** behold, the **days** **come**, says **Yahweh**, **that** it **shall** **no** **more** **be** said, **As** **Yahweh** **lives**, **who** **brought** up the **children** of **Israel** **out** of the land of **Egypt**;

15 but, **as** **Yahweh** **lives**, **who** **brought** up the **children** of **Israel** from the land of the **north**, and from **all** the **countries** **where** **he** had driven **them**. I will bring **them** again **into** **their** land **that** I **gave** to **their** **fathers**.

16 Behold, I will send **for** many **fishermen**, says **Yahweh**, and **they** **shall** **fish** **them** up; and **afterward** I will send **for** many **hunters**, and **they** **shall** **hunt** **them** from every **mountain**, and from every hill, and **out** of the clefts of the rocks.

17 For my **eyes** **are** on **all** **their** **ways**; **they** **are** not hidden from my **face**, **neither** **is** **their** **iniquity** **concealed** from my **eyes**.

18 First I will recompense **their** **iniquity** and **their** **sin** double, **because** **they** have polluted my land **with** the **carcasses** of **their** detestable **things**, and have filled my inheritance **with** **their** abominations.

19 **Yahweh**, my **strength**, and my **stronghold**, and my **refuge** in the **day** of affliction, to **you** **shall** the **nations** **come** from the ends of the **earth**, and **shall** **say**, **our** **fathers** have inherited **nothing** but **lies**, vanity and **things** in **which** **there** **is** **no** profit.

20 **Shall** a man **make** to himself **gods**, **which** yet **are** **no** **gods**?

21 **Therefore** behold, I will **cause** **them** to **know**, **this** **once** will I **cause** **them** to **know** my hand and my **might**; and **they** **shall** **know** **that** my **name** **is** **Yahweh**.

Jeremiah 17

The sin of **Judah** **is** written **with** a pen of **iron**, and **with** the point of a **diamond**: it **is** engraved on the tablet of **their** **heart**, and on the **horns** of **your** **altars**;

2 **while** **their** **children** remember **their** **altars** and **their** **Asherah** **poles** **by** the **green** **trees** on the **high** hills.

3 My **mountain** in the field, I will give **your** **substance** and **all** **your** **treasures** **for** a plunder, and **your** **high** **places**, **because** of sin, **throughout** **all** **your** **borders**.

4 You, even of yourself, shall discontinue from your heritage that I gave you; and I will cause you to serve your enemies in the land which you don't know: for you have kindled a fire in my anger which shall burn forever.

5 Yähweh says: Cursed is the man who trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from Yähweh.

6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, a salt land and not inhabited.

7 Blessed is the man who trusts in Yähweh, and whose trust Yähweh is.

8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, who spreads out its roots by the river, and shall not fear when heat comes, but its leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt: who can know it?

10 I, Yähweh, search the mind, I try the heart, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.

11 As the partridge that sits on eggs which she has not laid, so is he who gets riches, and not by right; in the middle of his days they shall leave him, and at his end he shall be a fool.

12 A glorious throne, set on high from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary.

13 Yähweh, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be disappointed. Those who depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken Yähweh, the spring of living waters.

14 Heal me, O Yähweh, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for you are my praise.

15 Behold, they tell me, Where is Yähweh's word? let it come now.

16 As for me, I have not hurried from being a shepherd after you; neither have I desired the woeful day; you know: that which came out of my lips was before your face.

17 Don't be a terror to me: you are my refuge in the day of evil.

18 Let them be disappointed who persecute me, but let not me be disappointed; let them be dismayed, but don't let me be dismayed; bring on them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

19 **Thus** said Yähweh to me: **Go**, and stand in the **gate** of the **children** of the **people**, **through** **which** the kings of **Judah** **come** in, and **by** **which** **they** **go** **out**, and in **all** the **gates** of **Jerusalem**;

20 and tell **them**, **Hear** Yähweh's **word**, **you** kings of **Judah**, and **all** **Judah**, and **all** the inhabitants of **Jerusalem**, **that** enter in **by** **these** **gates**:

21 Yähweh says, **Be** **careful**, and bear **no** **burden** on the **Sabbath** **day**, **nor** bring it in **by** the **gates** of **Jerusalem**;

22 **neither** carry a **burden** **out** of **your** **houses** on the **Sabbath** **day**, **neither** **do** any **work**: but **make** the **Sabbath** **day** **holy**, **as** I commanded **your** **fathers**.

23 But **they** didn't listen, **neither** **turn** **their** **ear**, but **made** **their** neck stiff, **that** **they** **might** not **hear**, and **might** not **receive** **instruction**.

24 It **shall** happen, if **you** **diligently** listen to me, says Yähweh, to bring in **no** **burden** **through** the **gates** of **this** **city** on the **Sabbath** **day**, but to **make** the **Sabbath** **day** **holy**, to **do** **no** **work** **therein**;

25 **then** **shall** **there** enter in **by** the **gates** of **this** **city** kings and **princes** sitting on David's **throne**, riding in **chariots** and on **horses**, **they**, and **their** **princes**, the men of **Judah**, and the inhabitants of **Jerusalem**; and **this** **city** **shall** **remain** forever.

26 **They** **shall** **come** from the **cities** of **Judah**, and from the **places** **around** **Jerusalem**, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the **lowland**, and from the hill country, and from the **South**, bringing **burnt** offerings, and **sacrifices**, and **meal** offerings, and **frankincense**, and bringing **sacrifices** of **Thanksgiving**, to Yähweh's **house**.

27 But if **you** will not listen to me to **make** the **Sabbath** **day** **holy**, and not to bear a **burden** and enter in at the **gates** of **Jerusalem** on the **Sabbath** **day**; **then** I will kindle a **fire** in its **gates**, and it **shall** **devour** the **palaces** of **Jerusalem**, and it **shall** not be **quenched**.

Jeremiah 18

The **word** **which** **came** to Jeremiah from Yähweh, saying,

2 **Arise**, and **go** **down** to the potter's **house**, and **there** I will **cause** **you** to **hear** my **words**.

3 **Then** I went **down** to the potter's **house**, and **behold**, **he** **was** making a **work** on the **wheels**.

4 **When** the vessel **that** **he** **made** of the **clay** **was** **märred** in the hand of the potter, **he** **made** it **again** **another** vessel, **as** **seemed** **good** to the potter to **make** it.

5 **Then** Yāhweh's wōrd came to me, saying,

6 **House** of Iṣrael, cān't I **de** with you aṣ **this** potter? sayṣ Yāhweh. Behold, aṣ the clay in the potter's hand, so **äre** you in my hand, **houṣe** of Iṣrael.

7 At **whät** instant I **shall** **speak** **conçêrning** a **nation**, and **conçêrning** a **kingdôm**, to pluck up and to **breäk** **down** and to destroy it;

8 if **that** **nation**, **conçêrning** **whiçh** I have spoken, **tûrn** from **their** **evil**, I will repent of the **evil** **that** I **thôught** to **de** to **them**.

9 At **whät** instant I **shall** **speak** **conçêrning** a **nation**, and **conçêrning** a **kingdôm**, to build and to plant it;

10 if **they** **de** **that** **whiçh** **iṣ** **evil** in my sight, **that** **they** not **obey** my **voiçe**, **then** I will repent of the **gôod**, with **whiçh** I said I **wôuld** benefit **them**.

11 **Now** **therefôre**, **speak** to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jeruṣalem, saying, Yāhweh sayṣ: Behold, I **frame** **evil** against you, and **devisê** a **deviçe** against you: **retûrn** you **now** everyone from hiṣ **evil** **way**, and amend **yôur** **wayṣ** and **yôur** **dœingṣ**.

12 But **they** **say**, It **iṣ** in vain; **fôr** we will **wâk** **âfter** **œur** **own** **deviçeṣ**, and we will **de** everyone **âfter** the stubbornness of hiṣ **evil** **heärt**.

13 **Therefôre** Yāhweh sayṣ: **âsk** **now** among the **nationṣ**, **whœ** haṣ **hêard** **such** **thingṣ**; the **virgin** of Iṣrael haṣ **dœne** a very horrible **thing**.

14 **Shall** the snow of Lebanon fail from the rock of the field? **Shall** the **cold** **wâterṣ** **that** **flow** **down** from afär **be** dried up?

15 For my **people** have forgotten me, **they** have **bûrned** **inçense** to **fâlse** **godṣ**; and **they** have **been** **made** to stumble in **their** **wayṣ**, in the **ançient** **pâthṣ**, to **wâk** in **bywayṣ**, in a way not built up;

16 to **make** **their** land an **astonishment**, and a **pêrpetual** hissing; everyone **whœ** **pâsseṣ** **thereby** **shall** **be** **astonished**, and **shake** hiṣ head.

17 I will scatter **them** aṣ with an **east** wind befôre the enemy; I will **show** **them** the back, and not the **façe**, in the **day** of **their** calamity.

18 **Then** **they** said, **Côme**, and let us **devisê** **deviçeṣ** against Jeremiah; **fôr** the **lâw** **shall** not **perish** from the priest, **nôr** **counsel** from the **wiṣe**, **nôr** the **wôrd** from the **prophet**. **Côme**, and let us **strike** him with the **tôngue**, and let us not give **heed** to any of hiṣ **wôrdṣ**.

19 Give **heed** to me, Yāhweh, and listen to the **voiçe** of **thoṣe** **whœ** contend with me.

20 **Shall evil be recompensed** fôr good? fôr **they** have dug a pit fôr **my** soul. Remember **how** I **stood** befôr **you** to **speak** good fôr **them**, to **tûrn** away **yôur** **wrâth** from **them**.

21 **Therefore** deliver up **their** **children** to the famine, and give **them** over to the **power** of the **swôrd**; and let **their** **wives** become **childless**, and **widows**; and let **their** men be **slain** of **death**, and **their** young men struck of the **swôrd** in battle.

22 Let a cry be **heard** from **their** **houses**, when **you** shall bring a **trêp** suddenly on **them**; fôr **they** have dug a pit to **take** **me**, and hid **snare**s fôr **my** feet.

23 Yet, **Yâhweh**, **you** know **âll** **their** **counsel** against **me** to kill **me**; **don't** forgive **their** iniquity, **neither** blot **out** **their** sin from **yôur** **sight**; but let **them** be **overthrown** befôr **you**; **deal** **you** with **them** in the **time** of **yôur** anger.

Jeremiah 19

Thus said **Yâhweh**, **Go**, and **buy** a potter's **êarthen** bottle, and **take** **some** of the elder~~s~~ of the **people**, and of the elder~~s~~ of the **priests**;

2 and **go** **out** to the valley of the **son** of Hinnom, **which** **is** by the entry of the **gate** Harsith, and **proclaim** **there** the **wôrd**s **that** I shall tell **you**;

3 and **say**, **Hear** **Yâhweh's** **wôrd**, **kings** of **Judah**, and inhabitants of **Jeru**salem: **Yâhweh** of **ârmies**, the God of **Isra**el **says**, **Behold**, I will bring **evil** on **this** **plac**e, **which** **who**ever **hear**s, **hi**s **ear**s shall tingle.

4 **Because** **they** have forsaken **me**, and have estranged **this** **plac**e, and have **bûrned** incense in it to **other** **god**s, **that** **they** didn't **know**, **they** and **their** **fâther**s and the **kings** of **Judah**; and have filled **this** **plac**e with the **blôod** of innocents,

5 and have built the **high** **plac**e~~s~~ of Baal, to **bûrn** **their** **son**s in the **fire** fôr **bûrnt** offerings to Baal; **which** I didn't command, **nôr** spoke it, **neither** came it into **my** mind:

6 **therefôre**, behold, the **day**s **côme**, **says** **Yâhweh**, **that** **this** **plac**e shall **no** **môre** be **câll**ed Topheth, **nôr** The valley of the **son** of Hinnom, but The valley of **Slâ**ughter.

7 I will **make** void the **counsel** of **Judah** and **Jeru**salem in **this** **plac**e; and I will **câuse** **them** to **fâll** by the **swôrd** befôr **their** **enemie**s, and by the hand of **tho**se **who** seek **their** **life**: and **their** dead **bodie**s will I give to be **feed** fôr the **bird**s of the **sky**, and fôr the **animal**s of the **êar**th.

8 I will **make** **this** **city** an astonishment, and a hissing; everyone **who** **pâsse**s **thereby** shall be **astonish**d and hiss **because** of **âll** its **plague**s.

9 I will **c**ause **th**em to **e**at the **f**lesh of **th**eir **s**ons and the **f**lesh of **th**eir **d**ughters; and **th**ey **sh**all **e**at everyone the **f**lesh of **h**is **f**riend, in the **s**iege and in the **d**istress, **w**ith **w**hich **th**eir **e**nemies, and **th**ose **w**ho **s**eek **th**eir **l**ife, **sh**all **d**istress **th**em.

10 **T**hen **y**ou **sh**all **b**reak the **b**ottle in the **s**ight of the **m**en **w**ho **g**o **w**ith **y**ou,

11 and **sh**all **t**ell **th**em, **Y**ahweh of **a**rmies **s**ays: **E**ven **s**o **w**ill I **b**reak **th**is **p**eople and **th**is **c**ity, **a**s **o**ne **b**reaks a **p**otter's **v**essel, **th**at **c**an't **b**e **m**ade **w**hole **a**gain; and **th**ey **sh**all **b**ury in **T**opheth, until **th**ere **i**s **n**o **p**lace to **b**ury.

12 **T**hus **w**ill I **d**o to **th**is **p**lace, **s**ays **Y**ahweh, and to its **i**nhabitants, **e**ven **m**aking **th**is **c**ity **a**s **T**opheth:

13 and the **h**ouses of **J**erusalem, and the **h**ouses of the **k**ings of **J**udah, **w**hich **a**re **d**efiled, **sh**all **b**e **a**s the **p**lace of **T**opheth, **e**ven **a**ll the **h**ouses on **w**hose **r**oofs **th**ey **h**ave **b**urned **i**ncense to **a**ll the **a**rmies of the **s**ky, and **h**ave **p**oured **o**ut **d**rink **o**fferings to **o**ther **g**ods.

14 **T**hen **c**ame **J**eremiah from **T**opheth, **w**here **Y**ahweh had **s**ent **h**im to **p**rophecy; and **h**e **s**tood in the **c**ourt of **Y**ahweh's **h**ouse, and **s**aid to **a**ll the **p**eople:

15 **Y**ahweh of **a**rmies, the **G**od of **I**srael **s**ays, **B**ehold, I **w**ill **b**ring **o**n **th**is **c**ity and **o**n **a**ll its **t**owns **a**ll the **e**vil **th**at I **h**ave **p**ronounced **a**gainst it; **b**ecause **th**ey **h**ave **m**ade **th**eir **n**eck **s**tiff, **th**at **th**ey **m**ay **n**ot **h**ear **m**y **w**ords.

Jeremiah 20

Now **P**ashhur, the **s**on of **I**mmers the **p**riest, **w**ho **w**as **ch**ief **o**fficer in **Y**ahweh's **h**ouse, **h**earde **J**eremiah **p**rophesying **th**ese **th**ings.

2 **T**hen **P**ashhur **s**truck **J**eremiah the **p**rophet, and **p**ut **h**im in the **s**tocks **th**at **w**ere in the **u**pper **g**ate of **B**enjamin, **w**hich **w**as in **Y**ahweh's **h**ouse.

3 **O**n the **n**ext **d**ay, **P**ashhur **r**eleasde **J**eremiah **o**ut of the **s**tocks. **T**hen **J**eremiah **s**aid to **h**im, **Y**ahweh **h**as **n**ot **c**alled **y**our **n**ame **P**ashhur, **b**ut **M**agormissabib.

4 **F**or **Y**ahweh **s**ays, **B**ehold, I **w**ill **m**ake **y**ou a **t**error to **y**ourself, and to **a**ll **y**our **f**riends; and **th**ey **sh**all **f**all **b**y the **s**word of **th**eir **e**nemies, and **y**our **e**yes **sh**all **s**ee it; and I **w**ill **g**ive **a**ll **J**udah **i**nto the **h**and of the **k**ing of **B**abylon, and **h**e **sh**all **c**arry **th**em **c**aptive to **B**abylon, and **sh**all **k**ill **th**em **w**ith the **s**word.

5 **M**oreover I **w**ill **g**ive **a**ll the **r**iches of **th**is **c**ity, and **a**ll its **g**ains, and **a**ll the **p**recious **th**ings of it, **y**es, **a**ll the **t**reasures of the **k**ings of **J**udah **w**ill I **g**ive **i**nto the **h**and of **th**eir **e**nemies; and **th**ey **sh**all **m**ake **th**em **c**aptives, and **t**ake **th**em, and **c**arry **th**em to **B**abylon.

6 You, Pashhur, and **á**ll **wh**e dwell in **y**our **hou**se **sh**all **go** into captivity; and **you** **sh**all **c**ome to Babylon, and **th**ere **you** **sh**all **di**e, and **th**ere **you** **sh**all **be** buried, **you**, and **á**ll **y**our **fr**ien**d**s, to **wh**om **you** have **prop**hesied **f**alsely.

7 Yáhw^{eh}, **you** have **p**ersuaded **me**, and I **w**as **p**ersuaded; **you** **á**re stronger **th**an I, and have **prev**ailed: I am **bec**ome a **lá**ughing-stock **á**ll the **day**, every one mocks **me**.

8 For **a**s often **a**s I **spe**ak, I **cry** **ou**t; I **cry**, **Violen**ce and **destru**cti**o**n! **bec**ause Yáhw^{eh}'s **w**ord **i**s **ma**de a **repro**ach to **me**, and a **deri**sion, **á**ll the **day**.

9 If I **say**, I will not **ma**ke **ment**ion of him, **n**or **spe**ak any **m**ore in **hi**s **na**me, **th**en **th**ere **i**s in **my** **he**art **a**s it **w**ere a **b**urning **fi**re **sh**ut up in **my** **bon**e**s**, and I am **w**ear**y** with **f**orbearing, and I **c**an't.

10 For I have **h**ear**d** the **def**aming of many, **ter**ror on every **si**de. **Den**ounce, and we will **den**ounce him, **say** **á**ll my **f**amiliar **fr**ien**d**s, **th**ose **wh**e **w**atch **f**or my **f**á**l**; **p**erhaps **he** will **be** **p**ersuaded, and **we** **sh**all **prev**ail **ag**ainst him, and **we** **sh**all **take** **ou**r **rev**enge on him.

11 But Yáhw^{eh} **i**s **with** **me** **a**s an **á**wes**o**me **mi**ghty one: **th**ere**f**ore **my** **p**ersecutor**s** **sh**all **st**umble, and **th**ey **sh**all **not** **prev**ail; **th**ey **sh**all **be** utterly **dis**appointed, **bec**ause **th**ey have **not** **de**alt **w**isely, **even** **with** an **ever**l**á**sting **di**shonor **wh**ich **sh**all **never** **be** **f**orgotten.

12 But, Yáhw^{eh} of **á**rmie**s**, **wh**e tests the **ri**ghteous, **wh**e **see**s the **he**art and the **mi**nd, let **me** **see** **y**our **ven**geance on **th**em; **f**or to **you** have I **reve**aled **my** **c**áuse.

13 Sing to Yáhw^{eh}, **pr**aise Yáhw^{eh}; **f**or **he** **h**as **del**ivered the **soul** of the **ne**edy from the hand of **ev**ildoer**s**.

14 **C**ur**se**d **i**s the **day** in **wh**ich I **w**as **b**orn: **don**'t let the **day** in **wh**ich **my** **m**other **b**ore **me** **be** **bles**sed.

15 **C**ur**se**d **i**s the **man** **wh**e **br**ought **new**s to **my** **f**ather, **say**ing, A boy **i**s **b**orn to **you**; **ma**king him very **gl**ad.

16 Let **th**at **man** **be** **a**s the **ci**ties **wh**ich Yáhw^{eh} **ov**er**th**rew, and **di**d'n't **rep**ent: and let him **he**ar a **cry** in the **m**orning, and **sh**outing at **noon**time;

17 **bec**ause **he** **di**d'n't **kill** **me** from the **w**omb; and **so** **my** **m**other **w**ould have **be**en **my** **gr**ave, and **h**er **w**omb **á**lways **gr**eat.

18 **Wh**y did I **c**ome **ou**t of the **w**omb to **see** **labor** and **sorrow**, **th**at **my** **day**s **sh**ould **be** **c**onsumed with **sh**ame?

Jeremiah 21

The wôrd **which** came to Jeremia**h** from Yăhweh, when king Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the s**on** of Malchijah, and Zephaniah the s**on** of Maaseiah, the priest, saying,

2 Plea**se** in**qui**re of Yăhweh f**o**r us; f**o**r Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon makes w**ar** against us: pe**r**haps Yăhweh will de**al** with us acc**o**rding to **ă**ll hi**ş** w**o**ndrous w**o**rks, **th**at he may go up from us.

3 **Th**en Jeremia**h** said to **th**em, You shall tell Zedekiah:

4 Yăhweh, the God of I**s**rael say**ş**, Behold, I will t**u**rn back the weap**o**n**ş** of w**ar** **th**at **ă**re in y**o**ur hand**ş**, with **wh**ich you fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans **wh**o besiege you, without the w**ă**ll**ş**; and I will gather **th**em into the middle of **th**is **ç**ity.

5 I myself will fight against you with an **o**utstretch**e**d hand and with a strong **ă**rm, even in anger, and in w**r**ă**th**, and in gre**at** indign**o**n.

6 I will strike the inhabitants of **th**is **ç**ity, **bo**th man and animal: **th**ey shall die of a gre**at** pestilenc**e**.

7 **A**fterward, say**ş** Yăhweh, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and hi**ş** s**e**r**v**ants, and the pe**o**ple, **e**ven **su**ch **a**ş **ă**re left in **th**is **ç**ity from the pestilenc**e**, from the sw**o**r**d**, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of **th**eir enemie**ş**, and into the hand of **th**o**ş**e **wh**o seek **th**eir life: and he shall strike **th**em with the edge of the sw**o**r**d**; he shall not spare **th**em, **ne**ither have pity, **n**o**r** have m**e**r**ç**y.

8 To **th**is pe**o**ple you shall say, Yăhweh say**ş**: Behold, I set bef**o**re you the way of life and the way of de**a**th.

9 He **wh**o remain**ş** in **th**is **ç**ity shall die by the sw**o**r**d**, and by the famine, and by the pestilenc**e**; but he **wh**o go**e**ş out, and p**ă**sse**ş** over to the Chaldeans **wh**o besiege you, he shall live, and hi**ş** life shall be to him f**o**r a prey.

10 For I have set my fa**ç**e on **th**is **ç**ity f**o**r evil, and not f**o**r go**o**d, say**ş** Yăhweh: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall b**u**rn it with fire.

11 Touching the ho**u**se of the king of Judah, hear Yăhweh'**ş** w**o**rd:

12 Ho**u**se of David, Yăhweh say**ş**, Execute justic**e** in the m**o**rning, and deliver him **wh**o i**ş** robbed out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my w**r**ă**th** go out like fire, and b**u**rn so **th**at no one can quench it, beca**u**se of the evil of y**o**ur de**o**ing**ş**.

13 Behold, I am against you, O inhabitant of the valley, and of the rock of the plain, says Yähweh; you that say, Who shall come down against us? Or who shall enter into our habitations?

14 I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, says Yähweh; and I will kindle a fire in her forest, and it shall devour all that is around her.

Jeremiah 22

Thus said Yähweh: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,

2 Say, Hear Yähweh's word, king of Judah, who sits on David's throne, you, and your servants, and your people who enter in by these gates.

3 Yähweh says: Execute justice and righteousness, and deliver him who is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence, to the foreigner, the fatherless, nor the widow; neither shed innocent blood in this place.

4 For if you do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting on David's throne, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.

5 But if you will not hear these words, I swear by myself, says Yähweh, that this house shall become a desolation .

6 For Yähweh says concerning the house of the king of Judah: You are Gilead to me, the head of Lebanon. Yet surely I will make you a wilderness, cities which are not inhabited.

7 I will prepare destroyers against you, everyone with his weapons; and they shall cut down your choice cedars, and cast them into the fire.

8 Many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbor, Why has Yähweh done thus to this great city?

9 Then they shall answer, Because they abandoned the covenant of Yähweh their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

10 Don't weep for the dead, neither bemoan him; but weep bitterly for him who goes away; for he shall return no more, nor see his native country.

11 For Yähweh says touching Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, and who went out of this place: He shall not return there any more.

12 But in the place where they have led him captive, there shall he die, and he shall see this land no more.

13 **W**oe to him **wh**o **bu**ilds his **hou**se by un**ri**ghteousness, and his **re**oms by injustice; **wh**o **us**es his neighbor's **s**ervi**ç**e without wages, and **do**esn't give him his **hi**re;

14 **wh**o **s**ays, I will **bu**ild me a **wi**de **hou**se and **spa**çious **re**oms, and cuts him **ou**t **wi**ndows; and it is **ç**eiling with **ç**edar, and **pa**inted with **ve**rmilion.

15 **S**hall **yo**u reign, **bec**aus**e** **yo**u strive to **ex**cel in **ç**edar? Didn't **y**our **f**ather **ea**t and drink, and **de** just**ç**e and **ri**ghteousness? **th**en it **wa**s well with him.

16 **H**e **jud**ged the **ç**aus**e** of the **p**oor and **ne**edy; **th**en it **wa**s well. **Wa**s'n't **th**is t**o** know me? **s**ays **Y**ähweh.

17 But **y**our **ey**s and **y**our **he**ärt **ä**re not but **f**ör **y**our **c**ovetousness, and **f**ör shedding innocent **bl**ood, and **f**ör opp**re**ssion, and **f**ör **vi**ol**en**ç**e**, to **de** it.

18 **T**her**e**f**ör**e **Y**ähweh **s**ays **con**ç**e**rning Jehoiakim the **son** of Josiah, king of **J**udah: **th**ey **sh**all not lament **f**ör him, **s**aying, **ä**h my **bro**ther! **ör**, **ä**h sister! **T**hey **sh**all not lament **f**ör him, **s**aying **ä**h **l**örd! **ör**, **ä**h his **gl**öry!

19 **H**e **sh**all be buried with the burial of a donkey, **dr**awn and **c**äst **ou**t beyond the **ga**tes of **Jeru**salem.

20 **G**o up to Lebanon, and **cry**; and lift up **y**our **voi**ç**e** in Bashan, and **cry** from Abarim; **f**ör **ä**ll **y**our **l**ö**ve**r**s** **ä**re destroyed.

21 I **sp**oke to **yo**u in **y**our prosperity; but **yo**u said, I will not **he**ar. **T**his **ha**s **bee**n **y**our **wa**y from **y**our **yo**uth, **th**at **yo**u didn't **ob**ey my **voi**ç**e**.

22 The wind **sh**all **fee**d **ä**ll **y**our **sh**ep**her**d**s**, and **y**our **l**ö**ve**r**s** **sh**all **go** **int**o **cap**tivity: **su**rely **th**en **yo**u will be **ash**amed and **con**founded **f**ör **ä**ll **y**our wickedness.

23 Inhabitant of Lebanon, **wh**o **ma**kes **y**our nest in the **ç**edar**s**, **h**ow **gr**eately to be pitied **yo**u will be **wh**en pang**s** **c**ö**m**e on **yo**u, the **pa**in **a**s of a **w**ö**m**an in **tr**av**ai**l!

24 As I **live**, **s**ays **Y**ähweh, **th**o**ugh** **C**oniah the **son** of Jehoiakim king of **J**udah **w**ere the signet on my **ri**ght hand, yet **w**ö**u**ld I pluck **yo**u **th**ere;

25 and I will give **yo**u **int**o the hand of **th**os**e** **wh**o **seek** **y**our **li**fe, and **int**o the hand of **th**em of **wh**om **yo**u **ä**re afraid, **ev**en **int**o the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of **B**abylon, and **int**o the hand of the **C**haldeans.

26 I will **c**äst **yo**u **ou**t, and **y**our **m**ö**th**er **wh**o **b**ö**r**e **yo**u, **int**o **an**ö**th**er country, **wh**ere **yo**u **w**ere not **b**örn; and **th**ere **yo**u will **di**e.

27 But to the land t**h**ich **th**eir **so**ul long**s** to **ret**ü**r**n, **th**ere **sh**all **th**ey not **ret**ü**r**n.

28 Is **this** man Coniah a despised broken vessel? **is he** a vessel in **which no** one delights? **Why are they** cast out, **he** and his offspring,[a] and **are cast** into the land **which they don't know**?

29 O **earth, earth, earth**, hear Yähweh's **word**.

30 Yähweh says, **Write you this** man **childless**, a man **who shall** not prosper in his **days**; **for no more shall** a man of his offspring [b] prosper, sitting on David's **throne**, and **ruling** in Judah.

Jeremiah 23

Woe to the **shepherds** **who** destroy and scatter the **sheep** of my **pasture**! says Yähweh.

2 **Therefore** Yähweh, the God of **Israel**, says **against** the **shepherds** **who feed** my people: **You** have scattered my **flock**, and driven **them away**, and have not **visited** **them**; **behold**, I will **visit** on **you** the **evil** of **your doings**, says Yähweh.

3 I will **gather** the remnant of my **flock** **out of all** the **countries** **where** I have driven **them**, and will bring **them** again to **their folds**; and **they shall be** **fruitful** and multiply.

4 I will set up **shepherds** **over** **them**, **who shall feed** **them**; and **they shall** fear no **more**, **nor be** **dismayed**, **neither shall** any **be** lacking, says Yähweh.

5 **Behold**, the **days** **come**, says Yähweh, **that** I will **raise** to David a **righteous** **branch**, and **he shall** reign **as** king and **deal** **wisely**, and **shall** **execute** **justice** and **righteousness** in the land.

6 In his **days** Judah **shall be** **saved**, and **Israel** **shall** dwell **safely**; and **this is** his **name** **by** **which** **he shall be** **called**: Yähweh **our** **righteousness**.

7 **Therefore** **behold**, the **days** **come**, says Yähweh, **that** **they shall** no **more** say, **As** Yähweh **lives**, **who** **brought** up the **children** of **Israel** **out of** the land of **Egypt**

8 but, **As** Yähweh **lives**, **who** **brought** up and **who** led the offspring [a] of the **house** of **Israel** **out of** the **north** country, and from **all** the **countries** **where** I had driven **them**. **They shall** dwell in **their** **own** land.

9 **Concerning** the **prophets**. **My** **heart** **within** **me** **is** broken, **all** **my** **bones** **shake**; I am **like** a drunken man, and **like** a man **whom** **wine** has **overcome**, **because** of Yähweh, and **because** of his **holy** **words**.

10 For the land **is** **full** of adulterers; **for** **because** of swearing the land **mourns**; the **pastures** of the wilderness **are** **dried** up. **Their** **course** **is** **evil**, and **their** **might** **is** not **right**;

11 for **both** prophet and priest **äre** profane; yes, in **my house** have I **found** **their** wickedness, says **Yähweh**.

12 **Therefore** **their way shall be** to **them** as slippery **places** in the **därkness**: **they shall be** driven on, and **fäll** **therein**; **för** I will bring **evil** on **them**, **even** the **year** of **their** **visitation**, says **Yähweh**.

13 I have **seen** folly in the **prophets** of Samaria; **they** **prophesied** by Baal, and **cäused** **my** **people** **Israel** to **ërr**.

14 In the **prophets** of **Jerusalem** **älso** I have **seen** a horrible **thing**: **they** commit adultery, and **wä**k in **lies**; and **they** **strengthen** the **hands** of **evildoers**, **so** **that** **no** one **retürns** from **hiş** wickedness: **they** have **äll** **becöme** to **me** as **Sodom**, and its inhabitants as **Gomorrhah**.

15 **Therefore** **Yähweh** of **ärmies** says **conçerning** the **prophets**: Behold, I will **feed** **them** with **wörmwöod**, and **make** **them** drink the **wäter** of **gäll**; **för** from the **prophets** of **Jerusalem** ungodliness has gone **out** into **äll** the land.

16 **Yähweh** of **ärmies** says, **Don't** listen to the **wörds** of the **prophets** **who** **propheçy** to **you**: **they** **teach** **you** vanity; **they** **speak** a **vişion** of **their** **own** **heärt**, and not **out** of the **mouth** of **Yähweh**.

17 **They** **say** **continually** to **thöse** **who** **despişe** **me**, **Yähweh** has said, **You** **shall** have **peaçe**; and to everyone **who** **wä**ks in the stubbornness of **hiş** **own** **heärt** **they** **say**, **No** **evil** **shall** **cöme** on **you**.

18 For **who** has **stööd** in the **cöuncil** of **Yähweh**, **that** **he** **shö**uld **përçe**ive and **hear** **hiş** **wörd**? **who** has **märked** **my** **wörd**, and **hë**ard it?

19 Behold, **Yähweh's** **störm**, **hiş** **wräth**, has gone **out**. Yes, a **whirling** **störm**. It **shall** **bürst** on the head of the wicked.

20 **Yähweh's** anger **shall** not **retürn**, until **he** has **executed**, and until **he** have **perförmed** the intents of **hiş** **heärt**: in the latter **days** **you** **shall** understand it **përfectly**.

21 I sent not **thesë** **prophets**, yet **they** ran: I didn't **speak** to **them**, yet **they** **prophesied**.

22 But if **they** had **stööd** in **my** **cöuncil**, **then** had **they** **cäused** **my** **people** to **hear** **my** **wörds**, and had **türned** **them** from **their** **evil** way, and from the **evil** of **their** **deings**.

23 Am I a God at hand, says **Yähweh**, and not a God afär off?

24 Can any **hide** himself in **secret** **places** **so** **that** I **shall** not **see** him? says **Yähweh**. **Don't** I fill heaven and **ëarth**? says **Yähweh**.

25 I have hêard whât the prophets have said, whê prophecÿ lieş in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamêd.

26 How long shall this be in the heärt of the prophets whê prophecÿ lieş, even the prophets of the deceit of their own heärt?

27 whê think to cåuse my people to forget my name by their dreamş which they tell every man to hiş neighbor, aş their fãtherş forgot my name fôr Baal.

28 The prophet whê haş a dream, let him tell a dream; and he whê haş my wôrd, let him speak my wôrd faithfully. Whât iş the strãw to the wheat? sayş Yãhweh.

29 Isn't my wôrd like fire? sayş Yãhweh; and like a hammer that breakş the rock in pieceş?

30 Therefore behold, I am against the prophets, sayş Yãhweh, whê steal my wôrdş everyone from hiş neighbor.

31 Behold, I am against the prophets, sayş Yãhweh, whê use their tóngueş, and say, He sayş.

32 Behold, I am against thoşe whê prophecÿ lying dreamş, sayş Yãhweh, and do tell them, and cåuse my people to êrr by their lieş, and by their vain boasting: yet I didn't send them, nôr commanded them; neither do they profit this people at åll, sayş Yãhweh.

33 When this people, ôr the prophet, ôr a priest, shall åsk you, saying, Whât iş the bûrden of Yãhweh? Then you shall tell them, Whât bûrden! I will cåst you off, sayş Yãhweh.

34 Aş fôr the prophet, and the priest, and the people, whê shall say, The bûrden of Yãhweh, I will even punish that man and hiş houşe.

35 You shall say everyone to hiş neighbor, and everyone to hiş brôther, Whât haş Yãhweh answered? and, Whât haş Yãhweh spoken?

36 You shall mention the bûrden of Yãhweh no môre: fôr every man's own wôrd shall be hiş bûrden; fôr you have pervêrted the wôrdş of the living God, of Yãhweh of årmieş our God.

37 You shall say to the prophet, Whât haş Yãhweh answered you? and, Whât haş Yãhweh spoken?

38 But if you say, The bûrden of Yãhweh; therefore Yãhweh sayş: Because you say this wôrd, The bûrden of Yãhweh, and I have sent to you, saying, You shall not say, The bûrden of Yãhweh;

39 **therefôre**, behold, I will utterly forget **you**, and I will **cäst you** off, and the **çity that I gave** to **you** and to **yôur fätherş**, away from **my preşençe**:

40 and I will bring an ever**lästing reproach** on **you**, and a **pêrpetual shame**, **which shall not be** forgotten.

Jeremiah 24

Yähweh **showed me**, and behold, **two bäskets** of figş set befôre Yähweh's temple, **äfter that** Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had **carried away** captive Jeconiah the **şon** of Jehoiakim, king of **Judah**, and the **prinçeş** of **Judah**, **with** the **cräftsmen** and **smithş**, from **Jeruşalem**, and had **brôught them** to Babylon.

2 One **bäsket** had very **gôod figş**, like the figş **that äre first-ripe**; and the **öther bäsket** had very bad figş, **which could not be eaten**, **they wêre so** bad.

3 **Then** Yähweh said to me, **What de you see**, Jeremiah? I said, **Figş**; the **gôod figş**, very **gôod**; and the bad, very bad, **that cän't be eaten**, **they äre so** bad.

4 Yähweh's **wôrd came** to me, **saying**,

5 Yähweh, the God of **Işrael** sayş: Like **theşe gôod figş**, **so** will I **regärd** the **captives** of **Judah**, **whem** I have sent **out of this plaçe** into the land of the Chaldeans, **fôr gôod**.

6 For I will set **my eyş** on **them fôr gôod**, and I will bring **them again** to **this land**: and I will **build them**, and not **püll them down**; and I will plant **them**, and not pluck **them up**.

7 I will give **them** a **heärt** to **know me**, **that I am Yähweh**: and **they shall be my people**, and I will **be their God**; **fôr they shall retûrn** to me **with their whole heärt**.

8 As the bad figş, **which cän't be eaten**, **they äre so** bad, **surely Yähweh sayş**, **So** will I give up Zedekiah the king of **Judah**, and **hiş prinçeş**, and the **reşidue** of **Jeruşalem**, **whem** remain in **this land**, and **thoşe whem** dwell in the land of **Egypt**,

9 I will **even give them up** to be **tossed back and fôrth** among **äl** the **kingdômş** of the **êarth fôr evil**; to be a **reproach** and a **provêrb**, a **täunt** and a **cûrse**, in **äl plaçeş** where I **shall drive them**.

10 I will send the **şwôrd**, the **famine**, and the **pestilençe**, among **them**, until **they be consumed** from off the land **that I gave to them** and to **their fätherş**.

Jeremiah 25

The wôrd **th**at came to Jeremiah cônçerning **â**ll the peo^{pl}e of Judah, in the fô^{ur}**th** year of Jehoiakim the sôn of Josiah, king of Judah (the same wâ^ş the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon),

2 **wh**ich Jeremiah the prophet spok^e to **â**ll the peo^{pl}e of Judah, and to **â**ll the inhabitants of Jeru^şalem, saying:

3 From the **th**irteenth year of Josiah the sôn of Amon, king of Judah, **e**ven to **this** day, **thes**e twenty-**th**ree year^ş, Yâhweh's wôrd ha^ş come to me, and I have spok^en to you, ris^{ing} up **ê**arly and spea^king; but you have not listened.

4 Yâhweh ha^ş sent to you **â**ll hi^ş sêrvants the prophets, ris^{ing} up **ê**arly and sending **th**em (but you have not listened, nô^r inclined yô^{ur} ear to hear)

5 saying, Retû^{rn} **n**ow everyone from hi^ş evil way, and from the evil of yô^{ur} deing^ş, and dwell in the land **th**at Yâhweh ha^ş given to you and to yô^{ur} fâther^ş, from of old and **e**ven forever mô^{re};

6 and don't go **â**fter **ô**ther god^ş to sêrve **th**em ô^r wôrship **th**em, and don't provoke me to anger with the wôrk of yô^{ur} hand^ş; and I will destroy you no hârm.

7 Yet you have not listened to me, say^ş Yâhweh; **th**at you may provoke me to anger with the wôrk of yô^{ur} hand^ş to yô^{ur} own hûrt.

8 **Th**erefore Yâhweh of ârmie^ş say^ş: Becâ^use you have not hêard my wôrd^ş,

9 Behold, I will send and take **â**ll the familie^ş of the nô^rth, say^ş Yâhweh, and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my sêrvant, and will bring **th**em against **this** land, and against its inhabitants, and against **â**ll **thes**e nation^ş around; and I will utterly destroy **th**em, and make **th**em an astonishment, and a hissing, and pêrpetual desolation^ş.

10 Mô^{re}over I will take from **th**em the voiç^e of mîth and the voiç^e of gladness, the voiç^e of the bridegroom and the voiç^e of the bride, the sound of the millstone^ş, and the light of the lamp.

11 **This** whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and **thes**e nation^ş shall sêrve the king of Babylon seventy year^ş.

12 It shall happen, when seventy year^ş âre accompli^şd, **th**at I will punish the king of Babylon, and **th**at nation, say^ş Yâhweh, fô^r **th**eir iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it desolate forever.

13 I will bring on **that** land **á**ll my **w**ords **wh**ich I have pronou**nc**ed against it, **even á**ll **th**at **i**s written in **th**is **b**óok, **wh**ich Jeremiah has **pr**ophesied against **á**ll the **n**ations.

14 For many **n**ations and **gr**eat **k**ings **sh**all **ma**ke bonds**e**rva**n**ts of **th**em, **even** of **th**em; and I will **re**comp**e**nse **th**em **acc**ó**rd**ing to **th**eir **d**eeds, and **acc**ó**rd**ing to the **w**ork of **th**eir **h**ands.

15 For **Y**á**h**w**e**h says, the God of **I**s**r**ael, to **m**e: **ta**ke **th**is cup of the **w**ine of **w**rá**th** at **m**y hand, and **c**á**u**se **á**ll the **n**ations, to **wh**om I send **y**ou, to drink it.

16 **Th**ey **sh**all drink, and **re**el back and **f**ó**r**th, and **be** mad, **bec**á**u**se of the **sw**ó**r**d **th**at I will send **am**ó**ng** **th**em.

17 **Th**en **t**ó**ok** I the cup at **Y**á**h**w**e**h's hand, and **ma**de **á**ll the **n**ations to drink, to **wh**om **Y**á**h**w**e**h had sent **m**e:

18 **J**eru**s**alem, and the **c**ities of **J**udah, and its **k**ings, and its **pr**inces, to **ma**ke **th**em a **des**olati**o**n, an **ast**onish**m**ent, a hissing, and a **c**ú**r**se, **as** it **i**s today;

19 **Ph**ar**ao**h king of **E**gypt, and his **s**e**r**vants, and his **pr**inces, and **á**ll his **pe**ople;

20 and **á**ll the **m**ixed **pe**ople, and **á**ll the **k**ings of the land of the Uz, and **á**ll the **k**ings of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod;

21 Edom, and Moab, and the **ch**ildren of Ammon;

22 and **á**ll the **k**ings of **T**y**r**e, and **á**ll the **k**ings of Sidon, and the **k**ings of the isle **wh**ich **i**s beyond the **se**a;

23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and **á**ll **wh**o have the **c**ó**r**ners of **th**eir **be**ard cut off;

24 and **á**ll the **k**ings of **A**rabia, and **á**ll the **k**ings of the **m**ixed **pe**ople **wh**o dwell in the wilderness;

25 and **á**ll the **k**ings of Zimri, and **á**ll the **k**ings of Elam, and **á**ll the **k**ings of the Medes;

26 and **á**ll the **k**ings of the **n**ó**r**th, **f**á**r** and **ne**ar, **one** **w**ith **an**ó**th**er; and **á**ll the **king**dó**m**s of the **w**ó**r**ld, **wh**ich **á**re on the **s**ú**r**fa**c**e of the **e**á**r**th: and the king of Sheshach **sh**all drink **á**fter **th**em.

27 **Y**o**u** **sh**all tell **th**em, **Y**á**h**w**e**h of **á**rmies, the God of **I**s**r**ael says: Drink, and **be** drunk, vomit, **f**á**ll**, and **ri**se **no** **m**ó**r**e, **bec**á**u**se of the **sw**ó**r**d **wh**ich I will send **am**ó**ng** **y**ou.

28 It **sh**all **be**, if **th**ey **ref**use to **ta**ke the cup at **y**ó**u**r hand to drink, **th**en **y**o**u** **sh**all tell **th**em, **Y**á**h**w**e**h of **á**rmies says: **Y**o**u** **sh**all **su**rely drink.

29 For, behold, I begin to wôrk evil at the çity which is cãlled by my name; and shôuld you be utterly unpunished? You shall not be unpunished.; fôr I will cãll fôr a swôrd on ãll the inhabitants of the êarth, says Yãhweh of ärmies.

30 Therefore prophecý you against them ãll thesê wôrdş, and tell them, Yãhweh will rôar from on high, and utter hiş voicê from hiş holy habitation; he will mightily rôar against hiş fold; he will give a shout, aş thosê whê tread grapes, against ãll the inhabitants of the êarth.

31 A noişê shall cômê even to the end of the êarth; fôr Yãhweh haş a controversy with the nationş; he will enter into judgment with ãll flesh: aş fôr the wicked, he will give them to the swôrd, says Yãhweh.

32 Yãhweh of ärmies says, Behold, evil shall go out from nation to nation, and a great stôrm shall be raised up from the uttermost pãrts of the êarth.

33 The slain of Yãhweh shall be at that day from one end of the êarth even to the ôther end of the êarth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nôr buried; they shall be dung on the sũrfaçê of the ground.

34 Wail, you shepherds, and cry; and wallow in dust, you princïpal of the flock; fôr the dayş of yôur slãughter and of yôur dispersions äre füllly cômê, and you shall fãll like a göodly vessel.

35 The shepherds shall have no way to flee, nôr the princïpal of the flock to escape.

36 A voicê of the cry of the shepherds, and the wailing of the princïpal of the flock! fôr Yãhweh lays waste their pãsture.

37 The peacêable foldş äre brôught to silencê because of the fiêrçê anger of Yãhweh.

38 He haş left hiş covêrt, aş the liôn; fôr their land haş becômê an astonishment because of the fiêrçêness of the oppression, and because of hiş fiêrçê anger.

Jeremiah 26

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the sôn of Josiah, king of Judah, came this wôrd from Yãhweh, saying,

2 Yãhweh says: Stand in the côurt of Yãhweh's house, and speak to ãll the çities of Judah, which cômê to wôrship in Yãhweh's house, ãll the wôrdş that I command you to speak to them; don't diminish a wôrd.

3 It may be they will listen, and tũrn every man from hiş evil way; that I may repent me of the evil which I pũrpose to dê to them because of the evil of their dœings.

4 **You shall tell them**, Yähweh says: If **you** will not listen to me, to **wá**lk in my **lá**w, **wh**ich I have set bef^ore **you**,

5 to listen to the **wó**rd^s of my **sê**rvants the **pr**ophets, **wh**om I send to **you**, **ev**en **ri**şing up **ê**arly and sending **th**em, but **you** have not listened;

6 **th**en I will **ma**ke **th**is **h**ouse **li**ke Shiloh, and will **ma**ke **th**is **ç**ity a **cú**rse to **á**ll the **na**ti^on^s of the **ê**ar^th.

7 The **pr**iests and the **pr**ophets and **á**ll the **pe**ople **hê**ard Jeremiah **spe**aking **th**ese **wó**rd^s in Yähweh's **h**ouse.

8 **Wh**en Jeremiah had **fin**ish^ed **spe**aking **á**ll **th**at Yähweh had commanded him to **spe**ak to **á**ll the **pe**ople, the **pr**iests and the **pr**ophets and **á**ll the **pe**ople **se**ized him, **sa**ying, "You **sh**all **su**rely **di**e."

9 **Wh**y have **you** **pr**ophesied in Yähweh's **na**me, **sa**ying, **Th**is **h**ouse **sh**all be **li**ke Shiloh, and **th**is **ç**ity **sh**all be **de**şolate, **with**out inhabitant? **á**ll the **pe**ople **wê**re **ga**th^ered to Jeremiah in Yähweh's **h**ouse.

10 **Wh**en the **pr**inçes of **Ju**dah **hê**ard **th**ese **th**ings, **th**ey **ca**me up from the king's **h**ouse to Yähweh's **h**ouse; and **th**ey sat in the entry of the new **ga**te of Yähweh's **h**ouse.

11 **Th**en **sp**oke the **pr**iests and the **pr**ophets to the **pr**inçes and to **á**ll the **pe**ople, **sa**ying, **Th**is man **i**ş **wó**rthy of **de**ath; **fó**r he **ha**ş **pr**ophesied against **th**is **ç**ity, **a**ş **you** have **hê**ard with **yó**ur **ea**r^s.

12 **Th**en **sp**oke Jeremiah to **á**ll the **pr**inçes and to **á**ll the **pe**ople, **sa**ying, Yähweh sent me to **prop**hec^y against **th**is **h**ouse and against **th**is **ç**ity **á**ll the **wó**rd^s **th**at **you** have **hê**ard.

13 **Now** **th**ere^fore amend **yó**ur **wa**y^s and **yó**ur **d**oing^s, and **ob**ey Yähweh **yó**ur **G**od's **vo**ic^e; and Yähweh will repent him of the **ev**il **th**at he **ha**ş **pr**on^onc^ed against **you**.

14 **But** **a**ş **fó**r me, **be**hold, I am in **yó**ur hand: **d**e **with** me **a**ş **i**ş **g**ood and **ri**ght in **yó**ur **ey**es.

15 **Only** **kn**ow **fó**r **ç**ertain **th**at, if **you** **pú**t me to **de**ath, **you** will bring **inno**çent **bló**od on **yó**ur^{se}lv^es, and on **th**is **ç**ity, and on its inhabitants; **fó**r of a **tr**uth Yähweh **ha**ş sent me to **you** to **spe**ak **á**ll **th**ese **wó**rd^s in **yó**ur **ea**r^s.

16 **Th**en the **pr**inçes and **á**ll the **pe**ople said to the **pr**iests and to the **pr**ophets: **Th**is man **i**ş not **wó**rthy of **de**ath; **fó**r he **ha**ş **sp**oken to us in the **na**me of Yähweh **o**ur **G**od.

17 **Then** ro^se up ç^ertain of the elder^s of the land, and spok^e to **â**ll the assembly of the pe^ople, sayⁱng,

18 Micah the Morashtite proph^esied in the day^s of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spok^e to **â**ll the pe^ople of Judah, sayⁱng, Yâhw^eh of â^rmies^s say^s: Zion shall be plow^ed a^s a field, and Jeru^salem shall bec^ome he^aps, and the m^ountain of the h^ouse a^s the hi^gh plac^es of a forest.

19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and **â**ll Judah p^ut him to deat^h? Didn't he fear Yâhw^eh, and entreat the favor of Yâhw^eh, and Yâhw^eh relented of the disâ^aster which he had pron^onc^ed against them? **Thus sh^ould we** commit great evil against **o**ur own soul^s.

20 **There wa^s â**lso a man wh^o proph^esied in Yâhw^eh's name, Uriah the s^on of Shemaiah of Kiriath Jearim; and he proph^esied against this çⁱty and against this land acc^ordⁱng to **â**ll the w^ord^s of Jeremiah:

21 and when Jehoiakim the king, with **â**ll hi^s mi^ghty men, and **â**ll the princ^es, h^eard hi^s w^ord^s, the king s^ought to p^ut him to deat^h; but when Uriah h^eard it, he wa^s afraid, and fled, and went into **Egypt**:

22 and Jehoiakim the king sent men into **Egypt**, Elnathan the s^on of Achbor, and ç^ertain men with him, into **Egypt**;

23 and **they** fetch^ed Uriah **o**ut of **Egypt**, and br^ought him to Jehoiakim the king, wh^o kill^ed him with the sw^ord, and c^ast hi^s dead body into the grav^es of the common pe^ople.

24 But the hand of Ahikam the s^on of Shaphan wa^s with Jeremiah, **that they sh^ould** not give him into the hand of the pe^ople to p^ut him to deat^h.

Jeremiah 27

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the s^on of Josiah, king of Judah, cam^e this w^ord to Jeremia^h from Yâhw^eh, sayⁱng,

2 Yâhw^eh say^s to me: Make bond^s and b^ar^s, and p^ut them on y^our neck;

3 and send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the children of Ammon, and to the king of Ty^re, and to the king of Sidon, by the hand of the messenger^s wh^o c^ome to Jeru^salem to Zedekiah king of Judah;

4 and give them a command to their m^aster^s, sayⁱng, Yâhw^eh of â^rmies^s, the God of I^srael say^s, You shall tell y^our m^aster^s:

5 I have made the **earth**, the men and the animals **that are** on the **surface** of the **earth**, **by my great power** and **by my outstretched arm**; and I give it to **whom it seems right to me**.

6 **Now** have I given **all these** lands **into** the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, **my servant**; and the animals **of the field also** have I given him to **serve** him.

7 All the **nations shall serve** him, and **his son**, and **his son's son**, until the **time** of **his own land come**: and **then many nations** and **great kings shall make** him **their bondservant**.

8 It **shall** happen, **that the nation** and the kingdom **which** will not **serve** the **same** Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and **that will not put their neck** under the **yoke** of the king of Babylon, **that nation** will I **punish**, says **Yähweh**, **with the sword**, and **with the famine**, and **with the pestilence**, until I have **consumed them by his hand**.

9 But **as for you**, **don't you** listen to **your prophets**, **nor** to **your diviners**, **nor** to **your dreams**, **nor** to **your soothsayers**, **nor** to **your sorcerers**, **who speak to you**, saying, **You shall not serve** the king of Babylon:

10 for **they prophecy a lie to you**, to **remove you far** from **your land**, and **that I should drive you out**, and **you should perish**.

11 But the **nation that shall bring their neck** under the **yoke** of the king of Babylon, and **serve** him, **that nation** will I let **remain in their own land**, says **Yähweh**; and **they shall till it**, and dwell **therein**.

12 I **spoke** to Zedekiah king of **Judah** according to **all these words**, saying, Bring **your necks** under the **yoke** of the king of Babylon, and **serve** him and **his people**, and live.

13 **Why** will **you die**, **you** and **your people**, **by the sword**, **by the famine**, and **by the pestilence**, **as Yähweh has spoken concerning the nation that will not serve** the king of Babylon?

14 **Don't** listen to the **words** of the **prophets who speak to you**, saying, **You shall not serve** the king of Babylon; **for they prophecy a lie to you**.

15 For I have not sent **them**, says **Yähweh**, but **they prophecy falsely in my name**; **that I may drive you out**, and **that you may perish**, **you**, and the **prophets who prophecy to you**.

16 **Also** I **spoke** to the **priests** and to **all this people**, saying, **Yähweh says**: **Don't** listen to the **words** of **your prophets who prophecy to you**, saying, **Behold**, the **vessels of Yähweh's house shall now shortly be brought** again from Babylon; **for they prophecy a lie to you**.

17 Don't listen to **them**; sêrve the king of Babylon, and live: **Why shouïd this çity** becôme a desolation ?

18 But if **they be** prophets, and if Yähweh's wôrd be with **them**, let **them** now make interçession to Yähweh of ärmieş, **that** the vessels *which* äre left in Yähweh's house, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jeruşalem, don't go to Babylon.

19 For Yähweh of ärmieş says cönçerning the pillarş, and cönçerning the sea, and cönçerning the baseş, and cönçerning the reşidue of the vessels **that** äre left in **this çity**,

20 *which* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon didn't take, *when he* carried away captive Jeconiah the sôn of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jeruşalem to Babylon, and **äll** the nobleş of Judah and Jeruşalem;

21 yes, Yähweh of ärmieş, the God of Işrael, says cönçerning the vessels **that** äre left in Yähweh's house, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jeruşalem:

22 **They shall be** carried to Babylon, and **there shall they be**, until the day **that** I vişit **them**, says Yähweh; **then** I will bring **them** up, and restôre **them** to **this plaçe**.

Jeremiah 28

That same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the **fôurth** year, in the **fifth** month, Hananiah the sôn of Azzur, the prophet, *who* **waş** of Gibeon, spoke to me in Yähweh's house, in the preşençe of the priests and of **äll** the people, saying,

2 Thus speaks Yähweh of ärmieş, the God of Işrael, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 **Within two full yearş** will I bring again into **this plaçe** **äll** the vessels of Yähweh's house, **that** Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon **tôok** away from **this plaçe**, and carried to Babylon:

4 and I will bring again to **this plaçe** Jeconiah the sôn of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with **äll** the captiveş of Judah, *who* went to Babylon, says Yähweh; **fôr** I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

5 **Then** the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet Hananiah in the preşençe of the priests, and in the preşençe of **äll** the people *who* stôod in Yähweh's house,

6 **even** the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: Yähweh **de** so; Yähweh perform **yôur** wôrdş *which* you have prophesied, to bring again the vessels of Yähweh's house, and **äll** **them** of the captivity, from Babylon to **this plaçe**.

7 Nevertheless hear you now this wôrd that I speak in yôur earş, and in the earş of áll the people:

8 The prophets who have been befôre me and befôre you of old prophesied against many countrięş, and against great kingdômş, of wâr, and of evil, and of pestilençe.

9 The prophet who prophesieş of peaçe, when the wôrd of the prophet shall happen, then shall the prophet be known, that Yähweh haş truly sent him.

10 Then Hananiah the prophet took the bär from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and broke it.

11 Hananiah spoke in the preşençe of áll the people, saying, Yähweh sayş: Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon within twe full yearş from off the neck of áll the nationş. The prophet Jeremiah went hiş way.

12 Then Yähweh's wôrd came to Jeremiah, äfter that Hananiah the prophet had broken the bär from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

13 Go, and tell Hananiah, saying, Yähweh sayş: You have broken the bärş of wôöd; but you have made in their plaçe bärş of iron.

14 For Yähweh of ärmieş, the God of Işrael sayş: I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of áll theşe nationş, that they may sêrve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall sêrve him: and I have given him the animalş of the field älso.

15 Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah: Yähweh haş not sent you; but you make this people to trust in a lie.

16 Therefore Yähweh sayş, Behold, I will send you away from off the sûrfaçe of the êarth: this year you shall die, because you have spoken rebellion against Yähweh.

17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

Jeremiah 29

Now theşe äre the wôrdş of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jeruşalem to the reşidue of the elderş of the captivity, and to the priests, to the prophets, and to áll the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jeruşalem to Babylon,

2 (äfter that Jeconiah the king, the queen móther, the eunuchs, the prinçeş of Judah and Jeruşalem, the cräftsmen, and the smiths, had departed from Jeruşalem),

3 by the hand of Elasaah the sôn of Shaphan, and Gemariah the sôn of Hilkiyah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), saying,

4 Yähweh of ärmieş, the God of Işrael, sayş to äll the captivity, whom I have căuşed to be carried away captive from Jeruşalem to Babylon:

5 Build houşeş, and dwell in them; and plant gärdenş, and eat their fruit.

6 Take wiveş, and fäther sönş and dăughterş; and take wiveş för yôur sönş, and give yôur dăughterş to huşbandş, that they may bear sönş and dăughterş; and multiply there, and don't be diminished.

7 Seek the peaçe of the çity where I have căuşed you to be carried away captive, and pray to Yähweh för it; för in its peaçe you shall have peaçe.

8 For Yähweh of ärmieş, the God of Işrael sayş: Don't let yôur prophets who äre among you, and yôur divinerş, deceiue you; neither listen to yôur dreamş which you căuşe to be dreamed.

9 For they prophecş falsely to you in my name: I have not sent them, sayş Yähweh.

10 For Yähweh sayş, seventy yearş äre accomplished för Babylon, I will vişit you, and perform my good wôrd towärd you, in căuşing you to retûrn to this plaçe.

11 For I know the thôughts that I think towärd you, sayş Yähweh, thôughts of peaçe, and not of evil, to give you hope and a future.

12 You shall căll on me, and you shall go and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

13 You shall seek me, and find me, when you shall sêarch för me with äll yôur heärt.

14 I will be found by you, sayş Yähweh, and I will tûrn again yôur captivity, and I will gather you from äll the nationş, and from äll the plaçeş where I have driven you, sayş Yähweh; and I will bring you again to the plaçe from where I căuşed you to be carried away captive.

15 Because you have said, Yähweh haş raised us up prophets in Babylon;

16 Yähweh sayş concêrning the king who sits on David's throne, and concêrning äll the people who dwell in this çity, yôur brotherş who haven't gone with you into captivity;

17 Yahweh of ärmieş sayş: Behold, I will send on them the swôrd, the famine, and the pestilençe, and will make them like vile figş, that cän't be eaten, they äre so bad.

18 I will pûrsue äfter them with the swôrd, with the famine, and with the pestilençe, and will deliver them to be tossed back and förth among äll the kingdómş of the

earth, to be an object of horror, and an astonishment, and a hissing, and a reproach, among **all** the nations where I have driven them;

19 because they have not listened to my words, says Yähweh, with which I sent to them my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but you would not hear, says Yähweh.

20 Hear therefore Yähweh's word, **all** you of the captivity, whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon.

21 Yähweh of armies, the God of Israel, says concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie to you in my name: Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and he shall kill them before your eyes;

22 and of them shall be taken up a curse by **all** the captives of Judah who are in Babylon, saying, Yähweh make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;

23 because they have worked folly in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken words in my name falsely, which I didn't command them; and I am he who knows, and am witness, says Yähweh.

24 Concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite you shall speak, saying,

25 Thus speaks Yähweh of armies, the God of Israel, saying, Because you have sent letters in your own name to **all** the people who are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, and to **all** the priests, saying,

26 Yähweh has made you priest in the place of Jehoiada the priest, that there may be officers in Yähweh's house, for every man who is mad, and makes himself a prophet, that you should put him in the stocks and in shackles.

27 Now therefore, Why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes himself a prophet to you,

28 because he has sent to us in Babylon, saying, The captivity is long: build houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat their fruit?

29 Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

30 Then Yähweh's word came to Jeremiah, saying,

31 Send to **all** them of the captivity, saying, Yähweh says concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I didn't send him, and he has caused you to trust in a lie;

32 **therefôre** Yâhweh says, Behold, I will **punish** Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his offspring; [a] he **shall** not have a man to dwell among **this** people, **neither shall he see** the **gôod** that I will **de** to my people, says Yâhweh, **becaûse** he has spoken rebellion against Yâhweh.

Jeremiah 30

The **wôrd** that came to Jeremiah from Yâhweh, saying,

2 **Thus** speaks Yâhweh, the God of **Işrael**, saying, Write **âll** the **wôrdş** that I have spoken to **you** in a **bôok**.

3 For, behold, the **dayş** come, says Yâhweh, **that** I will **tûrn** again the captivity of my people **Işrael** and **Judah**, says Yâhweh; and I will **câuse** **them** to **retûrn** to the land **that** I **gave** to **their** **fâtherş**, and **they shall** **poşşess** it.

4 **Theşe** **âre** the **wôrdş** that Yâhweh **spoke** **conçerning** **Işrael** and **conçerning** **Judah**.

5 For Yâhweh says: **We** have **heârd** a **voicę** of trembling, of **fear**, and not of **peaçe**.

6 Ask **nôw**, and **see** **whether** a man **doeş** travail with **child**: **Why** **de** I **see** every man with his hands on his waist, **aş** a **wôman** in travail, and **âll** **faceş** **âre** **tûrned** into **paleness**?

7 Alas! **fôr** **that** **day** **iş** **great**, **so** **that** **nône** **iş** **like** it: it **iş** **even** the **time** of Jacob's trouble; but **he shall** **be** **saved** **out** of it.

8 It **shall** **come** to **pâss** in **that** **day**, says Yâhweh of **ârmieş**, **that** I will **break** his **yoke** from off **yôur** neck, and will **bûrst** **yôur** **bondş**; and **strangerş** **shall** **no** **môre** **make** him **their** **bondşervant**;

9 but **they shall** **sêrve** Yâhweh **their** God, and David **their** king, **whom** I will **raişe** up to **them**.

10 **Therefôre** **don't** **you** **be** **afraid**, O Jacob my **sêrvant**, says Yâhweh; **neither** **be** **dishmayed**, **Işrael**: **fôr**, behold, I will **save** **you** from **afâr**, and **yôur** offspring [a] from the land of **their** captivity; and Jacob **shall** **retûrn**, and **shall** **be** **quiet** and at **eaşe**, and **no** **one** **shall** **make** him **afraid**.

11 For I am **with** **you**, says Yâhweh, to **save** **you**: **fôr** I will **make** a **füll** end of **âll** the **nationş** **where** I have scattered **you**, but I will not **make** a **füll** end of **you**; but I will correct **you** in **meaşure**, and will in **no** **way** **leave** **you** **unpunished**.

12 For Yâhweh says, **Yôur** **hûrt** **iş** **incurable**, and **yôur** **wound** **grievous**.

13 **There** **iş** **no** **one** to **plead** **yôur** **câuse**, **that** **you** **may** **be** **bound** up: **you** **have** **no** **healing** **medicines**.

14 All yôur lovers have forgotten you; **they don't seek you: fôr** I have wounded you **with** the wound of an enemy, **with** the chastisement of a cruel one, fôr the greatness of yôur iniquity, because yôur sins were increased.

15 **Why do you cry fôr yôur hurt?** Yôur pain is incurable: fôr the greatness of yôur iniquity, because yôur sins were increased, I have done **these things** to you.

16 **Therefore all those who devour you shall be devoured;** and **all yôur adversaries,** everyone of **them,** shall go into captivity; and **those who plunder you shall be plunder,** and **all who prey on you** will I give fôr a prey.

17 For I will restore health to you, and I will heal you of yôur wounds, says Yâhweh; because they have called you an outcasts, saying, It is Zion, whom no man seeks after.

18 Yâhweh says: Behold, I will turn again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have compassion on his dwelling places; and the city shall be built on its own hill, and the palace shall be inhabited in its own way.

19 Out of **them shall proceed thanksgiving** and the voice of **those who make merry:** and I will multiply **them,** and **they shall not be few;** I will also glorify **them,** and **they shall not be small.**

20 **Their children also shall be as before,** and **their congregation shall be established before me;** and I will punish **all who oppress them.**

21 **Their prince shall be of themselves,** and **their ruler shall proceed from among them;** and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach to me: fôr **who is he who has had boldness to approach to me?** says Yâhweh.

22 **You shall be my people,** and I will be yôur God.

23 Behold, Yâhweh's storm, his wrath, has gone out, a sweeping storm: it shall burst on the head of the wicked.

24 The fierce anger of Yâhweh will not return, until he has executed, and until he has performed the intentions of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it.

Jeremiah 31

At that time, says Yâhweh, will I be the God of **all the families of Israel,** and **they shall be my people.**

2 Yâhweh says, The people who were left of the sword found favor in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.

3 Yâhweh appeared of old to me, saying, Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love: **therefore with loving kindness** have I drawn you.

4 Again will I build you, and you shall be built, O virgin of Israel: again you shall be adorned with your tambourines, and shall go out in the dances of those who make merry.

5 Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy its fruit.

6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen on the hills of Ephraim shall cry, Arise, and let us go up to Zion to Yähwëh our God.

7 For Yähwëh says, Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout for the chief of the nations: publish, praise, and say, Yähwëh, save your people, the remnant of Israel.

8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth, along with the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her who travails with child together: a great company shall they return here.

9 They shall come with weeping; and with petitions will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters, in a straight way in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

10 Hear Yähwëh's word, you nations, and declare it in the islands afar off; and say, He who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd does his flock.

11 For Yähwëh has ransomed Jacob, and redeemed him from the hand of him who was stronger than he.

12 They shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow to the goodness of Yähwëh, to the grain, and to the new wine, and to the oil, and to the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old together; for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

14 I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, says Yähwëh.

15 Yähwëh says: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.

16 Yāhweh sayš: Refrain yōur voiçe from weeping, and yōur eyeš from tearš; fōr yōur wōrk shall be rewārded, sayš Yāhweh; and they shall cōme again from the land of the enemy.

17 There iš hope fōr yōur latter end, sayš Yāhweh; and yōur children shall cōme again to their own bōrder.

18 I have surely hēard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus, You have chastišed me, and I waš chastišed, aš an untrained cāf: tūr̄n me, and I shall be tūr̄ned; fōr you āre Yāhweh my God.

19 Surely āfter that I waš tūr̄ned, I repented; and āfter that I waš instructed, I struck on my thigh: I waš ashamed, yes, even confounded, becauše I bōre the reproach of my youth.

20 Iš Ephraim my dear sōn? iš he a dārling child? fōr aš often aš I speak against him, I do ē earnestly remember him still: therefore my heārt yēarnš fōr him; I will surely have mērcy on him, sayš Yāhweh.

21 Set up road signš, make guideposts; set yōur heārt towārd the hīghway, even the way by which you went: tūr̄n again, vīrgin of Išrael, tūr̄n again to theše yōur çitieš.

22 How long will you go here and there, you backsliding dāughter? fōr Yāhweh haš created a new thing in the ēarth: a wōman shall encōmpass a man.

23 Yāhweh of ārmieš, the God of Išrael, sayš: Yet again shall they use this speech in the land of Judah and in its çitieš, when I shall bring again their captivity: Yāhweh bless you, habitation of righteousnes, mountain of holiness.

24 Judah and āll its çitieš shall dwell therein together, the fārmers, and thoše who go about with flocks.

25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and every sorrowfūl soul have I replenished.

26 On this I awakened, and sāw; and my sleep waš sweet to me.

27 Behold, the dayš cōme, sayš Yāhweh, that I will sow the house of Išrael and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of animal.

28 It shall happen that, like aš I have watched over them to pluck up and to break down and to overthrow and to destroy and to afflict, so will I watch over them to build and to plant, sayš Yāhweh.

29 In thoše dayš they shall say no mōre, The fāthers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth āre set on edge.

30 But everyone shall diē fōr hiš own iniquity: every man who eats the sour grapes, hiš teeth shall be set on edge.

31 Behold, the days come, says Yähweh, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Işrael, and with the house of Judah:

32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they broke, although I was a husband to them, says Yähweh.

33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Işrael after those days, says Yähweh: I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people:

34 and they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Yähweh; for they shall all know me, from their least to their greatest, says Yähweh: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more.

35 Yähweh, who gives the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who stirs up the sea, so that its waves roar; Yähweh of armies is his name, says:

36 If these ordinances depart from before me, says Yähweh, then the offspring [a] of Işrael also shall cease from being a nation before me forever.

37 Yähweh says: If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then I will also cast off all the offspring [b] of Işrael for all that they have done, says Yähweh.

38 Behold, the days come, says Yähweh, that the city shall be built to Yähweh from the tower of Hananel to the gate of the corner.

39 The measuring line shall go out further straight onward to the hill Gareb, and shall turn about to Goah.

40 The whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields to the brook Kidron, to the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy to Yähweh; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more forever.

Jeremiah 32

The word that came to Jeremiah from Yähweh in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

2 Now at that time the king of Babylon's army was besieging Jerusalem; and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard, which was in the king of Judah's house.

3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had **shut** him up, **saying**, **Why** **do** you **prophecy**, and **say**, **Yähweh** **says**, **Behold**, I will give **this** **city** **into** the hand of the king of Babylon, and **he** **shall** **take** it;

4 and Zedekiah king of Judah **shall** not **escape** **out** of the hand of the Chaldeans, but **shall** **surely** **be** delivered **into** the hand of the king of Babylon, and **shall** **speak** **with** him **mouth** to **mouth**, and his **eyes** **shall** **see** his **eyes**;

5 and **he** **shall** bring Zedekiah to Babylon, and **he** **shall** **be** **there** until I **visit** him, **says** **Yähweh**: **though** you **fight** **with** the Chaldeans, you **shall** not prosper?

6 Jeremiah said, **Yähweh's** **wôrd** **came** to **me**, **saying**,

7 **Behold**, Hanamel the **son** of Shallum **your** uncle **shall** **come** to you, **saying**, **Buy** **my** **field** **that** **is** in Anathoth; **fôr** the **right** of redemption **is** **your** to **buy** it.

8 **So** Hanamel **my** uncle's **son** **came** to **me** in the **côurt** of the **guärd** **accôrding** to **Yähweh's** **wôrd**, and said to **me**, **Please** **buy** **my** **field** **that** **is** in Anathoth, **which** **is** in the land of Benjamin; **fôr** the **right** of inheritance **is** **your**, and the redemption **is** **your**; **buy** it **fôr** **your**self. **Then** I **knew** **that** **this** **was** **Yähweh's** **wôrd**.

9 I **bôught** the **field** **that** **was** in Anathoth of Hanamel **my** uncle's **son**, and **weighed** him the **môney**, **even** **seventeen** **shekel** [a] of silver.

10 I **subscribed** the **deed**, and **sealed** it, and **called** witnesses, and **weighed** him the **môney** in the **balançes**.

11 **So** I **took** the **deed** of the **pûrchase**, **both** **that** **which** **was** **sealed**, **containing** the **têrm**s and **condition**s, and **that** **which** **was** **open**;

12 and I **delivered** the **deed** of the **pûrchase** to Baruch the **son** of Neriah, the **son** of Mahseiah, in the **presençe** of Hanamel **my** uncle's **son**, and in the **presençe** of the witnesses **who** **subscribed** the **deed** of the **pûrchase**, **befôre** **âll** the **Jew**s **who** **sat** in the **côurt** of the **guärd**.

13 I **commanded** Baruch **befôre** **them**, **saying**,

14 **Yähweh** of **ârmie**s, the God of **Işrael** **says**: **Take** **thesê** **deed**s, **this** **deed** of the **pûrchase** **which** **is** **sealed**, and **this** **deed** **which** **is** **open**, and **püt** **them** in an **êarthen** vessel; **that** **they** **may** **continue** many **day**s.

15 For **Yähweh** of **ârmie**s, the God of **Işrael** **says**: **House**s and **field**s and **vineyârd**s **shall** yet **again** **be** **bôught** in **this** land.

16 **Now** **âfter** I had **delivered** the **deed** of the **pûrchase** to Baruch the **son** of Neriah, I **prayed** to **Yähweh**, **saying**,

17 Ah Lórd Yähweh! Behold, *you* have made the heavens and the **earth** by *yôur* great power and by *yôur* **outstretched ärm**; **there is nothing tee härd fôr you**,

18 **who show loving kindness to thousands**, and recompense the iniquity of the **fäthers** into the böšôm of **their children äfter them**; the great, the mighty God, Yähweh of **ärmies is hiš name**;

19 great in counsel, and mighty in wörk; **whesë eyes äre open to äll the ways** of the **sons** of men, to give everyone accörding to hiš ways, and accörding to the fruit of hiš **deings**:

20 **who performed signs and wonders** in the land of **Egypt**, even to **this day**, **both** in **Išrael** and among **other** men; and made *yôurself* a name, **aš it is today**;

21 and **brought yôur people Išrael** out of the land of **Egypt with signs**, and with **wonders**, and **with** a strong hand, and **with** an **outstretched ärm**, and with great terror;

22 and **gave them this land**, *which you swöre* to **their fäthers** to give **them**, a land **flowing with** milk and **honey**;

23 and **they came** in, and **posšessed** it, but **they didn't obey yôur voiçe**, **neither wäked** in *yôur lãw*; **they have done nothing of äll that you** commanded **them to de**: **thereföre you** have **cäused äll this evil** to **cöme upon them**.

24 Behold, the **mounds**, **they have cöme** to the **çity** to **take** it; and the **çity is** given into the hand of the Chaldeans **who fight** against it, **becäuse** of the **swörd**, and of the famine, and of the pestilence; and **what you** have **spoken haš** happened; and behold, **you see** it.

25 **You** have said to me, Lórd Yähweh, **Buy** the field **fôr möney**, and **cäll** witnesses; **whereaš** the **çity is** given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 **Then Yähweh's wörd** came to Jeremiah, **saying**,

27 Behold, I am Yähweh, the God of **äll flesh**: **is there anythiing tee härd fôr me?**

28 **Thereföre Yähweh sayš**: Behold, I will give **this çity** into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and **he shall take** it:

29 and the Chaldeans, **who fight** against **this çity**, **shall cöme** and set **this çity** on fire, and **bûrn** it, **with** the **houses**, on **whesë reefs** they have offered incense to Baal, and **pöured** out drink offerings to **other gods**, to **provöke me** to anger.

30 For the **children of Išrael** and the **children of Judah** have **done only that which waš** evil in my sight from **their youth**; **fôr** the **children of Išrael** have **only provoked** me to anger **with** the wörk of **their hands**, sayš Yähweh.

31 For **this** city has **been** to me a provocation of my anger and of my **wrāth** from the day **that** they built it **even** to **this** day; **that** I **shou**ld remove it from **befō**re my **fa**ce,

32 beca^use of **ā**ll the **evil** of the **children** of **I**srael and of the **children** of **Judah**, **which** they have **dō**ne to **prō**voker me to anger, **they**, **their** kings, **their** prince^s, **their** priests, and **their** prophets, and the men of **Judah**, and the inhabitants of **Jeru**salem.

33 **They** have **tū**rned to me the back, and not the **fa**ce: and **tho**ugh I **tā**ught them, **ri**sing up **ē**arly and **te**aching them, yet **they** have not listened to **re**ceive instruction.

34 But **they** set **their** abominati^ons in the **hou**se **which** is **cā**lled by **my** name, to **de**file it.

35 **They** built the **hi**gh **plac**es of Baal, **which** **ā**re in the valley of the **son** of Hinnom, to **cā**use **their** **son**s and **their** **dā**ughter^s to **pā**ss **throu**gh fire to Molech; **which** I didn't command them, **neither** did it **cō**me into **my** mind, **that** they **shou**ld **dō** **this** abominati^on, to **cā**use **Judah** to sin.

36 **N**ow **therefō**re **Yā**hweh, the God of **I**srael, says **con**cerning **this** city, about **which** **you** say, It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by the **swō**rd, and by the famine, and **by** the pestilence:

37 **Behold**, I will **gath**er them **o**ut of **ā**ll the **coun**tries, **where** I have driven them in **my** anger, and in **my** **wrāth**, and in **gr**eat indignati^on; and I will bring them again to **this** **plac**e, and I will **cā**use them to dwell **saf**ely:

38 and **they** shall be **my** **pe**ople, and I will be **the**ir God:

39 and I will give them one **he**ärt and one **way**, **that** they may **fear** me forever, **fō**r **the**ir **gō**od, and of **the**ir **ch**ildren **ā**fter them:

40 and I will **mak**e an everlāsting **cō**venant **with** them, **that** I will not **tū**rn away from **follow**ing them, to **dō** them **gō**od; and I will **pū**t **my** **fear** in **the**ir **he**ärt^s, **that** they may not **dep**ärt from me.

41 Yes, I will **rejoice** over them to **dō** them **gō**od, and I will plant them in **this** land assuredly **with** **my** **wh**ole **he**ärt and **with** **my** **wh**ole **sou**l.

42 For **Yā**hweh says: **Like** **a**s I have **brō**ught **ā**ll **this** **gr**eat **evil** on **this** **pe**ople, **so** will I bring on them **ā**ll the **gō**od **that** I have **promis**ed them.

43 **Field**s shall be **bō**ught in **this** land, about **which** **you** say, It is **de**solate, **with**out man **ō**r animal; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

44 Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe the deeds, and seal them, and call witnesses, in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the hill country, and in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the South: for I will cause their captivity to return, says Yähwëh.

Jeremiah 33

Moreover Yähwëh's word came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the guard, saying,

2 Yähwëh who does it, Yähwëh who forms it to establish it; Yähwëh is his name, says:

3 Call to me, and I will answer you, and will show you great things, and difficult, which you don't know.

4 For Yähwëh, the God of Israel, says concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are broken down to make a defense against the mounds and against the sword;

5 while men come to fight with the Chaldeans, and to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have killed in my anger and in my wrath, and for all whose wickedness I have hidden my face from this city:

6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them; and I will reveal to them abundance of peace and truth.

7 I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.

8 I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, by which they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, by which they have sinned against me, and by which they have transgressed against me.

9 This city shall be to me for a name of joy, for a praise and for a glory, before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do to them, and shall fear and tremble for all the good and for all the peace that I procure to it.

10 Yähwëh says: Yet again there shall be heard in this place, about which you say, It is waste, without man and without animal, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without animal,

11 the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who say, Give thanks to Yähwëh of armies, for

Yähweh iſ good, fôr hiſ loving kindness endureſ forever; who bring **Thanksgiving** into Yähweh's houſe. Fôr I will cauſe the captivity of the land to return aſ at the firſt, ſayſ Yähweh.

12 Yähweh of ärmieſ ſayſ: Yet again **shall there be in this place, which iſ waste, without man and without animal, and in äll its citieſ, a habitation of ſhepherds cauſing their flocks to lie down.**

13 In the citieſ of the hill country, in the citieſ of the lowland, and in the citieſ of the South, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the placeſ about Jeruſalem, and in the citieſ of Judah, **shall the flocks again paſſ under the handſ of him who numberſ them, ſayſ Yähweh.**

14 Behold, the dayſ come, ſayſ Yähweh, **that I will perform that good wôrd which I have ſpoken concêrning the houſe of Iſrael and concêrning the houſe of Judah.**

15 In thoſe dayſ, and at that time, will I cauſe a Branch of righteouſneſſ to grow up to David; and he ſhall execute juſtiſe and righteouſneſſ in the land.

16 In thoſe dayſ **shall Judah be ſaved, and Jeruſalem ſhall dwell ſafely; and thiſ iſ the name by which ſhe ſhall be called: Yähweh our righteouſneſſ.**

17 For Yähweh ſayſ: **David ſhall never want a man to ſit on the throne of the houſe of Iſrael;**

18 **neither ſhall the prieſts the Levites want a man before me to offer brûnt offerings, and to brûn meal offerings, and to de ſacrificê continually.**

19 Yähweh's wôrd came to Jeremiah, ſaying,

20 Yähweh ſayſ: If you can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, **ſo that there ſhall not be day and night in their ſeaſon;**

21 **then may älſo my covenant be broken with David my ſêrvant, that he ſhall not have a ſôn to reign on hiſ throne; and with the Levites the prieſts, my miniſterſ.**

22 Aſ the ärmey of the ſky cän't be numbered, **neither the ſand of the ſea meaſured; ſo I will multiply the offspring [a] of David my ſêrvant, and the Levites who miniſter to me.**

23 Yähweh's wôrd came to Jeremiah, ſaying,

24 Don't Conſider **whät thiſ people haſ ſpoken, ſaying, The two familieſ which Yähweh choſe, he haſ caſt them off? thuſ de they deſpiſe my people, that they ſhou'd be no môre a nation before them.**

25 Yähweh says: If **my cövenant** of **day** and **night fail**, if I have not appointed the **ördinances** of heaven and **earth**;

26 **then** I will **älso** **cäst** away the offspring [b] of **Jacob**, and of **David my sêrvant**, **so that** I will not **take** of hiş offspring[c] to **be rulers** over the offspring [d] of Abraham, Isaac, and **Jacob**: **för** I will **cäuse** **their** captivity to **retürn**, and will have **mêrcy** on **them**.

Jeremiah 34

The **wörd** *which* **came** to **Jeremiah** from **Yähweh**, *when* **Nebuchadnezzar** king of **Babylon**, and **äl** hiş **ärmy**, and **äl** the **kingdöms** of the **earth** **that wêre** under hiş **döminion**, and **äl** the **people**, **wêre** *fighting* **against** **Jeruşalem**, and **against** **äl** the **çities** of it, **saying**:

2 **Yähweh**, the God of **Işrael**, **says**, **Go**, and **speak** to **Zedekiah** king of **Judah**, and tell him, **Yähweh** **says**, **Behold**, I will give **this çity** **intö** the hand of the king of **Babylon**, and **he shall bürn** it **with fire**:

3 and **you** shall not **escape** **out** of hiş hand, but **shall** **surely** **be taken**, and **delivered** **intö** hiş hand; and **yöur eyes** shall **see** the **eyes** of the king of **Babylon**, and **he shall** **speak** **with you** **mouth** to **mouth**, and **you shall go** to **Babylon**.

4 Yet **hear** **Yähweh's** **wörd**, O **Zedekiah** king of **Judah**: **Yähweh** **says** **conçerning** **you**, **You** shall not **die** **by** the **swörd**;

5 **you** shall **die** in **peaçe**; and **with** the **bürnings** of **yöur fathers**, the **förmer** **kings** **whö wêre** **beföre** **you**, **so shall** **they** **make** a **bürning** **för** **you**; and **they shall** **lament** **you**, **saying**, **äh Lörd!** **för** I have **spoken** the **wörd**, **says** **Yähweh**.

6 **Then** **Jeremiah** the **prophet** **spoke** **äl theşe** **wörds** to **Zedekiah** king of **Judah** in **Jeruşalem**,

7 *when* the king of **Babylon's** **ärmy** **wäş** *fighting* **against** **Jeruşalem**, and **against** **äl** the **çities** of **Judah** **that wêre** left, **against** **Lachish** and **against** **Azekah**; **för theşe** **alone** **remained** of the **çities** of **Judah** **aş** **förtified** **çities**.

8 The **wörd** **that** **came** to **Jeremiah** from **Yähweh**, **äfter** **that** the king **Zedekiah** had **made** a **cövenant** **with** **äl** the **people** **whö wêre** at **Jeruşalem**, to **proclaim** **liberty** to **them**;

9 that every man **shöü**d let hiş **male** **sêrvant**, and every man hiş **female** **sêrvant**, **whö** **iş** a **Hebrew** **ör** a **Hebrewess**, **go free**; **that no** one **shöü**d **make** **bondsêrvants** of **them**, of a **Jew** hiş **brother**.

10 All the **prinçes** and **äl** the **people** **obeyed**, **whö** had **entered** **intö** the **cövenant**, **that** everyone **shöü**d let hiş **male** **sêrvant**, and everyone hiş **female** **sêrvant**, **go free**,

that no one should make bondservants of them any more; they obeyed, and let them go:

11 but afterwards they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

12 Therefore Yāhweh's word came to Jeremiah from Yāhweh, saying,

13 Yāhweh, the God of Israel, says: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying,

14 At the end of seven years you shall let go every man his brother who is a Hebrew, who has been sold to you, and has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you: but your fathers didn't listen to me, neither inclined their ear.

15 You had now turned, and had done that which is right in my eyes, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor; and you had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:

16 but you turned and profaned my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom you had let go free at their pleasure, to return; and you brought them into subjection, to be to you for servants and for handmaids.

17 Therefore Yāhweh says: you have not listened to me, to proclaim liberty, every man to his brother, and every man to his neighbor: behold, I proclaim to you a liberty, says Yāhweh, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 I will give the men who have transgressed my covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between its parts;

19 the princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, who passed between the parts of the calf;

20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life; and their dead bodies shall be for food to the birds of the sky, and to the animals of the earth.

21 Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, who have gone away from you.

22 Behold, I will command, says Yāhweh, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant.

Jeremiah 35

The wôrd **whiçh** came to Jeremiah from Yähweh in the **days** of Jehoiakim the sôn of Josiah, king of Judah, **saying**,

2 **Go** to the **house** of the Rechabites, and **speak** to **them**, and bring **them** into Yähweh's **house**, into one of the **rooms**, and give **them** **wine** to drink.

3 **Then** I **tôok** Jaazaniah the sôn of Jeremiah, the sôn of Habazziniah, and his **brothers**, and **âll** his **sôn**s, and the **whole** **house** of the Rechabites;

4 and I **brôught** **them** into Yähweh's **house**, into the **room** of the **sôn**s of Hanan the sôn of Igdaliah, the man of God, **whiçh** **wâs** by the **room** of the **prinçes**, **whiçh** **wâs** **abôve** the **room** of Maaseiah the sôn of Shallum, the **keeper** of the **threshold**.

5 I set befôre the **sôn**s of the **house** of the Rechabites **bowls** **full** of **wine**, and cups; and I said to **them**, Drink **wine**!

6 But **they** said, **We** will drink **no** **wine**; **fôr** Jonadab the sôn of Rechab, **our** **fâther**, commanded us, **saying**, **You** shall drink **no** **wine**, **neither** **you**, **nôr** **yôur** **sôn**s, forever:

7 **neither** shall **you** build **house**, **nôr** sow **seed**, **nôr** plant vineyârd, **nôr** have any; but **âll** **yôur** **days** **you** shall dwell in tents; **that** **you** may live many **days** in the land in **whiçh** **you** live.

8 **We** have **obeyed** the **voic**e of Jonadab the sôn of Rechab, **our** **fâther**, in **âll** **that** **he** commanded us, to drink **no** **wine** **âll** **our** **days**, **we**, **our** **wive**s, **our** **sôn**s, **ôr** **our** **dâughters**;

9 nor to build **houses** **fôr** us to dwell in; **neither** have **we** vineyârd, **nôr** field, **nôr** **seed**:

10 but **we** have lived in tents, and have **obeyed**, and **done** accôrding to **âll** **that** Jonadab **our** **fâther** commanded us.

11 But **when** Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, **we** said, "Côme, and let us go to Jerușalem **fôr** **fear** of the **ârmy** of the Chaldeans, and **fôr** **fear** of the **ârmy** of the Syrians; **so** **we** will dwell at Jerușalem."

12 **Then** Yähweh's wôrd came to Jeremiah, **saying**,

13 Yähweh of **ârmies**, the God of Ișrael, **says**: **Go**, and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerușalem, Will **you** not **reçeive** **instructiôn** to listen to **my** **wôrds**? **says** Yähweh.

14 The **wôrds** of Jonadab the sôn of Rechab, **that** **he** commanded his **sôn**s, not to drink **wine**, **âre** **perfôrmed**; and to **this** **day** **they** drink **nône**, **fôr** **they** **obey** **their**

fäther's commandment: but I have spoken to **you**, **rişing** up **êarly** and **speaking**; and **you** have not listened to **me**.

15 I have sent **älso** to **you** **äll my** **sêrvants** the **prophets**, **rişing** up **êarly** and sending **them**, **saying**, **Retûrn** **nôw** every man from hiş **evil way**, and amend **yôur** **dœings**, and **don't go äfter** **öther** **godş** to **sêrve** **them**, and **you** **shall** dwell in the land **which** I have given to **you** and to **yôur** **fätherş**: but **you** have not inclined **yôur** **ear**, **nôr** listened to **me**.

16 **Beçause** the **sonş** of Jonadab the **son** of Rechab have performed the commandment of **their** **fäther** **which** he commanded **them**, but **this** **people** haş not listened to **me**;

17 **thereföre** **Yähweh**, the God of **ärmieş**, the God of **Işrael**, **sayş**: **Behold**, I will bring on **Judah** and on **äll** the inhabitants of **Jeruşalem** **äll** the **evil** **that** I have pronounced against **them**; **beçause** I have spoken to **them**, but **they** have not **heard**; and I have **called** to **them**, but **they** have not answered.

18 **Jeremiah** said to the **house** of the Rechabites, **Yähweh** of **ärmieş**, the God of **Işrael**, **sayş**: **Beçause** **you** have **obeyed** the commandment of Jonadab **yôur** **fäther**, and kept **äll** hiş **preçepts**, and **done** according to **äll** **that** he commanded **you**;

19 **thereföre** **Yähweh** of **ärmieş**, the God of **Işrael**, **sayş**: Jonadab the **son** of Rechab **shall** not want a man to stand beföre **me** forever.

Jeremiah 36

In the **fôurth** year of Jehoiakim the **son** of Josiah, king of **Judah**, **this** **wôrd** came to **Jeremiah** from **Yähweh**, **saying**,

Take a scroll of a **böök**, and **write** **therein** **äll** the **wôrdş** **that** I have spoken to **you** against **Işrael**, and against **Judah**, and against **äll** the **nationş**, from the **day** I spoke to **you**, from the **dayş** of Josiah, **even** to **this** **day**.

3 It **may** **be** **that** the **house** of **Judah** will **hear** **äll** the **evil** **which** I **pûrpose** to **de** to **them**; **that** **they** may **retûrn** every man from hiş **evil way**; **that** I may forgive **their** iniquity and **their** sin.

4 **Then** **Jeremiah** **called** **Baruch** the **son** of Neriah; and **Baruch** **wrote** from the **mouth** of **Jeremiah** **äll** **Yähweh's** **wôrdş**, **which** he had spoken to him, on a scroll of a **böök**.

5 **Jeremiah** commanded **Baruch**, **saying**, I am **shut** up; I **cän't** go into **Yähweh's** **house**:

6 **theref**ore you go, and read in the scroll, **wh**ich you have written from **my m**outh, Yähweh's wôrdş in the earş of the peo~~p~~le in Yähweh's ho~~u~~se on the fäst day; and **ä**lso you shall read **th**em in the earş of **ä**ll Judah **wh**o cöme out of **th**eir çitieş.

7 It may be **th**ey will preşent **th**eir supplicatiön beföre Yähweh, and will retö~~r~~n everyone from hiş evil way; fôr great iş the anger and the wräth that Yähweh has pronö~~u~~nced against **th**is peo~~p~~le.

8 Baruch the sön of Neriah did accö~~r~~ding to **ä**ll **th**at Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the böök Yähweh's wôrdş in Yähweh's ho~~u~~se.

9 **N**ow in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the sön of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth mönth, **ä**ll the peo~~p~~le in Jeruşalem, and **ä**ll the peo~~p~~le **wh**o came from the çitieş of Judah to Jeruşalem, proclaimed a fäst beföre Yähweh.

10 **T**hen Baruch read the wôrdş of Jeremiah from the böök in Yähweh's ho~~u~~se, in the reö~~m~~ of Gemariah the sön of Shaphan, the scribe, in the upper cö~~u~~rt, at the entry of the new gate of Yähweh's ho~~u~~se, in the earş of **ä**ll the peo~~p~~le.

11 When Micaiah the sön of Gemariah, the sön of Shaphan, had hêard out of the böök **ä**ll Yähweh's wôrdş,

12 **h**e went döwn into the king's ho~~u~~se, into the scribe's reö~~m~~: and behold, **ä**ll the prinçesş wêre sitting **th**ere, Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the sön of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the sön of Achbor, and Gemariah the sön of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the sön of Hananiah, and **ä**ll the prinçesş.

13 **T**hen Micaiah declared to **th**em **ä**ll the wôrdş that he had hêard, *wh*en Baruch read the böök in the earş of the peo~~p~~le.

14 **T**hereföre **ä**ll the prinçesş sent Jehudi the sön of Nethaniah, the sön of Shelemiah, the sön of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, **T**ake in yö~~u~~r hand the scroll in **wh**ich you have read in the earş of the peo~~p~~le, and cöme. **S**o Baruch the sön of Neriah töök the scroll in hiş hand, and came to **th**em.

15 **T**hey said to him, Sit döwn **n**ow, and read it in ö~~u~~r earş. **S**o Baruch read it in **th**eir earş.

16 **N**ow *wh*en **th**ey had hêard **ä**ll the wôrdş, **th**ey tûrned in fear one töwä~~r~~d anöther, and said to Baruch, "**W**e will surely tell the king of **ä**ll **th**ese wôrdş."

17 **T**hey äsked Baruch, saying, Tell us **n**ow, **H**ow did you write **ä**ll **th**ese wôrdş at hiş mö~~u~~th?

18 **T**hen Baruch answered **th**em, **H**e pronö~~u~~nced **ä**ll **th**ese wôrdş to me with hiş mö~~u~~th, and I wrot~~e~~ **th**em with ink in the böök.

19 **Then** the prin**çes** said to Baruch, **Go**, **hide**, **you** and Jeremia**h**; and let **no** man **know** *where* **you** **ä**re.

20 **They** went in to the king into the **cö**urt; but **they** had **laid** up the scroll in the **re**em of Elishama the scribe; and **they** **told** **ä**ll the **wö**rd**ş** in the **ear**ş of the king.

21 **So** the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll; and **he** **tö**ok it **ö**ut of the **re**em of Elishama the scribe. Jehudi read it in the **ear**ş of the king, and in the **ear**ş of **ä**ll the prin**çes** **wh**e **stö**öd beside the king.

22 **N**ow the king **wa**ş sitting in the winter **hou**se in the **ninth** **mön**th: and **there** **wa**ş a **fire** in the brazier **bü**rn**ing** befö**r**e him.

23 *When* Jehudi had read **th**ree ö**r** fö**ur** **leaves**, the king cut it **with** the pen**knif**e, and **cä**st it into the **fire** **th**at **wa**ş in the brazier, until **ä**ll the scroll **wa**ş **cö**nsumed in the **fire** **th**at **wa**ş in the brazier.

24 **They** **w**ere not afraid, **nö**r **tö**re **th**eir **gä**rments, **neither** the king, **nö**r any of hi**ş** **s**ervants **wh**e **h**ear**d** **ä**ll **th**ese **wö**rd**ş**.

25 **Mö**reover Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had **made** inter**ç**ession to the king **th**at **he** **wö**uld not **bü**rn the scroll; but **he** **wö**uld not **hear** **th**em.

26 The king commanded Jerahmeel the king's **sö**n, and Seraiah the **sö**n of Azriel, and Shelemiah the **sö**n of Abdeel, to **take** Baruch the scribe and Jeremia**h** the **prophet**; but **Yäh**weh hid **th**em.

27 **Then** **Yäh**weh's **wö**rd **came** to Jeremia**h**, **ä**fter **th**at the king had **bü**rned the scroll, and the **wö**rd**ş** **wh**ich Baruch **wrote** at the **mö**uth of Jeremia**h**, **saying**,

28 **Take** again anö**th**er scroll, and **w**rite in it **ä**ll the fö**r**mer **wö**rd**ş** **th**at **w**ere in the first scroll, **wh**ich Jehoiakim the king of **Judah** ha**ş** **bü**rned.

29 **Cö**n**ç**erning Jehoiakim king of **Judah** **you** **shall** **say**, **Yäh**weh **says**: **You** have **bü**rned **th**is scroll, **saying**, **Why** have **you** written **th**erein, **saying**, The king of Babylon **shall** **ç**ertainly **cö**me and destroy **th**is land, and **shall** **cä**use to **ç**ease from **th**ere man and animal?

30 **Th**ere**ö**re **Yäh**weh **says** **cö**n**ç**erning Jehoiakim king of **Judah**: **He** will have **no** one to sit on David's **th**rone; and hi**ş** dead body **shall** **be** **cä**st **ö**ut in the **day** to the **heat**, and in the **n**ight to the frost.

31 I will **punish** him and hi**ş** offspring [a] and hi**ş** **s**ervants **fö**r **th**eir iniquity; and I will bring on **th**em, and on the inhabitants of **Jeru**şalem, and on the men of **Judah**, **ä**ll the **evil** **th**at I have **pronö**un**ç**ed against **th**em, but **th**ey didn't listen.

32 **Then** took Jeremiah another scroll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and many similar words were added to them.

Jeremiah 37

Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned as king, instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.

2 But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, listened to Yähweh's words, which he spoke by the prophet Jeremiah.

3 Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now to Yähweh our God for us.

4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people; for they had not put him into prison.

5 Pharaoh's army had come out of Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem heard news of them, they broke up from Jerusalem.

6 Then came Yähweh's word to the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

7 Yähweh, the God of Israel, says, You shall tell the king of Judah, who sent you to me to inquire of me: Behold, Pharaoh's army, which has come out to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land.

8 The Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city; and they shall take it, and burn it with fire.

9 Yähweh says, Don't deceive yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us; for they shall not depart.

10 For though you had struck the whole army of the Chaldeans who fight against you, and there remained but wounded men among them, yes would they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

11 When the army of the Chaldeans had broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army,

12 then Jeremiah went out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to receive his portion there, in the middle of the people.

13 When he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he laid hold on Jeremiah the prophet, saying, You are falling away to the Chaldeans.

14 Then Jeremiah said, It **iş** **fâ**lse; I am not **fâ**lling away to the Chaldeans. But **he** didn't listen to him; **so** Irijah **laid** hold on Jeremiah, and **brô**ught him to the **prinçes**.

15 The **prinçes** **wê**re angry **with** Jeremiah, and struck him, and **püt** him in **prison** in the **house** of Jonathan the scribe; **fôr** **they** had **made** **that** the **prison**.

16 **When** Jeremiah had **come** into the **dungeon** **house**, and into the **çells**, and Jeremiah had **remained** **there** many **days**;

17 **Then** Zedekiah the king sent, and **fetçed** him: and the king **âsked** him **secretly** in his **house**, and said, **iş** **there** any **wô**rd from **Yâ**hweh? Jeremiah said, **There** **iş**. **He** said **â**lso, **You** **shall** be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

18 **Mô**reover Jeremiah said to king Zedekiah, *wherein* have I sinned **against** **you**, **ôr** **against** **yô**ur **sê**rvents, **ôr** **against** **this** **people**, **that** **you** have **püt** me in **prison**?

19 **Where** **now** **â**re **yô**ur **prophets** **who** **prophesied** to **you**, **saying**, The king of Babylon **shall** not **come** **against** **you**, **nôr** **against** **this** land?

20 **Now** **plea**se **hear**, **my** **lô**rd the king: **plea**se let **my** **supplication** be **pre**sented **before** **you**, **that** **you** not **cau**se me to **retû**rn to the **house** of Jonathan the scribe, lest I **die** **there**.

21 **Then** Zedekiah the king commanded, and **they** committed Jeremiah into the **cô**urt of the **guâ**rd; and **they** **gave** him **daily** a loaf of bread **out** of the **bakers'** **street**, until **â**ll the bread in the **çity** **waş** spent. **Thus** Jeremiah **remained** in the **cô**urt of the **guâ**rd.

Jeremiah 38

Shephatiah the **son** of Mattan, and Gedaliah the **son** of Pashhur, and Jucal the **son** of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the **son** of Malchijah, **he**ard the **wô**rd**ş** **that** Jeremiah **spoke** to **â**ll the **people**, **saying**,

2 **Yâ**hweh **sayş**, **He** **who** **remainş** in **this** **çity** **shall** **die** **by** the **swô**rd, **by** the **famine**, and **by** the **pestilenç**e; but **he** **who** **goeş** **out** to the Chaldeans **shall** **live**, and his **life** **shall** be to him **fôr** a prey, and **he** **shall** **live**.

3 **Yâ**hweh **sayş**, **This** **çity** **shall** **surely** be given into the hand of the **â**rmy of the king of Babylon, and **he** **shall** **take** it.

4 **Then** the **prinçes** said to the king, "**Plea**se let **this** man be **püt** to **death**; **beca**use **he** weakens the **handş** of the men of **wâ**r **who** remain in **this** **çity**, and the **handş** of **â**ll the **people**, in **spe**aking **such** **wô**rd**ş** to **them**: **fôr** **this** man **doeşn't** **seek** the **welfare** of **this** **people**, but the **hû**rt."

5 Zedekiah the king said, **Jeremiaehold**, **he** **iş** in **yô**ur hand; **fôr** the king **iş** not **he** **who** can **de** **anythi**ng **against** **you**.

6 **Then** **tòok** **they** Jeremiah, and **cäst** him **intø** the **dungeòn** of Malchijah the king's **son**, **that** **waş** in the **còurt** of the **guärd**: and **they** let **down** Jeremiah **with** **còrdş**. In the **dungeòn** **there** **waş** **no** **wäter**, but **mirè**; and Jeremiah sank in the **mirè**.

7 **Now** **when** Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, a eunuch, **whø** **waş** in the king's **house**, **hèard** **thät** **they** had **püt** Jeremiah in the **dungeòn** (the king **then** sitting in the **gate** of Benjamin),

8 Ebedmelech went **out** of the king's **house**, and **spøkè** to the king, **saying**,

9 **My** **lòrd** the king, **thesè** men have **dønè** **evil** in **äll** **thät** **they** have **dønè** to Jeremiah the **prophet**, **whøm** **they** have **cäst** **intø** the **dungeòn**; and **he** **iş** **likely** to **diè** in the **plaçè** **wherè** **he** **iş**, **becäusè** of the **famine**; **fòr** **there** **iş** **no** **mòre** bread in the **çity**.

10 **Then** the king commanded Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, **saying**, **Take** from **herè** **thirty** men **with** **you**, and **take** up Jeremiah the **prophet** **out** of the **dungeòn**, **befòre** **he** **dièş**.

11 **So** Ebedmelech **tòok** the men **with** him, and went **intø** the **house** of the king under the **treasury**, and **tòok** **there** **ragş** and **wòrn-out** **gärments**, and let **them** **down** **by** **còrdş** **intø** the **dungeòn** to Jeremiah.

12 Ebedmelech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, **Püt** **now** **thesè** **ragş** and **wòrn-out** **gärments** under **yòur** armpits under the **còrdş**. Jeremiah did **so**.

13 **So** **they** drew up Jeremiah **with** the **còrdş**, and **tòok** him up **out** of the **dungeòn**: and Jeremiah **remained** in the **còurt** of the **guärd**.

14 **Then** Zedekiah the king sent, and **tòok** Jeremiah the **prophet** to him **intø** the **third** entry **thät** **iş** in **Yähweh's** **house**: and the king said to Jeremiah, I will **äsk** **you** **sømething**. **Hide** **nøthing** from me.

15 **Then** Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, If I **declare** it to **you**, will **you** not **surely** **püt** me to **deäth**? and if I give **you** **còunsel**, **you** will not listen to me.

16 **So** Zedekiah the king **swòre** **secretly** to Jeremiah, **saying**, **Aş** **Yähweh** **liveş**, **whø** **made** us **this** **soul**, I will not **püt** **you** to **deäth**, **neither** will I give **you** **intø** the hand of **thesè** men **whø** **seek** **yòur** **life**.

17 **Then** Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, **Yähweh**, the God of **ärmieş**, the God of **Işrael**, **sayş**: If **you** will **go** **out** to the king of Babylon's **prinçes**, **then** **yòur** **soul** **shall** **live**, and **this** **çity** **shall** not be **bùrned** **with** **fire**; and **you** **shall** **live**, and **yòur** **house**.

18 But if **you** will not **go** **out** to the king of Babylon's **prinçes**, **then** **shall** **this** **çity** be given **intø** the hand of the Chaldeans, and **they** **shall** **bùrn** it **with** **fire**, and **you** **shall** not **escape** **out** of **their** hand.

19 Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews **who** **ä**re **f**äl^len **a**way to the Chaldeans, lest **they** deliver **me** **i**nto **their** hand, and **they** mock **me**.

20 But Jeremiah said, **They** shall not deliver **you**. **O**bey, I beg **you**, **Y**ähweh's **vo**içe, in **that** **wh**ich I **s**peak to **you**: so it shall be well with **you**, and **y**öur soul shall live.

21 But if **you** **r**e^fuse to **g**o **o**ut, **this** **i**s the **w**ö^rd **th**at **Y**ähweh ha^s **sh**own **me**:

22 behold, **ä**ll the women **who** **ä**re left in the king of Judah's **h**ouse shall be **br**ö^ught **o**ut to the king of Babylon's **pr**inçes, and **th**ose women shall **s**ay, **Y**öur familiar friends have set **you** on, and have **pr**evailed **o**ver **you**. **Y**öur **f**eet **ä**re sunk in the **m**ire, **they** have **t**ürⁿed **a**way **ba**ck.

23 They shall bring **o**ut **ä**ll **y**öur **w**ive^s and **y**öur **ch**ildren to the Chaldeans; and **you** shall not **e**scape **o**ut of **their** hand, but shall be **t**aken **by** the hand of the king of Babylon: and **you** shall **c**ä^use **this** **ç**ity to be **b**ürⁿed with **f**ire.

24 **T**hen Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, Let **n**o man **k**now of **th**ese **w**ö^rds, and **you** shall not **d**ie.

25 But if the **pr**inçes **h**ear **th**at I have **t**äl^ked with **you**, and **they** **c**ö^me to **you**, and tell **you**, **D**eclare to us **n**ow **wh**at **you** have said to the king; **d**on't **h**ide it from us, and we will not **p**üt **you** to **d**ea^th; **ä**lso **wh**at the king said to **you**:

26 **th**en **you** shall tell **th**em, I **p**re^sented my **s**upplica^tion befö^re the king, **th**at he **w**ö^uld not **c**ä^use **me** to **r**e^türⁿ to Jonathan's **h**ouse, to **d**ie **th**ere.

27 **T**hen **c**ame **ä**ll the **pr**inçes to Jeremiah, and **ä**s^ked him; and **h**e **t**old **a**ccö^rding to **ä**ll **th**ese **w**ö^rds **th**at the king had commanded. **S**o **th**ey left off **s**peaking with him; **f**ör the matter **w**ä^s not **p**erçeived.

28 **S**o Jeremiah **st**ayed in the **c**ö^urt of the **g**uä^rd until the **d**ay **th**at **J**eru^salem **w**ä^s taken.

Jeremiah 39

When **J**eru^salem **w**ä^s taken, (in the **n**in^th **y**ear of Zedekiah king of **J**udah, in the **t**en^th **m**öⁿth, **c**ame **N**ebuchadnezzar king of **B**abylon and **ä**ll hi^s **ä**r^my **a**gainst **J**eru^salem, and **b**esie^ged it;

2 in the **e**levent^h **y**ear of Zedekiah, in the **f**ö^ur^th **m**öⁿth, the **n**in^th **d**ay of the **m**öⁿth, a **b**re^ach **w**ä^s **m**ade in the **ç**ity),

3 **ä**ll the **pr**inçes of the king of **B**abylon **c**ame in, and sat in the **m**iddle **g**ate, **N**ergal **S**harezer, **S**amgarnebo, **S**arsechim, **R**absaris, **N**ergal **S**harezer, **R**abmag, **w**ith **ä**ll the rest of the **pr**inçes of the king of **B**abylon.

4 When Zedekiah the king of Judah and **á**ll the men of wárr **sáw** **them**, **then** **they** fled, and went **out** of the **çity** **by** **níght**, **by** the **wáy** of the king's **gá**rden, **thru**gh the **gá**te **betwee**n the **twé** wálls; and **he** went **out** towárrd the Arabah.

5 But the árrmy of the Chaldeans **pú**rsued **them**, and **ov**ertóok Zedekiah in the **plá**ins of Jericho: and **when** **they** had **taken** him, **they** bróught him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and **he** **gá**ve **jud**gment on him.

6 **Then** the king of Babylon killed the **són**s of Zedekiah in Riblah befóre **hí**s **ey**s: **á**lso the king of Babylon killed **á**ll the **no**bles of Judah.

7 **Mó**reover **he** **pú**t **out** Zedekiah's **ey**s, and **bó**und him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon.

8 The Chaldeans **bú**rned the king's **hó**use, and the **hó**uses of the **pe**ople, **with** **fi**re, and **broke** **dó**wn the wálls of Jeru^salem.

9 **Then** Nebuzaradan the captain of the **gu**árd **carried** **away** **cap**tive **intó** Babylon the **resí**dué of the **pe**ople **whó** **remained** in the **çity**, the **des**erters **á**lso **whó** **fell** **away** to him, and the **resí**dué of the **pe**ople **whó** **remained**.

10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the **gu**árd left of the **pó**or of the **pe**ople, **whó** had **nó**thing, in the land of Judah, and **gá**ve **them** vineyárrds and **fi**elds at the **same** **tí**me.

11 **Nó**w Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon commanded Nebuzaradan the captain of the **gu**árd **con**çerning Jeremiah, **sá**ying,

12 **Tá**ke him, and **ló**ok well to him, and **dó** him **nó** **há**rm; but **dó** to him **even** **ás** **he** **sh**all tell **you**.

13 **Só** Nebuzaradan the captain of the **gu**árd sent, and Nebushazban, Rabsaris, and Nergal Sharezer, Rabmag, and **á**ll the **ch**ief **offi**çers of the king of Babylon;

14 **they** sent, and **tó**ok Jeremiah **out** of the **có**urt of the **gu**árd, and committed him to Gedaliah the **són** of Ahikam, the **són** of Shaphan, **thá**t **he** **shó**uld carry him **hó**me: **só** **he** **lived** **amó**ng the **pe**ople.

15 **Nó**w Yáhwé's **wó**rd **came** to Jeremiah, **whí**le **he** **wás** **sh**ut up in the **có**urt of the **gu**árd, **sá**ying,

16 **Gó**, and **spe**ak to Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, **sá**ying, Yáhwé of árrmie^s, the God of **Is**rael, **sá**ys: **Bé**hold, I will bring **my** **wó**rd^s on **this** **çity** **fó**r **ev**il, and not **fó**r **gó**od; and **they** **sh**all **bé** **accó**mplish^d befóre **you** in **thá**t **dá**y.

17 But I will deliver **you** in **that day**, says **Yähweh**; and **you shall not be** given into the hand of the men of **whom you are** afraid.

18 For I will **surely save you**, and **you shall not fall** by the sword, but **yôur life shall be** for a prey to **you**; **because you have put yôur trust in me**, says **Yähweh**.

Jeremiah 40

The **wôrd which came** to Jeremiah from **Yähweh**, **âfter that** Nebuzaradan the captain of the **guârd** had let him **go** from Ramah, **when he had taken him being bound in chains** among **âll** the captives of **Jerusalem** and **Judah**, **who wêre** carried away captive to Babylon.

2 The captain of the **guârd** **tôok** Jeremiah, and said to him, **Yähweh yôur God pronounced this evil on this place**;

3 and **Yähweh has brought** it, and **done** according **as he spoke**: **because you have sinned against Yähweh**, and have not **obeyed his voice**, **therefore this thing has come on you**.

4 **Nôw**, behold, I **release you** today from the **chains which are** on **yôur** hand. If it **seems good to you to come with me** into Babylon, **come**, and I will **take care** of **you**; but if it **seems bad to you to come with me** into Babylon, **don't**: behold, **âll** the land **is before you**; **where it seems good and right to you to go, there go**.

5 **Nôw while he** had not yet gone back, **Go back then, he** said, to Gedaliah the **son** of Ahikam, the **son** of Shaphan, **whom** the king of Babylon **has made governor over the cities of Judah**, and dwell **with him among the people**; **ôr go** wherever it **seems right to you to go**. So the captain of the **guârd** **gave** him **food** and a **present**, and let him **go**.

6 **Then** went Jeremiah to Gedaliah the **son** of Ahikam to Mizpah, and **lived with him among the people who wêre** left in the land.

7 **Nôw when âll** the captains of the **fôrces** **who wêre** in the **fields**, **even they and their men, heard that** the king of Babylon had **made** Gedaliah the **son** of Ahikam **governor** in the land, and had committed to him men, and women, and **children**, and of the **pôrest** of the land, of **thosê** **who wêre** not carried away captive to Babylon;

8 **then they** **came** to Gedaliah to Mizpah, Ishmael the **son** of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the **sons** of Kareah, and Seraiah the **son** of Tanhumeth, and the **sons** of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the **son** of the Maacathite, **they and their men**.

9 Gedaliah the s**o**n of Ahikam the s**o**n of Shaphan sw**o**re to **th**em and to **th**eir men, saying, **D**on't be afraid to s**e**rve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and s**e**rve the king of Babylon, and it **sh**all be well with **yo**u.

10 **A**s f**o**r me, beh**o**ld, I will dwell at Mizpah, to stand bef**o**re the Chaldeans **wh**o **sh**all c**o**me to us: but **yo**u, g**ath**er wine and summer fruits and oil, and **put** **th**em in **yo**ur vessels, and dwell in **yo**ur **ci**ties **th**at **yo**u have **taken**.

11 **L**ik**ew**ise when **a**ll the Jew**s** **wh**o **w**ere in Moab, and among the **ch**ildren of Ammon, and in Edom, and **wh**o **w**ere in **a**ll the coun**tri**es, h**e**ard **th**at the king of Babylon had left a remnant of **J**udah, and **th**at **he** had set **o**ver **th**em Gedaliah the s**o**n of Ahikam, the s**o**n of Shaphan;

12 **th**en **a**ll the Jew**s** ret**u**rn**e**d **o**ut of **a**ll **pl**aces **wh**ere **th**ey **w**ere driven, and **ca**me to the land of **J**udah, to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and g**ath**er**e**d wine and summer fruits very **mu**ch.

13 **M**ore**o**ver Johanan the s**o**n of Kareah, and **a**ll the capt**ain**s of the **fo**rc**e**s **wh**o **w**ere in the **fi**eld**s**, **ca**me to Gedaliah to Mizpah,

14 and said to him, **D**e **yo**u **kn**ow **th**at Baalis the king of the **ch**ildren of Ammon has sent Ishmael the s**o**n of Nethaniah to **ta**ke **yo**ur **li**fe? But Gedaliah the s**o**n of Ahikam didn't believe **th**em.

15 **Th**en Johanan the s**o**n of Kareah sp**o**ke to Gedaliah in Mizpah **se**cretly, saying, **P**le**as**e let me go, and I will kill Ishmael the s**o**n of Nethaniah, and **no** man **sh**all **kn**ow it: **Wh**y **sh**ould he take **yo**ur **li**fe, **th**at **a**ll the Jew**s** **wh**o **a**re gathered to **yo**u **sh**ould be scattered, and the remnant of **J**udah perish?

16 But Gedaliah the s**o**n of Ahikam said to Johanan the s**o**n of Kareah, **Y**ou **sh**all not **do** **th**is **th**ing; **f**o**r** **yo**u **spe**ak **fa**lsely of Ishmael.

Jeremiah 41

Now in the seventh **mo**n**th**, Ishmael the s**o**n of Nethaniah, the s**o**n of Elishama, of the royal offspring [a] and one of the **ch**ief **offi**cer**s** of the king, and ten men **with** him, **ca**me to Gedaliah the s**o**n of Ahikam to Mizpah; and **th**ere **th**ey **ate** bread **to**gether in Mizpah.

2 **Th**en **ar**ose Ishmael the s**o**n of Nethaniah, and the ten men **wh**o **w**ere **with** him, and struck Gedaliah the s**o**n of Ahikam the s**o**n of Shaphan **with** the sw**o**rd, and killed him, **wh**om the king of Babylon had **ma**de **g**overn**o**r **o**ver the land.

3 Ishmael **a**l**so** killed **a**ll the Jew**s** **wh**o **w**ere **with** him, **with** Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans **wh**o **w**ere **fo**und **th**ere, the men of **w**ar.

4 The second **da**y **a**fter **he** had killed Gedaliah, and **no** man **kn**ew it,

5 men **came** from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, **even** eighty men, having **their beardş shaved** and **their clothęş törn**, and having cut **themselves**, **with meal offerings** and frankin**ç**ense in **their hand**, to bring **them** to Yähweh's **house**.

6 Ishmael the **son** of Nethaniah went **out** from Mizpah to **meet them**, **weeping** **áll** along **aş he** went: and **aş he** met **them**, **he** said to **them**, "Come to Gedaliah the **son** of Ahikam."

7 It **waş so**, *when* **they came** into the middle of the **çity**, **that** Ishmael the **son** of Nethaniah killed **them**, and **cäst them** into the middle of the pit, **he**, and the men **who wêre** with him.

8 But ten men **wêre found** among **thoşe** **who** said to Ishmael, **Don't** kill us; **fôr** we have **stôreş** hidden in the **field**, of **wh**eat, and of **bä**rl**e**y, and of oil, and of **h**oney. **So he** stop**ped**, and didn't kill **them** among **their bro**thers.

9 **Now** the pit in **whiçh** Ishmael **cäst** **áll** the dead **bodieş** of the men **whom** **he** had killed, **by** the **side** of Gedaliah (the **same waş** **who** **whiçh** Asa the king had **made fôr** **fear** of Baasha king of **Iş**rael), Ishmael the **son** of Nethaniah filled it **with thoşe** **who wêre** killed.

10 **Then** Ishmael **carried** away captive **áll** the **reşidue** of the **pe**ople **who wêre** in Mizpah, **even** the king's **dä**ughters, and **áll** the **pe**ople **who** **remained** in Mizpah, **whom** Nebuzaradan the captain of the **guä**rd had committed to Gedaliah the **son** of Ahikam; Ishmael the **son** of Nethaniah **carried** **them** away captive, and **depä**rted to **go over** to the **children** of Ammon.

11 But *when* Johanan the **son** of Kareah, and **áll** the **captainş** of the **fôr**ç**eş** **who wêre** with him, **h**ear**d** of **áll** the **evil** **that** Ishmael the **son** of Nethaniah had **done**,

12 **then they** **töök** **áll** the men, and went to **fight** with Ishmael the **son** of Nethaniah, and **found** him **by** the **great wä**ter**ş** **that ä**re in Gibeon.

13 **Now** *when* **áll** the **pe**ople **who wêre** with Ishmael **sä**w Johanan the **son** of Kareah, and **áll** the **captainş** of the **fôr**ç**eş** **who wêre** with him, **then** **they wêre** glad.

14 **So** **áll** the **pe**ople **who** Ishmael had **carried** away captive from Mizpah **tü**rn**ed** **about** and **came** back, and went to Johanan the **son** of Kareah.

15 But Ishmael the **son** of Nethaniah **escap**e**d** from Johanan **with** **eight** men, and went to the **children** of Ammon.

16 **Then** **töök** Johanan the **son** of Kareah, and **áll** the **captainş** of the **fôr**ç**eş** **who wêre** with him, **áll** the remnant of the **pe**ople **whom** **he** had **re**c**o**ver**e**d from Ishmael the **son** of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, **ä**ft**e**r **th**at **he** had killed Gedaliah the **son** of Ahikam, the men of **wä**r, and the **women**, and the **children**, and the **eunuchs**, **whom** **he** had **brö**ught back from Gibeon:

17 and **they** dep^ärted, and lived in Geruth Chimham, **whi**ch **i**s by Bethlehem, to go to enter into **Egypt**,

18 beca^use of the Chaldeans; **f**ör **they** w^ere afraid of **them**, beca^use Ishmael the s^on of Nethaniah had killed Gedaliah the s^on of Ahikam, **wh**em the king of Babylon made g^overnor **o**ver the land.

Jeremiah 42

Then **ä**ll the captaiⁿs of the **f**ör^çe^s, and Johanan the s^on of Kareah, and Jezaniah the s^on of Hoshaiah, and **ä**ll the **pe**ople from the **le**ast **e**ven to the **gr**eatest, **ca**me **ne**ar,

2 and said to Jeremiah the **pr**ophet, **Pl**eas^e let **o**ur supplicati^on be **pr**esent^ed bef^ore **yo**u, and **pr**ay **f**ör us to Y^ähw^eh **y**ö^ur God, **e**ven **f**ör **ä**ll **th**is remnant; **f**ör **w**e **ä**re left but a few of many, **a**s **y**ö^ur **e**y^es **d**e **se**e us:

3 that Y^ähw^eh **y**ö^ur God **ma**y **sh**ow us the way in **wh**ich **w**e **sh**ö^uld **w**ä^k, and the **th**ing **th**at **w**e **sh**ö^uld **d**e.

4 Then Jeremiah the **pr**ophet said to **th**em, I have **h**eard **yo**u; **be**hold, I will **pr**ay to Y^ähw^eh **y**ö^ur God **acc**örding to **y**ö^ur **w**ö^rd^s; and it **sh**all happen **th**at **wh**atever **th**ing Y^ähw^eh **sh**all answer **yo**u, I will **d**eclare it to **yo**u; I will **ke**ep **no**thing back from **yo**u.

5 Then **th**ey said to Jeremiah, Y^ähw^eh **be** a **tr**ue and **fa**ith^ful witness **am**öng us, if **w**e **d**on't **d**e **acc**örding to **ä**ll the **w**ö^rd **wh**ich Y^ähw^eh **y**ö^ur God **sh**all send **yo**u to us.

6 Whether it **i**s **g**ö^od, **ö**r **wh**ether it **i**s bad, **w**e will **o**bey the voi^çe of Y^ähw^eh **o**ur God, to **wh**em **w**e send **yo**u; **th**at it **ma**y **be** well **wh**ith us, **wh**en **w**e **o**bey the voi^çe of Y^ähw^eh **o**ur God.

7 After ten **da**y^s, Y^ähw^eh's **w**ö^rd **ca**me to Jeremiah.

8 Then **c**ä^lled **h**e Johanan the s^on of Kareah, and **ä**ll the captaiⁿs of the **f**ör^çe^s **wh**o **w**e^re **wh**ith him, and **ä**ll the **pe**ople from the **le**ast **e**ven to the **gr**eatest,

9 and said to **th**em, Y^ähw^eh, the God of **Is**rael, to **wh**em **yo**u sent **me** to **pr**esent **y**ö^ur supplicati^on bef^ore him, **sa**y^s:

10 If **yo**u will still live in **th**is land, **th**en I will **bu**ild **yo**u, and not **p**ü^ll **yo**u **d**ö^wn, and I will **pl**ant **yo**u, and not **pl**uck **yo**u up; **f**ör I **gr**ieve **o**ver the distress **th**at I have **br**ö^ught on **yo**u.

11 Don't **be** afraid of the king of Babylon, of **wh**em **yo**u **ä**re afraid; **d**on't **be** afraid of him, **sa**y^s Y^ähw^eh: **f**ör I am **wh**ith **yo**u to **sa**ve **yo**u, and to deliver **yo**u from **hi**s hand.

12 I will grant you mērcy, **that he** may have mērcy on you, and cāuſe you to retŭrn to yōur own land.

13 But if you say, **We** will not dwell in **this** land; **so that** you don't obey Yāhweh yōur God's voiçe,

14 saying, **No**; but **we** will go into the land of **Egypt**, where **we shall see no wār**, nōr hear the sound of the trumpet, nōr have hunger of bread; and **there** will **we** dwell:

15 now **therefōre** hear Yāhweh's wōrd, O remnant of **Judah**: Yāhweh of **ārmieſ**, the God of **Iſrael**, ſayſ, If you indeed set yōur façeſ to enter into **Egypt**, and go to live **there**;

16 then it **shall** happen, **that** the ſwōrd, **which** you fear, **shall overtake** you **there** in the land of **Egypt**; and the famine, **about which** you **āre** afraid, **shall follow cloſe** behind you **there** in **Egypt**; and **there** you **shall die**.

17 So **shall** it be with **āll** the men **who** set **their** façeſ to go into **Egypt** to live **there**: **they shall die** by the ſwōrd, **by** the famine, and **by** the pestilençe; and **none** of **them** **shall** remain **ōr** escape from the **evil** **that** I will bring on **them**.

18 For Yāhweh of **ārmieſ**, the God of **Iſrael**, ſayſ: **Aſ** my anger and my **wrāth** haſ been pōured out on the inhabitants of **Jeruſalem**, **so shall** my **wrāth** be pōured out on you, **when you shall** enter into **Egypt**; and you shall be an object of horror, and an astonishment, and a cūrſe, and a reproach; and you shall see **this** plaçe **no mōre**.

19 Yahweh haſ ſpoken **conçerning** you, remnant of **Judah**, **Don't** you go into **Egypt**: **know çertainly** **that** I have testified to you today.

20 For you have dealt **deçeitfully** against yōur own ſoulſ; **fōr** you sent me to Yāhweh yōur God, **saying**, **Pray fōr** us to Yāhweh our God; and **accōrding** to **āll that** Yāhweh our God **shall** say, **so declare** to us, and **we** will **de** it:

21 and I have **declared** it to you today; but you have not **obeyed** Yāhweh yōur God's voiçe in any **thing** **fōr** **which** he haſ sent me to you.

22 Now **therefōre** **know çertainly** **that** you shall **die** **by** the ſwōrd, **by** the famine, and **by** the pestilençe, in the **plaçe** where you **deſire** to go to live **there**.

Jeremiah 43

When Jeremiah had **finiſhed** ſpeaking to **āll** the people **āll** the wōrdſ of Yāhweh **their** God, **with which** Yāhweh **their** God had sent him to **them**, **even āll theſe** wōrdſ,

2 **then** ſpoke Azariah the ſōn of Hoſhaiah, and Johanan the ſōn of Kareah, and **āll** the **preud** men, **saying** to Jeremiah, **You** ſpeak **fālsely**: Yāhweh our God haſ not sent you to say, **You shall** not go into **Egypt** to live **there**;

3 but Baruch the **son** of Neriah sets **you** on **against** us, to deliver us **into** the hand of the Chaldeans, **that they may put** us to **death**, and carry us **away** captive to Babylon.

4 **So** Johanan the **son** of Kareah, and **all** the captains of the **forces**, and **all** the **people**, didn't **obey** Yāhweh's **voice**, to dwell in the land of **Judah**.

5 But Johanan the **son** of Kareah, and **all** the captains of the **forces**, **took all** the remnant of **Judah**, **who were** returned from **all** the **nations** **where they had been** driven, to live in the land of **Judah**;

6 the men, and the women, and the **children**, and the king's **daughters**, and every **person** **who** Nebuzaradan the captain of the **guard** had left **with** Gedaliah the **son** of Ahikam, the **son** of Shaphan; and Jeremiah the **prophet**, and Baruch the **son** of Neriah;

7 and **they came** into the land of **Egypt**; **for they didn't obey** Yāhweh's **voice**: and **they came** to Tahpanhes.

8 **Then** Yāhweh's **word** came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, **saying**,

9 **Take** great **stones** in **your** hand, and **hide** **them** in **mortar** in the brick **work**, **which is** at the entry of **Pharaoh's** **house** in Tahpanhes, in the **sight** of the men of **Judah**;

10 and tell **them**, Yāhweh of **armies**, the God of **Israel**, **says**: **Behold**, I will send and **take** Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, **my** **servant**, and will set his **throne** on **these** **stones** **that** I have hidden; and **he shall** spread his royal pavilion **over** **them**.

11 **He shall** come, and **shall** strike the land of **Egypt**; **such as are** **for** **death** shall be **put** to **death**, and **such as are** **for** captivity to captivity, and **such as are** **for** the **sword** to the **sword**.

12 I will kindle a **fire** in the **houses** of the gods of **Egypt**; and **he shall** **burn** **them**, and carry **them** **away** captive: and **he shall** array himself **with** the land of **Egypt**, **as** a **shepherd** **puts** on his **garment**; and **he shall** go **out** from **there** in **peace**.

13 **He shall** **also** break the pillars of Beth Shemesh, **that is** in the land of **Egypt**; and the **houses** of the gods of **Egypt** **shall** he **burn** **with** fire.

Jeremiah 44

The **word** **that** came to Jeremiah **concerning** **all** the **Jews** **who** lived in the land of **Egypt**, **who** lived at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Memphis, and in the country of Pathros, **saying**,

2 Yähweh of ärmieş, the God of Işrael, sayş: You have seen äll the evil that I have bröught on Jeruşalem, and on äll the çities of Judah; and behold, today they äre a desolation , and no man dwellş therein,

3 becauše of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to bûrn inçense, to sêrve other godş, that they didn't know, neither they, nôr you, nôr yôur fätherş.

4 However I sent to you äll my sêrvants the prophets, rişing up êarly and sending them, saying, Oh, don't de this abominable thing that I hate.

5 But they didn't listen, nôr inclined their ear to tûrn from their wickedness, to bûrn no inçense to other godş.

6 Therefore my wräth and my anger waş pôured out, and waş kindled in the çities of Judah and in the streets of Jeruşalem; and they äre wasted and deşolate, aş it iş today.

7 Therefore now Yähweh, the God of ärmieş, the God of Işrael, sayş: Why de you commit great evil against yôur own soulş, to cut off from yôurselveş man and wôman, infant and nûrsing child out of the middle of Judah, to leave yôurselveş no one remaining;

8 in that you provoke me to anger with the wôrks of yôur handş, bûrning inçense to other godş in the land of Egypt, where you have gone to live; that you may be cut off, and that you may be a cûrse and a reproach among äll the nations of the êarth?

9 Have you forgotten the wickedness of yôur fätherş, and the wickedness of the kingş of Judah, and the wickedness of their wiveş, and yôur own wickedness, and the wickedness of yôur wiveş which they committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jeruşalem?

10 They äre not humbled even to this day, neither have they feared, nôr wä/keđ in my lăw, nôr in my statute, that I set befôre you and befôre yôur fätherş.

11 Therefore Yähweh of ärmieş, the God of Işrael, sayş: Behold, I will set my façe against you fôr evil, even to cut off äll Judah.

12 I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their façeş to go into the land of Egypt to live there, and they shall äll be cónsumed; in the land of Egypt shall they fäll; they shall be cónsumed by the swôrd and by the famine; they shall die, from the least even to the greatest, by the swôrd and by the famine; and they shall be an object of horror, an astonishment, and a cûrse, and a reproach.

13 For I will punish thoşe who dwell in the land of Egypt, aş I have punished Jeruşalem, by the swôrd, by the famine, and by the pestilençe;

14 **so that none** of the remnant of Judah, **who** have gone **into** the land of **Egypt** to live **there**, **shall escape** **or** be left, to **return** **into** the land of **Judah**, to **which they** have a **desire** to **return** to dwell **there**: **for** **no** one **shall return** **save** **such as shall escape**.

15 **Then** **all** the men **who** knew **that their wives** **burned** incense to **other** gods, and **all** the women **who stood by**, a great assembly, **even** **all** the **people** **who** lived in the land of **Egypt**, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, **saying**,

16 **As** **for** the **word** **that you** have spoken to us in **Yahweh's** name, **we** will not listen to **you**.

17 But **we** will **certainly** perform every **word** **that has** gone **out of our mouth**, to **burn** incense to the **queen** of the sky, and to **pour** **out** drink offerings to **her**, **as** **we** have **done**, **we** and **our fathers**, **our kings** and **our princes**, in the **cities** of **Judah**, and in the **streets** of **Jerusalem**; **for** **then** had **we** plenty of **food**, and **were** well, and **saw** **no** evil.

18 But **since** **we** left off **burning** incense to the **queen** of the sky, and **pouring** **out** drink offerings to **her**, **we** have **wanted** **all things**, and have **been** **consumed** **by** the **sword** and **by** the famine.

19 **When** **we** **burned** incense to the **queen** of the sky, and **poured** **out** drink offerings to **her**, did **we** **make** **her** cakes to **worship** **her**, and **pour** **out** drink offerings to **her**, **without** **our** husbands?

20 **Then** Jeremiah said to **all** the **people**, to the men, and to the women, **even** to **all** the **people** **who** had given him an answer, **saying**,

21 The incense **that you** **burned** in the **cities** of **Judah**, and in the **streets** of **Jerusalem**, **you** and **your fathers**, **your kings** and **your princes**, and the **people** of the land, didn't **Yahweh** remember **them**, and didn't it **come** **into** his **mind**?

22 **so that** **Yahweh** could **no** longer bear, **because** of the **evil** of **your** **doings**, and **because** of the **abominations** **which** **you** have committed; **therefore** **your** land has **become** a **desolation**, and an **astonishment**, and a **curse**, **without** inhabitant, **as** it **is** today.

23 **Because** **you** have **burned** incense, and **because** **you** have sinned against **Yahweh**, and have not **obeyed** **Yahweh's** voice, **nor** **walked** in his **law**, **nor** in his **statute**, **nor** in his **testimonies**; **therefore** **this** **evil** has happened to **you**, **as** it **is** today.

24 **Moreover** Jeremiah said to **all** the **people**, and to **all** the women, **Hear** **Yahweh's** **word**, **all** **Judah** **who** **are** in the land of **Egypt**:

25 **Yahweh** of **armies**, the God of **Israel**, says, **You** and **your wives** have **both** **spoken** **with** **your** **mouths**, and **with** **your** **hands** have **fulfilled** it, **saying**, **We** will

surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of the sky, and to pour out drink offerings to her: establish then your vows, and perform your vows.

26 Therefore hear Yähweh's word, all Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt: Behold, I have sworn by my great name, says Yähweh, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, As the Lord Yähweh lives.

27 Behold, I watch over them for evil, and not for good; and all the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until they are all gone.

28 Those who escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, few in number; and all the remnant of Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt to live there, shall know whose word shall stand, mine, or theirs.

29 This shall be the sign to you, says Yähweh, that I will punish you in this place, that you may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil:

30 Yähweh says, Behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of those who seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, who was his enemy, and sought his life.

Jeremiah 45

The message that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

2 Yähweh, the God of Israel, says to you, Baruch:

3 You said, Woe is me now! for Yähweh has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.

4 You shall tell him, Yähweh says: Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up; and this in the whole land.

5 Do you seek great things for yourself? Don't seek them; for, behold, I will bring evil on all flesh, says Yähweh; but your life will I give to you for a prey in all places where you go.

Jeremiah 46

Yähweh's word which came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.

2 Of **Egypt**: cōncērnīng the ärmý of **Pharaoh** Necoḥ king of **Egypt**, *whīch wāṣ* by the river **Euphrateṣ** in Carchemiṣ, *whīch* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon struck in the fōurth year of Jehoiakim the sōn of Josiah, king of **Judah**.

3 Preparē the buckler and **shield**, and drāw near to battle!

4 Hārness the hōrseṣ, and get up, *you* hōrsemen , and stand up with *you* helmets; fūrbish the spearṣ, pūt on the coats of mail.

5 *Why* have I seen it? *they* äre diṣmayed and äre tūrned backward; and *their* mighty oneṣ äre beaten down, and have fled apace, and don't lōök back: terror iṣ on every side, sayṣ Yāhweh.

6 Don't let the swift flee away, nōr the mighty man escape; in the nōrth by the river **Euphrateṣ** have *they* stumbled and fällen.

7 *Who* iṣ *this* *who* riṣeṣ up like the Nile, *whoṣe* wāterṣ toss *themselveṣ* like the riverṣ?

8 **Egypt** riṣeṣ up like the Nile, and hiṣ wāterṣ toss *themselveṣ* like the riverṣ: and he sayṣ, I will riṣe up, I will cōver the ēarth; I will destroy çitieṣ and its inhabitants.

9 Go up, *you* hōrseṣ; and rage, *you* chariōts; and let the mighty men go out: Cush and Pūt, *who* handle the **shield**; and the Ludim, *who* handle and bend the bow.

10 For *that* day iṣ of the Lōrd, Yāhweh of ärmieṣ, a day of vengeance, *that* he may avēge him of hiṣ advērsarieṣ: and the swōrd shall devōur and be satiate, and shall drink its fill of *their* blōōd; fōr the Lōrd, Yāhweh of ärmieṣ, haṣ a sacrificē in the nōrth country by the river **Euphrateṣ**.

11 Go up into Gilead, and take bālm, vīrgin dāughter of **Egypt**: in vain dē *you* use many medicīneṣ; *there* iṣ no healing fōr *you*.

12 The nationṣ have hēard of *you* shame, and the ēarth iṣ full of *you* cry; fōr the mighty man haṣ stumbled against the mighty, *they* äre fällen both of *them* together.

13 The wōrd *that* Yāhweh spokē to Jeremiah the prophet, *hōw* *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon **shōūd** cōme and strike the land of **Egypt**.

14 Declārē in **Egypt**, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Memphis and in Tahpanhes: say, Stand up, and preparē; fōr the swōrd haṣ devōured around *you*.

15 *Why* äre *you* strong oneṣ swept away? *they* didn't stand, becauṣe Yāhweh pūshed *them*.

16 He made many to stumble, yes, *they* fell one on another: and *they* said, Arīṣe, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our bīrth, from the oppressing swōrd.

17 **They** cried **there**, **Pharaoh** king of **Egypt** iſ but a noiſe; **he** haſ let the appointed time pãss by.

18 **Aſ** I live, ſayſ the King, **whoſe** name iſ **Yãhweh** of **ãrmieſ**, ſurely like Tabor among the **mountainſ**, and like Carmel by the **sea**, **ſo** shall he cõme.

19 **You** dãughter **who** dwellſ in **Egypt**, **fũrniſh** yõurſelf to go into captivity; **fõr** Memphis shall becomẽ a **deſolation** , and shall be **bũrnt** up, **withõut** inhabitant.

20 **Egypt** iſ a very **beautifũl** heifer; but **deſtruction** out of the **nõrth** haſ cõme, it haſ cõme.

21 Also **hẽr** hired men in the middle of **hẽr** **ãre** like **cãveſ** of the **ſtãll**; **fõr** **they** **ãlſo** **ãre** **tũrned** back, **they** **ãre** fled away together, **they** didn't stand: **fõr** the **day** of **their** calamity haſ cõme on **them**, the time of **their** viſitation.

22 The **ſound** of it shall go like the **sẽrpent**; **fõr** **they** shall **mãrch** with an **ãrmy**, and cõme against **hẽr** with **axeſ**, **aſ** **wõod** cutters.

23 **They** shall cut **õwn** **hẽr** forest, ſayſ **Yãhweh**, **thõugh** it cãn't be **sẽarched**; **becãuſe** **they** **ãre** **mõre** **thãn** the locusts, and **ãre** innumerable.

24 The dãughter of **Egypt** shall be disappointed; **she** shall be delivered into the hand of the **people** of the **nõrth**.

25 **Yãhweh** of **ãrmieſ**, the God of **Iſrael**, ſayſ: Behold, I will **puniſh** Amon of **No**, and **Pharaoh**, and **Egypt**, with **hẽr** **godſ**, and **hẽr** **kingſ**; **even** **Pharaoh**, and **thõſe** **who** trust in him:

26 and I will deliver **them** into the hand of **thõſe** **who** seek **their** lives, and into the hand of **Nebuchadnezzar** king of **Babylon**, and into the hand of hiſ **sẽrvantſ**; and **ãfterwardſ** it shall be inhabited, **aſ** in the **dayſ** of **old**, ſayſ **Yãhweh**.

27 But **don't** **you** be afraid, **Jacob** my **sẽrvant**, **neither** be diſmayed, **Iſrael**: **fõr**, behold, I will **ſave** **you** from **afãr**, and yõur offspring[a] from the land of **their** captivity; and **Jacob** shall **retũrn**, and shall be **quiet** and at **eaſe**, and **no** one shall **make** him afraid.

28 **Don't** **you** be afraid, O **Jacob** my **sẽrvant**, ſayſ **Yãhweh**; **fõr** I am with **you**: **fõr** I will **make** a **fũll** end of **ãll** the **nãtionſ** **where** I have driven **you**; but I will not **make** a **fũll** end of **you**, but I will correct **you** in **meãſure**, and will in **no** way **leave** **you** unpunished..

Jeremiah 47

Yãhweh'ſ **wõrd** **thãt** **cãme** to **Jeremiah** the **prophet** **cõncẽrning** the **Philistines**, **befõre** **thãt** **Pharaoh** struck **Gaza**.

2 Yähweh sayš: Behold, wätërš riše up out of the nórth, and shall becómë an overflowing stream, and shall overflow the land and áll that iš therein, the çity and thoše who dwell therein; and the men shall cry, and áll the inhabitants of the land shall wail.

3 At the noiše of the stamping of the hooòfs of hiš strong oneš, at the rushing of hiš chariòts, at the rumbling of hiš wheełš, the fätherš don't lòok back to their children fòr feebleness of handš;

4 becauše of the day that còmëš to destroy áll the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every helper who remainš: fòr Yähweh will destroy the Philistines, the remnant of the isle of Caphtor.

5 Baldness haš còmë on Gaza; Ashkelon iš bròught to noòthing, the remnant of their valley: how long will you cut yòurself?

6 You swòrd of Yähweh, how long will it be befòre you be quiet? Pùt up yòurself into yòur scabbard; rest, and be still.

7 How can you be quiet, sinçe Yähweh haš given you a command? Against Ashkelon, and against the seashore, there haš he appointed it.

Jeremiah 48

Of Moab. Yähweh of ärmieš, the God of Išrael, sayš: Woë to Nebo! fòr it iš laid waste; Kiriathaim iš disappointed, it iš taken; Misgab iš pùt to shame and broken down.

2 The praiše of Moab iš no mòre; in Heshbon they have devišed evil against hêr: Còmë, and let us cut hêr off from being a nation. You álso, Madmen, shall be bròught to silençe: the swòrd shall pùrsue you.

3 The sound of a cry from Horonaim, desolatiòn and great destructiòn!

4 Moab iš destroyed; hêr little oneš have cáušed a cry to be hêard.

5 For by the asçent of Luhith with continual weeping shall they go up; fòr at the desçent of Horonaim they have hêard the distress of the cry of destructiòn.

6 Flee, save yòur liveš, and be like the heath in the wilderness.

7 For, becauše you have trusted in yòur wòrks and in yòur treašureš, you álso shall be taken: and Chemosh shall go out into captivity, hiš priests and hiš prinçeš together.

8 The destroyer shall còmë on every çity, and no çity shall escape; the valley álso shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed; aš Yähweh haš spoken.

9 Give wings to Moab, **that she may fly** and get hêr away: and hêr çities shall becòme a desolation , **withòut** any to dwell **therein**.

10 Cùrse^d is he **whò** **dòes** the wòrk of Yähweh negligently; and cùrse^d is he **whò** **keeps** back his swòrd from blood.

11 Moab has **been** at e^ase from his youth, and he has settled on his lees, and has not **been** emptied from vessel to vessel, **neither** has he gone into captivity: **therefòre** his taste remains in him, and his scent is not **chang**ed.

12 **Therefòre** behold, the days còme, says Yähweh, **that** I will send to him **thòse** **whò** pòur off, and **they** shall pòur him off; and **they** shall empty his vessels, and **break** **their** bottles in pieces.

13 Moab shall be **ashamed** of Chemosh, as the house of Içrael was **ashamed** of Bethel **their** confidenc^e.

14 **How** **do** you say, **We** **äre** mighty men, and valiant men fòr the wår?

15 Moab is laid waste, and **they** **äre** gone up into his çities, and his **chòsen** young men **äre** gone down to the slàughter, says the King, **whòse** name is Yähweh of **ärmies**.

16 The calamity of Moab is **near** to còme, and his affliction hurries fäst.

17 All you **whò** **äre** around him, bemoan him, and **äll** you **whò** know his name; say, **How** is the strong stäff broken, the **beautifùl** rod!

18 You dâughter **whò** dwells in Dibon, còme down from yòur glòry, and sit in **thirst**; fòr the destroyer of Moab has còme up against you, he has destroyed yòur strongholds.

19 Inhabitant of Aroer, stand **by** the way, and **watch**: **äsk** him **whò** flees, and hêr **whò** escapes; say, **Whät** has **been** **dòne**?

20 Moab is disappointed; fòr it is broken down: **wail** and **cry**; tell it **by** the Arnon, **that** Moab is laid waste.

21 Judgment has còme on the plain country, on Holon, and on Jahzah, and on Mephaath,

22 and on Dibon, and on Nebo, and on Beth Diblathaim,

23 and on Kiriathaim, and on Beth Gamul, and on Beth Meon,

24 and on Kerieth, and on Bozrah, and on **äll** the çities of the land of Moab, fàr òr near.

25 The hòrn of Moab is cut off, and his ärm is broken, says Yähweh.

26 **M**ake him drunken; **f**ör he magnified himself against Yähweh: and Moab **shall** wallow in his vomit, and he **also shall be** in derision.

27 For **wasn't** Işrael a derision to you? **was** he found among **thieves**? **f**ör aş often aş you speak of him, you **shake** yöur head.

28 You inhabitants of Moab, **leave** the **cities**, and dwell in the rock; and **be like** the **dove** that makes hêr nest **over** the **mouth** of the abyss.

29 We have hêard of the pride of Moab. He **iş** very **proud**; hiş loftiness, and hiş **pride**, and hiş arrogance, and the **h**ughtiness of hiş **heärt**.

30 I **know** hiş **wrath**, sayş Yähweh, **that it iş nothing**; hiş **boastings** have **workeđ** **nothing**.

31 **Therefore** will I **wail** **f**ör Moab; yes, I will **cry out** **f**ör **all** Moab: **f**ör the men of Kir Heres **shall they** **m**öurn.

32 **With** **m**öre **than** the weeping of Jazer will I **weep** **f**ör you, vine of Sibmah: yöur **branches** **p**ässeđ **over** the **sea**, **they reacheđ** **even** to the **sea** of Jazer: on yöur summer **fruits** and on yöur **vintage** the destroyer **iş** **f**ällen.

33 Gladness and joy **iş** **taken away** from the **fruitful** field and from the land of Moab; and I have **c**auseđ **wine** to **cease** from the **wine** presses: **no** one **shall** tread **with shouting**; the **shouting** **shall be no shouting**.

34 From the **cry** of Heshbon **even** to Elealeh, **even** to Jahaz have **they** uttered **their** **voic**e, from Zoar **even** to Horonaim, to Eglath Shelishiyah: **f**ör the **w**aters of Nimrim **also shall** **become** **desolate**.

35 **M**öreover I will **c**ause to **cease** in Moab, sayş Yähweh, him **who** offerş in the **high** **plac**e, and him **who** **b**ürnş **incense** to hiş **god**ş.

36 **Therefore** my **heärt** **sounds** **f**ör Moab **like** **pipes**, and my **heärt** **sounds** **like** **pipes** **f**ör the men of Kir Heres: **theref**öre the **abundanc**e **that he** **has** **gotten** **iş** **perish**eđ.

37 For every head **iş** **b**ald, and every **beard** clipped: on **all** the **hand**ş **äre** cuttings, and on the **waist** sackcloth.

38 On **all** the **housetops** of Moab and in its **street**ş **there iş** **lamentati**ön every *where*; **f**ör I have **broken** Moab **like** a vessel in **which** **no** one **delights**, sayş Yähweh.

39 **H**ow it **iş** **broken down**! **H**ow **they** **wail**! **H**ow Moab **has** **t**ürned the back **with** **shame**! **S**o **shall** Moab **become** a derision and a terror to **all** **who** **äre** **around** him.

40 For Yähweh sayş: **B**ehold, he **shall** **fly** aş an **eagle**, and **shall** **spread** **out** hiş **wing**ş **against** Moab.

41 Kerioth **iş** taken, and the strongholds **äre** seized, and the heart of the mighty men of Moab at **that day shall be aş** the heart of a woman in her pangs.

42 Moab **shall be** destroyed from being a people, because he has magnified himself against Yähweh.

43 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, **äre** on you, inhabitant of Moab, says Yähweh.

44 He who flees from the fear **shall fall into** the pit; and he who gets up out of the pit **shall be taken** in the snare: **för** I will bring on him, even on Moab, the year of their visitation, says Yähweh.

45 Those who fled stand without strength under the shadow of Heshbon; **för** a fire is gone out of Heshbon, and a flame from the middle of Sihon, and has devoured the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.

46 Woe to you, O Moab! the people of Chemosh is undone; **för** your sons are taken away captive, and your daughters into captivity. 47 Yet will I bring back the captivity of Moab in the latter days, says Yähweh. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

Jeremiah 49

Of the children of Ammon. Yähweh says: Has Israel no sons? has he no heir? Why then does Malcam possess Gad, and his people well in its cities?

2 Therefore behold, the days come, says Yähweh, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard against Rabbah of the children of Ammon; and it shall become a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel possess those who possessed him, says Yähweh.

3 Wail, Heshbon, **för** Ai is laid waste; cry, you daughters of Rabbah, clothe yourself in sackcloth: lament, and run back and forth among the fences; **för** Malcam shall go into captivity, his priests and his princes together.

4 Why do you glory in the valleys, your flowing valley, backsliding daughter? who trusted in her treasures, saying, Who shall come to me?

5 Behold, I will bring a fear on you, says the Lord, Yähweh of armies, from all who are around you; and you shall be driven out every man right out, and there shall be no one to gather together the fugitives.

6 But afterward I will bring back the captivity of the children of Ammon, says Yähweh.

7 Of Edom. Yähweh of armies says: Is wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?

8 **Flee**, t~~u~~rn back, dwell in the dept~~h~~s, inhabitants of Dedan; f~~o~~r I will bring the calamity of Esau on him, the t~~i~~me **that** I **shall** vi~~s~~it him.

9 If grape gatherer~~s~~ came to you, w~~o~~uld **they** not le~~a~~ve s~~o~~me gleaning grapes? if th~~i~~ev~~e~~s by ni~~g~~ht, w~~o~~uldn't **they** destroy until **they** had enough?

10 But I have made Esau bare, I have un~~c~~overed hi~~s~~ secret place~~s~~, and he **shall** not be able to hide himself: hi~~s~~ offspring [a] is destroyed, and hi~~s~~ br~~o~~ther~~s~~, and hi~~s~~ neighbor~~s~~; and he **is** no m~~o~~re.

11 Le~~a~~ve y~~o~~ur f~~a~~therless **children**, I will prese~~r~~ve **them** alive; and let y~~o~~ur widow~~s~~ trust in me.

12 For Y~~a~~hweh say~~s~~: Behold, **they** to wh~~o~~m it didn't pertain to drink of the cup **shall** c~~e~~rtainly drink; and **are** you he wh~~o~~ **shall** **altogether** go unpunished? You **shall** not go unpunished., but you **shall** surely drink.

13 For I have sw~~o~~rn by myself, say~~s~~ Y~~a~~hweh, **that** Bozrah **shall** become an astonishment, a repro~~a~~ch, a waste, and a c~~u~~rse; and **all** its c~~i~~tie~~s~~ **shall** be p~~e~~rpetual wastes.

14 I have h~~e~~ard new~~s~~ from Y~~a~~hweh, and an ambassador **is** sent among the nation~~s~~, saying, Gather y~~o~~urself~~s~~ together, and come against h~~e~~r, and ri~~s~~e up to the battle.

15 For, behold, I have made you sm~~a~~ll among the nation~~s~~, and desp~~i~~sed among men.

16 As f~~o~~r y~~o~~ur terror, the pride of y~~o~~ur he~~a~~rt ha~~s~~ de~~c~~eived you, O you wh~~o~~ dwell in the clefts of the rock, wh~~o~~ hold the height of the hill: **though** you sh~~o~~uld make y~~o~~ur nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from **there**, say~~s~~ Y~~a~~hweh.

17 Edom **shall** become an astonishment: everyone wh~~o~~ p~~a~~sse~~s~~ by it **shall** be astonished, and **shall** hiss at **all** its plague~~s~~.

18 As in the over~~t~~hrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor c~~i~~tie~~s~~ of it, say~~s~~ Y~~a~~hweh, no man **shall** dwell **there**, **neither** **shall** any s~~o~~n of man live **therein**.

19 Behold, he **shall** come up like a lion from the pride of the J~~o~~rdan against the strong habitation: f~~o~~r I will suddenly make **them** run away from it; and wh~~o~~ever **is** chosen, him will I appoint over it: f~~o~~r wh~~o~~ **is** like me? and wh~~o~~ will appoint me a time? and wh~~o~~ **is** the shepherd wh~~o~~ will stand bef~~o~~re me?

20 **Therefore** hear the counsel of Y~~a~~hweh, **that** he ha~~s~~ taken against Edom; and hi~~s~~ p~~u~~rpose~~s~~, **that** he ha~~s~~ p~~u~~rposed against the inhabitants of Teman: **Surely** **they** **shall** drag **them** away, the little one~~s~~ of the flock; **surely** he **shall** make **their** habitation des~~o~~late over **them**.

21 The **earth** trembles at the noise of **their fall**; **there is** a cry, the noise which is heard in the Red Sea.

22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread out his wings against Bozrah: and the heart of the mighty men of Edom at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 Of Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad; for they have heard evil news, they are melted away: there is sorrow on the sea; it can't be quiet.

24 Damascus has grown feeble, she turns herself to flee, and trembling has seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken hold of her, as of a woman in travail.

25 How is the city of praise not forsaken, the city of my joy?

26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be brought to silence in that day, says Yähhweh of armies.

27 I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall devour the palaces of Ben Hadad.

28 Of Kedar, and of the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon struck. Yähhweh says: Arise, go up to Kedar, and destroy the children of the east.

29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take; they shall carry away for themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry to them, Terror on every side!

30 Flee, wander far off, dwell in the depths, you inhabitants of Hazor, says Yähhweh; for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel against you, and has conceived a purpose against you.

31 Arise, go up to a nation that is at ease, that dwells without care, says Yähhweh; that have neither gates nor bars, that dwell alone.

32 Their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their livestock a plunder: and I will scatter to all winds those who have the corners of their beards cut off; and I will bring their calamity from every side of them, says Yähhweh.

33 Hazor shall be a dwelling place of jackals, a desolation forever: no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man live therein.

34 Yähhweh's word that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,

35 Yähhweh of armies says: Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.

36 On Elam will I bring the **fôur** wind**ş** from the **fôur** **quârters** of the sky, and will scatter **them** towârd **âll** **thoşe** wind**ş**; and **there** **shall** **be** **no** **natiôn** *where* the **outcâsts** of Elam **shall** not **côme**.

37 I will **câuse** Elam to **be** **dişmayed** befôre **their** **enemieş**, and befôre **thoşe** **who** **seek** **their** **life**; and I will bring **evil** on **them**, **even** **my** **fiêrce** **anger**, **says** **Yâhweh**; and I will send the **swôrd** **âfter** **them**, until I have **cônsumed** **them**;

38 and I will set **my** **throne** in Elam, and will destroy from **there** **king** and **prinçes**, **says** **Yâhweh**.

39 But it **shall** happen in the latter **days**, **that** I will bring back the captivity of Elam, **says** **Yâhweh**.

Jeremiah 50

The **wôrd** **that** **Yâhweh** **spoke** **cônçêrning** **Babylon**, **cônçêrning** the land of the Chaldeans, **by** **Jeremiah** the **prophet**.

2 **Declare** among the **natiônş** and **publish**, and set up a standard; **publish**, and **don't** **cônçéal**: **say**, **Babylon** **iş** **taken**, **Bel** **iş** **disappointed**, **Merodach** **iş** **dişmayed**; **hêr** **imageş** **âre** **disappointed**, **hêr** **idolş** **âre** **dişmayed**.

3 For **out** of the **nôrth** **there** **cômeş** up a **natiôn** **against** **hêr**, **which** **shall** **make** **hêr** **land** **deşolate**, and **no** **one** **shall** **dwell** **therein**: **they** **âre** **fled**, **they** **âre** **gone**, **both** **man** and **animal**.

4 In **thoşe** **days**, and in **that** **time**, **says** **Yâhweh**, the **children** of **Işrael** **shall** **côme**, **they** and the **children** of **Judah** **together**; **they** **shall** **go** on **their** **way** **weeping**, and **shall** **seek** **Yâhweh** **their** **God**.

5 **They** **shall** **inquire** **cônçêrning** **Zion** **with** **their** **faceş** **tûrned** **towârd** it, **saying**, **Côme**, and join **yôurselveş** to **Yâhweh** in an **everlâsting** **covenant** **that** **shall** not **be** **forgotten**.

6 **My** **people** have **been** **lost** **sheep**: **their** **shepherdş** have **câused** **them** to **go** **astray**; **they** have **tûrned** **them** **away** on the **mountainş**; **they** have **gone** from **mountain** to **hill**; **they** have **forgotten** **their** **resting** **plaçe**.

7 All **who** **found** **them** have **devoured** **them**; and **their** **advêrsarieş** **said**, **We** **âre** not **guilty**, **becâuse** **they** have **sinned** **against** **Yâhweh**, the **habitation** of **righteousness**, **even** **Yâhweh**, the **hope** of **their** **fâtherş**.

8 **Flee** **out** of the middle of **Babylon**, and **go** **out** of the land of the Chaldeans, and **be** **aş** the **male** **goats** befôre the **flocks**.

9 For, **behold**, I will **stîr** up and **câuse** to **côme** up **against** **Babylon** a **company** of **great** **natiônş** from the **nôrth** **country**; and **they** **shall** **set** **themselveş** in **array**

against hêr; from **there she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as** of an expert mighty man; **no one shall return** in vain.

10 Chaldea **shall be** a prey: **all** who prey on hêr **shall be** satisfied, says Yâhweh.

11 Because you **are** glad, because you rejoice, O you who plunder my heritage, because you **are** wanton as a heifer **that treads out** the grain, and neigh as strong horses;

12 your mother **shall be** utterly disappointed; **she** who bore you **shall be** confounded: behold, **she shall be** the least of the nations, a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

13 Because of Yâhweh's **wrath she shall not be** inhabited, but **she shall be** wholly desolate: everyone who goes by Babylon **shall be** astonished, and hiss at **all** her plagues.

14 Set yourselves in array against Babylon **all** around, **all** you who bend the bow; **shoot** at hêr, spare no arrows: **for she** has sinned against Yâhweh.

15 **Shout** against hêr **all** around: **she** has submitted herself; hêr bulwarks **are** fallen, hêr walls **are** thrown down; **for** it is the vengeance of Yâhweh: take vengeance on hêr; **as she** has done, **do** to hêr.

16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him who handles the sickle in the time of harvest: **for** fear of the oppressing sword **they shall** turn everyone to his people, and **they shall** flee everyone to his own land.

17 Israel is a hunted sheep; the lions have driven him away: first, the king of Assyria devoured him; and now at last Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has broken his bones.

18 Therefore Yâhweh of armies, the God of Israel, says: Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.

19 I will bring Israel again to his pasture, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied on the hills of Ephraim and in Gilead.

20 In those days, and in that time, says Yâhweh, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be no one; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: **for** I will pardon them whom I leave as a remnant.

21 Go up against the land of Merathaim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod: kill and utterly destroy after them, says Yâhweh, and do according to **all** that I have commanded you.

22 A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction.

23 **H**ow i**š** the hammer of the whole **ē**arth cut ap**ä**rt and broken! **h**ow i**š** Babylon bec**ö**me a desolation among the nations**š**!

24 I have laid a snare f**ö**r you, and you **ä**re **ä**lso taken, Babylon, and you w**ē**ren't aware: you **ä**re f**ö**und, and **ä**lso c**ä**ught, bec**ä**use you have striven against Y**ä**hweh.

25 Y**ä**hweh ha**š** opened hi**š** armory, and ha**š** br**ö**ught **ö**ut the weapons**š** of hi**š** indignation; f**ö**r the L**ö**rd, Y**ä**hweh of **ä**rmies**š**, ha**š** a w**ö**rk to d**ö**e in the land of the Chaldeans.

26 C**ö**me against h**ē**r from the utmost b**ö**rd**er**; open h**ē**r storehouses**š**; c**ä**st h**ē**r up a**š** he**ä**ps, and destroy h**ē**r utterly; let n**ö**thing of h**ē**r be left.

27 Kill **ä**ll h**ē**r bulls**š**; let **th**em go d**ö**wn to the sl**ä**ughter: w**ö**e to **th**em! f**ö**r **th**eir day ha**š** c**ö**me, the time of **th**eir vi**š**itation.

28 The voi**ç**e of **th**ose who flee and escape **ö**ut of the land of Babylon, to decl**ä**re in Zion the ven**ç**ean**ç**e of Y**ä**hweh **ö**ur God, the ven**ç**ean**ç**e of hi**š** temple.

29 C**ä**ll together the **ä**rcher**š** against Babylon, **ä**ll **th**ose who bend the bow; encamp against h**ē**r **ä**ll around; let n**ö**ne of it escape: rec**ö**mpense h**ē**r acc**ö**rding to h**ē**r w**ö**rk; acc**ö**rding to **ä**ll **th**at **sh**e ha**š** d**ö**ne, d**ö**e to h**ē**r; f**ö**r **sh**e ha**š** been proud against Y**ä**hweh, against the Holy One of I**š**rael.

30 **T**her**ö**fore h**ē**r young men will f**ä**ll in h**ē**r streets, and **ä**ll h**ē**r men of w**ä**r will be br**ö**ught to silen**ç**e in **th**at day, say**š** Y**ä**hweh.

31 Beh**ö**ld, I am against you, you proud one, say**š** the L**ö**rd, Y**ä**hweh of **ä**rmies**š**; f**ö**r y**ö**ur day ha**š** c**ö**me, the time **th**at I will vi**š**it you.

32 The proud one **sh**all stumble and f**ä**ll, and **no** one **sh**all r**ä**i**š**e him up; and I will kindle a fire in hi**š** cit**ies**, and it **sh**all dev**ö**ur **ä**ll who **ä**re around him.

33 Y**ä**hweh of **ä**rmies**š** say**š**: The **ch**ildren of I**š**rael and the **ch**ildren of Judah **ä**re oppres**ö**d together; and **ä**ll who t**ö**ok **th**em captive hold **th**em f**ä**st; **th**ey refuse to let **th**em go.

34 **T**heir Rede**ö**mer i**š** strong; Y**ä**hweh of **ä**rmies**š** i**š** hi**š** name: **he** will **th**ö**r**oughly ple**ä**d **th**eir c**ä**use, **th**at **he** may give rest to the **ē**arth, and dis**q**uiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

35 A sw**ö**rd i**š** on the Chaldeans, say**š** Y**ä**hweh, and on the inhabitants of Babylon, and on h**ē**r princ**es**, and on h**ē**r wi**š**e men.

36 A sw**ö**rd i**š** on the bo**ä**ster**š**, and **th**ey **sh**all bec**ö**me **f**ö**ö**l**š**; a sw**ö**rd i**š** on h**ē**r mi**ç**hty men, and **th**ey **sh**all be di**š**m**ä**yed.

37 A sword is on their horses, and on their chariots, and on all the mixed people who are in the middle of her; and they shall become as women: a sword is on her treasures, and they shall be robbed.

38 A drought is on her waters, and they shall be dried up; for it is a land of engraved images, and they are mad over idols.

39 Therefore the wild animals of the desert with the wolves shall dwell there, and the ostriches shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited forever; neither shall it be lived in from generation to generation.

40 As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor cities of it, says Yähhweh, so shall no man dwell there, neither shall any son of man live therein.

41 Behold, a people comes from the north; and a great nation and many kings shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth.

42 They lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roars like the sea; and they ride on horses, everyone set in array, as a man to the battle, against you, daughter of Babylon.

43 The king of Babylon has heard the news of them, and his hands wax feeble: anguish has taken hold of him, pains as of a woman in labor.

44 Behold, the enemy shall come up like a lion from the pride of the Jordan against the strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoever is chosen, him will I appoint over it: for who is like me? and who will appoint me a time? and who is the shepherd who can stand before me?

45 Therefore hear the counsel of Yähhweh, that he has taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely they shall drag them away, even the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over them.

46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth trembles, and the cry is heard among the nations.

Jeremiah 51

Yähhweh says: Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against those who dwell in Lebkamai, a destroying wind.

2 I will send to Babylon strangers, who shall winnow her; and they shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her around.

3 Against him who bends let the archer bend his bow, and against him who lifts himself up in his coat of mail: and don't spare her young men; utterly destroy all her army.

4 **They shall fáll down slain** in the land of the Chaldeans, and **thrust through** in hêr streets.

5 For **Işrael iş** not forsaken, nôr Judah, of hiş God, of Yähweh of ärmieş; **though their land iş full** of guilt against the Holy One of Işrael.

6 **Flee out** of the middle of Babylon, and **save** every man hiş life; **don't be** cut off in hêr iniquity: fôr it iş the time of Yähweh's vengeance; **he** will render to hêr a recompense.

7 Babylon haş been a golden cup in Yähweh's hand, **who made** äll the **earth** drunken: the nations have drunk of hêr wine; **thereföre** the nations äre mad.

8 Babylon iş suddenly fällen and destroyed: **wail fôr hêr; take bäm fôr hêr pain**, if so **be she may be healed**.

9 **We would** have healed Babylon, but **she iş** not healed: forsake hêr, and let us go everyone into hiş own country; fôr hêr judgment **reaches** to heaven, and iş lifted up even to the skies.

10 Yähweh haş produced our righteousness: **cöme**, and let us declare in Zion the work of Yähweh our God.

11 **Make sharp** the arrows; **hold firm** the shields: Yähweh haş stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes; **because** hiş purpose iş against Babylon, to destroy it: fôr it iş the vengeance of Yähweh, the vengeance of hiş temple.

12 Set up a standard against the walls of Babylon, **make** the watch strong, set the watchmen, **prepare** the ambushes; fôr Yähweh haş both purposed and done **that which he spoke** concerning the inhabitants of Babylon.

13 **You who** dwell on many waters, abundant in treasures, **yöur** end haş come, the measure of yöur covetousness.

14 Yähweh of ärmieş haş sworn by himself, saying, **Surely** I will fill you with men, **aş with** the canker worm; and **they shall** lift up a shout against you.

15 **He** haş made the earth by hiş power, **he** haş established the world by hiş wisdom, and **by** hiş understanding haş he stretched out the heavens:

16 **When he** utters hiş voice, **there iş** a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; **he** makes lightning fôr the rain, and brings the wind out of hiş treasures.

17 Every man haş become brutish without knowledge. Every goldsmith iş disappointed by hiş image; fôr hiş molten image iş falsehood, and **there iş no breath** in them.

18 **They** **ä**re vanity, a **wörk** of delu**ş**ion : in the **time** of **their** vi**ş**itation **they** **shall** perish.

19 The p**ör**tion of **Jacob** i**ş** not like **theş**e; **för** **he** i**ş** the **för**mer of **äl**l **thi**ng**ş**; and i**ş** the tribe of hi**ş** inheritan**ç**e: **Yähweh** of **ärmieş** i**ş** hi**ş** name.

20 **You** **ä**re my battle ax and weap**önş** of **wär**: and **with** **you** will I **bre**ak in **pie**ç**eş** the **nati**ön**ş**; and **with** **you** will I destroy king**dömş**;

21 and **with** **you** will I **bre**ak in **pie**ç**eş** the **hör**se and hi**ş** rider;

22 and **with** **you** will I **bre**ak in **pie**ç**eş** the **chari**öt and him **wh**e **rideş** **there**in; and **with** **you** will I **bre**ak in **pie**ç**eş** man and **wö**man; and **with** **you** will I **bre**ak in **pie**ç**eş** the **old** man and the **youth**; and **with** **you** will I **bre**ak in **pie**ç**eş** the young man and the **vî**rg**in**;

23 and **with** **you** will I **bre**ak in **pie**ç**eş** the **shep**herd and hi**ş** flock; and **with** **you** will I **bre**ak in **pie**ç**eş** the **fär**mer and hi**ş** **yoke**; and **with** **you** will I **bre**ak in **pie**ç**eş** **gö**vernör**ş** and **deputieş**.

24 I will render to Babylon and to **äl**l the inhabitants of Chaldea **äl**l **their** **evil** **that** **they** have **dö**ne in Zion in **yö**ur **ş**ight, **sayş** **Yähweh**.

25 Beh**old**, I am **ag**ainst **you**, destroying **mö**untain, **sayş** **Yähweh**, **whi**ch **de**stroy**ş** **äl**l the **ë**ar**th**; and I will **stretch** **ö**ut **my** hand on **you**, and **roll** **you** **dö**wn from the rocks, and will **make** **you** a **bû**rrnt **mö**untain.

26 **They** **shall** not **take** of **you** a **stone** **för** a **cör**ner, **nör** a **stone** **för** **foundati**ön**ş**; but **you** **shall** **be** **deş**olate **för** ever, **sayş** **Yähweh**.

27 Set up a standard in the land, **blö**w the trumpet **amö**ng the **nati**ön**ş**, **prepa**re the **nati**ön**ş** **ag**ainst **hër**, **cäll** **toget**her **ag**ainst **hër** the king**dömş** of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz: appoint a **mär**shal **ag**ainst **hër**; **cäu**şe the **hör**se**ş** to **cö**me up **aş** the **rou**gh canker **wör**m.

28 **Prepa**re **ag**ainst **hër** the **nati**ön**ş**, the king**ş** of the Medes, its **gö**vernör**ş**, and **äl**l its deputies, and **äl**l the land of **their** **dö**min**ion**.

29 The land tremble**ş** and i**ş** in **pain**; **för** the **pür**pö**şeş** of **Yähweh** **ag**ainst Babylon **dö** stand, to **make** the land of Babylon a **de**solati**ön** , **with**ö**ut** inhabitant.

30 The **mi**ghty men of Babylon have forborne to **fi**ght, **they** **remain** in **their** strong**holdş**; **their** **mi**ght ha**ş** **fail**ed; **they** **ä**re **becö**me **aş** women: **hër** dwelling **plä**ç**eş** **ä**re set on **fi**re; **hër** **bärş** **ä**re broken.

31 One runner will run to **meet** **anö**ther, and one messenger to **meet** **anö**ther, to **show** the king of Babylon **that** hi**ş** ç**ity** i**ş** taken on every **qu**ärter:

32 and the passages **ä**re seized, and the reeds **they** have **b**urned with fire, and the men of w**ä**r **ä**re frightened.

33 For Y**ä**hweh of **ä**rmies, the God of I**ş**rael says: The d**ä**ughter of Babylon **iş** like a **th**reshing fl**ö**or at the **t**ime when it **iş** trodden; yet a little *while*, and the **t**ime of h**ä**rvest shall **c**ome f**ö**r h**ê**r.

34 Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon ha**ş** devoured **me**, **he** ha**ş** crushed **me**, **he** ha**ş** made **me** an empty vessel, **he** ha**ş**, like a monster, sw**ä**llowed **me** up, **he** ha**ş** filled hi**ş** maw with **my** delicacies; **he** ha**ş** c**ä**st **me** out.

35 The violen**ç**e **d**one to **me** and to **my** flesh **be** on Babylon, **shall** the inhabitant of Zion say; and, **My** bl**ö**od **be** on the inhabitants of Chaldea, **shall** Jeru**ş**alem say.

36 **T**heref**ö**re Y**ä**hweh says: Behold, I will ple**ä**d y**ö**ur c**ä**use, and **t**ake vengean**ç**e f**ö**r you; and I will dry up h**ê**r sea, and make h**ê**r f**ö**untain dry.

37 Babylon **shall** become **he**aps, a dwelling **pl**a**ç**e f**ö**r jackals, an astonish**ment**, and a hissing, **with**out inhabitant.

38 **They** **shall** r**ö**ar together like young lions; **they** **shall** growl a**ş** lions' cubs.

39 *When* **they** **ä**re heated, I will make **their** feast, and I will ma**k**e **them** drunken, **that** **they** may rejoice, and sleep a p**ê**rpetual sleep, and not wa**k**e, says Y**ä**hweh.

40 I will bring **them** down like lambs to the sl**ä**ughter, like rams with male goats.

41 **H**ow **iş** Sheshach taken! and the prais**e** of the whole **ê**arth seized! **h**ow **iş** Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

42 The sea ha**ş** come up on Babylon; **she** **iş** covered with the multitude of its waves.

43 H**ê**r cities **ä**re become a desolation, a dry land, and a desert, a land in **wh**ich no man dwells, **neither** **d**oes any s**ö**n of man p**ä**ss **th**ereby.

44 I will execute judgment on Bel in Babylon, and I will bring **ö**ut of hi**ş** mouth **that** **wh**ich **he** ha**ş** sw**ä**llowed up; and the nations **shall** not flow any m**ö**re to him: yes, the w**ä**ll of Babylon **shall** f**ä**ll.

45 **M**y people, go away from the middle of h**ê**r, and save y**ö**urself**eş** every man from the fier**ç**e anger of Y**ä**hweh.

46 **D**on't let y**ö**ur he**ä**rt faint, **neither** fear f**ö**r the news **that** **shall** be h**ê**ard in the land; f**ö**r news **shall** come one year, and **ä**fter **that** in an**ö**ther year **shall** come news, and violen**ç**e in the land, ruler against ruler.

47 **Therefore** behold, the **days** come, **that** I will execute judgment on the engraved **images** of Babylon; and **her** whole land **shall be** confounded; and **all her** slain **shall** fall in the middle of **her**.

48 **Then** the heavens and the **earth**, and **all that is** therein, **shall** sing **for** joy **over** Babylon; **for** the destroyers **shall** come to **her** from the **north**, says **Yahweh**.

49 **As** Babylon has caused the slain of **Israel** to fall, **so** at Babylon **shall** fall the slain of **all** the land.

50 **You** who have escaped the sword, **go**, don't stand still; remember **Yahweh** from afar, and let **Jerusalem** come into **your** mind.

51 **We** are confounded, because we have heard reproach; **confusion** has covered **our** faces: **for** strangers have come into the sanctuaries of **Yahweh's** house.

52 **Therefore** behold, the **days** come, says **Yahweh**, **that** I will execute judgment on **her** engraved images; and **through** **all her** land the wounded **shall** groan.

53 **Though** Babylon should mount up to the sky, and **though** she should fortify the height of **her** strength, yet from **me** shall destroyers come to **her**, says **Yahweh**.

54 The sound of a cry from Babylon, and of great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans!

55 For **Yahweh** lays Babylon waste, and destroys out of **her** the great voice; and **their** waves roar like many waters; the noise of **their** voice is uttered:

56 for the destroyer has come on **her**, even on Babylon, and **her** mighty men are taken, **their** bows are broken in pieces; **for** **Yahweh** is a God of recompenses, he will surely requite.

57 I will make drunk **her** princes and **her** wise men, **her** governors and **her** deputies, and **her** mighty men; and **they** shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake up, says the King, whose name is **Yahweh** of armies.

58 **Yahweh** of armies says: The wide walls of Babylon **shall be** utterly overthrown, and **her** high gates **shall be** burned with fire; and the people **shall** labor **for** vanity, and the nations **for** the fire; and **they** **shall be** weary.

59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. Now Seraiah was chief quartermaster.

60 Jeremiah wrote in a book **all** the evil **that** should come on Babylon, even **all** these words **that** are written concerning Babylon.

61 Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon, then see that you read **all these words**,

62 and say, Yāhweh, you have spoken concerning **this place**, to cut it off, **that no one shall dwell therein, neither man nor animal, but that it shall be desolate forever.**

63 It shall be, when you have finished reading **this book**, that you shall bind a stone to it, and cast it into the middle of the Euphrates:

64 and you shall say, **Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise again because of the evil that I will bring on her; and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.**

Jeremiah 52

Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

2 He did that which was evil in Yāhweh's sight, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

3 For through Yāhweh's anger this happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence. Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

4 In the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it round about.

5 So the city was besieged to the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

6 In the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the famine was severe in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land.

7 Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war fled, and went out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were against the city all around;) and they went toward the Arabah.

8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him.

9 Then they took the king, and carried him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he gave judgment on him.

10 The king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he killed also all the princes of Judah in Riblah.

11 He put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison until the day of his death.

12 Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, who stood before the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem:

13 and he burned Yähwēh's house, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even every great house, he burned with fire.

14 All the army of the Chaldeans, who were with the captain of the guard, broke down all the walls of Jerusalem all around.

15 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the priest of the people, and the residue of the people who were left in the city, and those who fell away, who fell to the king of Babylon, and the residue of the multitude.

16 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the priest of the land to be vineyard keepers and farmers.

17 The Chaldeans broke the pillars of brass that were in Yähwēh's house, and the bases and the bronze sea that were in Yähwēh's house in pieces, and carried all of their brass to Babylon.

18 They also took away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the basins, the spoons, and all the vessels of brass with which they ministered.

19 The captain of the guard took away the cups, the fire pans, the basins, the pots, the lamp stands, the spoons, and the bowls; that which was of gold, in gold, and that which was of silver, in silver.

20 They took the two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve bronze bulls that were under the bases, which king Solomon had made for Yähwēh's house. The brass of all these vessels was without weight.

21 As for the pillars, the height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits;[a] and a line of twelve cubits encircled it; and its thickness was four fingers. It was hollow.

22 A capital of brass was on it; and the height of the one capital was five cubits,[b] with network and pomegranates on the capital all around, all of brass: and the second pillar also had like these, and pomegranates.

23 There were ninety-six pomegranates on the sides; all the pomegranates were one hundred on the network all around.

24 The captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold:

25 and out of the city he took an officer who was set over the men of war; and seven men of those who saw the king's face, who were found in the city; and the scribe of the captain of the army, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, who were found in the middle of the city.

26 Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.

27 The king of Babylon struck them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of his land.

28 This is the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand twenty-three Jews;

29 in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty-two persons;

30 in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty-five persons: all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.

31 In the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the twenty-fifth day of the month, Evilmerodach king of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and released him from prison;

32 and he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon,

33 and changed his prison garments. Jehoiachin ate bread before him continually all the days of his life:

34 and for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him by the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

Lamentations 1

1 **H**ow does the city sit solitary, that was full of people! She has become as a widow, who was great among the nations! She who was a princess among the provinces is become tributary!

2 She weeps sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks; Among all her lovers she has none to comfort her: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they are become her enemies.

3 Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude; She dwells among the nations, she finds no rest: all her persecutors overtook her within the straits.

4 The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn assembly; all her gates are desolate, her priests do sigh: Her virgins are afflicted, and she herself is in bitterness.

5 Her adversaries are become the head, her enemies prosper; For YAHWEH has afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: Her young children are gone into captivity before the adversary.

6 From the daughter of Zion all her majesty is departed: Her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, They are gone without strength before the pursuer.

7 Jerusalem remembers in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that were from the days of old: When her people fell into the hand of the adversary, and none did help her, The adversaries saw her, they did mock at her desolations.

8 Jerusalem has grievously sinned; therefore she is become as an unclean thing; all who honored her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: Yes, she sighs, and turns backward.

9 Her filthiness was in her skirts; she didn't remember her latter end; Therefore is she come down wonderfully; she has no comforter: See, YAHWEH, my affliction; for the enemy has magnified himself.

10 The adversary has spread out his hand on all her pleasant things: For she has seen that the nations are entered into her sanctuary, Concerning whom you did command that they should not enter into your assembly.

11 All her people sigh, they seek bread; They have given their pleasant things for food to refresh the soul: Look, YAHWEH, and see; for I am become abject.

12 Is it **noth**ing to you, **á**ll you **wh**e **pá**ss **by**? **Ló**ok, and **see** if **th**ere be any **sor**row like **my** **sor**row, **wh**ich is **bró**ught on me, **With** **wh**ich **YAHWEH** **h**as **aff**licted [me] in the **day** of his **fi**er**ce** anger.

13 From on **hi**gh **h**as he sent **fi**re into **my** **bon**es, and it **prev**ails **ag**ainst **th**em; **H**e **h**as spread a net for **my** **fe**et, he **h**as **tú**rned me back: **H**e **h**as **mad**e me **desó**late and **f**aint **á**ll the **day**.

14 The **yo**ke of **my** **tr**ans**g**ressi**o**ns is **bo**und **by** his hand; **Th**ey are **kn**it **to**get**her**, **th**ey are **có**me up on **my** neck; he **h**as **mad**e **my** **str**ength to **fail**: The **Ló**rd **h**as delivered me into **th**eir **h**ands, **ag**ainst **wh**om I am not **ab**le to stand.

15 The **Ló**rd **h**as set at **noth**ing **á**ll **my** **mi**ghty men in the midst of me; **H**e **h**as **cá**lled a **sole**mn assembly **ag**ainst me to **cr**ush **my** young men: The **Ló**rd **h**as trodden as in a winepress the **ví**rgin **dá**ughter of **Judah**.

16 For **th**ese **th**ings I **w**EEP; **my** **ey**e, **my** **ey**e runs **down** with **wá**ter; **Be**ca**us**e the **có**mforter **wh**e **sh**ould refresh **my** **sou**l is **fá**r from me: **My** **ch**ildren are **desó**late, **be**ca**us**e the enemy **h**as **prev**ailed.

17 **Zion** **sp**reads **fó**rth her hands; **th**ere is **no**ne to **có**mfort her; **YAHWEH** **h**as commanded **có**nc**er**ning **Jacob**, **th**at **th**ose **wh**e are **rou**nd **ab**out him **sh**ould be his **ad**versaries: **Jeru**salem is **am**ong **th**em as an **unc**le**an** **th**ing.

18 **YAHWEH** is **ri**ght**eo**us; for I have rebelled **ag**ainst his commandment: **P**lea**s**e **he**ar **á**ll you **pe**ople**s**, and **see** **my** **sor**row: **My** **ví**rgins and **my** young men are gone into captivity.

19 I **cá**lled for **my** **lo**vers, [but] **th**ey **de**ceiv**ed** me: **My** **p**riests and **my** **el**ders **g**ave up the spirit in the **city**, **Wh**ile **th**ey **só**ught **th**em **fo**od to refresh **th**eir souls.

20 **See**, **YAHWEH**; for I am in distress; **my** **he**ä**rt** is troubled; **My** **he**ä**rt** is **tú**rned **with**in me; for I have grievously rebelled: **Abró**ad the **swó**rd **ber**eav**es**, at **h**ome **th**ere is **de**ath.

21 **Th**ey have **h**eä**rd** **th**at I **si**gh; **th**ere is **no**ne to **có**mfort me; **á**ll **my** **en**emies have **h**eä**rd** of **my** trouble; **th**ey are glad **th**at you have **dó**ne it: **Y**ou will bring the **day** **th**at you have **pro**cl**aim**ed, and **th**ey **sh**all be **li**ke me.

22 Let **á**ll **th**eir wickedness **có**me **befó**re you; **D**e to **th**em, as you have **dó**ne to me for **á**ll **my** **tr**ans**g**ressi**o**ns: **Fó**r **my** **si**ghs are many, and **my** **he**ä**rt** is **f**aint.

Lamentations 2

1 **H**ow has the L**Ó**rd covered the d**á**ughter of Z**ion** with a cloud in his anger! **H**e has c**ä**st down from heaven to the **é**ar**th** the beauty of I**s**rael, And hasn't remembered his f**ó**ot**st**ee**l** in the day of his anger.

2 The L**Ó**rd has sw**á**llowed up **á**ll the habitations of J**acob**, and has not pitied: **H**e has **th**rown down in his w**r**á**th** the strongholds of the d**á**ughter of J**udah**; **H**e has br**ó**ught **th**em down to the ground; he has profaned the kingdom and the princes of it.

3 **H**e has cut off in fi**é**rc**e** anger **á**ll the h**ó**rn of I**s**rael; **H**e has dr**á**wn back his **ri**ght hand from bef**ó**re the enemy: **H**e has b**ú**rned up J**acob** like a flaming fire, **wh**ich dev**o**ur**s** round about.

4 **H**e has bent his bow like an enemy, he has st**ó**od with his **ri**ght hand as an adv**é**rsary, **H**as killed **á**ll **th**at were ple**á**sant to the **ey**e: In the tent of the d**á**ughter of Z**ion** he has p**ó**ured out his w**r**á**th** like fire.

5 The L**Ó**rd is become as an enemy, he has sw**á**llowed up I**s**rael; **H**e has sw**á**llowed up **á**ll her pal**á**ces, he has destroyed his strongholds; **H**e has multiplied in the d**á**ughter of J**udah** m**ó**urning and lamentation.

6 **H**e has violently taken away his tent, as if it were of a g**á**rden; he has destroyed his plac**e** of assembly: YAHWEH has c**á**used solemn assembly and Sabbath to be forgotten in Z**ion**, **H**as despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest.

7 The L**Ó**rd has c**ä**st off his **á**ltar, he has abh**ó**rred his sanctuary; **H**e has given up into the hand of the enemy the w**á**lls of her pal**á**ces: **Th**ey have made a noi**s**e in the h**o**use of YAHWEH, as in the **day** of a solemn assembly.

8 YAHWEH has p**ú**rposed to destroy the w**á**ll of the d**á**ughter of Z**ion**; **H**e has stretch**e**d out the line, he has not withdr**á**wn his hand from destroying; **H**e has made the ramp**á**rt and w**á**ll to lament; **th**ey languish together.

9 Her g**at**es are sunk into the ground; he has destroyed and broken her b**á**rs: Her king and her princ**e**s are among the n**at**ions where the **lá**w is not; Yes, her prop**h**ets find no vi**s**ion from YAHWEH.

10 The elder**s** of the d**á**ughter of Z**ion** sit on the ground, **th**ey keep sil**e**n**c**e; **Th**ey have c**ä**st up dust on **th**eir heads; **th**ey have g**í**rded **th**emsel**v**e**s** with sackcloth: The virg**í**ns of Jeru**s**alem hang down **th**eir heads to the ground.

11 **M**y **ey**e**s** de**o** fail with tear**s**, my he**á**rt is troubled; **M**y liver is p**ó**ured on the **é**ar**th**, beca**ú**se of the destruction of the d**á**ughter of my people, Beca**ú**se the young **ch**ildren and the infants sw**o**on in the stre**e**t**s** of the **ç**ity.

12 **They** tell **their mothers**, *Where is grain and wine? When they swoon* as the wounded in the streets of the city, *When their soul is poured out into their mothers' bosom.*

13 *What shall I testify to you? what shall I liken to you, daughter of Jerusalem? What shall I compare to you, that I may comfort you, virgin daughter of Zion? For your breach is great like the sea: who can heal you?*

14 **Your prophets** have seen for you false and foolish visions; **They** have not uncovered **your iniquity**, to bring back **your captivity**, But have seen for you false oracles and causes of banishment.

15 All **that pass by** clap **their hands** at you; **They** hiss and wag **their head** at the daughter of Jerusalem, [saying], **Is this the city that men called The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?**

16 All **your enemies** have opened **their mouth wide** against you; **They** hiss and gnash the **teeth**; **they say**, **We** have swallowed her up; **certainly this is the day that we looked for; we** have found, **we** have seen it.

17 YAHWEH has done **that which** he purposed; he has fulfilled his word **that** he commanded in the days of old; **He** has thrown down, and has not pitied: **He** has caused the enemy to rejoice over you; he has exalted the horn of **your adversaries**.

18 **Their heart** cried to the Lord: **wall** of the daughter of Zion, let **tears** run down like a river day and night; Give **yourself** no respite; **don't** let the apple of **your eye** cease.

19 **Arise**, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches; **Pour out your heart like water** before the face of the Lord: Lift up **your hands** toward him for the life of **your young children**, **that faint** for hunger at the head of every street.

20 **Look**, YAHWEH, and see to whom you have done thus! **Shall** the women eat **their fruit**, the **children that** are dandled in the hands? **Shall** the priest and the prophet be killed in the sanctuary of the Lord?

21 The youth and the old man lie on the ground in the streets; **My virgins** and my young men are fallen by the sword: **You** have killed them in the day of **your anger**; you have slaughtered, [and] not pitied.

22 You have called, as in the day of a solemn assembly, **my terrors** on every side; **There** was none that escaped or remained in the day of **Yahweh's anger**: **Those that** I have dandled and brought up has **my enemy** consumed.

Lamentations 3

1 I am the man **that has seen affliction** by the rod of his wrath.

- 2 He ha**ş** led me and **cau**şed me to **wá**lk in **dä**rkn**ess**, and not in **li**ght.
- 3 **Su**rely **aga**inst me he **tú**rn**ş** his hand **aga**in and **aga**in **á**ll the **da**y.
- 4 **My** **fl**esh and **my** skin ha**ş** he **ma**de **ol**d; he ha**ş** **bro**ken **my** **bo**ne**ş**.
- 5 He ha**ş** **bu**ilt **aga**inst me, and compassed me **with** **gá**ll and **trav**ail.
- 6 He ha**ş** **ma**de me to dwell in **dä**rk **pl**ac**eş**, as **tho**ş**e** **th**at have **bee**n long dead.
- 7 He ha**ş** **wá**lled me **ab**out, **th**at I **cá**n't go **fó**rth; he ha**ş** **ma**de **my** **ch**ain heavy.
- 8 Yes, *when* I **cry**, and **ca**ll for help, he **sh**uts **o**ut **my** **pr**ayer.
- 9 He ha**ş** **wá**lled up **my** **wa**y**ş** **with** hewn **sto**ne; he ha**ş** **ma**de **my** **pá**th**ş** **cro**oked.
- 10 He is to me as a bear **ly**ing in **wa**it, as a **li**on in **se**cret **pl**ac**eş**.
- 11 He ha**ş** **tú**rn**e**d **as**ide **my** **wa**y**ş**, and **p**u**ll**ed me in **pie**ce**ş**; he ha**ş** **ma**de me **de**şolate.
- 12 He ha**ş** bent his **bo**w, and set me as a **má**rk for the **ar**row.
- 13 He ha**ş** **ca**u**ş**ed the **sh**áfts of his **qu**iver to enter into **my** **re**in**ş**.
- 14 I am **bec**ome a **deri**şion to **á**ll **my** **pe**ople, and **th**eir song **á**ll the **da**y.
- 15 He ha**ş** filled me **with** bitterness, he ha**ş** sated me **with** **wó**rm**wó**od.
- 16 He ha**ş** **á**lso **bro**ken **my** **te**eth **with** gravel **sto**ne**ş**; he ha**ş** **co**vered me **with** **ash**e**ş**.
- 17 You have **rem**oved **my** **so**ul **fá**r off from **pe**ac**e**; I forgot prosperity.
- 18 I said, **My** **stre**ng**th** is **per**ish**e**d, and **my** **ex**pecta**ti**on from YAHWEH.
- 19 Remember **my** **aff**lict**io**n and **my** **mi**şery, the **wó**rm**wó**od and the **gá**ll.
- 20 **My** **so**ul still remember**ş** **th**em, and is bowed **do**wn **with**in me.
- 21 **This** I **recá**ll to **my** **mi**nd; **th**ere**fó**re have I **ho**pe.
- 22 [It is of] **Yá**hweh'**ş** **lo**vingkindness**eş** **th**at **we** are not **co**n**su**med, **becá**u**ş**e his **co**mpass**io**n **do**e**ş**n't **fa**il.
- 23 **Th**ey are new every **mó**rning; **gre**at is **yó**ur **fa**ith**fu**lness.
- 24 YAHWEH is **my** **pó**rt**io**n, **sa**y**ş** **my** **so**ul; **th**ere**fó**re will I **ho**pe in him.
- 25 YAHWEH is **gó**od to **tho**ş**e** **wh**o **wa**it for him, to the **so**ul **th**at **see**ks him.
- 26 It is **gó**od **th**at a man **sh**o**u**ld **ho**pe and **qu**ietly **wa**it for the **sal**va**ti**on of YAHWEH.

- 27 It is **g**ood for a man **th**at he bear the **y**oke in his **y**outh.
- 28 Let him sit **al**one and **ke**ep **sil**ence, **bec**ause he has **l**aid it on him.
- 29 Let him **put** his **m**outh in the dust, if so be **th**ere may be **h**ope.
- 30 Let him **give** his **che**ek to him **wh**o **stri**kes him; let him be filled **full** with **re**proach.
- 31 For the **L**ord will not **cast** off forever.
- 32 For **th**ough he **cause** grief, yet will he have **comp**assion **acc**ording to the **multit**ude of his **lo**vingkindnesses.
- 33 For he **do**es not afflict willingly, **no**r **g**rieve the **ch**ildren of men.
- 34 To **crush** under **fo**ot **all** the **pr**isoner of the **e**arth,
- 35 To **turn** **aside** the **right** of a man **bef**ore the **face** of the **Most** **H**igh,
- 36 To **sub**v~~e~~rt a man in his **cause**, the **L**ord **do**esn't **app**rove.
- 37 **Wh**o is he **wh**o **says**, and it **comes** to **pass**, **wh**en the **L**ord **do**esn't **command** it?
- 38 **Do**esn't **evil** and **good** **come** **out** of the **mouth** of the **Most** **H**igh?
- 39 **Wh**y **do**es a living man **com**plain, a man for the **pun**ishment of his **sins**?
- 40 Let us **search** and **try** **our** **ways**, and **turn** **again** to YAHWEH.
- 41 Let us lift up **our** **heart** with **our** **hands** to Elohim in the **heavens**.
- 42 We have **trans**gressed and have **re**belled; you have not **pard**oned.
- 43 You have **covered** with **anger** and **purs**ued us; you have **killed**, you have not **pitied**.
- 44 You have **covered** **your**self with a **cloud**, so **that** no **prayer** can **pass** **th**rough.
- 45 You have **made** us an off-scouring and **refuse** in the midst of the **peoples**.
- 46 All **our** **enemies** have **opened** **their** **mouth** wide **against** us.
- 47 **Fear** and the pit are **come** on us, **devast**ation and **destruc**tion.
- 48 **My** **eye** runs **down** with **streams** of **water**, for the **destruc**tion of the **da**ughter of **my** **people**.
- 49 **My** **eye** **pours** **down**, and **do**esn't **ce**ase, **with**out any **inter**mission,
- 50 Until YAHWEH **look** **down**, and **see** from **heaven**.
- 51 **My** **eye** affects **my** **soul**, **bec**ause of **all** the **da**ughters of **my** **city**.

52 **They** have **chase**d me **sō**re like a **bird**, **thosē** who are **my** **enemies** **witho**ut **cā**usē.

53 **They** have cut off **my** **life** in the **dungeō**n, and have **cā**st a **stone** on me.

54 **Wā**ter**š** **flow**ed **o**ver **my** **head**; I said, I am cut off.

55 I **cā**ll**ed** on **yō**ur **name**, YAHWEH, **o**ut of the **low**est **dungeō**n.

56 You **hē**ard **my** **voicē**; **don't** **hide** **yō**ur **ear** at **my** **breath**ing, at **my** **cry**.

57 You drew **near** in the **day** **that** I **cā**ll**ed** on you; you said, **Don't** be **afraid**.

58 **Lō**rd, you have **ple**aded the **cā**usē**š** of **my** **soul**; you have **rede**emed **my** **life**.

59 YAHWEH, you have **seen** **my** **wrong**; **judg**e you **my** **cā**usē.

60 You have **seen** **ā**ll **their** **vengean**ce and **ā**ll **their** **devicē**š against me.

61 You have **hē**ard **their** **reproach**, YAHWEH, and **ā**ll **their** **devicē**š against me,

62 The lips of **thosē** **that** **ro**se up against me, and **their** **devicē** against me **ā**ll the **day**.

63 **See** you **their** sitting **do**wn, and **their** **ri**šing up; I am **their** **song**.

64 You will render to **them** a **recō**mpense, YAHWEH, **accō**rding to the **wō**rk of **their** **hand**š.

65 You will give **them** **hā**rdness of **heā**rt, **yō**ur **cō**urse to **them**.

66 You will **pū**rsue **them** in anger, and destroy **them** from under the **heaven**š of YAHWEH.

Lamentations 4

1 **Hō**w is the **gold** **becō**me dim! [**hō**w] is the **most** **pure** **gold** **chang**ed! The **stone**š of the **sanctuary** are **pō**ured **o**ut at the head of every **street**.

2 The **prec**ious **son**š of **Zion**, **cō**mparable to **fine** **gold**, **Hō**w are **they** **este**emed as **ē**ar**then** **pitcher**š, the **wō**rk of the **hand**š of the potter!

3 Even the **jackal**š **drā**w **o**ut the **breast**, **they** give suck to **their** **young** **one**š: The **dā**ughter of **my** **pe**ople is **becō**me **cruel**, **like** the **ostriche**š in the wilderness.

4 The **tō**ngue of the sucking **child** **cle**aveš to the **roof** of his **mouth** for **th**irst: The **young** **children** **ā**sk bread, and no man **bre**aks it to **them**.

5 **Thosē** who did **feed** delicately are **de**solate in the **street**š: **Thosē** who were **brō**ught up in **scā**rlet **embra**ce **dunghill**š.

6 For the iniquity of the d^áughter of my people is greater than the sin of Sodom, That was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands were laid on her.

7 Her nobles were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk; They were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was as of sapphire.

8 Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: Their skin cleaves to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick.

9 Those who are killed with the sword are better than those who are killed with hunger; For these pine away, stricken through, for want of the fruits of the field.

10 The hands of the pitiful women have boiled their own children; They were their food in the destruction of the d^áughter of my people.

11 YAHWEH has accomplished his wrath, he has poured out his fierce anger; He has kindled a fire in Zion, which has devoured the foundations of it.

12 The kings of the earth didn't believe, neither all the inhabitants of the world, That the adversary and the enemy would enter into the gates of Jerusalem.

13 [It is] because of the sins of her prophets, [and] the iniquities of her priests, That have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her.

14 They wander as blind men in the streets, they are polluted with blood, So that men can't touch their garments.

15 Depart you, they cried to them, Unclean! depart, depart, don't touch! When they fled away and wandered, men said among the nations, They shall no more sojourn [here].

16 The anger of YAHWEH has scattered them; he will no more regard them: They didn't respect the persons of the priests, they didn't favor the elders.

17 Our eyes do yet fail [in looking] for our vain help: In our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save.

18 They hunt our steps, so that we can't go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come.

19 Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the sky: They chased us on the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.

20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of YAHWEH, was taken in their pits; Of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the nations.

21 Rejoice and be glad, daughter of Edom, that dwell in the land of Uz: The cup shall pass through to you also; you shall be drunken, and shall make yourself naked.

22 The punishment of your iniquity is accomplished, daughter of Zion; he will no more carry you away into captivity: He will visit your iniquity, daughter of Edom; he will uncover your sins.

Lamentations 5

1 Remember, YAHWEH, what has come on us: Look, and see our reproach.

2 Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.

3 We are orphans and fatherless; our mothers are as widows.

4 We have drunken our water for money; our wood is sold to us.

5 Our pursuers are on our necks: We are weary, and have no rest.

6 We have given the hand to the Egyptians, To the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

7 Our fathers sinned, and are no more; We have borne their iniquities.

8 Servants rule over us: There is none to deliver us out of their hand.

9 We get our bread at the peril of our lives, Because of the sword of the wilderness.

10 Our skin is black like an oven, Because of the burning heat of famine.

11 They ravished the women in Zion, The virgins in the cities of Judah.

12 Princes were hanged up by their hand: The faces of elders were not honored.

13 The young men bare the mill; The children stumbled under the wood.

14 The elders have ceased from the gate, The young men from their music.

15 The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.

16 The crown is fallen from our head: Woe to us! for we have sinned.

17 For this our heart is faint; For these things our eyes are dim;

18 For the mountain of Zion, which is desolate: The foxes walk on it.

19 You, YAHWEH, abide forever; Your throne is from generation to generation.

20 Why do you forget us forever, [And] forsake us so long time?

Ezekiel 1

Now in the **thirtieth** year, in the **fourth** month, in the **fifth** of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Chebar, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.[a]

2 In the **fifth** of the month, which was the **fifth** year of king Jehoiachin's captivity,

3 Yāhweh's [b] word came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and Yāhweh's hand was there on him.

4 I looked, and behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud, with flashing lightning, and a brightness around it, and out of the middle of it as it were glowing metal, out of the middle of the fire.

5 Out of its center came the likeness of four living creatures. This was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man.

6 Everyone had four faces, and each one of them had four wings.

7 Their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished brass.

8 They had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and the four of them had their faces and their wings thus:

9 their wings were joined to one another; they didn't turn when they went; each one went straight forward.

10 As for the likeness of their faces, they had the face of a man; and the four of them had the face of a lion on the right side; and the four of them had the face of an ox on the left side; the four of them also had the face of an eagle.

11 Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above. Two wings of each one touched another, and two covered their bodies.

12 Each one went straight forward: where the spirit was to go, they went; they didn't turn when they went.

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches: the fire went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and lightning went out of the fire.

14 The living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

15 Now as I saw the living creatures, behold, one wheel on the earth beside the living creatures, for each of the four faces of it.

16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was like a beryl: and the four of them had one likeness; and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel within a wheel.

17 When they went, they went in their four directions: they didn't turn when they went.

18 As for their rims, they were high and dreadful; and the four of them had their rims full of eyes all around.

19 When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

20 Wherever the spirit was to go, they went; there was the spirit to go: and the wheels were lifted up beside them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up beside them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

22 Over the head of the living creature there was the likeness of an expanse, like the awesome crystal to look on, stretched out over their heads above.

23 Under the expanse were their wings straight, the one toward the other: each one had two which covered on this side, and every one had two which covered on that side, their bodies.

24 When they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a noise of tumult like the noise of an army: when they stood, they let down their wings.

25 There was a voice above the expanse that was over their heads: when they stood, they let down their wings.

26 Above the expanse that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire [d] stone; and on the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man on it above.

27 I saw as it were glowing metal, as the appearance of fire within it all around, from the appearance of his waist and upward; and from the appearance of his waist and downward I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him.

28 As the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. This was the appearance of the likeness

of Yähweh's glôry. When I sâw it, I fell on my façe, and I hêard a voiçe of one **that** spoke.

Ezekiel 2

He said to me, Sôn of man, stand on yôur feet, and I will speak with you.

2 The Spirit entered into me when he spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I hêard him **who** spoke to me.

3 He said to me, Sôn of man, I send you to the children of Işrael, to a nation of rebels **who** have rebelled against me. **They** and **their fâthers** have transgressed against me even to **this** very day.

4 The children **äre** impudent and stiff-heärted: I am sending you to **them**; and you shall tell **them**, **Thus** sayş the Lörd[a] Yähweh.

5 They, **whether** **they** will hear, **ôr** **whether** **they** will forbear, (**fôr** **they** **äre** a rebellious house), yet **shall** **know** **that** **there** has been a prophet among **them**.

6 You, sôn of man, **don't** be afraid of **them**, **neither** be afraid of **their wôrds**, **tho**ugh brierş and **thôrnş** **äre** with you, and you **de** dwell among scôrpiônş: **don't** be afraid of **their wôrds**, **nôr** be dismayed at **their lóoks**, **tho**ugh **they** **äre** a rebellious house.

7 You shall speak my wôrds to **them**, **whether** **they** will hear, **ôr** **whether** **they** will forbear; **fôr** **they** **äre** most rebellious.

8 But you, sôn of man, hear **what** I tell you; **don't** be rebellious like **that** rebellious house: **open** yôur **mouth**, and **eat** **that** **which** I give you.

9 When I lóokêd, behold, a hand **waş** stretched out to me; and, behold, a scroll of a **bóok** **waş** therein;

10 He spread it befóre me: and it **waş** written **within** and **without**; and **there** **wêre** written therein lamentations, and môurning, and woê.

Ezekiel 3

He said to me, Sôn of man, **eat** **that** **which** you find. **Eat** **this** scroll, and go, speak to the house of Işrael.

2 So I opened my **mouth**, and he **cau**şed me to **eat** the scroll.

3 He said to me, Sôn of man, **cau**şe yôur belly to **eat**, and fill yôur **bowelş** with **this** scroll **that** I give you. **Then** I ate it; and it **waş** as **sweet** as **honey** in my **mouth**.

4 He said to me, Sôn of man, go to the house of Işrael, and speak my wôrds to **them**.

5 For **you** **ä**re not sent to a **pe**ople of a **strang**e **spee**ch and of a **hä**rd **lan**guage, but to the **hou**se of **Iš**rael;

6 not to many **pe**opleš of a **strang**e **spee**ch and of a **hä**rd **lan**guage, **wh**eše **wô**rdš **you** can not understand. **Su**rely, if I sent **you** to **them**, **they** **wô**uld listen to **you**.

7 But the **hou**se of **Iš**rael will not listen to **you**; **fô**r **they** will not listen to **me**: **fô**r **ä**ll the **hou**se of **Iš**rael **ä**re obstinate [a] and **hä**rd-**he**ärted.

8 **Beh**old, I have **ma**de **yô**ur **fa**çe **hä**rd against **their** **fa**çeš, and **yô**ur **fore**head **hä**rd against **their** **fore**headš.

9 **Aš** an adamant **hä**rd**er** **than** flint have I **ma**de **yô**ur **fore**head: **don't** **be** afraid of **them**, **neither** **be** **diš**mayed at **their** **lô**okš, **tho**ugh **they** **ä**re a rebellious **hou**se.

10 **Mô**reover **he** said to **me**, **Sôn** of man, **ä**ll **my** **wô**rdš **that** I **shall** **spe**ak to **you** **re**çeive in **yô**ur **he**ärt, and **hear** with **yô**ur **ear**š.

11 **Go** to **them** of the captivity, to the **child**ren of **yô**ur **pe**ople, and **spe**ak to **them**, and tell **them**, **Th**us **say**š the **Lô**rd **Yäh**weh; **wh**ether **they** will **hear**, **ô**r **wh**ether **they** will **fô**rbear.

12 **Th**en the Spirit lifted **me** up, and I **hê**ard behind **me** the **voi**çe of a **great** **rush**ing, **say**ing, **Bles**sed **be** **Yäh**weh'š **glô**ry from hiš **pl**açe.

13 I **hê**ard the **noi**še of the **wing**š of the living **cre**atureš **aš** **they** **touch**ed one another, and the **noi**še of the **wheel**š beside **them**, **even** the **noi**še of a **great** **rush**ing.

14 **So** the Spirit lifted **me** up, and **tô**ok **me** away; and I went in bitterness, in the **heat** of **my** spirit; and **Yäh**weh'š hand **wa**š strong on **me**.

15 **Th**en I **ca**me to **them** of the captivity at Tel Aviv, **th**at **lived** by the river Chebar, and to **wh**ere **they** **lived**; and I sat **th**ere **over**whe**l**med among **them** seven **day**š.

16 At the end of seven **day**š, **Yäh**weh'š **wô**rd **ca**me to **me**, **say**ing,

17 **Sôn** of man, I have **ma**de **you** a **wa**tchman to the **hou**se of **Iš**rael: **th**ere**fô**re **hear** the **wô**rd from **my** **mouth**, and **give** **them** **wâ**rning from **me**.

18 **Wh**en I tell the wicked, **Yo**u **shall** **su**rely **di**e; and **you** **give** him **no** **wâ**rning, **nô**r **spe**ak to **wâ**rn the wicked from hiš wicked **way**, to **save** hiš **li**fe; the **same** wicked man **shall** **di**e in hiš **ini**quity; but hiš **blô**od will I **re**quire at **yô**ur hand.

19 Yet if **you** **wâ**rn the wicked, and **he** **do**esn't **tû**rn from hiš wickedness, **nô**r from hiš wicked **way**, **he** **shall** **di**e in hiš **ini**quity; but **you** have delivered **yô**ur **sou**l.

20 Again, when a righteous man does turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: because you have not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at your hand.

21 Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man, that the righteous not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning; and you have delivered your soul.

22 Yähwēh's hand was there on me; and he said to me, Arise, go out into the plain, and I will there talk with you.

23 Then I arose, and went out into the plain: and behold, Yähwēh's glory stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face.

24 Then the Spirit entered into me, and set me on my feet; and he spoke with me, and said to me, Go, shut yourself inside your house.

25 But you, son of man, behold, they shall lay bands on you, and shall bind you with them, and you shall not go out among them:

26 and I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth, that you shall be mute, and shall not be to them a reprove; for they are a rebellious house.

27 But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall tell them, Thus says the Lord Yähwēh: He who hears, let him hear; and he who forbears, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 4

You also, son of man, take a tile, and lay it before yourself, and portray on it a city, even Jerusalem:

2 and lay siege against it, and build forts against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it, and plant battering rams against it all around.

3 Take for yourself an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between you and the city: and set your face toward it, and it shall be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.

4 Moreover lie on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it; according to the number of the days that you shall lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity.

5 For I have appointed the years of their iniquity to be to you a number of days, even three hundred ninety days: so you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

6 Again, when you have accomplished these, you shall lie on your right side, and shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah: forty days, each day for a year, have I appointed it to you.

7 You shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, with your arm uncovered; and you shall prophesy against it.

8 Behold, I lay bands on you, and you shall not turn you from one side to the other, until you have accomplished the days of your siege.

9 Take for yourself also wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make bread of it; according to the number of the days that you shall lie on your side, even three hundred ninety days, you shall eat of it.

10 Your food which you shall eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels [a] a day: from time to time you shall eat it.

11 You shall drink water by measure, the sixth part of a hin: from time to time you shall drink.

12 You shall eat it as barley cakes, and you shall bake it in their sight with dung that comes out of man.

13 Yähwēh said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their bread unclean, among the nations where I will drive them.

14 Then I said, äh Lörd Yähwēh! behold, my soul has not been polluted; for from my youth up even until now have I not eaten of that which dies of itself, or is torn of animals; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.

15 Then he said to me, Behold, I have given you cow's dung for man's dung, and you shall prepare your bread on it.

16 Moreover he said to me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with fearfulness; and they shall drink water by measure, and in dismay:

17 that they may want bread and water, and be dismayed one with another, and pine away in their iniquity.

Ezekiel 5

You, son of man, take a sharp sword; You shall take it as a barber's razor to you, and shall cause it to pass on your head and on your beard: then take balances to weigh, and divide the hair.

2 A **th**ird p^ärt **you shall b**urn in the fire in the middle of the **ç**ity, when the **day**s of the sieg**e** **ä**re fulfilled; and **you shall take** a **th**ird p^ärt, and strike with the sw**ö**rd **ä**round it; and a **th**ird p^ärt **you shall scatter** to the wind, and I will dr**ä**w **ö**ut a sw**ö**rd **ä**fter **th**em.

3 **You shall take** of it a few in number, and **bind th**em in y**ö**ur sk**i**rts.

4 Of **th**es**e** again **you shall take**, and c**ä**st **th**em into the middle of the fire, and **b**urn **th**em in the fire; from it **shall a fire c**öme **ö**ut into **ä**ll the **h**ouse of **I**srael.

5 Thus says the L**ö**rd Y**ä**hw**e**h: **This is** Jeru**ş**alem; I have set **h**er in the middle of the **n**ation**s**, and countrie**s** **ä**re **ä**round **h**er.

6 **She** has rebelled against my **ö**rdinan**ç**e**s** in doing wickedness **m**ö**r**e **th**an the **n**ation**s**, and against my statute **m**ö**r**e **th**an the countrie**s** **th**at **ä**re **ä**round **h**er; **f**ör **th**ey have rejected my **ö**rdinan**ç**e**s**, and **a**s **f**ör my statute, **th**ey have not w**ä**k**e**d in **th**em.

7 **Th**er**e**f**ö**re **th**us says the L**ö**rd Y**ä**hw**e**h: **B**ec**a**u**s**e **you ä**re t**ü**rbulent **m**ö**r**e **th**an the **n**ation**s** **th**at **ä**re **ä**round **you**, and have not w**ä**k**e**d in my statute, **n**eith**e**r have kept my **ö**rdinan**ç**e**s**, **n**eith**e**r have **d**ö**n**e **ä**fter the **ö**rdinan**ç**e**s** of the **n**ation**s** **th**at **ä**re **ä**round **you**;

8 **th**er**e**f**ö**re **th**us says the L**ö**rd Y**ä**hw**e**h: **B**ehold, I, **e**ven I, am against **you**; and I will **ex**ecute judgments among **you** in the **s**ight of the **n**ation**s**.

9 I will **d**e in **you th**at **wh**ich I have not **d**ö**n**e, and **wh**ich I will not **d**e any **m**ö**r**e the like, **b**ec**a**u**s**e of **ä**ll y**ö**ur abominat**i**ö**n**s.

10 **Th**er**e**f**ö**re the **f**äther**s** shall **e**at the **s**ön**s** in **w**ithin **you**, and the **s**ön**s** shall **e**at **th**eir **f**äther**s**; and I will **ex**ecute judgments on **you**; and the **w**hole remnant of **you** will I scatter to **ä**ll the wind**s**.

11 **Th**er**e**f**ö**re **a**s I live, says the L**ö**rd Y**ä**hw**e**h, **s**urely, **b**ec**a**u**s**e **you** have defiled my sanctuary with **ä**ll y**ö**ur detestable **th**ing**s**, and with **ä**ll y**ö**ur abominat**i**ö**n**s, **th**er**e**f**ö**re will I **ä**l**s**o **d**iminish **you**; **n**eith**e**r shall my **e**ye spare, and I **ä**l**s**o will have **n**o pity.

12 A **th**ird p^ärt of **you shall die** with the pestil**e**n**ç**e, and with famine **shall th**ey be **c**ö**n**sumed **w**ithin **you**; and a **th**ird p^ärt **shall f**äll **by** the sw**ö**rd **ä**round **you**; and a **th**ird p^ärt I will scatter to **ä**ll the wind**s**, and will dr**ä**w **ö**ut a sw**ö**rd **ä**fter **th**em.

13 **Th**us **shall my** anger be **acc**ö**m**plish**e**d, and I will **c**ä**u**s**e** my **w**r**ä**th tow**ä**rd **th**em to rest, and I **shall be c**ö**m**forted; and **th**ey **shall know th**at I, Y**ä**hw**e**h, have spoken in my **z**eal, when I have **acc**ö**m**plish**e**d my **w**r**ä**th on **th**em.

14 **M**ö**r**eover I will **make you** a desolat**i**ö**n** and a repro**a**ch among the **n**ation**s** **th**at **ä**re **ä**round **you**, in the **s**ight of **ä**ll **th**at **p**äss **by**.

15 So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment, to the nations that are around you, when I shall execute judgments on you in anger and in wrath, and in wrathful rebukes; (I, Yähweh, have spoken it;)

16 when I shall send on them the evil arrows of famine, that are for destruction, which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine on you, and will break your staff of bread;

17 and I will send on you famine and evil animals, and they shall bereave you; and pestilence and blood shall pass through you; and I will bring the sword on you: I, Yähweh, have spoken it.

Ezekiel 6

Yähweh's word came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophecy to them,

3 and say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord Yähweh: Thus says the Lord Yähweh to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys: Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high places.

4 Your altars shall become desolate, and your incense altars shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before your idols.

5 I will lay the dead bodies of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones around your altars.

6 In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your incense altars may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.

7 The slain shall fall among you, and you shall know that I am Yähweh.

8 Yet will I leave a remnant, in that you shall have some that escape the sword among the nations, when you shall be scattered through the countries.

9 Those of you that escape shall remember me among the nations where they shall be carried captive, how that I have been broken with their lewd heart, which has departed from me, and with their eyes, which play the prostitute after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.

10 They shall know that I am Yähweh: I have not said in vain that I would do this evil to them.

11 **Thus** sayš the L^ord Y^ähweh: Strike with y^öur hand, and stamp with y^öur f^öot, and say, Alas! beca^uſe of **ä**ll the **evil** abominati^onš of the **hou**ſe of Iſra^{el}; f^ör **they** **ſhall** f^äll by the ſw^örd, by the famine, and by the peſtilen^çe.

12 **He** **wh**e iſ f^är off **ſhall** die of the peſtilen^çe; and **he** **wh**e iſ near **ſhall** f^äll by the ſw^örd; and **he** **wh**e remainš and iſ beſieged **ſhall** die by the famine: **thu**s will I accompliſh my **wr**äth on **them**.

13 You **ſhall** **know** **that** I am Y^ähweh, *when* **their** ſlain men **ſhall** be among **their** idolš around **their** ältarš, on every hi^{gh} hill, on **ä**ll the tops of the **m**ountainš, and under every **green** tree, and under every **th**ick oak, the **plac**eš *where* **they** offered pleaſant aroma to **ä**ll **their** idolš.

14 I will stretch **ö**ut my hand on **them**, and **make** the land deſölate and waste, from the wilderness tow^ärd Diblah, **throu**ghout **ä**ll **their** habitati^onš: and **they** **ſhall** **know** **that** I am Y^ähweh.

Ezekiel 7

M^öreover Y^ähweh'ſ w^örd came to me, ſaying,

2 **You**, ſöⁿ of man, **thu**s sayš the L^ord Y^ähweh to the land of Iſra^{el}, An end: the end haš **cö**me on the f^öur c^örnerš of the land.

3 **N**ow iſ the end on **you**, and I will send my anger on **you**, and will judge **you** acc^örding to y^öur wayš; and I will bring on **you** **ä**ll y^öur abominati^onš.

4 **M**y **ey**e ſhall not spare **you**, **neither** will I have pity; but I will bring y^öur wayš on **you**, and y^öur abominati^onš **ſhall** be among **you**: and **you** **ſhall** **know** **that** I am Y^ähweh.

5 **Thus** sayš the L^ord Y^ähweh: An **evil**, an **ö**nly **evil**; behold, it **cö**meš.

6 An end haš **cö**me, the end haš **cö**me; it awakes against **you**; behold, it **cö**meš.

7 Y^öur **de**em haš **cö**me to **you**, inhabitant of the land: the **time** haš **cö**me, the **day** iſ near, a **day** of **tum**ult, and not of joyfö^l ſheuting, on the **m**ountainš.

8 **N**ow will I **ſh**ö^rtly p^öur **ö**ut my **wr**äth on **you**, and accompliſh my anger against **you**, and will judge **you** acc^örding to y^öur wayš; and I will bring on **you** **ä**ll y^öur abominati^onš.

9 **M**y **ey**e ſhall not spare, **neither** will I have pity: I will bring on **you** acc^örding to y^öur wayš; and y^öur abominati^onš **ſhall** be among **you**; and **you** **ſhall** **know** **that** I, Y^ähweh, **de** strike.

10 Behold, the **day**, behold, it **cö**meš: y^öur **de**em haš gone **ö**ut; the rod haš blossö^med, **pr**ide haš budded.

11 Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness. None of them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of their wealth. There shall be nothing of value among them.

12 The time has come, the day draws near: don't let the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath is on all its multitude.

13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they be yet alive: for the vision is touching the whole multitude of it, none shall return; neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life.

14 They have blown the trumpet, and have made all ready; but no one goes to the battle; for my wrath is on all its multitude.

15 The sword is outside, and the pestilence and the famine within: he who is in the field shall die with the sword: and he who is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.

16 But those of those who escape shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them moaning, every one in his iniquity.

17 All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water.

18 They shall also clothe themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be on all faces, and baldness on all their heads.

19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be as an unclean thing; their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of Yahweh's wrath: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels; because it has been the stumbling block of their iniquity.

20 As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty; but they made the images of their abominations and their detestable things therein: therefore have I made it to them as an unclean thing.

21 I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a plunder; and they shall profane it.

22 My face will I turn also from them, and they shall profane my secret place; and robbers shall enter into it, and profane it.

23 Make the chain; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.

24 Therefore I will bring the worst of the nations, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pride of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be profaned.

25 Destruction c^om^es; and **they shall seek peace**, and **there shall be none**.

26 Mischief **shall come** on mischief, and rumor **shall be** on rumor; and **they shall seek** a vision of the prophet; but the **law shall perish** from the priest, and counsel from the elders.

27 The king **shall mourn**, and the prince **shall be clothed with desolation**, and the hands of the people of the land **shall be troubled**: I will **do to them after their way**, and according to **their own judgments** will I judge them; and **they shall know that I am Yähw^eh**.

Ezekiel 8

In the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, the L^ord Yähw^eh's hand fell there on me.

2 **Then I saw**, and behold, a likeness as the appearance of fire; from the appearance of his waist and downward, fire; and from his waist and upward, as the appearance of brightness, as it were glowing metal.

3 **He stretched out** the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and the sky, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the gate of the inner court that looks toward the north; where there was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy.

4 **Behold**, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the appearance that I saw in the plain.

5 **Then he said to me**, Son of man, lift up your eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up my eyes the way toward the north, and see, northward of the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.

6 **He said to me**, Son of man, do you see what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel do commit here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? But you shall again see yet other great abominations.

7 **He brought me** to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold, a hole in the wall.

8 **Then he said to me**, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had dug in the wall, behold, a door.

9 **He said to me**, Go in, and see the wicked abominations that they do here.

10 **So I went in and saw**; and see, every form of creeping things, and abominable animals, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed around on the wall.

11 **There stood before them** seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel; and in the middle of **them** Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan **stood**, every man with his censer in his hand; and the smell of the cloud of incense went up.

12 **Then he** said to me, Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in his rooms of imagery? for they say, Yähweh doesn't see us; Yähweh has forsaken the land.

13 **He** said also to me, You shall again see yet other great abominations which they do.

14 **Then he** brought me to the door of the gate of Yähweh's house which was toward the north; and see, there sat the women weeping for Tammuz.

15 **Then he** said to me, Have you seen this, son of man? You shall again see yet greater abominations than these.

16 **He** brought me into the inner court of Yähweh's house; and see, at the door of Yähweh's temple, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men, with their backs toward Yähweh's temple, and their faces toward the east; and they were worshipping the sun toward the east.

17 **Then he** said to me, Have you seen this, son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have turned again to provoke me to anger: and behold, they put the branch to their nose.

18 **Therefore** will I also deal in wrath; my eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; and though they cry in my ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

Ezekiel 9

Then he cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause those who are in charge of the city to draw near, every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

2 Behold, six men came from the way of the upper gate, which lies toward the north, every man with his slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man in the middle of them clothed in linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. They went in, and stood beside the bronze altar.

3 The glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house: and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writer's inkhorn by his side.

4 Yähweh said to him, Go through the middle of the city, through the middle of Jerusalem, and set a mark on the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry over all the abominations that are done within it.

5 To the **other**s he said in my hearing, Go **throu**gh the **ç**ity **ä**fter him, and **strike**: don't let **yô**ur **ey**e spare, **neither** have pity;

6 kill utterly the **old** man, the young man and the **vir**gin, and little **child**ren and women; but don't **cô**me near any man on **wh**om **i**s the **mä**rk: and begin at my sanctuary. **Then they** began at the **old** men **th**at **wê**re befôre the **hou**se.

7 He said to **them**, "Defile the **hou**se, and fill the **cô**urts **with** the slain. Go **out**!"

They went **out**, and struck in the **ç**ity.

8 **While they** **wê**re killing, and I **was** left, I fell on my **faç**e, and **cri**ed, and said, "Ah **Lô**rd **Yäh**weh! will **you** destroy **ä**ll the **re**sidu**e** of **I**sra**e**l in **yô**ur **pô**uring **out** of **yô**ur **wrät**h on **Jeru**salem?"

9 **Then he** said to me, "The **iniquity** of the **hou**se of **I**sra**e**l and **Juda**h **i**s **exç**eedingly **gr**eat, and the land **i**s **füll** of **blô**od, and the **ç**ity **füll** of **pervê**rsion: **fô**r **they** say, 'Yähw**e**h has forsaken the land, and Yähw**e**h **dô**esn't **see**.'

10 **A**s **fô**r me **ä**lso, my **ey**e shall not spare, **neither** will I have pity, but I will bring **their way** on **their** head."

11 **Behold**, the man **cloth**ed in linen, **wh**o had the **inkhörn** by **hi**s **side**, **repô**rted the matter, **say**ing, "I have **dô**ne **a**s **you** have commanded me."

Ezekiel 10

Then I **lô**ok**ed**, and **see**, in the expanse **th**at **was** over the head of the cherubim **th**ere **appe**ared **ab**ove **th**em **a**s it **wê**re a **sapp**hir**e**[a] stone, **a**s the **appe**aran**ç**e of the likeness of a **th**rone.

2 He **spoke** to the man **cloth**ed in linen, and said, Go in **betwe**en the **wh**irling **wh**eels, **even** under the cherub, and fill **both** **yô**ur **hand**s **with** **coals** of **fire** from **betwe**en the cherubim, and scatter **th**em **over** the **ç**ity. He went in **a**s I **wat**ch**ed**.

3 **Now** the cherubim **stô**od on the **ri**ght **side** of the **hou**se, **wh**en the man went in; and the **cl**oud filled the inner **cô**urt.

4 Yähw**e**h's **glô**ry **m**ounted up from the cherub, and **stô**od **over** the **th**resh**old** of the **hou**se; and the **hou**se **was** filled **with** the **cl**oud, and the **cô**urt **was** **füll** of the **br**ightness of Yähw**e**h's **glô**ry.

5 The **sound** of the wings of the cherubim **was** **h**éard **even** to the **ou**ter **cô**urt, **a**s the **voic**e of God **Alm**ighty **wh**en he **spe**aks.

6 It **came** to **pä**ss, **wh**en he commanded the man **cloth**ed in linen, **say**ing, **Take** **fire** from **betwe**en the **wh**irling **wh**eels, from **betwe**en the cherubim, **th**at he went in, and **stô**od **beside** a **wh**eel.

7 The cherub stretched **o**ut his hand from between the cherubim to the fire **th**at was between the cherubim, and took of it, and put it into the hands of him **w**ho was clothed in linen, **w**ho took it and went **o**ut.

8 **T**here appeared in the cherubim the form of a man's hand under **th**eir wings.

9 I looked, and behold, four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and another wheel beside another cherub; and the appearançe of the wheels was like a beryl stone.

10 As for **th**eir appearançe, the four of **th**em had one likeness, like a wheel within a wheel.

11 **W**hen **th**ey went, **th**ey went in **th**eir four directions: **th**ey didn't turn **a**s **th**ey went, but to the place where the head looked **th**ey followed it; **th**ey didn't turn **a**s **th**ey went.

12 **T**heir whole body, and **th**eir backs, and **th**eir hands, and **th**eir wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes **a**ll **a**round, **e**ven the wheels **th**at the four of **th**em had.

13 **A**s for the wheels, **th**ey were called in my hearing, the whirling wheels.

14 Every one had four faces: the first face was the face of the cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the **th**ird face the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an **e**agle.

15 The cherubim mounted up: **th**is is the living creature **th**at I saw by the river Chebar.

16 When the cherubim went, the wheels went beside **th**em; and **w**hen the cherubim lifted up **th**eir wings to mount up from the **e**arth, the wheels **a**lso didn't turn from beside **th**em.

17 **W**hen **th**ey stood, **th**ese stood; and **w**hen **th**ey mounted up, **th**ese mounted up **w**ith **th**em: for the spirit of the living creature was in **th**em.

18 Yahweh's glory went **o**ut from **o**ver the **th**reshold of the house, and stood **o**ver the cherubim.

19 The cherubim lifted up **th**eir wings, and mounted up from the **e**arth in my sight **w**hen **th**ey went **o**ut, and the wheels beside **th**em: and **th**ey stood at the door of the **e**ast gate of Yahweh's house; and the glory of the God of Israel was **o**ver **th**em **a**bove.

20 **T**his is the living creature **th**at I saw under the God of Israel **b**y the river Chebar; and I **k**new **th**at **th**ey were cherubim.

21 Every one had **fôur faces**, and every one **fôur wings**; and the **likeness** of the **hands** of a man **was** under **their wings**.

22 As **fôr** the **likeness** of **their faces**, **they wêre** the **faces** **which** I **sâw** **by** the river Chebar, **their appearances** and **themselves**; **they went** every one **straight fôrward**.

Ezekiel 11

Môreover the Spirit lifted **me** up, and **brôught** **me** to the **east gate** of **Yähweh's house**, **which looks eastwards** : and **see**, at the **dôor** of the **gate** twenty-five men; and I **sâw** **among** **them** Jaazaniah the **sôn** of Azzur, and Pelatiah the **sôn** of Benaiah, **princes** of the **people**.

2 **He** said to **me**, **Sôn** of man, **thesë** **äre** the men **whë** **devisë** iniquity, and **whë** give wicked **counsel** in **this çity**;

3 **whë** say, The **time is** not **near** to **build houses**: **this is** the **câuldrôn**, and **we äre** the **meat**.

4 **Therëfôre** **prophecÿ** against **them**, **prophecÿ**, **sôn** of man.

5 **Yähweh's** Spirit fell on **me**, and **he** said to **me**, **Speak**, **Yähweh says**: **Thus you** have said, **house** of **Israhel**; **fôr** I **know** the **things** that **cöme** into **yôur** **mind**.

6 **You** have multiplied **yôur** **slain** in **this çity**, and **you** have filled its **streets** with the **slain**.

7 **Therëfôre** **thus says** the **Lôrd** **Yähweh**: **Yôur** **slain** **whë** **you** have **laid** in the middle of it, **they äre** the **meat**, and **this is** the **câuldrôn**; but **you shall** be **brôught** **öut** of the middle of it.

8 **You** have **feared** the **swôrd**; and I will bring the **swôrd** on **you**, **says** the **Lôrd** **Yähweh**.

9 I will bring **you** **öut** of the middle of it, and deliver **you** into the **hands** of **strangers**, and will **execute** **judgments** among **you**.

10 **You shall** **fäll** by the **swôrd**; I will **judgë** **you** in the **bôrd**er of **Israhel**; and **you shall** **know** **that** I am **Yähweh**.

11 **This shall** not be **yôur câuldrôn**, **neither shall** **you** be the **meat** in the middle of it; I will **judgë** **you** in the **bôrd**er of **Israhel**;

12 and you shall know that I am Yähweh: fôr you have not wälked in my statute, neither have you executed my ôrdinançes, but have done äfter the ôrdinançes of the nations that äre around you.

13 When I prophesied, Pelatiah the sôn of Benaiah died. Then fell I down on my façe, and cried with a loud voiçe, and said, "Ah Lörd Yähweh! will you make a full end of the remnant of Işrael?"

14 Yähweh's wôrd came to me, saying,

15 "Son of man, yôur bröthers, even yôur bröthers, the men of yôur relatives, and äll the house of Işrael, äll of them, to whom the inhabitants of Jeruşalem have said, 'Go fär away from Yähweh. This land haş been given to us fôr a poşşession.'"

16 Therefore say, Thus sayş the Lörd Yähweh: Whereaş I have removed them fär off among the nations, and whereaş I have scattered them among the countrieş, yet will I be to them a sanctuary fôr a little while in the countrieş where they have come.

17 Therefore say, Thus sayş the Lörd Yähweh: I will gather you from the peopleş, and assemble you out of the countrieş where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Işrael.

18 They shall come there, and they shall take away äll the detestable things of it and äll its abominations from there.

19 I will give them one heärt, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heärt out of their flesh, and will give them a heärt of flesh;

20 that they may wälk in my statute, and keep my ôrdinançes, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

21 But aş fôr them whose heärt wälks äfter the heärt of their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their way on their own heads, sayş the Lörd Yähweh.

22 Then the cherubim lifted up their wings, and the wheels were beside them; and the glôry of the God of Işrael waş over them above.

23 Yähweh's glôry went up from the middle of the çity, and stóod on the mountain which is on the east side of the çity.

24 The Spirit lifted me up, and bröught me in the vişion by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vişion that I had seen went up from me.

25 Then I spoke to them of the captivity äll the things that Yähweh had shown me.

Ezekiel 12

Yähweh's wôrd **â**lso came to me, saying,

2 Sôn of man, **you** dwell in the middle of the rebellious **h**ouse, **who** have **ey**eş to **see**, and **don't see**, **who** have **ear**ş to **hear**, and **don't hear**; **fôr they ä**re a rebellious **h**ouse.

3 **Therefô**re, **you** sôn of man, **prepa**re **yô**ur stuff **fôr m**oving, and **m**ove **by** **day** in **their** **s**ight; and **you** shall **m**ove from **yô**ur **plac**e to **anô**ther **plac**e in **their** **s**ight: it may **be** **they** will **C**onsider, **tho**ugh **they ä**re a rebellious **h**ouse.

4 **You** shall bring **o**ut **yô**ur stuff **by** **day** in **their** **s**ight, **aş** stuff **fôr m**oving; and **you** shall **go** **o**ut **yô**urself at **even** in **their** **s**ight, **aş** **when** men **go** **o**ut **into** **exile**.

5 Dig **th**rough the **w**äll in **their** **s**ight, and carry **yô**ur stuff **o**ut **that** way.

6 In **their** **s**ight **you** shall bear it on **yô**ur **sh**oulder, and carry it **o**ut in the **d**ärk; **you** shall **c**over **yô**ur **fac**e, **so** **that** **you** **don't see** the land: **fôr** I have set **you** **fôr** a **s**ign to the **h**ouse of **Iş**rael.

7 I did **so** **aş** I **w**as **com**manded: I **brô**ught **o**ut **my** stuff **by** **day**, **aş** stuff **fôr** **rem**oving, and in the **even** I dug **th**rough the **w**äll **with** **my** hand; I **brô**ught it **o**ut in the **d**ärk, and **bô**re it on **my** **sh**oulder in **their** **s**ight.

8 In the **m**örning, Yähweh's wôrd came to me, saying,

9 Sôn of man, **has** not the **h**ouse of **Iş**rael, the rebellious **h**ouse, said to **you**, **Wh**at **ä**re **you** **d**oing?

10 **S**ay to **them**, **Th**us **s**ays the **L**ôrd Yähweh: **This** **bû**rden **c**onc**er**ns the **prin**çe in **Jeru**salem, and **â**ll the **h**ouse of **Iş**rael **am**ong **wh**om **they ä**re.

11 **S**ay, I am **yô**ur **s**ign: **like** **aş** I have **d**one, **so** shall it **be** **d**one to **them**; **they** shall **go** **into** **exile**, **into** **captivity**.

12 The **prin**çe **who** **iş** **am**ong **them** shall bear on **hiş** **sh**oulder in the **d**ärk, and shall **go** **o**ut: **they** shall dig **th**rough the **w**äll to carry **o**ut **thereby**: **he** shall **c**over **hiş** **fac**e, **bec**aus^e **he** shall not **see** the land **with** **hiş** **ey**eş.

13 **My** net **â**lso will I spread on him, and **he** shall **be** **taken** in **my** **sn**are; and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall **he** not **see** it, **tho**ugh **he** shall **di**e **there**.

14 I will scatter **tow**ärd every wind **â**ll **who ä**re **ar**ound him to help him, and **â**ll **hiş** **band**ş; and I will **dr**aw **o**ut the **sw**ôrd **â**fter **them**.

15 **They shall know that** I am Yähweh, when I shall dispêrse **them among the nations**, and scatter **them through** the countries.

16 But I will **leave** a few men of **them** from the swôrd, from the famine, and from the pestilence; **that they may declare** **all their abominations** among the **nations** where **they come**; and **they shall know that** I am Yähweh.

17 **Môreover** Yähweh's wôrd came to me, saying,

18 Sôn of man, **eat yôur bread with quaking**, and drink **yôur wâter with** trembling and **with fearfulness**;

19 and tell the **people** of the land, **Thus says** the Lôrd Yähweh **concerning** the inhabitants of Jeru**sa**lem, and the land of I**sr**ael: **They shall eat their bread with fearfulness**, and drink **their wâter** in di**sm**ay, **that hêr land may be desolate**, and **all that is therein**, beca**u**se of the violen**ç**e of **all those** who dwell **therein**.

20 The **çities** that **âre** inhabited **shall be laid waste**, and the land **shall be** a desolation ; and **you shall know that** I am Yähweh.

21 Yähweh's wôrd came to me, saying,

22 Sôn of man, **what is this provêrb** that **you** have in the land of I**sr**ael, saying, The **days** **âre** prolonged, and every **vi**si**on fails**?

23 Tell **them** **therefôre**, **Thus says** the Lôrd Yähweh: I will **make** **this provêrb** to **çe**ase, and **they shall no môre** use it as a provêrb in I**sr**ael; but tell **them**, The **days** **âre** at hand, and the **fùllment** of every **vi**si**on**.

24 For **there shall be no môre** any **fâlse vi**si**on** nôr flatter**ing** divination **with**in the **house** of I**sr**ael.

25 For I am Yähweh; I will **spe**ak, and the **wôrd** that I **spe**ak will **be** perfôrmed. It will **be no môre** defêrred: **fôr** in **yôur days**, rebellious **house**, will I **spe**ak the **wôrd**, and will perfôrm it, **says** the Lôrd Yähweh.

26 Again Yähweh's wôrd came to me, saying,

27 Sôn of man, behold, **they** of the **house** of I**sr**ael say, The **vi**si**on** that he **see**s**** is **fôr** many day to **come**, and he **prophesies** of **time**s**** that **âre** **fâr** off.

28 **Therefôre**

tell **them**, **Thus says** the Lôrd Yähweh: **Nône** of my **wôrds** **shall be** defêrred any **môre**, but the **wôrd** **wh**ic**h** I **shall** **spe**ak **shall be** perfôrmed, **says** the Lôrd Yähweh.

Ezekiel 13

Yähweh's wôrd came to me, saying,

2 Són of man, propheçy against the prophets of Işrael who propheçy, and say to thoşe who propheçy out of their own heärt, Hear Yähweh's wôrd:

3 Thus sayş the Lôrd Yähweh, Woë to the fooliſh prophets, who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothiſg!

4 Işrael, yôur prophets have been like foxes in the waste plaçeş.

5 You have not gone up into the gaps, neither built up the wäll för the houſe of Işrael, to stand in the battle in the day of Yähweh.

6 They have seen falſehööd and lyiſg divination, who ſay, Yähweh ſayş; but Yähweh haş not ſent them: and they have made men to hope that the wôrd woułd be cónfirmed.

7 Haven't you ſeen a falſe viſiön, and haven't you ſpoken a lyiſg divination, in that you ſay, Yähweh ſayş; but I have not ſpoken?

8 Therefore thus ſayş the Lôrd Yähweh: Becauſe you have ſpoken falſehööd, and ſeen lieş, therefore, behold, I am againſt you, ſayş the Lôrd Yähweh.

9 My hand ſhall be againſt the prophets who ſee falſe viſiönş, and who divine lieş: they ſhall not be in the councił of my people, neither ſhall they be written in the writing of the houſe of Işrael, neither ſhall they enter into the land of Işrael; and you ſhall know that I am the Lôrd Yähweh.

10 Becauſe, even becauſe they have ſeduçed my people, ſaying, Peace; and there iş no peace; and when one buildş up a wäll, behold, they pläſter it with whitewäſh:

11 tell thoşe who pläſter it with whitewäſh, that it ſhall fáłl: there ſhall be an overflowing ſhower; and you, great hailſtoneş, ſhall fáłl; and a ſtôrmy wind ſhall tear it.

12 Behold, when the wäll haş fáłlen, ſhall it not be ſaid to you, Where iş the pläſter with which you have pläſtered it?

13 Therefore thus ſayş the Lôrd Yähweh: I will even tear it with a ſtôrmy wind in my wräth; and there ſhall be an overflowing ſhower in my anger, and great hailſtoneş in wräth to cónſume it.

14 So will I break down the wäll that you have pläſtered with whitewäſh, and bring it down to the ground, ſo that its foundatiön ſhall be uncovered; and it ſhall fáłl, and you ſhall be cónſumed in the middle of it: and you ſhall know that I am Yähweh.

15 **Thus** will I accomplish my **wrāth** on the **wāll**, and on **thosē** **whē** have **plāstered** it with **whitewāsh**; and I will tell **you**, The **wāll** **iš** **no** **mōre**, **neither** **thosē** **whē** **plāstered** it;

16 to wit, the **prophets** of **Išrael** **whē** **prophecy** **cōncē**rn**ing** **Jeruša**lem, and **whē** **see** **višionš** of **pea**ce **fōr** **hēr**, and **there** **iš** **no** **pea**ce, **says** the **Lōrd** **Yāhweh**.

17 **You**, **son** of man, set **yōur** **fa**ce against the **dā**ughterš of **yōur** **pe**ople, **whē** **prophecy** **out** of **their** **own** **he**ārt; and **prophecy** against **them**,

18 and **say**, **Thus** **says** the **Lōrd** **Yāhweh**: **Wo**e to the women **whē** **sew** **pillowš** on **āll** **elbowš**, and **make** **kērchiefs** **fōr** the head of **pērsonš** of every **statu**re to **hunt** **soulš**! Will **you** **hunt** the **soulš** of **my** **pe**ople, and **save** **soulš** **alive** **fōr** **yōur** **selveš**?

19 **You** have **profaned** **me** among **my** **pe**ople **fōr** handfuls of **bārley** and **fōr** **pie**ceš of bread, to **kill** the **soulš** **whē** **shō**uld not **di**e, and to **save** the **soulš** **alive** **whē** **shō**uld not **live**, **by** **yōur** **ly**ing to **my** **pe**ople **whē** **listen** to **lieš**.

20 **Therefore** **thus** **says** the **Lōrd** **Yāhweh**: **Behold**, I am against **yōur** **pillowš**, with **whi**ch **you** **there** **hunt** the **soulš** to **make** **them** **fly**, and I will **tear** **them** from **yōur** **ārmš**; and I will let the **soulš** **go**, **even** the **soulš** **whē** **you** **hunt** to **make** **them** **fly**.

21 **Yōur** **kērchiefs** **ā**lso will I **tear**, and **deliver** **my** **pe**ople **out** of **yōur** **hand**, and **they** **shall** **be** **no** **mōre** in **yōur** **hand** to **be** **hunted**; and **you** **shall** **know** **that** I am **Yāhweh**.

22 **Be**cau**se** with **lieš** **you** have **grieved** the **he**ārt of the **righte**ous, **whē** **I** have not **ma**de sad; and **streng**thened the **handš** of the **wicked**, **that** **he** **shō**uld not **retū**rn from **hiš** **wicked** **way**, and **be** **saved** **alive**:

23 **Therefore** **you** **shall** **no** **mōre** **see** **fā**lse **višionš**, **nōr** **practi**ce **divination**. I will **deliver** **my** **pe**ople **out** of **yōur** **hand**; and **you** **shall** **know** **that** I am **Yāhweh**.

Ezekiel 14

Then **came** **çē**rta**in** of the **elderš** of **Išrael** to **me**, and **sat** **befō**re **me**.

2 **Yāhweh**'š **wō**rd **came** to **me**, **saying**,

3 **Sō**n of man, **thešē** **men** have **taken** **their** **idolš** **intē** **their** **he**ārt, and **pūt** the **stumbling** **block** of **their** **iniquity** **befō**re **their** **fa**ce: **shō**uld I **be** **inquir**ed of at **āll** **by** **them**?

4 **Therefore** **spe**ak to **them**, and **tell** **them**, **Thus** **says** the **Lōrd** **Yāhweh**: Every man of the **hou**se of **Išrael** **whē** **takes** **hiš** **idolš** **intē** **hiš** **he**ārt, and **pūt**s the **stumbling** **block** of **hiš** **iniquity** **befō**re **hiš** **fa**ce, and **cō**meš to the **prophet**; I **Yāhweh** will **answer** **him** **therein** **accō**rding to the **multitu**de of **hiš** **idolš**;

5 **that** I may take the house of **Išrael** in **their own** heart, because **they** are **all** estranged from me **through** **their** idols.

6 **Therefore** tell the house of **Išrael**, **Thus** says the **Lôrd Yähweh**: **Return**, and **turn** yourselves from **your** idols; and **turn** away **your** faces from **all** **your** abominations.

7 For everyone of the house of **Išrael**, **or** of the strangers **who** live in **Išrael**, **who** separates himself from me, and takes his idols into his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet to inquire for himself of me; I **Yähweh** will answer him by myself:

8 and I will set my face against that man, and will make him an astonishment, for a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from among my people; and you shall know that I am **Yähweh**.

9 If the prophet is deceived and speak a word, I, **Yähweh**, have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand on him, and will destroy him from among my people **Išrael**.

10 **They** shall bear their iniquity: the iniquity of the prophet shall be even as the iniquity of him **who** seeks him;

11 that the house of **Išrael** may go no more astray from me, neither defile themselves any more with **all** their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, says the **Lôrd Yähweh**.

12 **Yähweh's** word came to me, saying,

13 **Son** of man, when a land sins against me by committing a trespass, and I stretch out my hand on it, and break the staff of its bread, and send famine on it, and cut off from it man and animal;

14 though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, says the **Lôrd Yähweh**.

15 If I cause evil animals to pass through the land, and they ravage it, and it is made desolate, so that no man may pass through because of the animals;

16 though these three men were in it, as I live, says the **Lôrd Yähweh**, they should deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only should be delivered, but the land should be desolate.

17 Or if I bring a sword on that land, and say, **Sword**, go through the land; so that I cut off from it man and animal;

18 though these three men were in it, as I live, says the **Lôrd Yähweh**, they should deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only should be delivered themselves.

19 Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my wrath on it in blood, to cut off from it man and animal;

20 though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, says the Lord Yähwēh, they should deliver neither son nor daughter; they should but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

21 For thus says the Lord Yähwēh: How much more when I send my four severe judgments on Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the evil animals, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and animal!

22 Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be carried out, both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come out to you, and you shall see their way and their doings; and you shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought on it.

23 They shall comfort you, when you see their way and their doings; and you shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, says the Lord Yähwēh.

Ezekiel 15

Yähwēh's word came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, what is the vine tree more than any tree, the vine-branch which is among the trees of the forest?

3 Will wood be taken of it to make anything? Will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel on it?

4 Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire has devoured both its ends, and the middle of it is burned: is it profitable for any work?

5 Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work: how much less, when the fire has devoured it, and it is burned, shall it yet be meet for any work!

6 Therefore thus says the Lord Yähwēh: As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

7 I will set my face against them; they shall go out from the fire, but the fire shall devour them; and you shall know that I am Yähwēh, when I set my face against them.

8 I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, says the Lord Yähwēh.

Ezekiel 16

Again Yāhweh's wōrd came to me, saying,

2 Sōn of man, cāuſe Jeruſalem to know hēr abominatiōſ;

3 and say, **Thus** ſayſ the Lōrd Yāhweh to Jeruſalem: Yōur birth and yōur birth iſ of the land of the Canaanite; the Amorite waſ yōur fāther, and yōur mother waſ a Hittite.

4 Aſ fōr yōur birth, in the day you wēre bōrn yōur navel waſ not cut, neither wēre you waſhed in wāter to cleanſe you; you wēren't ſalted at āll, nōr swaddled at āll.

5 No eye pitied you, to de any of theſe thingſ to you, to have cōmpaſſiōn on you; but you wēre cāſt out in the open field, fōr that yōur pērſon waſ abhōrred, in the day that you wēre bōrn.

6 When I pāſſed by you, and ſāw you wallowing in yōur blōōd, I ſaid to you, **Though** you āre in yōur blōōd, live; yes, I ſaid to you, **Though** you āre in yōur blōōd, live.

7 I cāuſed you to multiply aſ that which growſ in the field, and you increaſed and grew great, and you attained to exçellent ōrnamēt; yōur breasts wēre faſhioned, and yōur hair waſ grown; yet you wēre naked and bare.

8 **Now** when I pāſſed by you, and lōoked at you, behold, yōur time waſ the time of lōve; and I ſpread my ſkirt over you, and covered yōur nakedneſſ: yes, I ſwōre to you, and entered into a cōvenant with you, ſayſ the Lōrd Yāhweh, and you became mine.

9 **Then** waſhed I you with wāter; yes, I thōroughly waſhed away yōur blōōd from you, and I anointed you with oil.

10 I clothed you ālſo with embroidered wōrk, and ſhod you with ſealskin, and I dreaſed you about with fine linen, and covered you with ſilk.

11 I decked you with ōrnamētſ, and I pūt braçeletſ on yōur handſ, and a chain on yōur neck.

12 I pūt a ring on yōur noſe, and earringſ in yōur earſ, and a beautiful crown on yōur head.

13 **Thus** you wēre decked with gold and ſilver; and yōur clothing waſ of fine linen, and ſilk, and embroidered wōrk; you ate fine flour, and hōney, and oil; and you wēre exçeeding beautiful, and you prospered to royal eſtate.

14 Yōur renown went out among the nationſ fōr yōur beauty; fōr it waſ pērfect, through my majeſty which I had pūt on you, ſayſ the Lōrd Yāhweh.

15 But **you** trusted in **yôur beauty**, and **played** the prostitute **because** of **yôur renown**, and **pôured out yôur prostitution** on everyone **whô pässeð by**; **hiş it waş**.

16 **You took** of **yôur gârments**, and **made fôr yôurselveş high plaçeş** decked with **various còlorş**, and **played** the prostitute on **them**. **This shall not còme, neither shall it be**.

17 **You álso took yôur beautiful jewelş** of **my gold** and of **my silver**, **whiçh** I had given **you**, and **made fôr yôurself imageş** of men, and **played** the prostitute **with them**;

18 and **you took yôur embroidered gârments**, and **còvered them**, and set **my oil** and **my incense befôre them**.

19 **My bread álso whiçh** I **gave you**, **fine flour**, and **oil**, and **honey**, **with whiçh** I fed **you**, **you even set it befôre them fôr a pleaşant aroma**; and **so it waş**, **sayş the Lórd Yáhweh**.

20 **Môreover you** have **taken yôur sonş** and **yôur dáughterş**, **whom you** have **bôrne to me**, and **you** have **sacrificed theşe to them to be devoured**. **Waş yôur prostitution a smáll matter**,

21 **that you** have **slain my children**, and **delivered them up**, in **cáuşing them to pæss througħ the fire to them?**

22 In **áll yôur abominatiõş** and **yôur prostitution** **you** have not remembered the **dayş** of **yôur youth**, **when you wêre naked and bare**, and **wêre wallowing in yôur blood**.

23 It **haş** happened **âfter áll yôur wickedness**, (**woe, woe to you!** **sayş the Lórd Yáhweh**),

24 **that you** have **built fôr yôurselveş a vâulted plaçe**, and have **made yôurselveş a lofty plaçe** in every **street**.

25 **You** have **built yôur lofty plaçe** at the head of every **way**, and have **made yôur beauty an abominatiõn**, and have **opened yôur feet** to everyone **whô pässeð by**, and **multiplied yôur prostitution** .

26 **You** have **álsô committed sexual immorality with the Egyptians, yôur neighborş**, **great of flesh**; and have **multiplied yôur prostitution** , to **pròvoke me** to anger.

27 **See thereffôre**, I have **stretchèd out my hand over you**, and have **diminishèd yôur pòrtiõn**, and **delivered you** to the will of **thoşe whô hate you**, the **dáughterş** of the Philistines, **whô áre ashamed of yôur lewd way**.

28 You have played the prostitute **á**lso with the Assyrians, beca~~u~~se you wêre insatiable; yes, you have played the prostitute with **them**, and yet you wêren't satisfied.

29 You have m~~o~~reover multiplied y~~o~~ur prostitution to the land of m~~e~~rchants, to Chaldea; and yet you wêren't satisfied with **this**.

30 How weak is y~~o~~ur he~~a~~rt, says the L~~o~~rd Y~~a~~hw~~e~~h, sin~~c~~e you de **á**ll thes~~e~~ th~~i~~ngs, the w~~o~~rk of an impudent prostitute;

31 in **that** you build y~~o~~ur vaulted pla~~ç~~e at the head of every way, and make y~~o~~ur lofty pla~~ç~~e in every street, and have not been a~~s~~ a prostitute, in **that** you sc~~o~~rn pay.

32 A wife wh~~e~~ commits adultery! wh~~e~~ takes stran~~g~~ers instead of h~~e~~r hu~~s~~band!

33 They give gifts to **á**ll prostitutes; but you give y~~o~~ur gifts to **á**ll y~~o~~ur l~~o~~vers, and bribe them, **that** they may c~~o~~me to you on every side f~~o~~r y~~o~~ur prostitution .

34 You **á**re different from **o**ther women in y~~o~~ur prostitution , in **that** no one follows you to play the prostitute; and wh~~e~~reas you give hire, and no hire is given to you, **theref~~o~~re** you **á**re different.

35 **Theref~~o~~re**, prostitute, hear Y~~a~~hw~~e~~h's w~~o~~rd:

36 **Thus** says the L~~o~~rd Y~~a~~hw~~e~~h, Be~~ca~~use y~~o~~ur filthiness w~~a~~s p~~o~~ured out, and y~~o~~ur nakedness un~~c~~covered **th**rough y~~o~~ur prostitution with y~~o~~ur l~~o~~vers; and be~~ca~~use of **á**ll the idol~~s~~ of y~~o~~ur abominat~~i~~ons, and f~~o~~r the bl~~o~~od of y~~o~~ur children, **that** you gave to them;

37 **theref~~o~~re see**, I will gather **á**ll y~~o~~ur l~~o~~vers, with wh~~e~~m you have taken ple~~a~~sure, and **á**ll th~~o~~se wh~~e~~ you have l~~o~~ved, with **á**ll th~~o~~se wh~~e~~ you have hated; I will even gather them against you on every side, and will un~~c~~over y~~o~~ur nakedness to them, **that** they may see **á**ll y~~o~~ur nakedness.

38 I will jud~~g~~e you, a~~s~~ women wh~~e~~ break wedlock and shed bl~~o~~od **á**re jud~~g~~ed; and I will bring on you the bl~~o~~od of w~~r~~áth and jealousy.

39 I will **á**lso give you into their hand, and they shall **th**row down y~~o~~ur vaulted pla~~ç~~e, and break down y~~o~~ur lofty pla~~ç~~es; and they shall strip you of y~~o~~ur clothe~~s~~, and take y~~o~~ur beautiful jewel~~s~~; and they shall leave you naked and bare.

40 They shall **á**lso bring up a c~~o~~mpany against you, and they shall stone you with stone~~s~~, and **th**rust you **th**rough with their sw~~o~~rds.

41 They shall b~~u~~rn y~~o~~ur house~~s~~ with fire, and execute jud~~g~~ments on you in the sight of many women; and I will c~~a~~use you to ce~~a~~se from playing the prostitute, and you shall **á**lso give no hire any m~~o~~re.

42 So will I **c**ause my **w**rath toward you to rest, and my jealousy shall dep**ä**rt from you, and I will be **q**uiet, and will be **n**o m**ö**re angry.

43 Because you have not remembered the **d**ays of y**ö**ur **y**outh, but have **r**aged against me in **ä**ll **t**hes**e** **t**hing**s**; **t**her**e**fo**r**e, behold, I **ä**l**s**o will bring y**ö**ur way on y**ö**ur head, say**s** the L**ö**rd Y**ä**hw**e**h: and you shall not commit **t**his lewdness with **ä**ll y**ö**ur abominati**ö**n**s**.

44 Behold, everyone **w**ho **u**ses **p**ro**v**er**b**s shall **u**se **t**his **p**ro**v**er**b** against you, saying, **A**s **i**s the **m**ö**t**her, so **i**s **h**er **d**ä**u**ghter.

45 You **ä**re the **d**ä**u**ghter of y**ö**ur **m**ö**t**her, **w**ho **l**oath**e**s **h**er **h**u**s**band and **h**er **c**hild**r**en; and you **ä**re the sister of y**ö**ur sister**s**, **w**ho **l**oath**e**d **t**heir **h**u**s**band**s** and **t**heir **c**hild**r**en: y**ö**ur **m**ö**t**her **w**as a Hittite, and y**ö**ur **f**ä**t**her an Amorite.

46 Your elder sister **i**s Samaria, **w**ho **d**well**s** at y**ö**ur left hand, **s**he and **h**er **d**ä**u**ghter**s**; and y**ö**ur younger sister, **w**ho **d**well**s** at y**ö**ur right hand, **i**s Sodom and **h**er **d**ä**u**ghter**s**.

47 Yet you have not **w**ä**k**e**d** in **t**heir way**s**, **n**ö**r** **d**ö**n**e **ä**fter **t**heir abominati**ö**n**s**; but, **s**een you **w**ere **m**ö**r**e corrupt **t**han **t**hey in **ä**ll y**ö**ur way**s**.

48 As I live, say**s** the L**ö**rd Y**ä**hw**e**h, Sodom y**ö**ur sister has not **d**ö**n**e, **s**he **n**ö**r** **h**er **d**ä**u**ghter**s**, **a**s you have **d**ö**n**e, you and y**ö**ur **d**ä**u**ghter**s**.

49 Behold, **t**his **w**as the iniquity of y**ö**ur sister Sodom: **p**ride, **f**üllness of bread, and prosperous **e**as**e** **w**as in **h**er and in **h**er **d**ä**u**ghter**s**; **n**eith**e**r did **s**he **s**treng**t**h**e**n the hand of the **p**ö**o**r and **n**eedy.

50 **T**hey **w**ere **h**ä**u**ghty, and committed abominati**ö**n bef**ö**re me: **t**her**e**fo**r**e I **t**ö**o**k **t**hem **a**way when I **s**ä**w** it.

51 **N**eith**e**r has Samaria committed **h**ä**f** of y**ö**ur sin**s**; but you have multiplied y**ö**ur abominati**ö**n**s** **m**ö**r**e **t**han **t**hey, and have justified y**ö**ur sister**s** by **ä**ll y**ö**ur abominati**ö**n**s** **w**h**i**ch you have **d**ö**n**e.

52 You **ä**l**s**o, bear you y**ö**ur **o**wn **s**ham**e**, in **t**hat you have given judgment **f**ö**r** y**ö**ur sister**s**; **t**hr**o**ugh y**ö**ur sin**s** **t**hat you have committed **m**ö**r**e abominable **t**han **t**hey, **t**hey **ä**re **m**ö**r**e **r**ight**e**ous **t**hat you: yes, be **ä**l**s**o confounded, and bear y**ö**ur **s**ham**e**, in **t**hat you have justified y**ö**ur sister**s**.

53 I will **t**ü**r**n **a**gain **t**heir captivity, the captivity of Sodom and **h**er **d**ä**u**ghter**s**, and the captivity of Samaria and **h**er **d**ä**u**ghter**s**, and the captivity of y**ö**ur captive**s** among **t**hem;

54 **t**hat you may bear y**ö**ur **o**wn **s**ham**e**, and may be **a**shamed because of **ä**ll **t**hat you have **d**ö**n**e, in **t**hat you **ä**re a **c**ö**m**fort to **t**hem.

55 Y^our sister^s, Sodom and h^er d^aughter^s, shall ret^urn to **the**ir f^ormer estate; and Samaria and h^er d^aughter^s shall ret^urn to **the**ir f^ormer estate; and you and y^our d^aughter^s shall ret^urn to y^our f^ormer estate.

56 For y^our sister Sodom w^as not mention^ed by y^our m^outh in the day of y^our pride,

57 bef^ore y^our wickedness w^as uncover^ed, a^s at the time of the reproach of the d^aughter^s of Syria, and of **all** wh^e are around h^er, the d^aughter^s of the Philistines, wh^e de spite to you **all** around.

58 You have b^orne y^our lewdness and y^our abominati^on^s, say^s Y^ahweh.

59 For **thus** say^s the L^ord Y^ahweh: I will **also** deal with you a^s you have done, wh^e have despi^sed the **o**th in bre^aking the c^ovenant.

60 Never**the**less I will remember my c^ovenant with you in the day^s of y^our youth, and I will establish to you an everl^asting c^ovenant.

61 **Then** you shall remember y^our way^s, and be ashamed, when you shall recei^ve y^our sister^s, y^our elder sister^s and y^our younger; and I will give **them** to you f^or d^aughter^s, but not by y^our c^ovenant.

62 I will establish my c^ovenant with you; and you shall know **that** I am Y^ahweh;

63 **that** you may remember, and be confound^ed, and never open y^our m^outh any m^ore, beca^use of y^our shame, when I have forgiven you **all** **that** you have done, say^s the L^ord Y^ahweh

Ezekiel 17

Y^ahweh's w^ord came to me, saying,

2 S^on of man, tell a riddle, and speak a parable to the h^ouse of I^srael;

3 and say, **Thus** say^s the L^ord Y^ahweh: A great eagle with great wings and long feather^s, full of feather^s, whⁱch had various color^s, came to Lebanon, and t^ook the top of the cedar:

4 he croppe^d off the topmost of the young twigs of it, and carried it to a land of traffic; he set it in a city of m^erchants.

5 He t^ook **also** of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful soil; he plac^ed it beside many w^ater^s; he set it a^s a willow tree.

6 It grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, wh^ese branch^es t^urn^ed toward him, and its root^s w^ere under him: so it became a vine, and produc^ed branch^es, and shot out sprigs.

7 **There** **was** **also** **another** **great** **eagle** **with** **great** **wings** and many **feathers**: and **behold**, **this** **vine** bent its **roots** **toward** him, and **shot** **out** its **branches** **toward** him, from the **beds** of its plantation, **that** **he** **might** **water** it.

8 It **was** planted in a **good** soil **by** many **waters**, **that** it **might** **produce** **branches**, and **that** it **might** bear **fruit**, **that** it **might** **be** a **goodly** **vine**.

9 **Say**, **Thus** **says** the **Lord** **Yahweh**: **Shall** it prosper? **shall** **he** not **pull** up its **roots**, and cut off its **fruit**, **that** it **may** **wither**; **that** **all** its **fresh** springing **leaves** **may** **wither**? and not **by** a strong **arm** **or** many **people** can it **be** **raised** from its **roots**.

10 **Yes**, **behold**, **being** planted, **shall** it prosper? **shall** it not utterly **wither**, *when* the **east** wind **touches** it? it **shall** **wither** in the **beds** *where* it grew.

11 **Moreover** **Yahweh's** **word** **came** to **me**, **saying**,

12 **Say** **now** to the rebellious **house**, **Don't** **you** **know** **what** **these** **things** **mean**? **tell** **them**, **Behold**, the king of **Babylon** **came** to **Jerusalem**, and **took** its king, and its **princes**, and **brought** **them** to him to **Babylon**:

13 and **he** **took** of the royal offspring,[a] and **made** a **covenant** **with** him; **he** **also** **brought** him under an **oath**, and **took** **away** the **mighty** of the land;

14 **that** the kingdom **might** **be** **base**, **that** it **might** not lift itself up, but **that** **by** **keeping** his **covenant** it **might** stand.

15 But **he** **rebelled** **against** him in sending his **ambassadors** **into** **Egypt**, **that** **they** **might** give him **horses** and many **people**. **Shall** **he** prosper? **shall** **he** **escape** **who** **does** **such** **things**? **shall** **he** **break** the **covenant**, and yet **escape**?

16 **As** I live, **says** the **Lord** **Yahweh**, **surely** in the **place** *where* the king **dwells** **who** **made** him king, **whose** **oath** **he** **despised**, and **whose** **covenant** **he** **broke**, **even** **with** him in the middle of **Babylon** **he** **shall** **die**.

17 **Neither** **shall** **Pharaoh** **with** his **mighty** **army** and **great** **company** help him in the **war**, *when* **they** **cast** up **mounds** and **build** **forts**, to cut off many **persons**.

18 For **he** **has** **despised** the **oath** **by** **breaking** the **covenant**; and **behold**, **he** had given his **hand**, and yet **has** **done** **all** **these** **things**; **he** **shall** not **escape**.

19 **Therefore** **thus** **says** the **Lord** **Yahweh**: **As** I live, **surely** **my** **oath** **that** **he** **has** **despised**, and **my** **covenant** **that** **he** **has** **broken**, I will **even** bring it on his **own** head.

20 I will spread **my** net on him, and **he** **shall** **be** **taken** in **my** **snare**, and I will bring him to **Babylon**, and will enter **into** judgment **with** him **there** **for** his **trespass** **that** **he** **has** **trespassed** **against** **me**.

21 All hiş fugitiveş in **â**ll hiş bandş shall **f**âll by the sw**ô**rd, and **tho**şe **wh**e remain shall **b**e scattered tow**â**rd every wind: and **yo**u shall **kn**ow **th**at I, Y**â**hweh, have sp**o**ken it.

22 **Th**us sayş the L**ô**rd Y**â**hweh: I will **â**lso **ta**ke of the lofty top of the **ç**edar, and will set it; I will crop off from the top**o**st of its **yo**ung twigs a tender one, and I will plant it on a **hi**gh and lofty **m**ountain:

23 in the **m**ountain of the **h**eigh**t** of Iş**r**ael will I plant it; and it shall **pr**odu**ç**e **bo**ughş, and bear **fr**uit, and **b**e a **g**o**ô**dl**y** **ç**edar: and under it shall dwell **â**ll **b**irdş of every wing; in the **sh**ade of its **br**ancheş shall **th**ey dwell.

24 All the **tr**eeş of the **fi**eld shall **kn**ow **th**at I, Y**â**hweh, have **br**ô**u**ght **d**own the **hi**gh **tr**ee, have **ex**âlted the **lo**w **tr**ee, have **d**ried up the **gr**een **tr**ee, and have **ma**de the **dr**y **tr**ee to flour**i**sh; I, Y**â**hweh, have sp**o**ken and have **d**ô**n**e it.

Ezekiel 18

Y**â**hweh'ş **w**ôrd **ca**me to **m**e **ag**ain, **sa**ying,

2 **Wh**at **d**e **yo**u **m**ean, **th**at **yo**u **u**se **th**is **pr**ov**ê**rb **con**ç**ê**rning the land of Iş**r**ael, **sa**ying, The **f**â**th**erş have **e**aten **s**our **gr**apeş, and the **ch**ild**r**en'ş **te**eth **â**re set on **ed**ge?

3 **A**ş I **li**ve, sayş the L**ô**rd Y**â**hweh, **yo**u shall not **u**se **th**is **pr**ov**ê**rb any **m**ô**r**e in Iş**r**ael.

4 **B**ehold, **â**ll **s**oulş **â**re **m**ine; **a**ş the **s**oul of the **f**â**th**er, **so** **â**lso the **s**oul of the **so**n **i**ş **m**ine: the **s**oul **wh**e **si**nş, **h**e shall **d**ie.

5 **B**ut if a man **i**ş **ju**st, and **d**o**e**ş **th**at **wh**ich **i**ş **l**â**w**ful and **ri**ght,

6 and haş not **e**aten on the **m**ountainş, **ne**ither haş **li**fted up hiş **e**yeş to the **id**olş of the **h**ouse of Iş**r**ael, **ne**ither haş **d**efiled hiş **ne**ighbor's **w**ife, **ne**ither haş **c**ô**m**e **n**ear to a **w**oman in **h**ê**r** **im**pu**r**ity,

7 and haş not **w**ronged any, but haş **re**st**ô**red to the **d**ebtor hiş **pl**ed**g**e, haş **ta**ken **n**ô**th**ing **by** **r**obbery, haş **g**iven hiş **br**ead to the **h**ungry, and haş **c**ô**v**ered the **n**aked **w**ith a **g**â**r**ment;

8 **h**e **wh**e haş not **l**ent on **i**nterest, **ne**ither haş **ta**ken any **i**nc**r**ease, **wh**e haş **w**ith**d**râ**w**n hiş **h**and from **i**ni**q**uity, haş **ex**ecuted **tr**ue **ju**sti**ç**e **b**etwe**e**n man and man,

9 haş **w**â**l**ked in **m**y **st**atute, and haş **ke**pt **m**y **ô**rdin**an**ç**e**ş, to **d**eal **tr**uly; **h**e **i**ş **ju**st, **h**e shall **su**rely **li**ve, sayş the L**ô**rd Y**â**hweh.

10 If he **fäther** a **són** **whé** **is** a robber **whé** sheds **blóod**, and **whé** **dóe** any one of **thesé** **things**,

11 or **whé** **dóe** not **dé** any of **thosé** **things**, but **even** **has** **eaten** on the **mountain**, and **defiled** his neighbor's **wife**,

12 has **wronged** the **póor** and **needy**, **has** **taken** **by** robbery, **has** not **restóred** the **pledge**, and **has** **lifted** up his **eyes** to the **idol**, **has** committed **abomination**,

13 has lent on interest, and **has** **taken** **increase**; **shall** **he** **then** **live**? **he** **shall** not **live**: **he** **has** **done** **áll** **thesé** **abominations**; **he** **shall** **surely** **die**; his **blóod** **shall** **be** on him.

14 **Now**, **behold**, if he **fäther** a **són**, **whé** **see** **áll** his **fäther**'s **sins**, **which** **he** **has** **done**, and **fear**, and **dóe** not **such** **like**;

15 **whé** **has** not **eaten** on the **mountain**, **neither** **has** **lifted** up his **eyes** to the **idol** of the **house** of **Israel**, **has** not **defiled** his neighbor's **wife**,

16 **neither** **has** **wronged** any, **has** not **taken** **any** **thing** to **pledge**, **neither** **has** **taken** **by** robbery, but **has** **given** his **bread** to the hungry, and **has** **covered** the **naked** **with** a **garment**;

17 **whé** **has** **with** **drawn** his **hand** from the **póor**, **whé** **has** not **received** interest **nór** **increase**, **has** **executed** **my** **ordinances**, **has** **wá** **ke** **d** in **my** **statute**; **he** **shall** not **die** **fór** the iniquity of his **fäther**, **he** **shall** **surely** **live**.

18 **As** **fór** his **fäther**, **because** **he** **cruelly** **oppressed**, **robbed** his **brother**, and **did** **that** **which** **is** not **góod** **among** his **people**, **behold**, **he** **shall** **die** in his **iniquity**.

19 Yet **you** **say**, **Why** **dóe** **sn't** the **són** bear the iniquity of the **fäther**? **When** the **són** **has** **done** **that** **which** **is** **láwfúl** and **right**, and **has** **kept** **áll** **my** **statute**, and **has** **done** **them**, **he** **shall** **surely** **live**.

20 The **soul** **whé** **sins**, **he** **shall** **die**: the **són** **shall** not bear the iniquity of the **fäther**, **neither** **shall** the **fäther** bear the iniquity of the **són**; the **righteousness** of the **righteous** **shall** **be** on him, and the wickedness of the wicked **shall** **be** on him.

21 But if the wicked **túr** **n** from **áll** his **sins** **that** **he** **has** committed, and **keep** **áll** **my** **statute**, and **dé** **that** **which** **is** **láwfúl** and **right**, **he** **shall** **surely** **live**, **he** **shall** not **die**.

22 **Nóne** of his **transgressions** **that** **he** **has** committed **shall** **be** remembered against him: in his **righteousness** **that** **he** **has** **done** **he** **shall** **live**.

23 Have I any **pleasure** in the **death** of the wicked? **says** the **Lórd** **Yähweh**; and not **räther** **that** **he** **shó** **u** **d** **retúr** **n** from his **way**, and **live**?

24 But when the righteous tûrnş away from hiş righteousness, and commits iniquity, and döeş accôrding to áll the abominatiönş that the wicked man döeş, shall he live? Nöne of hiş righteous deedş that he haş döne shall be remembered: in hiş trespass that he haş trespassed, and in hiş sin that he haş sinned, in them shall he die.

25 Yet you say, The way of the Lörd is not equal. Hear now, house of Işrael: Iş my way not equal? ären't yôur wayş unequal?

6 When the righteous man tûrnş away from hiş righteousness, and commits iniquity, and dieş therein; in hiş iniquity that he haş döne shall he die.

27 Again, when the wicked man tûrnş away from hiş wickedness that he haş committed, and döeş that which is lãwful and right, he shall save hiş soul alive.

28 Because he considers, and tûrnş away from áll hiş transgressiönş that he haş committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

29 Yet the house of Işrael sayş, "The way of the Lörd is not fair." House of Işrael, ären't my wayş fair? ären't yôur wayş unfair?

30 Therefore I will judge you, house of Işrael, everyone accôrding to hiş wayş, sayş the Lörd Yähweh. Retûrn, and tûrn yôurselfş from áll yôur transgressiönş; so iniquity shall not be yôur ruin.

31 Cãst away from you áll yôur transgressiönş, in which you have transgressed; and make yôurself a new heãrt and a new spirit: fôr Why will you die, house of Işrael?

32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him who dieş, sayş the Lörd Yähweh: therefore tûrn yôurselfş, and live

Ezekiel 19

Môreover, take up a lamentatiön fôr the prinçesş of Işrael,

2 and say, What waş yôur möther? A lioness: she among liönş, in the middle of the young liönş she nourished hêr cubs.

3 She brôught up one of hêr cubs: he became a young liön, and he lêarned to catch the prey; he devoured men.

4 The nationş álso hêard of him; he waş taken in their pit; and they brôught him with hooşks to the land of Egypt.

5 Now when she sãw that she had waited, and hêr hope waş lost, then she toók another of hêr cubs, and made him a young liön.

6 He went up and down among the lions; he became a young lion, and he learned to catch the prey; he devoured men.

7 He knew their palaces, and laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and its fullness, because of the noise of his roaring.

8 Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces; and they spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit.

9 They put him in a cage with hooks, and brought him to the king of Babylon; they brought him into strongholds, that his voice should no more be heard on the mountains of Israel.

10 Your mother was like a vine, in your blood, planted by the waters; it was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters.

11 It had strong rods for the scepters of those who bore rule, and their stature was exalted among the thick bushes, and they were seen in their height with the multitude of their branches.

12 But it was plucked up in fury, it was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up its fruit: its strong rods were broken off and withered; the fire consumed them.

13 Now it is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty land.

14 Fire is gone out of the rods of its branches, it has devoured its fruit, so that there is in it no strong rod to be a scepter to rule. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

Ezekiel 20

In the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, some of the elders of Israel came to inquire of Yähwëh, and sat before me.

2 Yähwëh's word came to me, saying,

3 Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and tell them, Thus says the Lörd Yähwëh: Is it to inquire of me that you have come? As I live, says the Lörd Yähwëh, I will not be inquired of by you.

4 Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge them? Cause them to know the abominations of their fathers;

5 and tell them, Thus says the Lörd Yähwëh: In the day when I chose Israel, and swore to the offspring[a] of the house of Jacob, and made myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I swore to them, saying, I am Yähwëh your God;

6 in **that day** I sw**ô**re to **them**, to bring **them** **o**ut of the land of **Egypt** into a land **that** I had s**ê**arch**ê**d **o**ut f**ô**r **them**, flowing with milk and h**ô**ney, **which** **is** the gl**ô**ry of **â**ll land**ş**.

7 I said to **them**, C**â**st away every man the abominat**î**on**ş** of hi**ş** ey**eş**, and don't defile y**ô**ur**ş**elve**ş** with the idol**ş** of **Egypt**; I am Y**â**hw**e**h y**ô**ur God.

8 But **they** rebelled against me, and wo**û**ld not listen to me; **they** **each** didn't **throw** away the abominat**î**on**ş** of **their** ey**eş**, **neither** did **they** forsake the idol**ş** of **Egypt**. **Then** I said I wo**û**ld p**ô**ur **o**ut my wr**â**th on **them**, to acc**o**mplish my anger against **them** in the middle of the land of **Egypt**.

9 But I w**ô**r**ê**d f**ô**r my name's sake, **that** it **sho**uld not be profaned in the **si**ght of the **nati**on**ş**, among **whi**ch **they** w**ê**re, in **wh**e**ş**e **si**ght I **made** myself known to **them**, in bringing **them** **o**ut of the land of **Egypt**.

10 So I c**â**us**ê**d **them** to go **o**ut of the land of **Egypt**, and br**ô**ught **them** into the wilderness.

11 I **gave** **them** my statute, and **show**ed **them** my **ô**rdinan**ç**e**ş**, **whi**ch if a man **d**o**eş**, **he** shall live in **them**.

12 M**ô**reover **â**lso I **gave** **them** my sabbath**ş**, to be a **si**gn between me and **them**, **that** **they** might know **that** I am Y**â**hw**e**h **wh**e sanctifi**eş** **them**.

13 But the **hou**se of **I**sr**a**el rebelled against me in the wilderness: **they** didn't w**â**lk in my statute, and **they** rejected my **ô**rdinan**ç**e**ş**, **whi**ch if a man **keep**, **he** shall live in **them**; and my Sabbaths **they** greatly profaned. **Then** I said I wo**û**ld p**ô**ur **o**ut my wr**â**th on **them** in the wilderness, to c**o**nsume **them**.

14 But I w**ô**r**ê**d f**ô**r my name's sake, **that** it **sho**uld not be profaned in the **si**ght of the **nati**on**ş**, in **wh**e**ş**e **si**ght I br**ô**ught **them** **o**ut.

15 M**ô**reover **â**lso I sw**ô**re to **them** in the wilderness, **that** I wo**û**ld not bring **them** into the land **whi**ch I had given **them**, flowing with milk and h**ô**ney, **whi**ch **is** the gl**ô**ry of **â**ll land**ş**;

16 **beca**use **they** rejected my **ô**rdinan**ç**e**ş**, and didn't w**â**lk in my statute, and profaned my Sabbaths: f**ô**r **their** h**ê**art went **â**fter **their** idol**ş**.

17 Never**th**eless my ey**e** spared **them**, and I didn't destroy **them**, **neither** did I **make** a **f**ull end of **them** in the wilderness.

18 I said to **their** children in the wilderness, Don't w**â**lk in the statute of y**ô**ur f**â**ther**ş**, **neither** ob**ş**erve **their** **ô**rdinan**ç**e**ş**, n**ô**r defile y**ô**ur**ş**elve**ş** with **their** idol**ş**.

19 I am Yähweh yôur God: wâlk in my statute, and keep my ôrdinançes, and de them;

20 and make my Sabbaths holy; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am Yähweh yôur God.

21 But the children rebelled against me; they didn't wâlk in my statute, neither kept my ôrdinançes to de them, which if a man de, he shall live in them; they profaned my Sabbaths. Then I said I would pôur out my wrâth on them, to accômplish my anger against them in the wilderness.

22 Nevertheless I withdrew my hand, and wôrked fôr my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whes sight I brôught them out.

23 Môreover I swôre to them in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the nations, and dispêrse them through the countries;

24 because they had not executed my ôrdinançes, but had rejected my statute, and had profaned my Sabbaths, and their eyes wêre âfter their fathers' idols.

25 Môreover âlso I gave them statute that wêre not good, and ôrdinançes in which they should not live;

26 and I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they câused âll that opens the womb to pâss through the fire, that I might make them desôlate, to the end that they might know that I am Yähweh.

27 Therefore, sôn of man, speak to the house of Işrael, and tell them, Thus sayş the Lôrd Yähweh: In this môreover have yôur fâtherş blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespâss against me.

28 For when I had brôught them into the land, which I swôre to give to them, then they sâw every high hill, and every thick tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering; there âlso they made their pleasant aroma, and they pôured out there their drink offerings.

29 Then I said to them, What dôes the high plaçe where you go mean? So its name is câllèd Bamah to this day.

30 Therefore tell the house of Işrael, Thus sayş the Lôrd Yähweh: De you pollute yôurselveş in the way of yôur fâtherş? and de you play the prostitute âfter their abominations?

31 and when you offer yôur gifts, when you make yôur sônş to pâss through the fire, de you pollute yôurselveş with âll yôur idols to this day? and shall I be inquired of

by **you**, **house** of **Išrael**? **Aš** I live, says the **Lôrd** **Yähweh**, I will not **be** **inquired** of by **you**;

32 and **that** **whiçh** **cômeš** into **yôur** mind **shall** not **be** at **âll**, in **that** **you** say, **We** will **be** **aš** the **natiônš**, **aš** the **familiëš** of the **countriëš**, to **sêrve** **wôod** and **stone**.

33 **As** I live, says the **Lôrd** **Yähweh**, **surely** **with** a **mighty** hand, and **with** an **outstretchëd** **ârm**, and **with** **wrâth** **pôured** **out**, will I **be** king **over** **you**:

34 and I will bring **you** **out** from the **peoplëš**, and will **gather** **you** **out** of the **countriëš** in **whiçh** **you** **âre** scattered, **with** a **mighty** hand, and **with** an **outstretchëd** **ârm**, and **with** **wrâth** **pôured** **out**;

35 and I will bring **you** into the wilderness of the **peoplëš**, and **there** will I enter into **judgment** **with** **you** **façe** to **façe**.

36 Like **aš** I entered into **judgment** **with** **yôur** **fâtherš** in the wilderness of the land of **Egypt**, **so** will I enter into **judgment** **with** **you**, says the **Lôrd** **Yähweh**.

37 I will **câuse** **you** to **pâss** under the rod, and I will bring **you** into the bond of the **côvenant**;

38 and I will **pûrge** **out** from among **you** the rebels, and **thoše** **who** disobey against me; I will bring **them** **out** of the land **where** **they** live, but **they** **shall** not enter into the land of **Išrael**: and **you** **shall** **know** **that** I am **Yähweh**.

39 **Aš** **fôr** **you**, **house** of **Išrael**, **thus** says the **Lôrd** **Yähweh**: **Go**, **sêrve** everyone hiš **idolš**, and **hereâfter** **âlso**, if **you** will not listen to me; but my **holy** name **you** **shall** no **môre** profane **with** **yôur** gifts, and **with** **yôur** **idolš**.

40 For in **my** **holy** **mountain**, in the **mountain** of the **height** of **Išrael**, says the **Lôrd** **Yähweh**, **there** **shall** **âll** the **house** of **Išrael**, **âll** of **them**, **sêrve** me in the land: **there** will I **accept** **them**, and **there** will I **require** **yôur** offerings, and the **first** fruits of **yôur** offerings, **with** **âll** **yôur** **holy** **thingš**.

41 **Aš** a **pleašant** **aroma** will I **accept** **you**, **when** I bring **you** **out** from the **peoplëš**, and **gather** **you** **out** of the **countriëš** in **whiçh** **you** have **been** scattered; and I will **be** sanctified in **you** in the **sight** of the **natiônš**.

42 **You** **shall** **know** **that** I am **Yähweh**, **when** I **shall** bring **you** into the land of **Išrael**, into the country **whiçh** I **swôre** to give to **yôur** **fâtherš**.

43 **There** **you** **shall** remember **yôur** **wayš**, and **âll** **yôur** **deingš**, in **whiçh** **you** have polluted **yôur** **selveš**; and **you** **shall** loathe **yôur** **selveš** in **yôur** **own** **sight** **fôr** **âll** **yôur** **evilš** **that** **you** have committed.

44 **You shall know that I am Yähweh, when I have dealt with you för my name's sake, not accöording to yôur evil wayş, nôr accöording to yôur corrupt deingş, you house of Işrael, sayş the Lörd Yähweh.**

45 Yähweh'ş wôrd came to me, saying,

46 **Sôn of man, set yôur façe towârd the south, and preach towârd the south, and propheçy against the forest of the field in the South;**

47 and tell the forest of the **South**, **Hear Yähweh'ş wôrd: Thus sayş the Lörd Yähweh, Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall devour every green tree in you, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and äll façeş from the south to the nôrth shall be bûrnt thereby.**

48 **All flesh shall see that I, Yähweh, have kindled it; it shall not be quenched.**

49 Then I said, **äh Lörd Yähweh! they say of me, Işn't he a speaker of parableş?**

Ezekiel 21

Yähweh'ş wôrd came to me, saying,

2 **Sôn of man, set yôur façe towârd Jeruşalem, and preach towârd the sanctuaries, and propheçy against the land of Işrael;**

3 and tell the land of Işrael, **Yähweh sayş: Behold, I am against you, and will drâw my swôrd out of its sheat, and will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked.**

4 **Seeing then that I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my swôrd go out of its sheat against äll flesh from the south to the nôrth:**

5 and **äll flesh shall know that I, Yähweh, have drâwn my swôrd out of its sheat; it shall not retûrn any môre.**

6 **Sigh therefore, you sôn of man; with the breaking of yôur thighş and with bitterness you will sigh beföre their eyeş.**

7 **It shall be, when they tell you, Why do you sigh? that you shall say, Because of the newş, för it cömeş; and every heärt shall melt, and äll handş shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and äll kneeş shall be weak aş wâter: behold, it cömeş, and it shall be done, sayş the Lörd Yähweh.**

8 Yähweh'ş wôrd came to me, saying,

9 **Sôn of man, propheçy, and say, Yähweh sayş: Say, A swôrd, a swôrd, it iş shärpened, and älso furbished;**

10 **it iş shärpened that it may make a slâughter; it iş furbished that it may be aş lightning: shall we then make mîrth? the rod of my sôn, it cödemnş every tree.**

11 It **iş** given to be **fûrbished**, **that** it **may** be handled: the **swôrd**, it **iş** **shärpened**, yes, it **iş** **fûrbished**, to give it **intë** the hand of the killer.

12 Cry and **wail**, **son** of man; **fôr** it **iş** on **my** **peop**le, it **iş** on **äll** the **prinçes** of **Işrael**: **they** **äre** delivered **over** to the **swôrd** **with** **my** **peop**le; strike **therefôre** on **yôur** **thigh**.

13 For **there** **iş** a **trial**; and **what** if **even** the rod **that** **côndemns** **shall** be **no** **môre**? **says** the **Lôrd** **Yähweh**.

14 **You** **therefôre**, **son** of man, **propheçy**, and strike **yôur** **hands** **together**; and let the **swôrd** be doubled the **thir**d **time**, the **swôrd** of the deadly **wounded**: it **iş** the **swôrd** of the **great** one **who** **iş** deadly **wounded**, **which** enters **intë** **their** **rooms**.

15 I have set the **threatening** **swôrd** **against** **äll** **their** **gates**, **that** **their** **heärt** **may** melt, and **their** **stumlings** be multiplied: **äh!** it **iş** **made** **aş** **lightning**, it **iş** pointed **fôr** **släughter**.

16 **Gather** **yôurselves** **together**, **go** to the **right**, set **yôurselves** in **array**, **go** to the left, **wherever** **yôur** **façe** **iş** set.

17 I will **älso** strike **my** **hands** **together**, and I will **cauße** **my** **wräth** to rest: I, **Yähweh**, have **spoken** it.

18 **Yähweh's** **wôrd** **came** to me again, **saying**,

19 **Also**, **you** **son** of man, appoint **two** **ways**, **that** the **swôrd** of the king of Babylon **may** **come**; **they** **both** **shall** **come** **out** of one land: and **märk** **out** a **plaçe**, **märk** it **out** at the head of the **way** to the **çity**.

20 **You** **shall** appoint a **way** **fôr** the **swôrd** to **come** to Rabbah of the **children** of Ammon, and to **Judah** in **Jeruşalem** the **fôrtified**.

21 For the king of Babylon **stööd** at the **pärting** of the **way**, at the head of the **two** **ways**, to **use** **divination**: **he** **shöök** the **arrows** back and **fôrth**, **he** consulted the teraphim,[a] **he** **lööked** in the liver.

22 In **hiş** **right** hand **waş** the lot **fôr** **Jeruşalem**, to set **battering** **rams**, to **open** the **mou**th in the **släughter**, to lift up the **voiče** **with** **shouting**, to set **battering** **rams** **against** the **gates**, to **cäst** up **mounds**, to **build** **fôrts**.

23 It **shall** be to **them** **aş** a **fälse** **divination** in **their** **sight**, **who** have **swôrn** **oaths** to **them**; but **he** **bringş** **iniquity** to memory, **that** **they** **may** be **taken**.

24 **Therefore** **thus** **says** the **Lôrd** **Yähweh**: **Beçauße** **you** have **made** **yôur** **iniquity** to be remembered, in **that** **yôur** **transşgressions** **äre** **uncôvered**, **so** **that** in **äll** **yôur** **döings** **yôur** **sins** **appear**; **beçauße** **you** have **come** to memory, **you** **shall** be **taken** **with** the hand.

25 **You**, deadly wounded wicked one, the prince of **I**srael, whose day has come, in the time of the iniquity of the end,

26 **thus** says the **L**ord **Y**ahweh: Remove the turban, and take off the crown; **this** will not be as it was; exalt that which is low, and abase that which is high.

27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: **this** also shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it.

28 **You**, son of man, prophecy, and say, **Thus** says the **L**ord **Y**ahweh concerning the children of Ammon, and concerning their reproach; and say, A sword, a sword is drawn, for the slaughter it is furnished, to cause it to devour, that it may be as lightning;

29 while they see for you false visions, while they divine lies to you, to lay you on the necks of the wicked who are deadly wounded, whose day has come in the time of the iniquity of the end.

30 Cause it to return into its sheat. In the place where you were created, in the land of your birth, will I judge you.

31 I will pour out my indignation on you; I will blow on you with the fire of my wrath; and I will deliver you into the hand of brutish men, skilful to destroy.

32 **You** shall be for fuel to the fire; your blood shall be in the middle of the land; you shall be remembered no more: for I, **Y**ahweh, have spoken it.

Ezekiel 22

Moreover **Y**ahweh's word came to me, saying,

2 **You**, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? then cause her to know all her abominations.

3 **You** shall say, **Thus** says the **L**ord **Y**ahweh: A city that sheds blood within herself, that her time may come, and that makes idols against herself to defile her!

4 **You** have become guilty in your blood that you have shed, and are defiled in your idols which you have made; and you have caused your days to draw near, and have come even to your years: therefore have I made you a reproach to the nations, and a mocking to all the countries.

5 Those who are near, and those who are far from you, shall mock you, you infamous one, full of tumult.

6 Behold, the princes of **I**srael, everyone according to his power, have been in you to shed blood.

7 In **you** have **they** set **light by fäther** and **móther**; **among you they** have dealt by **oppression with** the foreigner; in **you they** have **wronged** the **fätherless** and the **widow**.

8 **You** have **despişed my holy things**, and have **profaned my Sabbaths**.

9 Slandorous men have **been** in **you** to **shed blóod**; and in **you they** have **eaten** on the **mountainş**: **they** have committed lewdness **among you**.

10 In **you** have **they** **uncovered their fathers' nakedness**; in **you** have **they** **humbled hêr who waş** **unclean** in **hêr impurity**.

11 One **haş** committed **abomination with** his neighbor's **wife**; and **another haş** **lewdly defiled** his **dâughter-in-lâw**; and **another** in **you** **haş** **humbled** his **sister**, his **fäther's dâughter**.

12 In **you** have **they** **taken bribes** to **shed blóod**; **you** have **taken** interest and **increase**, and **you** have **greedily gained** of **yôur neighborş** **by** **oppression**, and have **forgotten me**, **sayş** the **Lôrd Yähweh**.

13 **Behold, therefore**, I have **struck my hand** at **yôur dishonest gain** **which you** have **made**, and at **yôur blóod** **which** **haş been** **within you**.

14 Can **yôur heart** **endure**, **ôr** can **yôur hands** **be** **strong**, in the **days** **that I shall deal** **with you**? I, **Yähweh**, have **spoken** it, and will **de** it.

15 I will **scatter you** **among** the **nationş**, and **dispêrse you** **through** the **countryes**; and I will **consume** **yôur filthiness** **out of you**.

16 **You shall be** **profaned** in **yôurself**, in the **sight** of the **nationş**; and **you shall know** **that I am Yähweh**.

17 **Yähweh's wôrd** **came** to **me**, **saying**,

18 **Sôn** of man, the **house** of **Işrael** **haş** **becóme** **dross** to **me**: **áall** of **them** **äre** **bräss** and **tin** and **irón** and **lead**, in the middle of the **fûrnaçe**; **they** **äre** the **dross** of **silver**.

19 **Therefore** **thus** **sayş** the **Lôrd Yähweh**: **Becauşe** **you** have **áall** **becóme** **dross**, **therefóre**, **behold**, I will **gather** **you** **into** the middle of **Jeruşalem**.

20 **Aş** **they** **gather** **silver** and **bräss** and **irón** and **lead** and **tin** **into** the middle of the **fûrnaçe**, to **blow** the **fire** on it, to **melt** it; **so** will I **gather** **you** in **my** **anger** and in **my** **wrätth**, and I will **lay** **you** **there**, and **melt** **you**.

21 **Yes**, I will **gather** **you**, and **blow** on **you** **with** the **fire** of **my** **wrätth**, and **you shall** **be** **melted** in the middle of it.

22 Aş silver iş melted in the middle of the fûrnaçe, so you will be melted in the middle of it; and you will know that I, Yähweh, have pôured out my wräth on you.

23 Yähweh's wôrd came to me, saying,

24 Sôn of man, tell hêr, You äre a land that iş not cleansed, nôr rained on in the day of indignation.

25 There iş a cónspiracy of hêr prophets within it, like a rôaring lión ravening the prey: they have devoured souls; they take treasure and precious things; they have made hêr widows many within it.

26 Hêr priests have done violence to my lãw, and have profaned my holy things: they have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they caused men to discern between the unclean and the clean, and have hidden their eyes from my Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27 Hêr princes within it äre like wólves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, that they may get dishonest gain.

28 Hêr prophets have plästered fôr them with whitewash, seeing false visions, and divining lies to them, saying, Thus says the Lórd Yähweh, when Yähweh has not spoken.

29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery; yes, they have troubled the pór and needy, and have oppressed the foreigner wrongfully.

30 I söught fôr a man among them, who shóuld build up the wãll, and stand in the gap befóre me fôr the land, that I shóuld not destroy it; but I found no one.

31 Therefore have I pôured out my indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wräth: their own way have I brought on their heads, says the Lórd Yähweh.

Ezekiel 23

Yähweh's wôrd came again to me, saying,

2 Sôn of man, there wêre twe women, the dáughters of one móther:

3 and they played the prostitute in Egypt; they played the prostitute in their youth; there wêre their breasts pressed, and there waş handled the bósóm of their virginity.

4 Their names wêre Oholah the elder, and Oholibah hêr sister: and they became mine, and they bore sons and dáughters. Aş fôr their names, Samaria iş Oholah, and Jeruşalem Oholibah.

5 Oholah play^ed the prostitut^e when **she w^as mine**; and **she** doted on h^er lov^er^s, on the Assyrians h^er neighbor^s,

6 wh^o w^er^e cloth^ed with blu^e, gov^ernor^s and ruler^s, **á**ll of **them** desir^abl^e young men, h^orsem^en riding on h^orse^s.

7 **She** gav^e h^erself a^s a prostitut^e to **them**, the choi^cest men of Assyria **á**ll of **them**; and on wh^oever **she** doted, with **á**ll **their** idol^s **she** defil^ed h^erself.

8 **Neither** has **she** left h^er prostitutⁱon sin^ce leavⁱng **Egypt**; f^or in h^er youth **they** lay with h^er, and **they** handl^ed the bos^om of h^er virginity; and **they** p^our^ed out **their** prostitutⁱon on h^er.

9 **Ther^efore** I deliver^ed h^er into the hand of h^er lov^er^s, into the hand of the Assyrians, on wh^om **she** doted.

10 **Thes^e** uncov^ered h^er nakedness; **they** to^ok h^er son^s and h^er d^aught^er^s; and h^er **they** kill^ed with the sw^ord: and **she** becam^e a byw^ord among women; f^or **they** execut^ed judgm^ents on h^er.

11 **Her** sister Oholibah s^aw **this**, yet w^as **she** m^ore corrupt in h^er dotⁱng **than** **she**, and in h^er prostitutⁱon *whⁱch* w^er^e m^ore **than** the prostitutⁱon of h^er sister.

12 **She** doted on the Assyrians, gov^ernor^s and ruler^s, h^er neighbor^s, cloth^ed most g^orgeously, h^orsem^en riding on h^orse^s, **á**ll of **them** desir^abl^e young men.

13 I s^aw **that** **she** w^as defil^ed; **they** **both** to^ok one way.

14 **She** increas^ed h^er prostitutⁱon ; f^or **she** s^aw men p^ortray^ed on the w^all, the image^s of the Chaldeans p^ortray^ed with vermilion,

15 dress^ed with gⁱrdle^s on **their** waists, with flowⁱng t^urbans^s on **their** head^s, **á**ll of **them** princ^es to l^ook on, **á**fter the lik^eness of the Babylonians in Chaldea, the land of **their** bⁱrth.

16 **A**s so^on a^s **she** s^aw **them** **she** doted on **them**, and sent messenger^s to **them** into Chaldea.

17 The Babylonians cam^e to h^er into the bed of lov^e, and **they** defil^ed h^er with **their** prostitutⁱon , and **she** w^as pollut^ed with **them**, and h^er soul w^as alienat^ed from **them**.

18 **So** **she** uncov^ered h^er prostitutⁱon , and uncov^ered h^er nakedness: **then** my soul w^as alienat^ed from h^er, like a^s my soul w^as alienat^ed from h^er sister.

19 Yet **she** multiplⁱed h^er prostitutⁱon , remembering the day^s of h^er youth, in *whⁱch* **she** had play^ed the prostitut^e in the land of **Egypt**.

20 **She** doted on **their** paramōurs, whēse flesh iſ aſ the flesh of donkeys, and whēse issue iſ like the issue of hōrseſ.

21 **Thus** you cālled to memory the lewdness of yōur youth, in the handling of yōur bōſōm by the **Egyptianſ** fōr the breasts of yōur youth.

22 **Therefore**, Oholibah, **thus** sayſ the Lōrd Yāhweh: Behold, I will raiſe up yōur loverſ against you, from whēm yōur soul iſ alienated, and I will bring **them** against you on every side:

23 the Babylonians and āll the Chaldeans, Pekod, Shoa, Koa, and āll the Assyrians with **them**; desirable young men, gōvernōrſ and rulerſ āll of **them**, princeſ and men of renown, āll of **them** riding on hōrseſ.

24 **They** shall cōme against you with weaponſ, chariōts, and wagonſ, and with a cōmpany of peopleſ; **they** shall set **themselves** against you with buckler and shield and helmet āll around; and I will commit the judgment to **them**, and **they** shall judge you accōrding to **their** judgments.

25 I will set my jealousy against you, and **they** shall deal with you in fury; **they** shall take away yōur noſe and yōur earſ; and yōur reſidue shall fāll by the ſwōrd: **they** shall take yōur ſōnſ and yōur dāughterſ; and yōur reſidue shall be devoured by the fire.

26 **They** shall ālſo strip you of yōur clotheſ, and take away yōur beautiful jewelſ.

27 **Thus** will I make yōur lewdness to ceāse from you, and yōur prostitution from the land of **Egypt**; so that you shall not lift up yōur eyeſ to **them**, nōr remember **Egypt** any mōre.

28 For **thus** sayſ the Lōrd Yāhweh: Behold, I will deliver you into the hand of **them** whēm you hate, into the hand of **them** from whēm yōur soul iſ alienated;

29 and **they** shall deal with you in hatred, and shall take away āll yōur labor, and shall leave you naked and bare; and the nakedness of yōur prostitution shall be uncovered, **both** yōur lewdness and yōur prostitution .

30 **Theſe things** shall be done to you, becauſe you have played the prostitute āfter the nationſ, and becauſe you āre polluted with **their** idolſ.

31 You have wāked in the way of yōur sister; **therefore** will I give hēr cup into yōur hand.

32 **Thus** sayſ the Lōrd Yāhweh: You will drink of yōur sister's cup, **which** iſ deep and larg; you will be ridiculed and held in deriſion; it cōtainſ much.

33 You shall be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of your sister Samaria.

34 You shall even drink it and drain it out, and you shall gnaw the broken pieces of it, and shall tear your breasts; for I have spoken it, says the Lord Yähwëh.

35 Therefore thus says the Lord Yähwëh: Because you have forgotten me, and cast me behind your back, therefore you also bear your lewdness and your prostitution.

36 Yähwëh said moreover to me: Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? then declare to them their abominations.

37 For they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands; and with their idols have they committed adultery; and they have also caused their sons, whom they bore to me, to pass through the fire to them to be devoured.

38 Moreover this they have done to me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my Sabbaths.

39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and behold, thus have they done in the middle of my house.

40 Furthermore you have sent for men who come from far, to whom a messenger was sent, and behold, they came; for whom you did wash yourself, paint your eyes, and decorate yourself with ornaments,

41 and sit on a stately bed, with a table prepared before it, whereupon you set my incense and my oil.

42 The voice of a multitude being at ease was with her: and with men of the common sort were brought drunkards from the wilderness; and they put bracelets on their hands, and beautiful crowns on their heads.

43 Then I said of her who was old in adulteries, Now they will play the prostitute with her, and she with them.

44 They went in to her, as they go in to a prostitute: so went they in to Oholah and to Oholibah, the lewd women.

45 Righteous men, they shall judge them with the judgment of adulteresses, and with the judgment of women who shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands.

46 For thus says the Lord Yähwëh: I will bring up a company against them, and will give them to be tossed back and forth and robbed.

47 The c^ompany shall stone them with stone^s, and dispatch them with their sword^s; they shall kill their son^s and their da^ughter^s, and b^urn up their house^s with fire.

48 Thus will I ca^use lewdness to ce^ase out of the land, that all women may be ta^ught not to do after yo^ur lewdness.

49 They shall rec^om^pense yo^ur lewdness on yo^u, and yo^u shall bear the sin^s of yo^ur idol^s; and yo^u shall know that I am the L^ord Ya^hweh.

Ezekiel 24

Again, in the nin^th year, in the ten^th mon^th, in the ten^th day of the mon^th, Ya^hweh's wo^rd came to me, saying,

2 Soⁿ of man, write the name of the day, this same day. The king of Babylon drew clo^se to Jeru^salem this same day.

3 Utter a parable to the rebellious house, and tell them, Thus say^s the L^ord Ya^hweh, Set on the ca^uldroⁿ, set it on, and also po^ur wa^ter into it:

4 gather its piece^s into it, even every go^od piece, the thi^gh, and the shou^lder; fill it with the choi^ce bone^s.

5 Take the choi^ce of the flock, and also a pile of wo^od fo^r the bone^s under the ca^uldroⁿ; make it boil well; yes, let its bone^s be boiled within it.

6 Therefo^re thus say^s the L^ord Ya^hweh: Wo^e to the bloody ci^ty, to the ca^uldroⁿ whose rust is therein, and whose rust is not gone out of it! take out of it piece after piece; No lot is fa^llen on it.

7 For he^r blood is in the middle of he^r; she set it on the ba^re rock; she didn't po^ur it on the gro^und, to co^ver it with dust.

8 That it may ca^use wa^rth to co^me up to take vengean^ce, I have set he^r blood on the ba^re rock, that it shou^ld not be co^vered.

9 Therefo^re thus say^s the L^ord Ya^hweh: Wo^e to the bloody ci^ty! I also will make the pile great.

10 Heap on the wo^od, make the fire hot, boil well the flesh, and make thi^ck the bro^th, and let the bone^s be bu^rned.

11 Then set it empty on its coal^s, that it may be hot, and its bra^ss may bu^rn, and that its fil^thiness may be molten in it, that its rust may be coⁿsumed.

12 She is weary with toil; yet he^r great rust do^esⁿ't go le^ave he^r; he^r rust do^esⁿ't go by fire.

13 In **yôur** filthiness is lewdness: because I have cleansed you and you weren't cleansed, you shall not be cleansed from **yôur** filthiness any **môre**, until I have caused my **wrâth** toward you to rest.

14 I, Yâhweh, have spoken it: it shall happen, and I will **de** it: I will not go back, **neither** will I spare, **neither** will I repent; according to **yôur** ways, and according to **yôur** doings, shall they judge you, says the **Lôrd** Yâhweh.

15 Also Yâhweh's **wôrd** came to me, saying,

16 **Sôn** of man, behold, I will take away from you the desire of **yôur** eyes with a stroke: yet you shall **neither** **môrn** **nôr** weep, **neither** shall **yôur** tears run down.

17 **Sigh**, but not aloud, make **no** **môrning** **fôr** the dead; bind **yôur** headdress on you, and put **yôur** shoes on **yôur** feet, and don't cover **yôur** lips, and don't eat men's bread.

18 **So** I spoke to the people in the **môrning**; and at **even** my wife died; and I did in the **môrning** as I was commanded.

19 The people said to me, Won't you tell us what these things are to us, that you do so?

20 **Then** I said to them, Yâhweh's **wôrd** came to me, saying,

21 Speak to the house of **Israhel**, **Thus** says the **Lôrd** Yâhweh: Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the pride of **yôur** power, the desire of **yôur** eyes, and that which **yôur** soul pities; and **yôur** sons and **yôur** daughters whom you have left behind shall fall by the sword.

22 You shall do as I have done: you shall not cover **yôur** lips, **nôr** eat the bread of men.

23 **Yôur** tires shall be on **yôur** heads, and **yôur** shoes on **yôur** feet: you shall not **môrn** **nôr** weep; but you shall pine away in **yôur** iniquities, and moan one toward another.

24 **Thus** Ezekiel shall be a sign to you; according to **âll** that he has done, you will do. When **this** comes, then you will know that I am the **Lôrd** Yâhweh.

25 You, **sôn** of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their heart, their sons and their daughters,

26 that in that day he who escapes shall come to you, to cause you to hear it with **yôur** ears?

27 In **that day** yôur **mouth** will **be opened** to him **who** haş **escaped**, and **you shall speak**, and **be no mōre mute**: **so you** will **be a sign** to **them**; and **they shall know** that I am Yăhweh.

Ezekiel 25

Yăhweh's wôrd came to me, saying,

2 Sôn of man, set yôur **face** towărd the **children** of Ammon, and **prophecy** against **them**:

3 and tell the **children** of Ammon, **Hear** the wôrd of the Lôrd Yăhweh: **Thus says** the Lôrd Yăhweh, **Because** **you** said, **Aha**, against **my sanctuary**, **when** it **wăş** profaned; and against the land of **Işrael**, **when** it **wăş** made **deşolate**; and against the **house** of **Judah**, **when** **they** went into **captivity**:

4 **therefōre**, **behold**, I will deliver **you** to the **children** of the **east** fōr a **possession**, and **they shall set** **their** encampments in **you**, and **make** **their** dwellings in **you**; **they shall eat** yôur **fruit**, and **they shall drink** yôur **milk**.

5 I will **make** Rabbah a **stable** fōr **camels**, and the **children** of Ammon a resting **place** fōr **flocks**: and **you shall know** that I am Yăhweh.

6 For **thus says** the Lôrd Yăhweh: **Because** **you** have clapped yôur **hands**, and stamped **with** the **feet**, and rejoiced **with** **ăll** the **despite** of yôur **soul** against the land of **Işrael**;

7 **therefōre**, **behold**, I have stretched **out** **my** hand on **you**, and will deliver **you** fōr a **plunder** to the **nations**; and I will cut **you** off from the **people**, and I will **cause** **you** to **perish** **out** of the **countries**: I will **destroy** **you**; and **you shall know** that I am Yăhweh.

8 **Thus says** the Lôrd Yăhweh: **Because** **Moab** and **Seir** **say**, **Behold**, the **house** of **Judah** **is** like **ăll** the **nations**;

9 **therefōre**, **behold**, I will **open** the **side** of **Moab** from the **cities**, from hiş **cities** **which** **ăre** on hiş **frontiers**, the **glōry** of the **country**, Beth Jeshimoth, Baal Meon, and Kiriathaim,

10 to the **children** of the **east**, to **go** against the **children** of Ammon; and I will give **them** fōr a **possession**, **that** the **children** of Ammon **may** not **be** remembered **among** the **nations**.

11 and I will **execute** **judgments** on **Moab**; and **they shall know** that I am Yăhweh.

12 **Thus says** the Lôrd Yăhweh: **Because** **Edom** haş dealt against the **house** of **Judah** by **taking** **vengeance**, and haş **greatly** offended, and **revenge**d himself on **them**;

13 **therefôre thus says** the L^ôrd Y^ähweh, I will stretch **out my** hand on Edom, and will cut off man and animal from it; and I will **make** it des^ôlate from Teman; **even** to Dedan **shall they f^äll by** the sw^ôrd.

14 I will **lay my** vengean^çe on Edom **by** the hand of my **people I^srael**; and **they shall** **de** in Edom acc^ôrding to my **anger** and acc^ôrding to my **wr^äth**; and **they shall know** my vengean^çe, says the L^ôrd Y^ähweh.

15 **Thus says** the L^ôrd Y^ähweh: Becau^se the Philistines have dealt **by** reveng^e, and have **taken** vengean^çe **with** despⁱte of soul to destroy **with** p^êrpetual hostility;

16 **therefôre thus says** the L^ôrd Y^ähweh, Behold, I will stretch **out my** hand on the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites, and destroy the remnant of the sea coast.

17 I will execute great vengean^çe on **them** **with** wr^äthful rebukes; and **they shall know** **that** I am Y^ähweh, **when** I **shall lay my** vengean^çe on **them**.

Ezekiel 26

In the eleventh^h year, in the first of the month, Y^ähweh's w^ôrd came to me, saying,

2 S^ôn of man, becau^se Ty^re has said against Jeru^salem, Aha, **she is** broken: the gate of the people^s; **she is t^ûrn**ed to me; I **shall be** replenish^{ed}, **now that she is** laid waste:

3 **therefôre thus says** the L^ôrd Y^ähweh, Behold, I am against **you**, Ty^re, and will **c^äuse** many nation^s to **c^ôme** up against **you**, **as** the sea **c^äuses** its wave^s to **c^ôme** up.

4 **They shall** destroy the w^äll^s of Ty^re, and **break** down h^êr tower^s: I will **ä**lso scrape h^êr dust from h^êr, and **make** h^êr a bare rock.

5 **She shall be** a plac^e f^ôr the spreading of nets in the middle of the sea; f^ôr I have spok^en it, says the L^ôrd Y^ähweh; and **she shall** bec^ôme a plunder to the nation^s.

6 H^êr d^äughter^s **wh^o ä**re in the field **shall be** slain **with** the sw^ôrd: and **they shall know** **that** I am Y^ähweh.

7 For **thus says** the L^ôrd Y^ähweh: Behold, I will bring on Ty^re Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king of king^s, from the n^ôrth, **with** h^ôrse^s, and **with** chari^ôts, and **with** h^ôrsemen, and a c^ômpany, and many people.

8 **He shall** kill y^ôur d^äughter^s in the field **with** the sw^ôrd; and **he shall** make f^ôrts against **you**, and **c^äst** up a mound against **you**, and **rais^e** up the buckler against **you**.

9 He shall set his battering engines against your walls, and with his axes he shall break down your towers.

10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover you: your walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wagons, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into your gates, as men enter into a city in which is made a breach.

11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all your streets; he shall kill your people with the sword; and the pillars of your strength shall go down to the ground.

12 They shall make a plunder of your riches, and make a prey of your merchandise; and they shall break down your walls, and destroy your pleasant houses; and they shall lay your stones and your timber and your dust in the middle of the waters.

13 I will cause the noise of your songs to cease; and the sound of your harps shall be no more heard.

14 I will make you a bare rock; you shall be a place for the spreading of nets; you shall be built no more: for I Yähwē have spoken it, says the Lōrd Yähwē.

15 Thus says the Lōrd Yähwē to Tyre: shall not the islands shake at the sound of your fall, when the wounded groan, when the slaughter is made within you?

16 Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay aside their robes, and strip off their embroidered garments: they shall clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit on the ground, and shall tremble every moment, and be astonished at you.

17 They shall take up a lamentation over you, and tell you, How you are destroyed, who were inhabited by seafaring men, the renowned city, who was strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, who caused their terror to be on all who lived there!

18 Now shall the islands tremble in the day of your fall; yes, the islands that are in the sea shall be dismayed at your departure.

19 For thus says the Lōrd Yähwē: When I shall make you a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep on you, and the great waters shall cover you;

20 then I will bring you down with those who descend into the pit, to the people of old time, and will make you to dwell in the lower parts of the earth, in the places that are desolate of old, with those who go down to the pit, that you be not inhabited; and I will set glory in the land of the living:

21 I will **make you** a terror, and **you shall no more** have any being; **though you are sought for**, yet **you will never be found again**, says the **Lôrd Yähweh**.

Ezekiel 27

Yähweh's **wôrd** came again to me, saying,

2 **You, sôn** of man, **take up** a lamentation over **Tyre**;

3 and tell **Tyre**, **you who** dwell at the entry of the **sea**, **who are** the **mêrchant** of the **peoples** to many **islands**, **thus says** the **Lôrd Yähweh**: **You, Tyre**, have said, I am **pêrfect** in **beauty**.

4 **Yôur borders** **are** in the **heärt** of the **seas**; **yôur builders** have **pêrfect**ed **yôur beauty**.

5 They have **made all yôur** planks of **çypress trees** from **Senir**; **they have taken** a **çedar** from **Lebanon** to **make** a **mäst** **fôr you**.

6 Of the **oaks** of **Bashan** have **they made yôur ôars**; **they have made yôur benches** of **ivory** **inlaid** in **boxwôod**, from the **islands** of **Kittim**.

7 Of **fine** linen **with** **embroidered wôrk** from **Egypt** **was yôur sail**, **that it might be** to **you fôr** a banner; **blue** and **pûrple** from the **islands** of **Elishah** **was yôur awning**.

8 The inhabitants of **Sidon** and **Arvad** **wêre yôur rowers**; **yôur wisè** men, **Tyre**, **wêre** in **you**, **they wêre yôur pilots**.

9 The **old** men of **Gebal** and the **wisè** men of it **wêre** in **you yôur repairers** of **ship seams**; **all the ships** of the **sea** **with their** mariners **wêre** in **you** to **deal** in **yôur mêrchandise**.

10 **Pêrsia** and **Lud** and **Pût** **wêre** in **yôur ärmÿ**, **yôur men** of **wâr**: **they hanged** the **shield** and **helmet** in **you**; **they showed yôur beauty**.

11 The men of **Arvad** **with yôur ärmÿ** **wêre** on **yôur walls** **all around**, and **valorous** men **wêre** in **yôur towers**; **they hanged their shields** on **yôur walls** **all around**; **they have pêrfect**ed **yôur beauty**.

12 **Tarshish** **was yôur mêrchant** **by reaşon** of the multitude of **all kinds** of **riches**; **with silver**, **iron**, **tin**, and **lead**, **they traded fôr yôur wares**.

13 **Javan**, **Tubal**, and **Meshech**, **they wêre yôur traffickers**; **they traded** the **pêrsons** of men and **vessels** of **bräss** **fôr yôur mêrchandise**.

14 **They** of the **house** of **Togarmah** **traded fôr yôur wares** **with horses** and **wâr horses** and **mule**.

15 The men of **Dedan** **wêre yôur traffickers**; many **islands** **wêre** the **märket** of **yôur hand**: **they brôught you** in **exchangè** **hörnş** of **ivory** and **ebony**.

16 Syria **was** yôur mêrchant by reaşon of the multitude of yôur handiwôrks: **they** traded fôr yôur wareş with emeralds, pûrple, and embroidered wôrks, and fine linen, and coral, and rubieş..

17 Judah, and the land of Işrael, **they wêre** yôur traffickers: **they** traded fôr yôur mêrchandise wheat of Minnith, and confections, and honey, and oil, and bām.

18 Damascus **was** yôur mêrchant fôr the multitude of yôur handiworks, by reaşon of the multitude of **âll** kinds of richeş, with the wine of Helbon, and white wôol.

19 Vedan and Javan traded with yârn fôr yôur wareş: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, wêre among yôur mêrchandise.

20 Dedan **was** yôur trafficker in preçious cloths fôr riding.

21 Arabia, and **âll** the prinçeş of Kedar, **they wêre** the mêrchants of yôur hand; in lambş, and ramş, and goats, in **theşe wêre** they yôur mêrchants.

22 The traffickers of Sheba and Raamah, **they wêre** yôur traffickers; **they** traded fôr yôur wareş with the chief of **âll** spiceş, and with **âll** preçious stoneş, and gold.

23 Haran and Canneh and Eden, the traffickers of Sheba, Asshur and Chilmad, wêre yôur traffickers.

24 **Theşe wêre** yôur traffickers in **choiçe** wareş, in wrappings of blue and embroidered wôrks, and in chests of rich clothing, bound with cords and made of cedar, among yôur mêrchandise.

25 The **ships** of Tarshish wêre yôur caravans fôr yôur mêrchandise: and you wêre replenished, and made very glôrious in the heärt of the seaş.

26 Yôur rowerş have brought you into great wâters: the east wind haş broken you in the heärt of the seaş.

27 Yôur richeş, and yôur wareş, yôur mêrchandise, yôur mariners, and yôur pilots, yôur repairers of ship seams, and the dealerş in yôur mêrchandise, and **âll** yôur men of wâr, **we äre** in you, with **âll** yôur cômpany which is among you, shall fáll into the heärt of the seaş in the day of yôur ruin.

28 At the sound of the cry of yôur pilots the subûrbş shall shake.

29 All **we** handled the ôar, the mariners, and **âll** the pilots of the sea, shall côme down from **their** ships; **they** shall stand on the land,

30 and shall **cauşe** their voiçe to be heard over you, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust on **their** headş, **they** shall wallow **themselveş** in the **ashes**:

31 and **they shall make themselves bald for you**, and **clothe them with sackcloth**, and **they shall weep for you** in bitterness of soul with bitter mourning.

32 In **their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for you**, and lament over you, saying, **Who is there like Tyre, like her who is brought to silence** in the middle of the sea?

33 When **your warehouses** went out of the seas, you filled many peoples; you enriched the kings of the earth with the multitude of your riches and of your merchandise.

34 In the time that you were broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, your merchandise and all your company fell within you.

35 All the inhabitants of the islands are astonished at you, and their kings are horribly afraid; they are troubled in their face.

36 The merchants among the peoples hiss at you; you are become a terror, and you shall nevermore have any being.

Ezekiel 28

Yähweh's word came again to me, saying,

2 Son of man, tell the prince of Tyre, **Thus says the Lord Yähweh: Because your heart is lifted up**, and you have said, I am a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the middle of the seas; yet you are man, and not God, **though you set your heart as the heart of God—**

3 behold, you are wiser than Daniel; **there is no secret that is hidden from you;**

4 by your wisdom and by your understanding you have gotten yourself riches, and have gotten gold and silver into your treasures;

5 by your great wisdom and by your traffic you have increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches—

6 therefore thus says the Lord Yähweh: **Because you have set your heart as the heart of God,**

7 therefore, behold, I will bring strangers on you, the terrible of the nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they shall defile your brightness.

8 They shall bring you down to the pit; and you shall die the death of those who are slain, in the heart of the seas.

9 Will you yet say before him who kills you, I am God? but you are man, and not God, in the hand of him who wounds you.

10 **You shall die the death** of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, says the Lord Yähweh.

11 Moreover Yähweh's word came to me, saying,

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and tell him, Thus says the Lord Yähweh: You seal up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz, emerald, chrysolite, onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and beryl. Gold work of tambourines and of pipes was in you. In the day that you were created they were prepared.

14 You were the anointed cherub who covers: and I set you, so that you were on the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the middle of the stones of fire.

15 You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you.

16 By the abundance of your traffic they filled your insides with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I have cast you as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed you, covering cherub, from the middle of the stones of fire.

17 Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness: I have cast you to the ground; I have laid you before kings, that they may see you.

18 By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your traffic, you have profaned your sanctuaries; therefore have I brought out a fire from the middle of you; it has devoured you, and I have turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all those who see you.

19 All those who know you among the peoples shall be astonished at you: you have become a terror, and you shall nevermore have any being.

20 Yähweh's word came to me, saying,

21 Son of man, set your face toward Sidon, and prophecy against it,

22 and say, Thus says the Lord Yähweh: Behold, I am against you, Sidon; and I will be glorified among you; and they shall know that I am Yähweh, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.

23 For I will send pestilence into her, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall fall within her, with the sword on her on every side; and they shall know that I am Yähweh.

24 **There shall be no more** a pricking brier to the house of **Išrael**, **nôr** a hūting thōrn of any **that äre** around **them**, **that** scorned **them**; and **they shall know that** I am the **Lôrd Yähweh**.

25 **Thus says** the **Lôrd Yähweh**: *When I shall have gathered the house of Išrael from the peopleš among whom they äre scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the nationš, then shall they dwell in their own land which I gave to my sêrvant Jacob.*

26 **They shall dwell securely therein**; yes, **they shall build houseš**, and plant vineyärds, and **shall dwell securely**, *when I have executed judgments on äll thoše who de them despite äll around them*; and **they shall know that** I am **Yähweh their God**.

Ezekiel 29

In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth day of the month, **Yähweh's word came to me**, saying,

2 "Sôn of man, set **yôur façe** against **Pharaoh** king of **Egypt**, and **propheçy** against him and against **äll Egypt**.

3 **Speak and say**, 'Thus says the **Lôrd Yähweh**: "Behold, I am against **you**, **Pharaoh** king of **Egypt**, the great monster **that lieš** in the middle of hiš riverš, **that haš** said, 'My river **iš my own**, and I have **made it fôr myself**.'

4 I will **püt hooçs** in **yôur jawš**, and I will **make** the **fish** of **yôur riverš** stick to **yôur scaleš**; and I will bring **you** up out of the middle of **yôur riverš**, **with äll** the **fish** of **yôur riverš** *which* stick to **yôur scaleš**.

5 I'll **cäst you out** into the wilderness, **you** and **äll** the **fish** of **yôur riverš**. **You'll fall** on the **open field**. **You won't be brought together**, **nôr gathered**. I have given **you fôr feed** to the animalš of the **earth** and to the **birdš** of the **sky**.

6 All the inhabitants of **Egypt** will **know that** I am **Yähweh**, *because they have been* a **stäff of reed** to the house of **Išrael**.

7 *When they took hold of you by yôur hand, you broke, and tore äll their shoulderš; and when they leaned on you, you broke, and paralyzed äll of their thighš.*"

8 **Therefore thus says** the **Lôrd Yähweh**: "Behold, I will bring a **swôrd** on **you**, and will cut off man and animal from **you**."

9 The land of **Egypt shall be** a desolation and a waste; and **they shall know that** I am **Yähweh**. *Because he haš said, 'The river iš mine, and I have made it;'*

10 **therefôre**, behold, I am against **you**, and against **yôur** rivers, and I will **make** the land of **Egypt** an utter **waste** and **desolatiôn**, from the **tower** of **Seveneh** **even** to the **bôrd**er of **Ethiopia**.

11 **No** **foôt** of man **shall** **päss** **through** it, **nôr** **foôt** of animal **shall** **päss** **through** it, **neither** **shall** it **be** inhabited **fôrt**y **years**.

12 I will **make** the land of **Egypt** a **desolatiôn** in the middle of the **countries** **that** **äre** **desôlate**; and **hêr** **çities** among the **çities** **that** **äre** **laid** **waste** **shall** **be** a **desolatiôn** **fôrt**y **years**; and I will scatter the **Egyptians** among the **nations**, and will **dispêrse** **them** **through** the **countries**.”

13 For **thus** **says** the **Lôrd** **Yähweh**: “At the end of **fôrt**y **years** will I **gather** the **Egyptians** from the **peoples** **where** **they** **wêre** scattered;

14 and I will bring back the captivity of **Egypt**, and will **cäuse** **them** to **retûrn** **into** the land of **Pathros**, **into** the land of **their** **birth**; and **they** **shall** **be** **there** a **base** **kingdôm**.

15 It **shall** **be** the **base** of the **kingdôms**; **neither** **shall** it any **môre** lift itself up **abôve** the **nations**; and I will **diminish** **them**, **that** **they** **shall** **no** **môre** **rule** **over** the **nations**.

16 It **shall** **be** **no** **môre** the **confidençe** of the **house** of **Işrael**, bringing **iniquity** to memory, **when** **they** **tûrn** to **lôok** **âfter** **them**: and **they** **shall** **know** **that** I am the **Lôrd** **Yähweh**.””

17 It **came** to **päss** in the seven and **twentieth** **year**, in the **fîrst** **mônth**, in the **fîrst** **day** of the **mônth**, **Yähweh**’s **wôrd** **came** to **me**, **saying**,

18 **Sôn** of man, **Nebuchadnezzar** king of **Babylon** **cäuse**d **hiş** **ârm**y to **sêrve** a **great** **sêrvice** **against** **Tyre**: every head **was** **made** **bâld**, and every **shoulder** **was** **wôrn**; yet had **he** **no** **wages**, **nôr** **hiş** **ârm**y, from **Tyre**, **fôr** the **sêrvice** **that** **he** had **sêrved** **against** it.

19 **Therefôre** **thus** **says** the **Lôrd** **Yähweh**: Behold, I will give the land of **Egypt** to **Nebuchadnezzar** king of **Babylon**; and **he** **shall** carry off **hêr** **multitude**, and **take** **hêr** **plunder**, and **take** **hêr** **prey**; and it **shall** **be** the **wages** **fôr** **hiş** **ârm**y.

20 I have given him the land of **Egypt** **as** **hiş** **recômpense** **fôr** **which** **he** **sêrved**, **becäuse** **they** **wôrked** **fôr** **me**, **says** the **Lôrd** **Yähweh**.

21 In **that** **day** will I **cäuse** a **hörn** to **sprout** **fôr** the **house** of **Işrael**, and I will give **you** the **opening** of the **mouth** among **them**; and **they** **shall** **know** **that** I am **Yähweh**.

Ezekiel 30

Yähweh's wôrd came again to me, saying,

2 Sôn of man, propheçy, and say, **Thus says** the Lôrd Yähweh: Wail, Alas fôr the day!

3 For the day iſ near, even the day of Yähweh iſ near; it shall be a day of clouđs, a time of the nationſ.

4 A swôrd shall come on Egypt, and anguish. shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fáll in Egypt; and they shall take away hêr multitude, and hêr foundationſ shall be broken down.

5 Ethiopia, and Pût, and Lud, and áll the mixed people, and Cub, and the children of the land that iſ allied with them, shall fáll with them by the swôrd.

6 Yähweh says: They álſo who uphold Egypt shall fáll; and the pride of hêr power shall come down: from the tower of Seveneh shall they fáll in it by the swôrd, says the Lôrd Yähweh.

7 They shall be deſolate in the middle of the countrieſ that äre deſolate; and hêr citieſ shall be in the middle of the çitieſ that äre wasted.

8 They shall know that I am Yähweh, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and áll hêr helpers äre destroyed.

9 In that day shall messengerſ go out from befôre me in ſhips to make the careless Ethiopians afraid; and there shall be anguish. on them, aſ in the day of Egypt; fôr, behold, it comeſ.

10 Thus says the Lôrd Yähweh: I will álſo make the multitude of Egypt to çeaſe, by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

11 He and hiſ people with him, the terrible of the nationſ, shall be brôught in to destroy the land; and they shall dráw their swôrdſ against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain.

12 I will make the riverſ dry, and will sell the land into the hand of evil men; and I will make the land deſolate, and áll that iſ therein, by the hand of ſtrangerſ: I, Yähweh, have ſpoken it.

13 Thus says the Lôrd Yähweh: I will álſo destroy the idolſ, and I will cáuſe the imageſ to çeaſe from Memphis; and there shall be no môre a prinçe from the land of Egypt: and I will pût a fear in the land of Egypt.

14 I will make Pathros deſolate, and will set a fire in Zoan, and will execute judgments on No.

15 I will pōur my wrāth on Sin, the stronghold of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No.

16 I will set a fire in Egypt: Sin shall be in great anguish., and No shall be broken up; and Memphis shall have advērsariēs in the daytime.

17 The young men of Aven and of Pibeseth shall fáll by the swōrd; and they shall go into captivity.

18 At Tehaphnehes álso the day shall withdráw itself, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt, and the pride of hēr power shall cease in hēr: aš fōr hēr, a cloud shall cōver hēr, and hēr dāughterš shall go into captivity.

19 Thus will I execute judgments on Egypt; and they shall know that I am Yāhweh.

20 In the eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, Yāhweh's wōrd came to me, saying,

21 Sōn of man, I have broken the ärm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and behold, it has not been bound up, to apply medicineš, to pūt a bandage to bind it, that it be strong to hold the swōrd.

22 Therefore thus sayš the Lōrd Yāhweh: Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break hiš ärmš, the strong ärm, and that which wāš broken; and I will cāuse the swōrd to fáll out of hiš hand.

23 I will scatter the Egyptians among the nationš, and will dispēse them through the countries.

24 I will strengthen the ärmš of the king of Babylon, and pūt my swōrd in hiš hand: but I will break the ärmš of Pharaoh, and he shall groan befōre him with the groaning of a mōrtally wounded man.

25 I will hold up the ärmš of the king of Babylon; and the ärmš of Pharaoh shall fáll down; and they shall know that I am Yāhweh, when I shall pūt my swōrd into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out on the land of Egypt.

26 I will scatter the Egyptians among the nationš, and dispēse them through the countries; and they shall know that I am Yāhweh.

Ezekiel 31

In the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, Yāhweh's wōrd came to me, saying,

2 Sōn of man, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to hiš multitude: Whom äre you like in yōur greatness?

3 Behold, the Assyrian **w**as a **ç**edar in Lebanon with beautiful branches, and with a forest-like shade, and of high stature; and its top was among the thick boughs.

4 The waters nourished it, the deep made it to grow: its rivers ran all around its plantation; and it sent out its channel to all the trees of the field.

5 Therefore its stature was exalted above all the trees of the field; and its boughs were multiplied, and its branches became long by reason of many waters, when it spread them out.

6 All the birds of the sky made their nests in its boughs; and under its branches all the animals of the field gave birth to their young; and all great nations lived under its shadow.

7 Thus was it beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its branches; for its root was by many waters.

8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide it; the cypress trees were not like its boughs, and the plane trees were not as its branches; nor was any tree in the garden of God like it in its beauty.

9 I made it beautiful by the multitude of its branches, so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied it.

10 Therefore thus said the Lord Yähwēh: Because you are exalted in stature, and he has set his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height;

11 I will even deliver him into the hand of the mighty one of the nations; he shall surely deal with him; I have driven him out for his wickedness.

12 Strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: on the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the watercourses of the land; and all the peoples of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him.

13 On his ruin all the birds of the sky shall dwell, and all the animals of the field shall be on his branches;

14 to the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves in their stature, neither set their top among the thick boughs, nor that their mighty ones stand up on their height, even all who drink water: for they are all delivered to death, to the lower parts of the earth, among the children of men, with those who go down to the pit.

15 Thus says the Lord Yähwēh: In the day when he went down to Sheol [a] I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained its rivers; and the great

wáters were stayeð; and I cáused Lebanon to móurn fór him, and áll the trees of the field fainteð fór him.

16 I made the nátións to shake at the sound of his fáll, when I cást him ðown to Sheol[b] with thóse who ðesçend into the pit; and áll the trees of Eden, the choiçe and best of Lebanon, áll that drink wáter, were cómforted in the lower párts of the éarth.

17 They álso went ðown into Sheol with him to thóse who áre slain by the swórd; yes, thóse who were his árm, who lived under his shadow in the middle of the nátións.

18 To whom áre you thus like in glóry and in greátneß among the trees of Eden? yet you will be bróught ðown with the trees of Eden to the lower párts of the éarth: you shall lie in the middle of the unçircumçised, with thóse who áre slain by the swórd. This is Pharaoh and áll his multitude, says the Lórd Yáhweh.

Ezekiel 32

In the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, Yáhweh's wórd came to me, saying,

2 Són of man, take up a lamentatió over Pharaoh king of Egypt, and tell him, You were likened to a young lión of the nátións: yet you áre as a monster in the seas; and you broke out with yóur rivers, and troubled the wáters with yóur feet, and fouled their rivers.

3 Thus says the Lórd Yáhweh: I will spread out my net on you with a cópany of many peoples; and they shall bring you up in my net.

4 I will leave you on the land, I will cást you out on the open field, and will cáuse áll the bírds of the sky to settle on you, and I will satisfy the animals of the whole éarth with you.

5 I will lay yóur flesh on the mountains, and fill the valleys with yóur height.

6 I will álso wáter with yóur blóod the land in which you swim, even to the mountains; and the wátercourses shall be full of you.

7 When I shall extinguish you, I will cóver the heavens, and make its stars ðärk; I will cóver the sun with a clóud, and the moon shall not give its light.

8 All the bright lights of the sky will I make ðärk over you, and set ðärkneß on yóur land, says the Lórd Yáhweh.

9 I will álso trouble the héarts of many peoples, when I shall bring yóur ðestruction among the nátións, into the countries which you have not known.

10 Yes, I will **make** many **people** **amazed** at **you**, and **their kings shall be** horribly **afraid** **f**or **you**, *when* I **shall brandish my sword** **bef**ore **them**; and **they shall** tremble at every **moment**, every man **f**or **his own life**, in the **day** of **y**our **f**all.

11 For **thus says** the **L**ord **Y**ahweh: The **sw**ord of the king of Babylon **shall c**ome on **you**.

12 **By** the **sw**ord**s** of the **m**ighty will I **c**ause **y**our **m**ultitude to **f**all; the terrible of the **n**ation**s** **ä**re **they ä**ll: and **they shall** bring to **n**othing the **pride** of **Egypt**, and **ä**ll its **m**ultitude **shall be** destroyed.

13 I will destroy **ä**lso **ä**ll its **animal**s from **beside** many **w**ater**s**; **neither shall** the **fo**ot of man trouble **them** any **m**ore, **n**or the **h**oo**f**s of **animal**s trouble **them**.

14 **Then** will I **make** **their w**ater**s** **clear**, and **c**ause **their river**s to run **like** oil, **says** the **L**ord **Y**ahweh.

15 *When* I **shall make** the land of **Egypt** **des**olate and **w**aste, a land **destitute** of **that** of **wh**ich it **was** **f**ull, *when* I **shall strike** **ä**ll **tho**se **wh**o dwell **therein**, **then shall** **they know** **that** I am **Y**ahweh.

16 **This is** the **lamentation** **with** **wh**ich **they shall** lament; the **d**ä**ughter**s of the **n**ation**s** **shall** lament therewith; **over** **Egypt**, and **over** **ä**ll **h**er **m**ultitude, **shall** **they** lament **therewith**, **says** the **L**ord **Y**ahweh.

17 **Also** in the **twel**ft**h** **year**, in the **fif**teent**h** **day** of the **m**on**th**, **Y**ahweh's **w**ord **came** to **me**, **saying**,

18 **S**on of man, **wail** **f**or the **m**ultitude of **Egypt**, and **c**ast **them** **d**own, **even** **h**er, and the **d**ä**ughter**s of the **f**amous **n**ation**s**, to the **lower** **p**arts of the **e**ar**th**, **with** **tho**se **wh**o **go** **d**own into the **pit**.

19 **Wh**om **d**e **you** **p**ass in **be**auty? **Go** **d**own, and **be** **laid** **with** the **un**c**ircum**c**is**ed.

20 **They shall** **f**all **among** **tho**se **wh**o **ä**re **slain** **by** the **sw**ord: **she is** **delivered** to the **sw**ord; **d**r**aw** **h**er **away** and **ä**ll **h**er **m**ultitude**s**.

21 The **strong** **among** the **m**ighty **shall** **s**peak to him **o**ut of the **m**iddle of **Sheol** [a] with **tho**se **wh**o **help** him: **they ä**re **gone** **d**own, **they** **lie** still, **even** the **un**c**ircum**c**is**ed, **slain** **by** the **sw**ord.

22 **Asshur is** **there** and **ä**ll **h**er **c**ompany; **h**er **graves ä**re **ä**ll **ar**ound **h**er; **ä**ll of **them** **slain**, **f**allen **by** the **sw**ord;

23 **wh**ose **graves ä**re set in the **ut**term**ost** **p**arts of the **pit**, and **h**er **c**ompany **is** **ar**ound **h**er **grave**; **ä**ll of **them** **slain**, **f**allen **by** the **sw**ord, **wh**o **c**ause**d** **terror** in the **land** of the **living**.

24 **There is** Elam and **á**ll hêr multitude around hêr grave; **á**ll of **them** slain, fállen by the swôrd, **who** äre gone **d**own unçircumçised into the lower pãrts of the êarth, **who** cãused **their** terror in the land of the living, and have bôrne **their** shame with **thosê** **who** go **d**own to the pit.

25 **They** have set hêr a bed among the slain with **á**ll hêr multitude; hêr graves äre around hêr; **á**ll of **them** unçircumçised, slain by the swôrd; **f**ôr **their** terror wãs cãused in the land of the living, and **they** have bôrne **their** shame with **thosê** **who** go **d**own to the pit: **he is** pût among **thosê** **who** äre slain.

26 **There is** Meshech, Tubal, and **á**ll **their** multitude; **their** graves äre around **them**; **á**ll of **them** unçircumçised, slain by the swôrd; **f**ôr **they** cãused **their** terror in the land of the living.

27 **They** shall not lie with the mighty **who** äre fállen of the unçircumçised, **who** have gone **d**own to **Sheol** with **their** weapons of wãr, and have laid **their** swôrdş under **their** headş, and **their** iniquities äre on **their** bones; **f**ôr **they** wêre the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

28 But **you** shall be broken among the unçircumçised, and shall lie with **thosê** **who** äre slain by the swôrd.

29 **There is** Edom, hêr kings and **á**ll hêr princeş, **who** in **their** might äre laid with **thosê** **who** äre slain by the swôrd: **they** shall lie with the unçircumçised, and with **thosê** **who** go **d**own to the pit.

30 **There** äre the princeş of the nôrth, **á**ll of **them**, and **á**ll the Sidonians, **who** äre gone **d**own with the slain; in the terror **which** **they** cãused by **their** might **they** äre pût to shame; and **they** lie unçircumçised with **thosê** **who** äre slain by the swôrd, and bear **their** shame with **thosê** **who** go **d**own to the pit.

31 **Pharaoh** shall see **them**, and shall be comforted over **á**ll hiş multitude, even **Pharaoh** and **á**ll hiş ärmý, slain by the swôrd, sayş the Lôrd Yähweh.

32 For I have pût hiş terror in the land of the living; and **he** shall be laid among the unçircumçised, with **thosê** **who** äre slain by the swôrd, even **Pharaoh** and **á**ll hiş multitude, sayş the Lôrd Yähweh.

Ezekiel 33

Yähweh'ş wôrd came to me, saying,

2 Sôn of man, speak to the **children** of **y**ôur **people**, and tell **them**, When I bring the swôrd on a land, and the **people** of the land take a man from among **them**, and set him **f**ôr **their** watchman;

3 if, when he sees the sword come on the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;

4 then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet, and doesn't take warning, if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be on his own head.

5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and didn't take warning; his blood shall be on him; whereas if he had taken warning, he would have delivered his soul.

6 But if the watchman sees the sword come, and doesn't blow the trumpet, and the people aren't warned, and the sword comes, and take any person from among them; he is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

7 So you, son of man, I have set you a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

8 When I tell the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die, and you don't speak to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at your hand.

9 Nevertheless, if you warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he doesn't turn from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your soul.

10 You, son of man, tell the house of Israel: Thus you speak, saying, our transgressions and our sins are on us, and we pine away in them; how then can we live?

11 Tell them, As I live, says the Lord Yähweh, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn, turn from your evil ways; for Why will you die, house of Israel?

12 You, son of man, tell the children of your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his disobedience; and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turns from his wickedness; neither shall he who is righteous be able to live thereby in the day that he sins.

13 When I tell the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his righteousness, and commit iniquity, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered; but in his iniquity that he has committed, therein shall he die.

14 Again, when I say to the wicked, You shall surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;

15 If the wicked rest^ôre the pledg^e, give again **that which he had taken by robbery, wâ**lk in the stat^ute of lif^e, committing **no iniquity; he shall su**rely live, **he shall not di**e.

16 **No**ne of hi^s sin^s **that he ha**s committed **shall be** remembered against him: **he ha**s d^one **that which i**s l^awf^ul and rⁱght; **he shall su**rely live.

17 Yet the **children of yô**ur pe^ople say, The way of the L^ôrd i^s not **equal**: but a^s f^or **them, their way i**s not **equal**.

18 **When the r**ighteous t^urn^s from hi^s rⁱghteousness, and commits iniquity, **he shall even di**e **therein**.

19 **When the wicked t**urn^s from hi^s wickedness, and d^oes **that which i**s l^awf^ul and rⁱght, **he shall live** **thereby**.

20 Yet **you say**, The way of the L^ôrd i^s not **equal**. **House of I**srael, I will judg^e every one of **you** a^fter hi^s way^s.

21 In the twelfth year of **our** captivity, in the tent^h month, in the fift^h day of the month, one **who** had escap^ed out of Jeru^salem **came to me**, saying, The **city ha**s **been struck**.

22 **Now Y**âhweh's hand had **been on me** in the evening, bef^ore **he who wa**s escap^ed **came**; and **he had open**ed my **mouth**, until **he came to me** in the m^orning; and my **mouth wa**s open^ed, and I **wa**s no m^ore m^ute.

23 **Y**âhweh's w^ord **came to me**, saying,

24 **Son of man, they who** inhabit **thos**e waste plac^es in the land of **I**srael **spea**k, saying, Abraham **wa**s one, and **he** inherited the land: but **we** **â**re many; the land i^s given us f^or inheritanc^e.

25 **Theref**ore tell **them, Thus say**s the L^ôrd **Y**âhweh: **You eat with** the bl^ood, and lift up y^our ey^es to y^our id^ol^s, and **shed bl**ood: and **shall you** poss^ess the land?

26 **You** stand on y^our sw^ord, **you w**ork abominatⁱon, and every one of **you** defiles hi^s neighbor's **w**ife: and **shall you** poss^ess the land?

27 **You shall** tell **them, Thus say**s the L^ôrd **Y**âhweh: **A**s I live, **su**rely **thos**e **who** **â**re in the waste plac^es **shall f**all by the sw^ord; and him **who i**s in the open field will I give to the animal^s to **be dev**oured; and **thos**e **who** **â**re in the stronghold^s and in the **cave**s **shall di**e of the pestilenc^e.

28 I will **make** the land a desolatⁱon and an astonish^ment; and the prid^e of h^er power **shall ce**ase; and the mountaiⁿs of **I**srael **shall be** des^olate, **so that no** one **shall p**ass **th**rough.

29 **Then shall they know that** I am Yähweh, *when I have made the land a desolation and an astonishment, because of all their abominations which they have committed.*

30 **As for you, son of man, the children of your people talk of you by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak to one another, everyone to his brother, saying, Please come and hear what is the word that comes out from Yähweh.**

31 **They come to you as the people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear your words, but don't do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goes after their gain.**

32 **Behold, you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they don't do them.**

33 **When this comes to pass, (behold, it comes), then shall they know that a prophet has been among them.**

Ezekiel 34

Yähweh's word came to me, saying,

2 **Son of man, prophecy against the shepherds of Israel, prophecy, and tell them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord Yähweh: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Shouldn't the shepherds feed the sheep?**

3 **You eat the fat, and you clothe yourself with the wool, you kill the fatlings; but you don't feed the sheep.**

4 **You haven't strengthened the diseased, neither have you healed that which was sick, neither have you bound up that which was broken, neither have you brought back that which was driven away, neither have you sought that which was lost; but with force and with rigor you have ruled over them.**

5 **They were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and they became food to all the animals of the field, and were scattered.**

6 **My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill: yes, my sheep were scattered on all the surface of the earth; and there was no one who searched or sought.**

7 **Therefore, you shepherds, hear Yähweh's word:**

8 **As I live, says the Lord Yähweh, surely because my sheep became a prey, and my sheep became food to all the animals of the field, because there was no**

shepherd, **neither** did **my shepherds** **sêarch** **fôr** **my sheep**, but the **shepherds** fed **themselves**, and didn't **feed my sheep**;

9 **therefôre**, **you shepherds**, **hear** **Yähweh's wôrd**:

10 **Thus** says the **Lôrd Yähweh**: **Behold**, I am against the **shepherds**; and I will **require my sheep** at **their hand**, and **câuse** **them** to **cease** from **feeding the sheep**; **neither shall the shepherds feed themselves** any **môre**; and I will deliver **my sheep** from **their mouth**, **that they** may not be **feed fôr them**.

11 For **thus** says the **Lôrd Yähweh**: **Behold**, I **myself**, **even I**, will **sêarch fôr my sheep**, and will **seek them out**.

12 **As** a **shepherd** **seeks out** his flock in the day **that he is** among his **sheep that** **äre** scattered **abrôad**, **so** will I **seek out my sheep**; and I will deliver **them out** of **âll places** where **they** have **been** scattered in the **cloudy and dârk day**.

13 I will bring **them out** from the **peoples**, and **gather them** from the **countries**, and will bring **them into their own land**; and I will **feed them** on the **mountains of Işrael**, **by the wâtercôurses**, and in **âll the inhabited places** of the country.

14 I will **feed them with good pâsture**; and on the **mountains of the height of Işrael** **shall their fold be**: **there shall they lie down** in a **good fold**; and on **fat pâsture** **shall they feed** on the **mountains of Işrael**.

15 I **myself** will be the **shepherd of my sheep**, and I will **câuse them to lie down**, says the **Lôrd Yähweh**.

16 I will **seek that which was** lost, and will bring back **that which was** driven away, and will **bind up that which was** broken, and will **strengthen that which was** sick: but the **fat and the strong** I will destroy; I will **feed them in justice**.

17 **As fôr you**, O **my flock**, **thus** says the **Lôrd Yähweh**: **Behold**, I **judge between sheep and sheep**, the **rams** and the **male goats**.

18 **Does it seem** a **smâll thing** to **you** to have fed on the **good pâsture**, but **you** must tread **down with yôur feet** the **residue of yôur pâsture**? and to have drunk of the **clear wâters**, but **you** must **foul the residue with yôur feet**?

19 **As fôr my sheep**, **they eat that which you** have trodden **with yôur feet**, and **they drink that which you** have **fouled with yôur feet**.

20 **Therefore** **thus** says the **Lôrd Yähweh** to **them**: **Behold**, I, **even I**, will **judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep**.

21 **Because you** **thrust with side** and **with shoulder**, and **push âll the diseased with yôur horns**, until **you** have scattered **them abrôad**;

22 **therefôre** will I **save my flock**, and **they shall no môre be** a prey; and I will **judgë** between **sheep** and **sheep**.

23 I will set up one **shepherd** over **them**, and **he shall feed them**, even my **sêrvant David**; **he shall feed them**, and **he shall be their shepherd**.

24 I, **Yähweh**, will **be their God**, and my **sêrvant David** **prinçë** among **them**; I, **Yähweh**, have spoken it.

25 I will **make with them** a **côvenant** of **peaçë**, and will **câuşë** **evil animals** to **çëase** **out** of the land; and **they shall dwell** **secu**rely in the wilderness, and **sleep** in the **wôods**.

26 I will **make them** and the **plaçëş** around my hill a blessing; and I will **câuşë** the **shower** to **côme** **dôwn** in its **seaşôn**; **there shall be showers** of blessing.

27 The **tree** of the **field** **shall yield** its fruit, and the **êarth** **shall yield** its **incre**ase, and **they shall be** **secure** in **their land**; and **they shall know** **that** I am **Yähweh**, **when** I have **brokë** the **bârş** of **their yoke**, and have **delivered them** **out** of the hand of **thoşë** **who** made **slaveş** of **them**.

28 **They shall no môre be** a prey to the **nationş**, **neither shall** the **animals** of the **êarth** **devo**ur **them**; but **they shall dwell** **secu**rely, and **no one shall make them** afraid.

29 I will **raişë** up to **them** a **plantation** **fôr** **renown**, and **they shall be no môre** **cônsumed** **with** **famine** in the land, **neither** bear the **shame** of the **nationş** any **môre**.

30 **They shall know** **that** I, **Yähweh**, **their God** am **with them**, and **that they**, the **hou**se of **Işrael**, **äre** my **pe**ople, **sayş** the **Lôrd** **Yähweh**.

31 You my **sheep**, the **sheep** of my **pästure**, **äre** men, and I am **yôur** God, **sayş** the **Lôrd** **Yähweh**.

Ezekiel 35

Môreover **Yähweh**'ş **wôrd** **came** to **me**, **saying**,

2 **Sôn** of man, set **yôur** **façë** against **Mo**unt **Seir**, and **propheçy** against it,

3 and tell it, **Thus sayş** the **Lôrd** **Yähweh**: **Behold**, I am **against you**, **Mo**unt **Seir**, and I will **stretch** **out** my hand against **you**, and I will **make you** a **desolatiôn** and an **astonishment**.

4 I will **lay yôur** **çitieş** **waste**, and **you shall be** **deşolate**; and **you shall know** **that** I am **Yähweh**.

5 Because you have had a perpetual hostility, and have given over the children of Israel to the power of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of the iniquity of the end;

6 therefore, as I live, says the Lord Yähhweh, I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you: since you have not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue you.

7 Thus will I make Mount Seir an astonishment and a desolation; and I will cut off from it him who passes through and him who returns.

8 I will fill its mountains with its slain: in your hills and in your valleys and in all your watercourses shall they fall who are slain with the sword.

9 I will make you a perpetual desolation, and your cities shall not be inhabited; and you shall know that I am Yähhweh.

10 Because you have said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; whereas Yähhweh was there:

11 therefore, as I live, says the Lord Yähhweh, I will do according to your anger, and according to your envy which you have shown out of your hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I shall judge you.

12 You shall know that I, Yähhweh, have heard all your insults which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they have been given us to devour.

13 You have magnified yourselves against me with your mouth, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard it.

14 Thus says the Lord Yähhweh: When the whole earth rejoices, I will make you desolate.

15 As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do to you: you shall be desolate, Mount Seir, and all Edom, even all of it; and they shall know that I am Yähhweh.

Ezekiel 36

You, son of man, prophecy to the mountains of Israel, and say, You mountains of Israel, hear Yähhweh's word.

2 Thus says the Lord Yähhweh: Because the enemy has said against you, Aha! and, The ancient high places are ours in possession;

3 therefore prophecy, and say, Thus says the Lord Yähhweh: Because, even because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that you

might be a possession to the residue of the nations, and you are taken up in the lips of talkers, and the evil report of the people;

4 therefore, you mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord Yähweh: Thus says the Lord Yähweh to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the cities that are forsaken, which are become a prey and derision to the residue of the nations that are all around;

5 therefore thus says the Lord Yähweh: Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the nations, and against all Edom, that have appointed my land to themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart, with despite of soul, to cast it out for a prey.

6 Therefore prophecy concerning the land of Israel, and tell the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, Thus says the Lord Yähweh: Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my wrath, because you have borne the shame of the nations:

7 therefore thus says the Lord Yähweh: I have sworn, Surely the nations that are around you, they shall bear their shame.

8 But you, mountains of Israel, you shall shoot out your branches, and yield your fruit to my people Israel; for they are at hand to come.

9 For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn into you, and you shall be tilled and sown;

10 and I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, even all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the waste places shall be built;

11 and I will multiply on you man and animal; and they shall increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited after your former estate, and you will do better than at your beginnings: and you shall know that I am Yähweh.

12 Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess you, and you shall be their inheritance, and you shall no more henceforth bereave them of children.

13 Thus says the Lord Yähweh: Because they say to you, You are a devourer of men, and have been a bereaver of your nation;

14 therefore you shall devour men no more, neither bereave your nation any more, says the Lord Yähweh;

15 neither will I let you hear any more the shame of the nations, neither shall you bear the reproach of the peoples any more, neither shall you cause your nation to stumble any more, says the Lord Yähweh.

16 **M**oreover Yāhweh's wōrd came to me, saying,

17 **S**on of man, when the house of Iṣrael lived in **their own land**, **they defiled it by their way and by their doings: their way before me was as the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity.**

18 **T**herefore I pōured out my w^{ra}th on **them** fōr the blōōd which **they** had pōured out on the land, and because **they** had defiled it with **their idols**;

19 and I scattered **them** among the **nations**, and **they** wēre dispēsed **through** the countries: accōrding to **their way** and accōrding to **their doings** I judgēd **them**.

20 **W**hen **they** came to the **nations**, where **they** went, **they** profaned my **holy name**; in **that** men said of **them**, **These** āre the people of Yāhweh, and āre gone out of his land.

21 **B**ut I had respect fōr my **holy name**, which the house of Iṣrael had profaned among the **nations**, where **they** went.

22 **T**herefore tell the house of Iṣrael, **Thus** sayš the Lōrd Yāhweh: I don't dē **this** fōr yōur sake, house of Iṣrael, but fōr my **holy name**, which **you** have profaned among the **nations**, where **you** went.

23 I will sanctify my **great name**, which has been profaned among the **nations**, which **you** have profaned among **them**; and the **nations** shall know **that** I am Yāhweh, sayš the Lōrd Yāhweh, when I shall be sanctified in **you** befōre **their eyes**.

24 **F**or I will take **you** from among the **nations**, and gather **you** out of āll the countries, and will bring **you** into yōur own land.

25 I will sprinkle clean wāter on **you**, and **you** shall be clean: from āll yōur filthiness, and from āll yōur idols, will I cleanse **you**.

26 I will ālso give **you** a new heārt, and I will pūt a new spirit within **you**; and I will take away the stony heārt out of yōur flesh, and I will give **you** a heārt of flesh.

27 I will pūt my Spirit within **you**, and cāuse **you** to wālk in my statute, and **you** shall keep my ōrdinances, and dē **them**.

28 **Y**ou shall dwell in the land **that** I gave to yōur fāthers; and **you** shall be my people, and I will be yōur God.

29 I will save **you** from āll yōur uncleanness: and I will cāll fōr the grain, and will multiply it, and lay no famine on **you**.

30 I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, **that** **you** may receive no mōre the reproach of famine among the **nations**.

31 **Then you shall remember your evil ways, and your doings that were not good; and you shall loathe yourself in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.**

32 **Nor for your sake do I this, says the Lord Yähweh, be it known to you: be ashamed and confounded for your ways, house of Işrael.**

33 **Thus says the Lord Yähweh: In the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be built.**

34 **The land that was desolate shall be tilled, whereas it was a desolation in the sight of all who passed by.**

35 **They shall say, This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited.**

36 **Then the nations that are left around you shall know that I, Yähweh, have built the ruined places, and planted that which was desolate: I, Yähweh, have spoken it, and I will do it.**

37 **Thus says the Lord Yähweh: For this, moreover, will I be inquired of by the house of Işrael, to do it for them: I will increase them with men like a flock.**

38 **As the flock for sacrifice, as the flock of Jeruşalem in her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I am Yähweh.**

Ezekiel 37

Yähweh's hand was on me, and he brought me out in Yähweh's Spirit, and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones.

2 **He caused me to pass by them all around: and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and behold, they were very dry.**

3 **He said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? I answered, Lord Yähweh, you know.**

4 **Again he said to me, Prophecy over these bones, and tell them, you dry bones, hear Yähweh's word.**

5 **Thus says the Lord Yähweh to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.**

6 **I will lay sinews on you, and will bring up flesh on you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am Yähweh.**

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, an earthquake; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

8 I saw, and, behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh came up, and skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them.

9 Then he said to me, Prophecy to the wind, prophecy, son of man, and tell the wind, Thus says the Lord Yähwah: Come from the four winds, breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

11 Then he said to me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.

12 Therefore prophecy, and tell them, Thus says the Lord Yähwah: Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, my people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.

13 You shall know that I am Yähwah, when I have opened your graves, and caused you to come up out of your graves, my people.

14 I will put my Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land: and you shall know that I, Yähwah, have spoken it and performed it, says Yähwah.

15 Yähwah's word came again to me, saying,

16 You, son of man, take one stick, and write on it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write on it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions:

17 and join them for you to one another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.

18 When the children of your people shall speak to you, saying, Will you not show us what you mean by these?

19 tell them, Thus says the Lord Yähwah: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his companions; and I will put them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in my hand.

20 The sticks whereon you write shall be in your hand before their eyes.

21 Say to **them**, **Thus says** the L**ó**rd Y**á**hweh: Behold, I will **take** the **children** of I**š**rael from among the **nations**, where **they** **á**re gone, and will **gather** **them** on every **side**, and bring **them** into **their** **own** land:

22 and I will **make** **them** one **nation** in the land, on the **mó**untain**š** of I**š**rael; and one king **shall be** king to **them** **á**ll; and **they** **shall be** no **mó**re **two** **nations**, **neither** **shall** **they** **be** divided into **two** **kingdóms** any **mó**re at **á**ll;

23 **neither** **shall** **they** defile **themselves** any **mó**re with **their** **idolš**, **nó**r with **their** detestable **thi**ng**š**, **nó**r with any of **their** **tranš**gression**š**; but I will **save** **them** **out** of **á**ll **their** dwelling **plac**e**š**, in **whi**ch **they** have sinned, and will **cleans**e **them**: **so** **shall** **they** **be** my **pe**opl**e**, and I will **be** **their** God.

24 My **sê**rvant David **shall be** king **over** **them**; and **they** **á**ll **shall** have one **she**pherd: **they** **shall** **á**lso **wá**lk in my **ó**rdinanc**eš**, and **obš**êrve my **statu**t**e**, and **d**o **them**.

25 **They** **shall** dwell in the land **th**at I have given to Jacob my **sê**rvant, in **whi**ch **yó**ur **fá**th**erš** lived; and **they** **shall** dwell **th**erein, **they**, and **their** **child**ren, and **their** **child**ren'**š** **child**ren, forever: and David my **sê**rvant **shall be** **their** **prin**ç**e** **fó**r ever.

26 **Mó**reover I will **make** a **có**venant of **pe**ac**e** with **them**; it **shall be** an everl**á**sting **có**venant with **them**; and I will **plac**e **them**, and multiply **them**, and will set my **sanctu**ary among **them** forever **mó**re.

27 My **tent** **á**lso **shall be** with **them**; and I will **be** **their** God, and **they** **shall be** my **pe**opl**e**.

28 The **nations** **shall** **know** **th**at I am Y**á**hweh **wh**o sanctifi**eš** I**š**rael, **wh**en my **sanctu**ary **shall be** among **them** forever **mó**re.

Ezekiel 38

Y**á**hweh'**š** **wó**rd came to me, **saying**,

2 **Só**n of man, set **yó**ur **fa**ç**e** **towá**rd Gog, of the land of Magog, the **prin**ç**e** of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and **prop**hec**y** **agai**nst him,

3 and **say**, **Thus says** the L**ó**rd Y**á**hweh: Behold, I am **agai**nst **you**, Gog, **prin**ç**e** of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal:

4 and I will **tú**rn **you** **ar**ound, and **put** **hó**ok**š** into **yó**ur **já**w**š**, and I will bring **you** **out**, with **á**ll **yó**ur **á**rmy, **hó**rse**š** and **hó**rsemen , **á**ll of **them** **cloth**ed in **full** **á**r**mor**, a **gr**eat **có**mpany with buckler and **shield**, **á**ll of **them** handling **swó**rd**š**;

5 **Pê**r**š**ia, Cush, and **Pút** with **them**, **á**ll of **them** with **shield** and helmet;

6 Gomer, and **á**ll hiş hórdeş; the **h**ouse of Togarmah in the uttermost párts of the nórth, and **á**ll hiş hórdeş; **e**ven many peopl**e**ş with you.

7 Be prepar**e**d, yes, prepar**e** yóurself, you, and **á**ll yóur c**o**mpanieş wh**e** áre assembled to you, and **b**e a guárd to **t**hem.

8 After many **d**ayş you shall be vişited: in the latter yearş you shall **c**óme into the land **t**hat iş bróught back from the swórd, **t**hat iş gather**e**d out of many peopl**e**ş, on the **m**ountainş of Işrael, **w**hich have **b**een a c**o**ntinual waste; but it iş bróught **o**ut of the peopl**e**ş, and **t**hey shall dwell **s**ecur**e**ly, **á**ll of **t**hem.

9 You shall **a**şc**e**nd, you shall **c**óme like a stórm, you shall **b**e like a cl**o**ud to **c**óver the land, you, and **á**ll yóur hórdeş, and many peopl**e**ş with you.

10 **T**hus sayş the Lórd Yáhweh: It shall happen in **t**hat day, **t**hat **t**hingş shall **c**óme into yóur mind, and you shall **d**eviş**e** an **e**vil devic**e**:

11 and you shall **s**ay, I will **g**o up to the land of unwáll**e**d villageş; I will **g**o to **t**hoş**e** wh**e** áre at rest, wh**e** dwell **s**ecur**e**ly, **á**ll of **t**hem dwelling **w**ithout wállş, and having **n**eith**e**r bärş n**o**r gateş;

12 to **t**ake the plunder and to **t**ake the prey; to **t**úrn yóur hand **a**gainst the **w**aste placeş **t**hat áre inhabited, and **a**gainst the **p**eople wh**e** áre gather**e**d out of the **n**ationş, wh**e** have gotten **l**ivestock and **g**óodş, wh**e** dwell in the middle of the **e**arth.

13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the **m**êchants of Tarshish, with **á**ll the young **l**ionş of it, shall **t**ell you, Have you **c**óme to **t**ake the plunder? have you assembled yóur **c**ómp**a**ny to **t**ake the prey? to carry **a**way silver and **g**old, to **t**ake away **l**ivestock and **g**óodş, to **t**ake **g**reat plunder?

14 **T**her**e**fóre, s**o**n of man, **p**rop**h**ecy, and tell Gog, **T**hus sayş the Lórd Yáhweh: In **t**hat day **w**hen my **p**eople Işrael dwellş **s**ecur**e**ly, shall you not **k**now it?

15 You shall **c**óme from yóur **p**lac**e** out of the uttermost párts of the nórth, you, and many peopl**e**ş with you, **á**ll of **t**hem riding on hórseş, a **g**reat **c**ómp**a**ny and a **m**ighty árm**y**;

16 and you shall **c**óme up **a**gainst my **p**eople Işrael, **a**ş a cl**o**ud to **c**óver the land: it shall happen in the latter **d**ayş, **t**hat I will bring you **a**gainst my **l**and, **t**hat the **n**ationş **m**ay **k**now **m**e, **w**hen I shall **b**e sanctified in you, Gog, **b**efóre **t**heir **e**yeş.

17 **T**hus sayş the Lórd Yáhweh: **á**re you **h**e of wh**o**m I **s**poke in **o**ld **t**ime **b**y my **s**êrvants the **p**rophets of Işrael, wh**e** **p**rophesied in **t**hoş**e** **d**ayş **f**ó**r** yearş **t**hat I **w**óuld bring you **a**gainst **t**hem?

18 It shall happen in **t**hat **d**ay, **w**hen Gog shall **c**óme **a**gainst the land of Işrael, sayş the Lórd Yáhweh, **t**hat my **w**ráth shall **c**óme up into **m**y nostrils.

19 For in **my** jealousy and in the **fire** of **my** **wrāth** have I spoken, **Surely** in **that** day **there shall be** a great **shaking** in the land of **Išrael**;

20 so **that** the **fish** of the **sea**, and the **birds** of the **sky**, and the **animals** of the **field**, and **āll** **creeping things** **who** **creep** on the **ēarth**, and **āll** the men **who** **āre** on the **sūrfaċe** of the **ēarth**, **shall shake** at **my** **preſenċe**, and the **mountains** **shall be** **thrown** **down**, and the **steep** **plaċeſ** **shall fāll**, and every **wāll** **shall fāll** to the **ground**.

21 I will **cāll** **fōr** a **swōrd** **against** him to **āll** **my** **mountains**, **sayſ** the **Lōrd** **Yāhweh**: every man's **swōrd** **shall be** **against** hiſ **brother**.

22 **With** **pestilence** and **with** **blood** will I enter **into** **judgment** **with** him; and I will **rain** on him, and on hiſ **hōrdeſ**, and on the many **peopleſ** **who** **āre** **with** him, an **overflowing** **shower**, and **great** **hailstoneſ**, **fire**, and **sulfur**.

23 I will **magnify** **myself**, and **sanctify** **myself**, and I will **make** **myself** **known** in the **eyeſ** of many **nationſ**; and **they shall know** **that** I am **Yāhweh**.

Ezekiel 39

You, **ſon** of man, **propheċy** **against** Gog, and **say**, **Thus** **sayſ** the **Lōrd** **Yāhweh**: **Behold**, I am **against** **you**, Gog, **prinċe** of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal:

2 and I will **tūrn** **you** **around**, and will lead **you** **on**, and will **cāuſe** **you** to **cōme** **up** from the **uttermoſt** **pārts** of the **nōrth**; and I will bring **you** on the **mountains** of **Išrael**;

3 and I will **strike** **yōur** **bow** **out** of **yōur** **left** **hand**, and will **cāuſe** **yōur** **arrowſ** to **fāll** **out** of **yōur** **right** **hand**.

4 **You** **shall fāll** on the **mountains** of **Išrael**, **you**, and **āll** **yōur** **hōrdeſ**, and the **peopleſ** **who** **āre** **with** **you**: I will give **you** to the **ravenous** **birds** of every **ſōrt**, and to the **animals** of the **field** to **be** **devoūred**.

5 **You** **shall fāll** on the **open** **field**; **fōr** I have **spoken** it, **sayſ** the **Lōrd** **Yāhweh**.

6 I will send a **fire** on Magog, and on **thoſe** **who** **dwell** **securely** in the **islandſ**; and **they shall know** **that** I am **Yāhweh**.

7 **My** **holy** **name** will I **make** **known** **among** **my** **people** **Išrael**; **neither** will I **allow** **my** **holy** **name** to **be** **profaned** any **mōre**: and the **nationſ** **shall know** **that** I am **Yāhweh**, the **Holy** **One** in **Išrael**.

8 **Behold**, it **cōmeſ**, and it **shall be** **done**, **sayſ** the **Lōrd** **Yāhweh**; **this iſ** the **day** **about** **which** I have **spoken**.

9 **Thoſe** **who** **dwell** in the **ċitieſ** of **Išrael** **shall go** **out**, and **shall** **make** **fireſ** of the **weapōnſ** and **būrn** **them**, **both** the **shieldſ** and the **bucklerſ**, the **bowſ** and the

arrows, and the war clubs, and the spears, and they shall make fire of them seven years;

10 so that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall make fire of the weapons; and they shall plunder those who plundered them, and rob those who robbed them, says the Lord Yähwēh.

11 It shall happen in that day, that I will give to Gog a place for burial in Israel, the valley of those who pass through on the east of the sea; and it shall stop those who pass through: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call it The valley of Hamon Gog.

12 Seven months shall the house of Israel be burying them, that they may cleanse the land.

13 Yes, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown in the day that I shall be glorified, says the Lord Yähwēh.

14 They shall set apart men of continual employment, who shall pass through the land, and, with those who pass through, those who bury those who remain on the surface of the land, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.

15 Those who pass through the land shall pass through; and when any sees a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, until the undertakers have buried it in the valley of Hamon Gog.

16 Hamonah shall also be the name of a city. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

17 You, son of man, thus says the Lord Yähwēh: Speak to the birds of every sort, and to every animal of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood.

18 You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

19 You shall eat fat until you be full, and drink blood until you are drunk, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 You shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, says the Lord Yähwēh.

21 I will set my glory among the nations; and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them.

22 So the house of Israel shall know that I am Yähwēh their God, from that day and forward.

23 The **nations** shall *know* **that** the **house** of **Išrael** went **into** captivity **fōr** **their** iniquity; **because** **they** trespassed **against** **me**, and I hid **my face** from **them**: **so** I **gave** **them** **into** the hand of **their** **adversaries**, and **they** fell **all** of **them** **by** the sword.

24 **According** to **their** uncleanness and **according** to **their** **transgressions** did I to **them**; and I hid **my face** from **them**.

25 **Therefore** **thus** says the **Lōrd** **Yāhweh**: **Now** will I bring back the captivity of **Jacob**, and have **mercy** on the **whole** **house** of **Išrael**; and I will **be** **jealous** **fōr** **my** **holy** **name**.

26 **They** shall bear **their** **shame**, and **all** **their** **trespasses** **by** **which** **they** have trespassed **against** **me**, **when** **they** shall dwell **securely** in **their** **land**, and **no** one shall **make** **them** **afraid**;

27 **when** I have **brought** **them** back from the **peoples**, and **gathered** **them** **out** of **their** **enemies'** **lands**, and am sanctified in **them** in the **sight** of many **nations**.

28 **They** shall *know* **that** I am **Yāhweh** **their** **God**, in **that** I **caused** **them** to go **into** captivity among the **nations**, and have **gathered** **them** to **their** **own** **land**; and I will **leave** **none** of **them** any **more** **there**;

29 **neither** will I **hide** **my face** any **more** from **them**; **fōr** I have **poured** **out** **my** **Spirit** on the **house** of **Išrael**, says the **Lōrd** **Yāhweh**.

Ezekiel 40

In the twenty-fifth **year** of **our** captivity, in the beginning of the **year**, in the tenth **day** of the **month**, in the **fourteenth** **year** **after** **that** the **city** **was** struck, in the **same** **day**, **Yāhweh's** **hand** **was** on **me**, and **he** **brought** **me** **there**.

2 In the **visions** of **God** **brought** **he** **me** **into** the land of **Išrael**, and set **me** **down** on a very **high** **mountain**, **whereon** **was** **as** it **were** the **frame** of a **city** on the **south**.

3 **He** **brought** **me** **there**; and, behold, **there** **was** a man, **whose** **appearance** **was** **like** the **appearance** of **brass**, **with** a **line** of flax in **his** **hand**, and a **measuring** **reed**; and **he** **stood** in the **gate**.

4 The man said to **me**, **Sōn** of man, **see** **with** **your** **eyes**, and **hear** **with** **your** **ears**, and set **your** **heart** on **all** **that** I shall **show** **you**; **fōr**, to the intent **that** I may **show** **them** to **you**, **you** **are** **brought** **here**: **declare** **all** **that** **you** **see** to the **house** of **Išrael**.

5 Behold, a **wall** on the **outside** of the **house** **all** **around**, and in the man's **hand** a **measuring** **reed** six cubits[a] long, of a cubit and a hand **width** **each**: **so** **he** **measured** the **thickness** of the **building**, one **reed**; and the **height**, one **reed**.

6 **Then** came he to the **gate** which looks toward the **east**, and went up its steps: and he measured the **threshold** of the **gate**, one **reed** wide; and the **other** **threshold**, one **reed** wide.

7 Every lodge **was** one **reed** long, and one **reed** wide; and between the lodges **was** five cubits; and the **threshold** of the **gate** by the **pórch** of the **gate** toward the **house** **was** one **reed**.

8 He measured **á**lso the **pórch** of the **gate** toward the **house**, one **reed**.

9 **Then** measured he the **pórch** of the **gate**, eight cubits; and its posts, **two** cubits; and the **pórch** of the **gate** **was** toward the **house**.

10 The lodges of the **gate** eastward **wê**re **three** on **this** side, and **three** on **that** side; **they** **three** **wê**re of one measure: and the posts had one measure on **this** side and on **that** side.

11 He measured the **width** of the **opening** of the **gate**, ten cubits; and the **length** of the **gate**, **thirteen** cubits;

12 and a **bó**rdér befóre the lodges, one cubit on **this** side, and a **bó**rdér, one cubit on **that** side; and the lodges, six cubits on **this** side, and six cubitson **that** side.

13 He measured the **gate** from the **roof** of the one lodge to the **roof** of the **ó**ther, a **width** of twenty-five cubits; **dó**or against **dó**or.

14 He made **á**lso posts, sixty cubits; and the **có**urt **reached** to the posts, around the **gate**.

15 From the **fó**refrónt of the **gate** at the **entrá**nce to the **fó**refrónt of the inner **pórch** of the **gate** **wê**re fifty cubits.

16 **There** **wê**re **clo**sed **wí**ndowş to the lodges, and to **their** posts **wí**thín the **gate** **á**ll around, and **likewí**şe to the **á**rcheş; and **wí**ndowş **wê**re around inward; and on **each** post **wê**re **pá**lm treeş.

17 **Then** **bró**ught he me into the **ó**uter **có**urt; and behold, **there** **wê**re **re**emş and a **pá**vément, made **fó**r the **có**urt **á**ll around: **thí**rty **re**emş **wê**re on the **pá**vément.

18 The **pá**vément **was** by the side of the **gate**s, answerable to the **length** of the **gate**s, **even** the **low**er **pá**vément.

19 **Then** he measured the **width** from the forefront of the **low**er **gate** to the **fó**refrónt of the inner **có**urt **ó**utside, one hundred cubits, **both** on the **east** and on the **nó**rth.

20 The **gate** of the **ó**uter **có**urt **whó**şe prospect **í**ş toward the **nó**rth, he measured its **length** and its **width**.

21 The lodges of it were **three** on **this side** and **three** on **that side**; and its posts and its **arches** were **after** the **measure** of the **first gate**: its **length** was fifty cubits, and the **width** twenty-five cubits.

22 The **windows** of it, and its **arches**, and the **palm trees** of it, were **after** the **measure** of the **gate** whose prospect is **toward** the **east**; and **they** went up to it by seven steps; and its **arches** were **before** **them**.

23 **There** was a **gate** to the inner **court** facing the **other gate**, on the **north** and on the **east**; and **he** **measured** from **gate** to **gate** one hundred cubits.

24 **He** led **me** **toward** the **south**; and behold, a **gate** **toward** the **south**: and **he** **measured** its posts and its **arches** according to **these** **measurements**.

25 **There** were **windows** in it and in its **arches** **all** around, like **those** **windows**: the **length** was fifty cubits, and the **width** twenty-five cubits.

26 **There** were seven steps to **go** up to it, and its **arches** were **before** **them**; and it had **palm trees**, one on **this side**, and another on **that side**, on its posts.

27 **There** was a **gate** to the inner **court** **toward** the **south**: and **he** **measured** from **gate** to **gate** **toward** the **south** a hundred cubits.

28 **Then** **he** **brought** **me** to the inner **court** by the **south gate**: and **he** **measured** the **south gate** according to **these** **measurements**;

29 and its lodges, and its posts, and its **arches**, according to **these** **measurements**: and **there** were **windows** in it and in its **arches** **all** around; it was fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits wide.

30 **There** were **arches** **all** around, twenty-five cubits long, and five cubits wide.

31 The **arches** of it were **toward** the **outer court**; and **palm trees** were on its posts: and the ascent to it had eight steps.

32 **He** **brought** **me** into the inner **court** **toward** the **east**: and **he** **measured** the **gate** according to **these** **measurements**;

33 and its lodges, and its posts, and its **arches**, according to **these** **measurements**: and **there** were **windows** therein and in its **arches** **all** around; it was fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits wide.

34 The **arches** of it were **toward** the **outer court**; and **palm trees** were on its posts, on **this side**, and on **that side**: and the ascent to it had eight steps.

35 **He** **brought** **me** to the **north gate**: and **he** **measured** it according to **these** **measurements**;

36 its lodges, its posts, and its arches: and there were windows therein all around; the length was fifty cubits, and the width twenty-five cubits.

37 The posts of it were toward the outer court; and palm trees were on its posts, on this side, and on that side: and the ascent to it had eight steps.

38 A room with its door was by the posts at the gates; there they washed the burnt offering.

39 In the porch of the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, on which to kill the burnt offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering.

40 On the one side outside, as one goes up to the entry of the gate toward the north, were two tables; and on the other side, which belonged to the porch of the gate, were two tables.

41 Four tables were on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they killed the sacrifices.

42 There were four tables for the burnt offering, of cut stone, a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half wide, and one cubit high; whereupon they laid the instruments with which they killed the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 The hooks, a hand width long, were fastened within all around: and on the tables was the flesh of the offering.

44 Outside of the inner gate were rooms for the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate; and their prospect was toward the south; one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north.

45 He said to me, This room, whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the duty of the house;

46 and the room whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the duty of the altar: these are the sons of Zadok, who from among the sons of Levi come near to Yähwëh to minister to him.

47 He measured the court, one hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits wide, square; and the altar was before the house.

48 Then he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the width of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.

49 The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the width eleven cubits; even by the steps by which they went up to it: and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

Ezekiel 41

He br^ought me to the temple, and mea^sured the posts, six cubits wide on the one side, and six cubits wide on the **o**ther side, **wh**ich **w**as the width of the tent.

2 The width of the entrance **w**as ten cubits;[a] and the sides of the entrance **w**ere five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the **o**ther side: and he mea^sured its length, **f**orty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits.

3 **T**hen went he inward, and mea^sured **e**ach post of the entrance, **t**wo cubits; and the entrance, six cubits; and the width of the entrance, seven cubits.

4 He mea^sured its length, twenty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits, bef^ore the temple: and he said to me, **T**his is the most holy place.

5 **T**hen he mea^sured the w^all of the house, six cubits; and the width of every side room, **f**our cubits, **a**ll around the house on every side.

6 The side rooms **w**ere in **t**hree stories, one over another, and **t**hirty in **o**rder; and **t**hey entered into the w^all **wh**ich belonged to the house **f**or the side rooms **a**ll around, **t**hat **t**hey might be supported, and not penetrate the w^all of the house.

7 The side rooms **w**ere wider on the higher levels, **b**ecause the walls **w**ere narrower at the higher levels. **T**heref^ore the width of the house **i**ncreas^ed upward; and **s**o one went up from the lowest level to the highest **t**hrough the middle level.

8 I **s**aw **a**lso **t**hat the house had a rais^ed base **a**ll around: the foundations of the side rooms **w**ere a full reed of six great cubits.

9 The **t**hickness of the w^all, **wh**ich **w**as **f**or the side rooms, on the **o**utside, **w**as five cubits: and **t**hat **wh**ich **w**as left **w**as the place of the side rooms **t**hat belonged to the house.

10 **B**etween the rooms **w**as a width of twenty cubits around the house on every side.

11 The d^oors of the side rooms **w**ere toward an open area **t**hat **w**as left, one d^oor toward the **n**orth, and another d^oor toward the **s**outh. The width of the open area **w**as five cubits **a**ll around.

12 The building **t**hat **w**as bef^ore the separate place at the side toward the west **w**as seventy cubits wide; and the w^all of the building **w**as five cubits **t**hick **a**ll around, and its length ninety cubits.

13 **S**o he mea^sured the house, one hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, **w**ith its walls, one hundred cubits long;

14 also the width of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, one hundred cubits.

15 He measured the length of the building before the separate place which was at its back, and its galleries on the one side and on the other side, one hundred cubits; and the inner temple, and the porches of the court;

16 the thresholds, and the closed windows, and the galleries around on their three stories, over against the threshold, with wood ceilings all around, and from the ground up to the windows, (now the windows were covered),

17 to the space above the door, even to the inner house, and outside, and by all the wall all around inside and outside, by measure.

18 It was made with cherubim and palm trees; and a palm tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces;

19 so that there was the face of a man toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side. It was made like this through all the house all around:

20 from the ground to above the door were cherubim and palm trees made: thus was the wall of the temple.

21 As for the temple, the door posts were squared; and as for the face of the sanctuary, its appearance was as the appearance of the temple.

22 The altar was of wood, three cubits high, and its length two cubits; and its corners, and its length, and its walls, were of wood: and he said to me, This is the table that is before Yähwëh.

23 The temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

24 The doors had two leaves each, two turning leaves: two for the one door, and two leaves for the other.

25 There were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm trees, like as were made on the walls; and there was a threshold of wood on the face of the porch outside.

26 There were closed windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch: thus were the side rooms of the house, and the thresholds.

Ezekiel 42

Then he brought me out into the outer court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the room that was over against the separate place, and which was over against the building toward the north.

2 Before the length of one hundred cubits[a] was the north door, and the width was fifty cubits.

3 Over against the twenty cubits which belonged to the inner court, and over against the pavement which belonged to the outer court, was gallery against gallery in the third floor.

4 Before the rooms was a walk of ten cubits' width inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors were toward the north.

5 Now the upper rooms were shorter; for the galleries took away from these, more than from the lower and the middle, in the building.

6 For they were in three stories, and they didn't have pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore the uppermost was set back more than the lowest and the middle from the ground.

7 The wall that was outside by the side of the rooms, toward the outer court before the rooms, its length was fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the rooms that were in the outer court was fifty cubits: and behold, before the temple were one hundred cubits.

9 From under these rooms was the entry on the east side, as one goes into them from the outer court.

10 In the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, before the separate place, and before the building, there were rooms.

11 The way before them was like the appearance of the rooms which were toward the north; according to their length so was their width: and all their exits were both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.

12 According to the doors of the rooms that were toward the south was a door at the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one enters into them.

13 Then he said to me, The north rooms and the south rooms, which are before the separate place, they are the holy rooms, where the priests who are near to Yähwëh shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy.

14 When the priests enter in, **then shall they** not go out of the holy place into the outer court, but **there they shall lay their garments** in which they minister; **fôr they are holy**: and **they shall put on other garments**, and **shall approach to that which is fôr the people**.

15 Now when he had finished measuring the inner house, he brought me out by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and measured it all around.

16 He measured on the east side with the measuring reed five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed all around.

17 He measured on the north side five hundred reeds with the measuring reed all around.

18 He measured on the south side five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

19 He turned about to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

20 He measured it on the four sides: it had a wall around it, the length five hundred, and the width five hundred, to make a separation between that which was holy and that which was common.

Ezekiel 43

Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looks toward the east.

2 Behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shined with his glory.

3 It was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face.

4 Yâhweh's glory came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east.

5 The Spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and behold, Yâhweh's glory filled the house.

6 I heard one speaking to me out of the house; and a man stood by me.

7 He said to me, Son of man, this is the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell among the children of Israel forever. The house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name, neither they, nor their kings, by their prostitution, and by the dead bodies of their kings in their high places;

8 in **their** setting of **their threshold by my threshold**, and **their door post beside my door post**, and **there was** a **wall** between me and **them**; and **they** have defiled my **holy name by their abominations which they** have committed: **therefore** I have **consumed them** in my anger.

9 **Now** let **them** put away **their prostitution**, and the dead bodies of **their kings**, far from me; and I will dwell among **them** forever.

10 **You**, son of man, **show** the house to the house of **Israel**, **that they** may be **ashamed** of **their iniquities**; and let **them** measure the pattern.

11 If **they** be **ashamed** of **all that they** have done, **make known** to **them** the form of the house, and its fashion, and its exits, and its entrances, and **all its forms**, and **all its ordinances**, and **all its forms**, and **all its laws**; and write it in **their sight**; **that they** may keep the whole form of it, and **all its ordinances**, and do them.

12 **This is** the law of the house: on the top of the mountain the whole limit around it shall be most holy. Behold, **this is** the law of the house.

13 **These** are the measurements of the altar by cubits (the cubit[a] is a cubit and a hand width): the bottom shall be a cubit, and the width a cubit, and its border around its edge a span;[b] and **this shall be** the base of the altar.

14 From the bottom on the ground to the lower ledge shall be two cubits, and the width one cubit; and from the lesser ledge to the greater ledge shall be four cubits, and the width a cubit.

15 The upper altar shall be four cubits; and from the altar hearth and upward there shall be four horns.

16 The altar hearth shall be twelve cubits long by twelve wide, square in its four sides.

17 The ledge shall be fourteen cubits long by fourteen wide in its four sides; and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and its bottom shall be a cubit around; and its steps shall look toward the east.

18 He said to me, Son of man, thus says the Lord Yähwah: **These** are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings on it, and to sprinkle blood on it.

19 **You** shall give to the priests the Levites who are of the offspring[c] of Zadok, who are near to me, to minister to me, says the Lord Yähwah, a young bull for a sin offering.

20 You shall take of its blood, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the ledge, and on the border all around: thus you shall cleanse it and make atonement for it.

21 You shall also take the bull of the sin offering, and it shall be burnt in the appointed place of the house, outside of the sanctuary.

22 On the second day you shall offer a male goat without defect for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they cleansed it with the bull.

23 When you have finished cleansing it, you shall offer a young bull without defect, and a ram out of the flock without defect.

24 You shall bring them near to Yähwēh, and the priests shall cast salt on them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering to Yähwēh.

25 Seven days you shall prepare every day a goat for a sin offering: they shall also prepare a young bull, and a ram out of the flock, without defect.

26 Seven days shall they make atonement for the altar and Purify it; so shall they consecrate it.

27 When they have accomplished the days, it shall be that on the eighth day, and forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings on the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, says the Lord Yähwēh.

Ezekiel 44

Then he brought me back by the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which looks toward the east; and it was shut.

2 Yähwēh said to me, This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, neither shall any man enter in by it; for Yähwēh, the God of Israel, has entered in by it; therefore it shall be shut.

3 As for the prince, he shall sit therein as prince to eat bread before Yähwēh; he shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

4 Then he brought me by the way of the north gate before the house; and I looked, and behold, Yähwēh's glory filled Yähwēh's house: and I fell on my face.

5 Yähwēh said to me, Son of man, mark well, and see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I tell you concerning all the ordinances of Yähwēh's house, and all its laws; and mark well the entrance of the house, with every exit of the sanctuary.

6 **You shall** tell the rebellious, **even** to the **house** of **Išrael**, **Thus** says the **Lôrd Yähweh**: **you house** of **Išrael**, let it suffice **you** of **âll yôur** abominati**o**n**š**,

7 in **that** **you** have br**o**ught in foreigners**š**,, un**ç**ircum**ç**ised in he**ä**rt and un**ç**ircum**ç**ised in **flesh**, to **be** in **my** sanctuary, to profane it, **even** **my** **house**, *when* **you** offer **my** bread, the fat and the **blôod**, and **they** have broken **my** **côvenant**, to add to **âll yôur** abominati**o**n**š**.

8 **You** have not perf**o**rmed the duty of **my** **holy** **things**; but **you** have set perf**o**rmer**š** of **my** **duty** in **my** sanctuary **fô**r **yô**ur**selve****š**.

9 **Thus** says the **Lôrd Yähweh**, **No** foreigner, un**ç**ircum**ç**ised in he**ä**rt and un**ç**ircum**ç**ised in **flesh**, **shall** enter into **my** sanctuary, of any foreigner**š**, **whô** **ä**re among the **children** of **Išrael**.

10 But the Levites **whô** went **fä**r from **me**, when **Išrael** went astray, **whô** went astray from **me** **ä**fter **their** **idol****š**, **they** **shall** bear **their** iniquity.

11 Yet **they** **shall** be minister**š** in **my** sanctuary, having **oversight** at the **gates** of the **house**, and ministering in the **house**: **they** **shall** kill the **bû**rnt offering and the sacrific**e** **fô**r the **pe**ople, and **they** **shall** stand bef**o**re **them** to minister to **them**.

12 **Be**ca**u**se **they** ministered to **them** bef**o**re **their** **idol****š**, and became a stumbling block of iniquity to the **house** of **Išrael**; **therefô**re have I lifted up **my** hand against **them**, says the **Lôrd Yähweh**, and **they** **shall** bear **their** iniquity.

13 **They** **shall** not **cô**me near to **me**, to execute the offic**e** of priest to **me**, **nô**r to **cô**me near to any of **my** **holy** **things**, to the **things** that **ä**re most holy; but **they** **shall** bear **their** **shame**, and **their** abominati**o**n**š** **wh**ich **they** have committed.

14 Yet will I **make** **them** perf**o**rmer**š** of the duty of the **house**, **fô**r **âll** its s**e**rvice, and **fô**r **âll** that **shall** be **dô**ne **therein**.

15 But the priests the Levites, the **son****š** of Zadok, **whô** perf**o**rmed the duty of **my** sanctuary *when* the **children** of **Išrael** went astray from **me**, **they** **shall** **cô**me near to **me** to minister to **me**; and **they** **shall** stand bef**o**re **me** to offer to **me** the fat and the **blôod**, says the **Lôrd Yähweh**:

16 **they** **shall** enter into **my** sanctuary, and **they** **shall** **cô**me near to **my** **table**, to minister to **me**, and **they** **shall** **keep** **my** instructi**o**n.

17 It **shall** be **that**, *when* **they** enter in at the **gates** of the inner **cô**urt, **they** **shall** be clothed with linen g**ä**rments; and **no** **wô**ol **shall** **cô**me on **them**, *while* **they** minister in the **gates** of the inner **cô**urt, and **with**in.

18 **They shall** have linen **tireş** on **their headş**, and **shall** have linen breeches on **their waists**; **they shall** not **cloth** **themselveş** with anything **that** makes **them** sweat.

19 **When they go** out into the **outer cōurt**, even into the **outer cōurt** to the **people**, **they shall** **pūt** off **their gārments** in **which they** minister, and **lay** **them** in the **holy roomş**; and **they shall** **pūt** on **other gārments**, **that they** not sanctify the **people** with **their gārments**.

20 **Neither shall they** **shave** **their headş**, **nōr** allow **their** locks to grow long; **they shall** **only** cut off the **hair** of **their headş**.

21 **Neither shall** any of the **priests** drink **wine**, when **they** enter into the **inner cōurt**.

22 **Neither shall they** take **fōr** **their wiveş** a widow, **nōr** **hêr** **who** **iş** **pūt** away; but **they shall** take **virginş** of the offspring[a] of the **house** of **Işrael**, **ōr** a widow **who** **iş** the widow of a **priest**.

23 **They shall** **teach** my **people** the difference between the **holy** and the **common**, and **cāuş** **them** to **discêrn** between the **unclean** and the **clean**.

24 In a **controversy** **they shall** stand to **judge**; **accōrding** to my **ōrdinancęş** **shall** **they** **judge** it: and **they shall** **keep** my **lāwş** and my **statute** in **āll** my appointed **feasts**; and **they shall** **make** my **Sabbathş** **holy**.

25 **They shall** go in to **no** dead **pêrson** to **defile** **themselveş**; but **fōr** **fāther**, **ōr** **fōr** **mōther**, **ōr** **fōr** **son**, **ōr** **fōr** **dāughter**, **fōr** **brother**, **ōr** **fōr** **sister** **who** **haş** had **no** **huşband**, **they may** **defile** **themselveş**.

26 After **he** **iş** **cleaņşed**, **they shall** **reckōn** to him **seven** **dayş**.

27 In the **day** **that** **he** **goeş** into the **sanctuary**, into the **inner cōurt**, to minister in the **sanctuary**, **he shall** offer **hiş** sin offering, **sayş** the **Lōrd** **Yāhweh**.

28 **They shall** have an **inheritancę**: I am **their** **inheritancę**; and **you shall** give **them** **no poşşession** in **Işrael**; I am **their** **poşşession**.

29 **They shall** **eat** the **meal** offering, and the sin offering, and the **trespāss** offering; and every **devoted** **thing** in **Işrael** **shall** **be** **theiř**.

30 The **fîrst** of **āll** the **fîrst** **fruits** of every **thing**, and every offering of every**thing**, of **āll** **yōur** offerings, **shall** **be** **fōr** the **priest**: **you shall** **ālso** give to the **priests** the **fîrst** of **yōur** **doogh**, to **cāuş** a blessing to rest on **yōur** **house**.

31 The **priests** **shall** not **eat** of any**thing** **that** **dieş** of itself, **ōr** **iş** **tōrn**, **wheth**er it **iş** **bird** **ōr** **animal**.

Ezekiel 45

Môreover, when you shall divide by lot the land fôr inheritancê, you shall offer an offering to Yâhweh, a holy pörtion of the land; the length shall be the length of twenty-five thousand reeds, and the width shall be ten thousand: it shall be holy in âll its bôrders âll around.

2 Of this there shall be a five hundred by five hundred square fôr the holy placê; and fifty cubits[a] for its subûrbs âll around.

3 Of this measure you shall measure a length of twenty-five thousand, and a width of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary, which is most holy.

4 It is a holy pörtion of the land; it shall be fôr the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near to minister to Yâhweh; and it shall be a placê fôr their houses, and a holy placê fôr the sanctuary.

5 Twenty-five thousand in length, and ten thousand in width, shall be to the Levites, the ministers of the house, fôr a possession to themselves, fôr twenty rooms.

6 You shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand wide, and twenty-five thousand long, side by side with the offering of the holy pörtion: it shall be fôr the whole house of Israel.

7 What is fôr the prince shall be on the one side and on the other side of the holy offering and of the possession of the city, in front of the holy offering and in front of the possession of the city, on the west side westward, and on the east side eastward; and in length answerable to one of the pörtions, from the west bôrders to the east bôrders.

8 In the land it shall be to him fôr a possession in Israel: and my princes shall no môre oppress my people; but they shall give the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

9 Thus says the Lôrd Yâhweh: Let it suffice you, princes of Israel: remove violence and plunder, and execute justice and righteousness; dispossessioning my people, says the Lôrd Yâhweh.

10 You shall have just balances, and a just ephah,[b] and a just bâth.

11 The ephah and the bâth shall be of one measure, that the bâth may contain one tenth of a homer,[c] and the ephah one tenth of a homer: its measure shall be after the homer.

12 The shekel[d] shall be twenty gerahs.[e] Twenty shekels plus twenty-five shekels plus fifteen shekels shall be yôur mina.[f]

13 **This is** the offering **that you shall** offer: the **sixth part** of an ephah from a homer of **wheat**; and **you shall** give the **sixth part** of an ephah from a homer of **barley**;

14 and the set **portion** of oil, of the **bath** of oil, one **tenth** of a **bath** out of the cor, **which is** ten **baths**, **even** a homer; (**for** ten baths **are** a homer;)[g]

15 and one lamb of the flock, **out of two** hundred, from the well-watered **pastures** of Israel—for a **meal** offering, and **for** a **burnt** offering, and **for** **peace** offerings, to **make atonement for** them, says the **Lord Yäwhëh**.

16 All the **people** of the land **shall** give to **this** offering **for** the **prince** in **Israel**.

17 It **shall be** the **prince's part** to give the **burnt** offerings, and the **meal** offerings, and the drink offerings, in the **feasts**, and on the new **moons**, and on the **Sabbaths**, in **all** the appointed **feasts** of the **house** of **Israel**: **he shall** **prepare** the sin offering, and the **meal** offering, and the **burnt** offering, and the **peace** offerings, to **make atonement for** the **house** of **Israel**.

18 **Thus says** the **Lord Yäwhëh**: In the **first month**, in the **first day** of the **month**, **you shall** **take** a young **bull** **without** defect; and **you shall** **cleanse** the **sanctuary**.

19 The **priest shall** **take** of the **blood** of the sin offering, and **put** it on the **door posts** of the **house**, and on the **four corners** of the **ledge** of the **altar**, and on the **posts** of the **gate** of the inner **court**.

20 **So you shall** **do** on the **seventh day** of the **month for** everyone **who errs**, and **for** him **who is** simple: **so you shall** **make atonement for** the **house**.

21 In the **first month**, in the **fourteenth day** of the **month**, **you shall** have the **Pässover**, a **feast** of seven **days**; unleavened bread **shall be** **eaten**.

22 On **that day shall** the **prince** **prepare for** himself and **for** **all** the **people** of the land a **bull for** a sin offering.

23 The seven **days** of the **feast he shall** **prepare** a **burnt** offering to **Yäwhëh**, seven **bulls** and seven **rams without** defect **daily** the seven **days**; and a **male goat daily for** a sin offering.

24 **He shall** **prepare** a **meal** offering, an ephah[h] for a **bull**, and an ephah **for** a **ram**, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

25 In the **seventh month**, in the **fifteenth day** of the **month**, in the **feast**, **shall he** **do** the **like** the seven **days**; **according** to the sin offering, **according** to the **burnt** offering, and **according** to the **meal** offering, and **according** to the oil.

Ezekiel 46

Thus says the L^ord Y^ähweh: The gate of the inner c^ourt **that looks toward** the east **shall be shut** the six w^orking days; but on the Sabbath day it **shall be opened**, and on the day of the new m^oon it **shall be opened**.

2 The princ^e **shall enter by** the way of the p^orch of the gate outside, and **shall stand by** the post of the gate; and the priests **shall prepare** his b^urn^t offering and his pe^aç^e offerings, and **he shall worship** at the th^reshold of the gate: **then he shall go out**; but the gate **shall not be shut** until the evening.

3 The people of the land **shall worship** at the d^oor of **that gate** bef^ore Y^ähweh on the Sabbath^s and on the new m^oon^s.

4 The b^urn^t offering **that** the princ^e **shall offer** to Y^ähweh **shall be** on the Sabbath day six lamb^s without defect and a ram without defect;

5 and the meal offering **shall be** an ephah f^or the ram, and the meal offering f^or the lamb^s **as he is able** to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.[a]

6 On the day of the new m^oon it **shall be** a young bull without defect, and six lamb^s, and a ram; **they shall be** without defect:

7 and **he shall prepare** a meal offering, an ephah f^or the bull, and an ephah f^or the ram, and f^or the lamb^s acc^ording **as he is able**, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

8 *When* the princ^e **shall enter**, **he shall go in by** the way of the p^orch of the gate, and **he shall go out by** its way.

9 But *when* the people of the land **shall come** bef^ore Y^ähweh in the appointed feasts, **he who enters by** the way of the n^orth gate to w^orship **shall go out by** the way of the south gate; and **he who enters by** the way of the south gate **shall go out by** the way of the n^orth gate: **he shall not return by** the way of the gate **by which he came in**, but **shall go out** straight bef^ore him.

10 The princ^e, *when* **they go in**, **shall go in with** of **them**; and *when* **they go out**, **he shall go out**.

11 In the feasts and in the solemnities the meal offering **shall be** an ephah [b] for a bull, and an ephah f^or a ram, and f^or the lamb^s **as he is able** to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

12 *When* the princ^e **shall prepare** a freewill offering, a b^urn^t offering **or** pe^aç^e offerings **as** a freewill offering to Y^ähweh, one **shall open** f^or him the gate **that looks toward** the east; and **he shall prepare** his b^urn^t offering and his pe^aç^e offerings, **as he does** on the Sabbath day: **then he shall go out**; and **after his going out** one **shall shut** the gate.

13 **You shall prepare** a lamb a year old without defect for a burnt offering to Yähweh daily: morning by morning you shall prepare it.

14 **You shall prepare** a meal offering with it morning by morning, the sixth part of an ephah,[c] and the third part of a hin of oil, to moisten the fine flour; a meal offering to Yähweh continually by a perpetual ordinance.

15 **Thus shall they prepare** the lamb, and the meal offering, and the oil, morning by morning, for a continual burnt offering.

16 **Thus says** the Lord Yähweh: If the prince give a gift to any of his sons, it is his inheritance, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance.

17 But if he give of his inheritance a gift to one of his servants, it shall be his to the year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince; but as for his inheritance, it shall be for his sons.

18 Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance, to thrust them out of their possession; he shall give inheritance to his sons out of his own possession, that my people not be scattered every man from his possession.

19 **Then he brought me through** the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy rooms for the priests, which looked toward the north: and behold, there was a place on the hinder part westward.

20 He said to me, **This is** the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, and where they shall bake the meal offering; that they not bring them out into the outer court, to sanctify the people.

21 **Then he brought me out into** the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and behold, in every corner of the court there was a court.

22 In the four corners of the court there were courts enclosed, forty cubits[d] long and thirty wide: these four in the corners were of one measure.

23 **There was** a wall around in them, around the four, and boiling places were made under the walls all around.

24 **Then he said to me, These are** the boiling houses, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

Ezekiel 47

He brought me back to the door of the house; and behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward; (for the forefront of the house was toward the east;) and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the house, on the south of the altar.

Then he bróught me out by the way of the gate nórthward , and led me round by the way outside to the outer gate, by the way of the gate that looks toward the east; and behold, there ran out wáters on the right side.

3 When the man went out eastward with the line in his hand, he measúred one thóusand cubits,[a] and he cáused me to páss through the wáters, wáters that wêre to the ankles.

4 Again he measúred one thóusand, and cáused me to páss through the wáters, wáters that wêre to the knees. Again he measúred one thóusand, and cáused me to páss through wáters that wêre to the waist.

5 Afterward he measúred one thóusand; and it wás a river that I couíd not páss through; fôr the wáters wêre risen, wáters to swim in, a river that couíd not be pássed through.

6 He said to me, Són of man, have you seen? Then he bróught me, and cáused me to retúrn to the bank of the river.

7 Now when I had retúrned, behold, on the bank of the river wêre very many trees on the one side and on the other.

8 Then he said to me, Thése wáters flow out toward the eastern región, and will go down into the Arabah; and they will go toward the sea; and flow into the sea which will be made to flow out; and the wáters will be healed.

9 It shall happen, that every living creature which swármş, in every place where the rivers come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish; fôr these wáters have come there, and the wáters of the sea shall be healed, and everything shall live wherever the river comes.

10 It shall happen, that fishermen shall stand by it: from En Gedi even to En Eglaim shall be a place fôr the spreading of nets; their fish shall be after their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.

11 But the miry places of it, and its marshes, shall not be healed; they shall be given up to salt.

12 By the river on its bank, on this side and on that side, shall grow every tree fôr food, whose leaf shall not wither, neither shall its fruit fail: it shall produçe new fruit every month, because its wáters issue out of the sanctuary; and its fruit shall be fôr food, and its leaf fôr healing.

13 Thus says the Lórd Yáhweh: This shall be the bórder, by which you shall divide the land fôr inheritance according to the twelve tribes of Ísrael: Joseph shall have two pórtions.

14 You shall inherit it, one as well as another; for I swore to give it to your fathers: and this land shall fall to you for inheritance.

15 This shall be the border of the land: On the north side, from the great sea, by the way of Hethlon, to the entrance of Zedad;

16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibram, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazer Hatticon, which is by the border of Hauran.

17 The border from the sea, shall be Hazar Enon at the border of Damascus; and on the north northward is the border of Hamath. This is the north side.

18 The east side, between Hauran and Damascus and Gilead, and the land of Israel, shall be the Jordan; from the north border to the east sea you shall measure. This is the east side.

19 The south side southward shall be from Tamar as far as the waters of Meriboth Kadesh, to the brook, to the great sea. This is the south side southward.

20 The west side shall be the great sea, from the south border as far as over against the entrance of Hamath. This is the west side.

21 So you shall divide this land to you according to the tribes of Israel.

22 It shall happen, that you shall divide it by lot for an inheritance to you and to the aliens who live among you, who shall father children among you; and they shall be to you as the native-born among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

23 It shall happen, that in what tribe the stranger lives, there you shall give him his inheritance, says the Lord Yähwah.

Ezekiel 48

Now these are the names of the tribes: From the north end, beside the way of Hethlon to the entrance of Hamath, Hazar Enan at the border of Damascus, northward beside Hamath, (and they shall have their sides east and west), Dan, one portion.

By the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, Asher, one portion.

3 By the border of Asher, from the east side even to the west side, Naphtali, one portion.

4 By the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, Manasseh, one portion.

5 By the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, Ephraim, one portion.

6 By the **b**order of Ephraim, from the **e**ast **s**ide **e**ven to the west **s**ide, Reuben, one **p**ortion.

7 **B**y the **b**order of Reuben, from the **e**ast **s**ide to the west **s**ide, Judah, one **p**ortion.

8 **B**y the **b**order of Judah, from the **e**ast **s**ide to the west **s**ide, **sh**all **b**e the offering **wh**ich **y**ou **sh**all offer, twenty-**f**ive **th**ousand **r**eeds in **w**idth, and in **l**ength **a**s one of the **p**ortions, from the **e**ast **s**ide to the west **s**ide: and the sanctuary **sh**all **b**e in the middle of it.

9 The offering **th**at **y**ou **sh**all offer to Y^ähweh **sh**all **b**e twenty-**f**ive **th**ousand **r**eeds in **l**ength, and ten **th**ousand in **w**idth.

10 For **th**ese, **e**ven **f**ör the priests, **sh**all **b**e the holy offering: tow^ärd the **n**örth twenty-**f**ive **th**ousand in **l**ength, and tow^ärd the west ten **th**ousand in **w**idth, and tow^ärd the **e**ast ten **th**ousand in **w**idth, and tow^ärd the **s**outh twenty-**f**ive **th**ousand in **l**ength: and the sanctuary of Y^ähweh **sh**all **b**e in the middle of it.

11 It **sh**all **b**e **f**ör the priests **wh**o **ä**re sanctified of the **s**ons of Zadok, **wh**o **h**ave kept my instruction, **wh**o **d**idn't go astray when the **ch**ildren of I^srael went astray, **a**s the Levites went astray.

12 It **sh**all **b**e to **th**em an offering from the offering of the land, a **th**ing most holy, by the **b**order of the Levites.

13 Answerable to the **b**order of the priests, the Levites **sh**all **h**ave twenty-**f**ive **th**ousand in **l**ength, and ten **th**ousand in **w**idth: **ä**ll the **l**ength **sh**all **b**e twenty-**f**ive **th**ousand, and the **w**idth ten **th**ousand.

14 **Th**ey **sh**all sell **n**one of it, **n**ör **e**xchang^e it, **n**ör **sh**all the **f**irst fruits of the land **b**e alienated; **f**ör it **i**s holy to Y^ähweh.

15 The **f**ive **th**ousand **th**at **ä**re left in the **w**idth, in **f**ront of the twenty-**f**ive **th**ousand, **sh**all **b**e **f**ör **co**mm^on use, **f**ör the **ç**ity, **f**ör dwelling and **f**ör sub^urb^s; and the **ç**ity **sh**all **b**e in the middle of it.

16 **Th**ese **sh**all **b**e its mea^surements: the **n**örth **s**ide **f**ör **th**ousand and **f**ive hundred, and the **s**outh **s**ide **f**ör **th**ousand and **f**ive hundred, and on the **e**ast **s**ide **f**ör **th**ousand and **f**ive hundred, and the west **s**ide **f**ör **th**ousand and **f**ive hundred.

17 The **ç**ity **sh**all **h**ave sub^urb^s: tow^ärd the **n**örth **tw**e hundred fifty, and tow^ärd the **s**outh **tw**e hundred fifty, and tow^ärd the **e**ast **tw**e hundred fifty, and tow^ärd the west **tw**e hundred fifty.

18 The remainder in the **l**ength, answerable to the holy offering, **sh**all **b**e ten **th**ousand **e**astward, and ten **th**ousand westward; and it **sh**all **b**e answerable to the holy offering; and its incre^ase **sh**all **b**e **f**ör **fo**od to **th**ose **wh**o labor in the **ç**ity.

19 **Those** who labor in the **city**, out of **all** the **tribes** of **Israel**, shall cultivate it.

20 All the offering shall be a **square** of twenty-five **thousand** by twenty-five **thousand**: you shall offer it as a **holy** offering, with the **possession** of the **city**.

21 The remainder shall be **for** the **prince**, on the one **side** and on the **other** of the **holy** offering and of the **possession** of the **city**; in **front** of the twenty-five **thousand** of the offering **toward** the **east border**, and westward in **front** of the twenty-five **thousand** **toward** the west **border**, answerable to the **portions**, it shall be **for** the **prince**: and the **holy** offering and the **sanctuary** of the **house** shall be in the middle .

22 **Moreover** from the **possession** of the Levites, and from the **possession** of the **city**, being in the middle of **that which is** the **prince's**, between the **border** of **Judah** and the **border** of **Benjamin**, it shall be **for** the **prince**.

23 **As for** the rest of the **tribes**: from the **east side** to the west **side**, **Benjamin**, one **portion**.

24 **By** the **border** of **Benjamin**, from the **east side** to the west **side**, **Simeon**, one **portion**. 25 **By** the **border** of **Simeon**, from the **east side** to the west **side**, **Issachar**, one **portion**.

26 **By** the **border** of **Issachar**, from the **east side** to the west **side**, **Zebulun**, one **portion**.

28 **By** the **border** of **Gad**, at the **south side southward**, the **border** shall be even from **Tamar** to the **waters** of **Meribath Kadesh**, to the **brook**, to the **great sea**. 29 **This is** the land **which you shall divide by** lot to the **tribes** of **Israel** **for** inheritance, and **these are** their several **portions**, says the **Lord Yähhweh**.

30 **These are** the exits of the **city**: On the **north side** **four thousand** and **five hundred reeds** by **measure**;

31 and the **gates** of the **city** shall be **after** the **names** of the **tribes** of **Israel**, **three gates northward** : the **gate** of **Reuben**, one; the **gate** of **Judah**, one; the **gate** of **Levi**, one.

32 At the **east side** **four thousand** and **five hundred reeds**, and **three gates**: even the **gate** of **Joseph**, one; the **gate** of **Benjamin**, one; the **gate** of **Dan**, one.

33 At the **south side** **four thousand** and **five hundred reeds** by **measure**, and **three gates**: the **gate** of **Simeon**, one; the **gate** of **Issachar**, one; the **gate** of **Zebulun**, one.

34 At the west **side** **four thousand** and **five hundred reeds**, with their **three gates**: the **gate** of **Gad**, one; the **gate** of **Asher**, one; the **gate** of **Naphtali**, one.

35 It shall be **eighteen thousand reeds** around: and the **name** of the **city** from **that day** shall be, **Yähhweh is there**.

Daniel 1

In the **th**ird **ye**ar of the reign of Jehoiakim king of **Judah** **came** Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to **Jeru**šalem, and **besieged** it.

2 The **L**ôrd gave Jehoiakim king of **Judah** **into** hiš hand, **with** **p**ärt of the vessels of the **hou**se of God; [b] and **he** carried **them** **into** the land of Shinar to the **hou**se of hiš god: and **he** **br**ôught the vessels **into** the **treas**ure **hou**se of hiš god.

3 The king **spoke** to Ashpenaz the **m**äster of hiš **eunuchs**, **that he sh**ould bring in **s**öme of the **ch**ildren of **I**šrael, **even** of the royal offspring[c] and of the **noble**š;

4 **youth**š in **wh**ö**m** **w**äš **no** defect, but well-favored, and skilfö**l** in **ä**ll wišdö**m**, and endö**w**ed **with** **kn**owled**g**e, and understanding **s**çienç**e**, and **such** aš had ability to stand in the king'š paläç**e**; and **that he sh**ould **teach** **them** the **l**ëarning and the language of the Chaldeans.

5 The king appointed **f**ör **them** a **daily p**örtiön of the king'š **daintie**š, and of the **wine** **wh**ich **he** drank, and **that they sh**ould be **nourished** **three** **years**; **that** at its end **they sh**ould stand befö**r**e the king.

6 Now among **thes**e **w**ëre, of the **ch**ildren of **Judah**, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

7 The prinç**e** of the **eunuchs** **gave** **name**š to **them**: to Daniel **he** **gave** the **name** Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, Shadrach; and to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

8 But Daniel **p**ü**r**posed in hiš **he**ärt **that he** **w**ould not defile himself **with** the king'š **daintie**š, **n**ör **with** the **wine** **wh**ich **he** drank: **theref**öre **he** **requested** of the prinç**e** of the **eunuchs** **that he** **mi**ght not defile himself.

9 Now God **made** Daniel to **find** kindness and **c**ömpassiön in the **s**i**gh**t of the prinç**e** of the **eunuchs**.

10 The prinç**e** of the **eunuchs** said to Daniel, I **f**ear **my** **l**ôrd the king, **wh**ö **has** appointed **y**ö**ur** **feed** and **y**ö**ur** drink: **f**ör **Why** **sh**ould **he** **see** **y**ö**ur** **fa**ç**e**š **w**örse **l**öök**ing** **th**an the **youth**š **wh**ö **ä**re of **y**ö**ur** **own** **ag**e? **so** **w**ould **you** **endanger** **my** head **with** the king.

11 **Then** Daniel said to the steward **wh**ö**m** the prinç**e** of the **eunuchs** had appointed **over** Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

12 Test **y**ö**ur** **s**ërvants, I beg **you**, ten **days**; and let **them** give us **vegetable**š to **eat**, and **w**äter to drink.

13 **Then** let **our** **face**s be **look**ed on bef**ore** **you**, and the **face** of the **youth**s **who** **eat** of the king's **daintie**s; and **as** **you** **see**, **deal** with **yo**ur **se**rva**nt**s.

14 **So** **he** **listened** to **them** in **this** matter, and **prov**ed **them** ten **day**s.

15 At the end of ten **day**s **their** **face**s **appe**ared **fairer**, and **they** **were** fatter in **flesh**, **than** **all** the **youth**s **who** **ate** of the king's **daintie**s.

16 **So** the steward **took** away **their** **daintie**s, and the **wine** **that** **they** **shou**ld drink, and **gave** **them** pulse.

17 Now **as** **for** **thes**e **four** **youth**s, God **gave** **them** *knowledg*e and skill in **all** **le**arning and **wisdom**: and Daniel had understanding in **all** **visio**n**s** and **dream**s.

18 At the end of the **day**s **which** the king had appointed **for** bringing **them** in, the **prin**ce of the **eunuchs** **brought** **them** in bef**ore** Nebuchadnezzar.

19 The king **talk**ed with **them**; and **among** **them** **all** **was** **found** **no** one **like** Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: **theref**ore **stood** **they** bef**ore** the king.

20 In every matter of **wisdom** and understanding, **con**cerning **which** the king **in**quired of **them**, **he** **found** **them** ten **time**s better **than** **all** the **magi**cian**s** and **enchanter**s **who** **were** in **all** **his** realm.

21 Daniel **contin**ued **even** to the **first** **year** of king Cyrus.

Daniel 2

In the **second** **year** of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar **dream**ed **dream**s; and **his** **spirit** **was** troubled, and **his** **sleep** went from him.

2 **Then** the king commanded to **call** the **magi**cian**s**, and the **enchanter**s, and the **so**rce**rer**s, and the Chaldeans, to tell the king **his** **dream**s. **So** **they** **came** in and **stood** bef**ore** the king.

3 The king said to **them**, I have **dream**ed a **dream**, and **my** **spirit** **is** troubled to **know** the **dream**.

4 Then **spoke** the Chaldeans to the king in the Syrian language, O king, live forever: tell **yo**ur **se**rva**nt**s the **dream**, and **we** will **show** the **int**er**pretation**.

5 The king answered the Chaldeans, The **th**ing **is** gone from **me**: if **you** **don't** **make** *known* to **me** the **dream** and its **int**er**pretation**, **you** **shall** be cut in **pie**ce**s**, and **yo**ur **hou**se**s** **shall** be **made** a dunghill.

6 But if **you** **show** the **dream** and its **int**er**pretation**, **you** **shall** **re**ceive of **me** gifts and **re**wa**rd**s and **great** *honor*: **theref**ore **show** **me** the **dream** and its **int**er**pretation**.

7 **They** answered the second time and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and **we** will **show** the interpretation.

8 The king answered, I know of a certainty that you would gain time, because you see the thing is gone from me.

9 But if you don't make known to me the dream, there is but one law for you; for you have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, until the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me its interpretation.

10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man on the earth who can show the king's matter, because no king, lord, or ruler, has asked such a thing of any magician, or enchanter, or Chaldean.

11 It is a rare thing that the king requires, and there is no other who can show it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

13 So the decree went out, and the wise men were to be slain; and they sought Daniel and his companions to be slain.

14 Then Daniel returned answer with counsel and prudence to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, who was gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon;

15 he answered Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so urgent from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.

16 Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would appoint him a time, and he would show the king the interpretation.

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:

18 that they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

19 Then was the secret revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 Daniel answered, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever; for wisdom and might are his.

21 He changes the times and the seasons; he removes kings, and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to those who have understanding;

22 **h**e **r**eveal**s** the **d**eep and **s**ecret **t**hing**s**; **h**e **k**now**s** **w**hat **i**s in the **d**ärkness, and the **l**ight dwell**s** **w**ith him.

23 I **t**hank **y**ou, and **p**rais**e** **y**ou, **y**ou God of my **f**äther**s**, **w**h**e** have given me **w**is**d**ö**m** and **m**ight, and have **n**ow **m**ade **k**nown to me **w**hat **w**e **d**esir**e**d of **y**ou; **f**ör **y**ou have **m**ade **k**nown to us the king'**s** matter.

24 **T**her**e**f**ö**re Daniel went in to Arioch, **w**h**e**m the king had appointed to destroy the **w**is**e** men of Babylon; **h**e went and said **t**hus to him: **D**on't destroy the **w**is**e** men of Babylon; bring **m**e in bef**ö**re the king, and I will **s**h**o**w to the king the int**e**rpret**ä**tion.

25 **T**hen Arioch br**ö**ught in Daniel bef**ö**re the king in **h**aste, and said **t**hus to him, I have **f**ound a man of the **c**hildren of the captivity of **J**udah, **w**h**e** will **m**ake **k**nown to the king the int**e**rpret**ä**tion.

26 The king answered Daniel, **w**h**e**s**e** name **w**ä**s** Belteshazzar, **ä**re **y**ou **a**ble to **m**ake **k**nown to me the **d**ream **w**h**i**ch I have **s**een, and its int**e**rpret**ä**tion?

27 Daniel answered bef**ö**re the king, and said, The **s**ecret **w**h**i**ch the king has demanded can **n**either **w**is**e** men, **e**nchanter**s**, magi**c**ian**s**, **n**ör **s**eethsayer**s**, **s**h**o**w to the king;

28 but **t**here **i**s a God in heaven **w**h**e** reveal**s** secrets, and **h**e has **m**ade **k**nown to the king Nebuchadnezzar **w**hat **s**hall **b**e in the latter **d**ays. **Y**ö**u**r dream, and the **v**is**i**ön**s** of **y**ö**u**r head on **y**ö**u**r bed, **ä**re **t**hes**e**:

29 **a**s **f**ör **y**ou, O king, **y**ö**u**r **t**h**ö**ughts came on **y**ö**u**r bed, **w**hat **s**h**ö**uld happen **h**ere**ä**fter; and **h**e **w**h**e** reveal**s** secrets has **m**ade **k**nown to **y**ou **w**hat **s**hall happen.

30 But **a**s **f**ör **m**e, **t**his **s**ecret **i**s not **r**eveal**e**d to me **f**ör any **w**is**d**ö**m** **t**hat I have **m**ö**r**e **t**han any living, but to the intent **t**hat the int**e**rpret**ä**tion **m**ay **b**e **m**ade **k**nown to the king, and **t**hat **y**ou **m**ay **k**now the **t**h**ö**ughts of **y**ö**u**r **h**eä**r**t.

31 **Y**ou, O king, **s**ä**w**, and behold,[a] a **g**reat **i**mag**e**. **T**his **i**mag**e**, **w**h**i**ch **w**ä**s** **m**ighty, and **w**h**e**s**e** **b**ri**g**htness **w**ä**s** **e**x**c**ellent, **s**t**ö**öd bef**ö**re **y**ou; and its aspect **w**ä**s** **ä**wesö**m**e.

32 **A**s **f**ör **t**his **i**mag**e**, its head **w**ä**s** of **f**ine **g**old, its breast and its **ä**rm**s** of silver, its belly and its **t**h**i**gh**s** of **b**räss,

33 its leg**s** of **i**r**ö**n, its **f**eet **p**ärt of **i**r**ö**n, and **p**ärt of **c**lay.

34 **Y**ou **s**ä**w** until a **s**tone **w**ä**s** cut **o**ut **w**ith**o**ut **h**and**s**, **w**h**i**ch struck the **i**mag**e** on its **f**eet **t**hat **w**ä**r**e of **i**r**ö**n and **c**lay, and **b**roke **t**hem in **p**ie**c**e**s**.

35 **T**hen **w**ä**s** the **i**r**ö**n, the **c**lay, the **b**räss, the silver, and the **g**old, **b**roken in **p**ie**c**e**s** **t**o**g**e**t**her, and **b**ecame **l**ike the **c**h**ä**ff of the summer **t**hr**e**shing **f**lö**r**s; and

the wind carried **them** away, **so that no place was found for them**: and the stone **that struck the image became a great mountain**, and filled the **whole earth**.

36 **This is the dream**; and **we** will tell its **interpretation before** the king.

37 **You**, O king, **are** king of **kings**, to **whom** the God of heaven has given the **kingdom**, the **power**, and the **strength**, and the **glory**;

38 and **wherever** the **children** of men dwell, the **animals** of the **field** and the **birds** of the **sky** has **he** given into **your** hand, and has **made you** to **rule over them all**: **you are** the head of **gold**.

39 After **you** shall **arise** another **kingdom** inferior to **you**; and another **third kingdom** of **brass**, **which shall bear rule over all the earth**.

40 The **fourth** **kingdom shall be strong as iron**, because **iron breaks in pieces** and **subdues all things**; and **as iron that crushes all these, shall it break in pieces** and **crush**.

41 **Whereas you saw** the **feet** and **toes**, **part** of **potters' clay**, and **part** of **iron**, it **shall be** a divided **kingdom**; but **there shall be** in it of the **strength** of the **iron**, because **you saw** the **iron mixed with miry clay**.

42 **As the toes of the feet were part of iron**, and **part of clay**, **so the kingdom shall be partly strong**, and **partly broken**.

43 **Whereas you saw** the **iron mixed with miry clay**, **they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men**; but **they shall not cling to one another**, **even as iron does not mingle with clay**.

44 In the **days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed**, **nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people**; but it **shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms**, and it **shall stand forever**.

45 Because **you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands**, and **that it broke in pieces the iron**, the **brass**, the **clay**, the **silver**, and the **gold**; the **great God has made known to the king what shall happen hereafter**: and the **dream is certain**, and its **interpretation sure**.

46 **Then** the king **Nebuchadnezzar** fell on his **face**, and **worshipped** **Daniel**, and commanded **that they should offer an offering and sweet odors** to him.

47 The king **answered to Daniel**, and said, Of a **truth your God is the God of gods**, and the **Lord of kings**, and a **revealer of secrets**, since **you have been able to reveal this secret**.

48 **Then** the king **made** Daniel **great**, and **gave** him many **great** gifts, and **made** him to **rule** **over** the **whole** provin**ç**e of Babylon, and to **be chief g**overnor **over** **â**ll the **wi**şe men of Babylon.

49 Daniel **request**ed of the king, and **he** appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, **over** the **affair**s of the provin**ç**e of Babylon: but Daniel **wa**s in the **gate** of the king.

Daniel 3

Nebuchadnezzar the king **made** an **imag**e of **gold**, **wh**eşe **height wa**s sixty **cubit**s,[a] and its **width** six **cubit**s: **he** set it up in the **plain** of Dura, in the provin**ç**e of Babylon.

2 **Then** Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to **gather** **together** the satraps, the **deputie**s, and the **g**overnor**s**, the **judge**s, the **treas**urer**s**, the **c**ounselor**s**, the **sheriff**s, and **â**ll the **ruler**s of the provin**ç**e**s**, to **c**ome to the **dedicati**on of the **imag**e **whic**h Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3 Then the satraps, the **deputie**s, and the **g**overnor**s**, the **judge**s, the **treas**urer**s**, the **c**ounselor**s**, the **sheriff**s, and **â**ll the **ruler**s of the provin**ç**e**s**, **w**e**r**e **gather**ed **together** to the **dedicati**on of the **imag**e **th**at Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and **they** **st**oo**d** **bef**ore the **imag**e **th**at Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 **Then** the herald **cri**ed **al**oud, To **you** it **i**s **command**ed, **pe**ople**s**, **nati**on**s**, and **language**s,

5 that **wh**enever **you** **hear** the **sound** of the **h**orn, **flute**, zither, **ly**re, **h**arp, **pipe**, and **â**ll kinds of **mu**şic, **you** **f**all **down** and **w**or**ship** the **golden** **imag**e **th**at Nebuchadnezzar the king **ha**s set up;

6 and **wh**oever **d**oesn't **f**all **down** and **w**or**ship** **shall** the **same** **hour** **be** **c**ast into the middle of a **b**urn**ing** **fi**ery **f**urn**aç**e.

7 **Theref**ore at **th**at **time**, **wh**en **â**ll the **pe**ople**s** **h**eard the **sound** of the **h**orn, **flute**, zither, **ly**re, **h**arp, **pipe**, and **â**ll kinds of **mu**şic, **â**ll the **pe**ople**s**, the **nati**on**s**, and the **language**s, **fell** **down** and **w**or**ship**ed the **golden** **imag**e **th**at Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

8 **Theref**ore at **th**at **time** **c**ertain Chaldeans **came** **near**, and **br**o**ught** **accu**şati**on** **again**st the **Jew**s.

9 **They** **answ**ered Nebuchadnezzar the king, O king, **live** **f**or **ever**.

10 **You**, O king, have **made** a **decree**, **th**at every man **th**at **shall** **hear** the **sound** of the **h**orn, **flute**, zither, **ly**re, **h**arp, **pipe**, and **â**ll kinds of **mu**şic, **shall** **f**all **down** and **w**or**ship** the **golden** **imag**e;

11 and whoever doesn't fall down and worship shall be cast into the middle of a burning fiery furnace.

12 There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not respected you. They don't serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar answered them, Is it on purpose, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you don't serve my god, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15 Now if you are ready whenever you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music to fall down and worship the image which I have made, good: but if you don't worship, you shall be cast the same hour into the middle of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that god that shall deliver you out of my hands?

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

17 If it happens, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

18 But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his appearance was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.

20 He commanded certain mighty men who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then these men were bound in their pants, their tunics, and their mantles, and their other clothes, and were cast into the middle of the burning fiery furnace.

22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

23 These three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the middle of the burning fiery furnace.

24 **Then** Nebuchadnezzar the king **was** astonished, and **rose** up in haste: **he** spoke and said to his **counselors**, Didn't **we** cast **three** men **bound** into the middle of the **fire**? **They** answered the king, **True**, O king.

25 **He** answered, **Look**, I **see** **four** men **leese**, **walking** in the middle of the **fire**, and **they** **are** **unharm**ed; and the aspect of the **four** **th** is like a **son** of the **god**s.

26 **Then** Nebuchadnezzar **came** **near** to the **mouth** of the **burning** **fiery** **furnace**: **he** spoke and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, **you** **servants** of the **Most High** God, **come** **out**, and **come** **here**. **Then** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego **came** **out** of the middle of the **fire**.

27 The satraps, the **deputies**, and the **governors**, and the king's **counselors**, **being** gathered together, **saw** **these** men, **that** the **fire** had **no** **power** on **their** **bodies**, **nor** **was** the **hair** of **their** head singed, **neither** **were** **their** pants **chang**ed, **nor** had the smell of **fire** **pass**ed on **them**.

28 Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said, **Blessed** **be** the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, **who** **has** sent his **angel**, and delivered his **servants** **who** trusted in him, and have **chang**ed the king's **word**, and have **yield**ed **their** **bodies**, **that** **they** **might** not **serve** **nor** **worship** any god, **except** **their** **own** God.

29 **Therefore** I **make** a **decree**, **that** every **people**, **nation**, and **language**, **which** **speak** **anything** **evil** against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, **shall** **be** cut in **pieces**, and **their** **houses** **shall** **be** made a dunghill; **because** **there** **is** **no** **other** god **who** **is** **able** to deliver **after** **this** **sort**.

30 **Then** the king **promoted** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the provin**ce** of Babylon.

Daniel 4

Nebuchadnezzar the king, to **all** the **people**s, **nations**s, and **language**s, **who** dwell in **all** the **earth**: **Peace** **be** multiplied to **you**.

2 It **has** **seem**ed **good** to **me** to **show** the **sign**s and **wonder**s **that** the **Most High** God **has** **work**ed **toward** **me**.

3 **How** **great** **are** his **sign**s! and **how** **mighty** **are** his **wonder**s! his **kingdom** **is** an ever**last**ing **kingdom**, and his **dominion** **is** from **generation** to **generation**.

4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, **was** at rest in **my** **house**, and flour**ish**ing in **my** **palace**.

5 I **saw** a **dream** **which** **made** **me** **afraid**; and the **thought**s on **my** **bed** and the **vision**s of **my** **head** troubled **me**.

6 **Therefôre** made I a decree to bring in **âll** the **wiſe** men of Babylon befôre me, **that they might make known** to me the intêrpretation of the dream.

7 **Then came** in the magicians, the enchanter, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayer; and I told the dream befôre them; but **they did not make known** to me its intêrpretation.

8 But at the lăst Daniel came in befôre me, **whôſe name waſ** Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in **whom iſ** the spirit of the holy gods: and I told the dream befôre him, saying,

9 Belteshazzar, **măster** of the magicians, **becauſe** I know **that** the spirit of the holy gods **iſ** in you, and **no secret troubleſ** you, tell me the **viſionſ** of my dream **that** I have **ſeen**, and its intêrpretation.

10 **Thus wêre** the **viſionſ** of my head on my bed: I **săw**, and behold, a **tree** in the middle of the **êarth**; and its **height waſ** great.

11 The **tree** grew, and **waſ** strong, and its **height reachêd** to the sky, and its **ſight** to the end of **âll** the **êarth**.

12 The **leaveſ** of it **wêre beautiful**, and its **fruit much**, and in it **waſ food fôr âll**: the animalſ of the field had **ſhadow** under it, and the **birdſ** of the sky lived in its **brancheſ**, and **âll flesh waſ** fed from it.

13 I **săw** in the **viſionſ** of my head on my bed, and behold, a **watcher** and a **holy one** came **dôwn** from the sky.

14 He **cried aloud**, and said **thus**, Cut **dôwn** the **tree**, and cut off its **brancheſ**, **ſhake** off its **leaveſ**, and scatter its **fruit**: let the animalſ get **away** from under it, and the **fowlſ** from its **brancheſ**.

15 Never**theless** **leave** the stump of its **rootſ** in the **êarth**, **even with** a band of **iron** and **brăss**, in the tender **grăss** of the field; and let it **be** wet **with** the dew of the sky: and let hiſ **pôrtion be** with the animalſ in the **grăss** of the **êarth**:

16 let hiſ **heărt be changêd** from man'ſ, and let an animal's **heărt be** given to him; and let seven **timeſ** **păss** **over** him.

17 The **ſentençe iſ by** the decree of the **watcherſ**, and the demand **by** the **wôrd** of the **holy oneſ**; to the intent **that** the living **may know that** the Most High **ruleſ** in the kingdôm of men, and **giveſ** it to **whomever he** will, and sets up **over** it the **loweſt** of men.

18 **This dream** I, king Nebuchadnezzar, have **ſeen**; and you, Belteshazzar, **declare** the intêrpretation, **becauſe** **âll** the **wiſe** men of my kingdôm **ăre** not **able** to make

known to me the intêrpretatiôn; but you äre able; fôr the spirit of the holy godş is in you.

19 Then Daniel, whose name wäş Belteshazzar, wäş stricken mute fôr a while, and hiş thôughts troubled him. The king answered, Belteshazzar, don't let the dream, ôr the intêrpretatiôn, trouble you. Belteshazzar answered, My lôrd, the dream be to thoşe who hate you, and its intêrpretatiôn to yôur advêrsarieş.

20 The tree that you säw, which grew, and wäş strong, whose height reachêd to the sky, and its sight to äll the êarth;

21 whose leaveş wêre beautiful, and its fruit much, and in it wäş feed fôr äll; under which the animalş of the field lived, and on whose brancheş the bîrdş of the sky had their habitation:

22 it is you, O king, that äre grown and becôme strong; fôr yôur greatness is grown, and reachêş to the sky, and yôur dômioniôn to the end of the êarth.

23 Whereaş the king säw a watcher and a holy one côming down from the sky, and saying, Cut down the tree, and destroy it; nevertheless leave the stump of its reoots in the êarth, even with a band of irôn and bräss, in the tender gräss of the field, and let it be wet with the dew of the sky: and let hiş pôrtiôn be with the animalş of the field, until seven timeş päss over him;

24 this is the intêrpretatiôn, O king, and it is the decree of the Most High, which has côme on my lôrd the king:

25 that you shall be driven from men, and yôur dwelling shall be with the animalş of the field, and you shall be made to eat gräss aş oxen, and shall be wet with the dew of the sky, and seven timeş shall päss over you; until you know that the Most High ruleş in the kingdom of men, and giveş it to whomever he will.

26 Whereaş they commanded to leave the stump of the reoots of the tree; yôur kingdom shall be sure to you, äfter that you shall have known that the heavens de rule.

27 Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptible to you, and break off yôur sinş by righteousnes, and yôur iniquities by showing mêrcy to the pôor; if there may be a lengthening of yôur tranquillity.

28 All this came on the king Nebuchadnezzar.

29 At the end of twelve monthş he wäş wäking in the royal palaçe of Babylon.

30 The king spoke and said, Is not this great Babylon, which I have built fôr the royal dwelling placê, by the might of my power and fôr the glôry of my majesty?

31 While the wôrd wás in the king's mouth, a voiçe came from the sky, saying, "O king Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you.

32 You shall be driven from men; and your dwelling shall be with the animals of the field. You shall be made to eat grass as oxen. Seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he will."

33 This was fulfilled the same hour on Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from men, and ate grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the sky, until his hair had grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

34 At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored him who lives forever; for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom from generation to generation.

35 All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he does according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and no one can stay his hand, or ask him, What are you doing?

36 At the same time my understanding returned to me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and brightness returned to me; and my counselors and my lords sought to me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent greatness was added to me.

37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven; for all his works are truth, and his ways justice; and those who walk in pride he is able to abase.

Daniel 5

Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

2 Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, might drink from them.

3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of God's house which was at Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, drank from them.

4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5 In the **same** *hour*, the fingers of a man's hand **came** *out* and **wrote** *near* the lamp stand on the **plaster** of the **wall** of the king's palace. The king **saw** the **part** of the hand **that** *wrote*.

6 Then the king's **face** **was** **changed** in him, and his **thoughts** troubled him; and the joints of his **thighs** **were** **loosened**, and his **knees** struck one **against** **another**.

7 The king **cried** **aloud** to bring in the **enchanters**, the Chaldeans, and the **soothsayers**. The king **spoke** and said to the **wise** men of Babylon, **Whoever** **shall** read **this** *writing*, and **show** **me** its **interpretation**, **shall** **be** **clothed** with **purple**, and have a **chain** of **gold** **about** his neck, and **shall** **be** the **third** ruler in the **kingdom**.

8 **Then** **came** in **all** the king's **wise** men; but **they** **could** not read the *writing*, **nor** **make** **known** to the king the **interpretation**.

9 **Then** **was** king Belshazzar **greatly** troubled, and his **face** **was** **changed** in him, and his **lords** **were** perplexed.

10 The **queen** **by** **reason** of the **words** of the king and his **lords** **came** into the banquet house: the **queen** **spoke** and said, O king, live forever; **don't** let **your** **thoughts** trouble **you**, **nor** let **your** **face** **be** **changed**.

11 **There** **is** a man in **your** **kingdom**, in **whom** **is** the spirit of the **holy** gods; and in the **days** of **your** **father** **light** and understanding and **wisdom**, **like** the **wisdom** of the gods, **were** **found** in him; and the king Nebuchadnezzar **your** **father**, the king, **your** **father**, **made** him **master** of the **magicians**, **enchanters**, Chaldeans, and **soothsayers**;

12 **because** an **excellent** spirit, and **knowledge**, and understanding, **interpreting** of **dreams**, and **showing** of **dark** sentences, and **dissolving** of **doubts**, **were** **found** in the **same** Daniel, **whom** the king **named** Belteshazzar. **Now** let Daniel **be** **called**, and **he** will **show** the **interpretation**.

13 **Then** **was** Daniel **brought** in **before** the king. The king **spoke** and said to Daniel, **are** **you** **that** Daniel, **who** **are** of the **children** of the captivity of **Judah**, **whom** the king **my** **father** **brought** **out** of **Judah**?

14 I have **heard** of **you**, **that** the spirit of the gods **is** in **you**, and **that** **light** and understanding and **excellent** **wisdom** **are** **found** in **you**.

15 **Now** the **wise** men, the **enchanters**, have **been** **brought** in **before** me, **that** **they** **should** read **this** *writing*, and **make** **known** to me its **interpretation**; but **they** **could** not **show** the **interpretation** of the **thing**.

16 But I have **heard** of **you**, **that** **you** can give **interpretations**, and **dissolve** **doubts**; **now** if **you** can read the *writing*, and **make** **known** to me its **interpretation**, **you** **shall**

be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

17 Then Daniel answered before the king, Let your gifts be to yourself, and give your rewards to another; nevertheless I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

18 You, king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father the kingdom, and greatness, and glory, and majesty:

19 and because of the greatness that he gave him, all the peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him: whom he would he killed, and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he raised up, and whom he would he put down.

20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:

21 and he was driven from the sons of men, and his heart was made like the animals', and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys; he was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the sky; until he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and that he sets up over it whomever he will.

22 You, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this,

23 but have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which don't see, nor hear, nor know; and the God in whose hand your breath is, and whose are all your ways, you have not glorified.

24 Then was the part of the hand sent from before him, and this writing was inscribed.

25 This is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God has numbered your kingdom, and brought it to an end;

27 TEKEL; you are weighed in the balances, and are found wanting.

28 PERES; your kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

29 Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with purple, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 In **that** **ni**ght Belshazzar the Chaldean King **wa**s slain.

31 Darius the Mede **re**ceived the kingd**o**m, **bei**ng **ab**out sixty-tw**e** year**s** old.

Daniel 6

It **ple**ased Darius to set **o**ver the kingd**o**m one hundred twenty satraps, **wh**o **sh**ould be **th**rough**o**ut the **wh**ole kingd**o**m;

2 and **o**ver **th**em **th**ree pre**s**idents, of **wh**om Daniel **wa**s one; **th**at **th**ese satraps **mi**ght give acc**o**unt to **th**em, and **th**at the king **sh**ould have **no** damag**e**.

3 **Th**en **th**is Daniel **wa**s distingui**sh**ed **ab**ove the pre**s**idents and the satraps, **bec**ause an ex**ce**llent spirit **wa**s in him; and the king **th**o**u**ght to set him **o**ver the **wh**ole realm.

4 **Th**en the pre**s**idents and the satraps **s**o**u**ght to **fi**nd occa**s**ion **ag**ainst Daniel **as** **to**uch**ing** the kingd**o**m; but **th**ey **co**uld **fi**nd **no** occa**s**ion **o**r **fa**ult, **bec**ause he **wa**s **fa**ith**fu**l, **ne**ither **wa**s **th**ere any error **o**r **fa**ult **fo**und in him.

5 **Th**en **th**ese men said, **We** **sh**all not **fi**nd any occa**s**ion **ag**ainst **th**is Daniel, **ex**cept **we** **fi**nd it **ag**ainst him **co**n**ce**rning the **la**w of hi**s** God.

6 **Th**en **th**ese pre**s**idents and satraps **as**sembled **to**gether to the king, and said **th**us to him, King Darius, live forever.

7 All the pre**s**idents of the kingd**o**m, the de**pu**ties and the satraps, the **co**unselor**s** and the **go**vernor**s**, have consulted **to**gether to **est**ablish a royal **stat**ute, and to **ma**ke a strong **de**cre**e**, **th**at **wh**oever **sh**all **a**s**k** a **pe**ti**ti**o**n** of any god **o**r man **fo**r **th**irty **da**ys, **ex**cept of **yo**u, O king, **he** **sh**all be **ca**st into the den of **li**o**n**s.

8 **N**ow, O king, **est**ablish the **de**cre**e**, and **si**gn the **w**ri**ti**ng, **th**at it not be **cha**ng**e**d, **acc**o**rd**ing to the **la**w of the Medes and Persians, **wh**ich **do**esn't **a**l**te**r.

9 **Th**ere**fo**re king Darius **si**gned the **w**ri**ti**ng and the **de**cre**e**.

10 **W**hen Daniel **kn**ew **th**at the **w**ri**ti**ng **wa**s **si**gned, **he** **w**ent into hi**s** **ho**use (**no**w hi**s** **w**indo**w**s **w**ere **o**pen in hi**s** **ro**om **to**wa**r**d Jeru**s**alem) and **he** **kn**eel**e**d on hi**s** **kn**ee**s** **th**ree **ti**me**s** a **da**y, and **pr**ay**e**d, and **ga**ve **th**anks **be**fo**re** hi**s** God, **as** **he** **di**d **be**fo**re**.

11 **Th**en **th**ese men **as**sembled **to**gether, and **fo**und Daniel **ma**king **pe**ti**ti**o**n** and **su**pplicati**o**n **be**fo**re** hi**s** God.

12 **Th**en **th**ey **ca**me **ne**ar, and **sp**oke **be**fo**re** the king **co**n**ce**rning the king's **de**cre**e**: Haven't **yo**u **si**gned an **de**cre**e**, **th**at every man **wh**o **sh**all **ma**ke **pe**ti**ti**o**n** to any god **o**r man **w**ithin **th**irty **da**ys, **ex**cept to **yo**u, O king, **sh**all be **ca**st into the den of **li**o**n**s?

The king answered, The **thing** is **true**, acc**ord**ing to the **l**aw**** of the Medes and Persians, **wh**ic**h d**o**e**s**n't **al**ter**.

13 **Then** answered **they** and said bef**ore** the king, **That** Daniel, **wh**o**** is of the **children** of the captivity of **Judah**, **d**o**e**s**n't** respect **you**, O king, **n**o**r** the decree **th**at**** **you** have **si**gned, but **ma**kes his petition **th**ree** **ti**me**s**** a **day**.

14 **Then** the king, **wh**en** h**e** h**ea**rd **th**ese** **w**ord**s****, **wa**s**** very displeas**ed**, and set his **he**ar**t** on Daniel to deliver him; and **h**e**** labored until the **go**ing **do**wn of the sun to **rescu**e**** him.**

15 **Then** **th**ese**** men assembled **to**gether to the king, and said to the king, **Know**, O king, **th**at**** it is a **l**aw**** of the Medes and Persians, **th**at** **no** **decree** **n**o**r** **statute** **wh**ic**h**** the king **establi**she**s** may **be** **chang**e**d**.

16 **Then** the king commanded, and **th**ey**** **br**ou**ght** Daniel, and **ca**st**** him into the den of **li**o**n**s****. The king **sp**o**ke** and said to Daniel, **Y**o**ur** God **wh**o**m** **you** **s**e**r**v**e** **co**n**ti**nually, **h**e**** will deliver **you**.

17 A **ston**e**** **wa**s**** **br**ou**ght**, and **l**ai**d** on the **mo**u**th** of the den; and the king **se**al**ed** it **with** his **o**w**n** signet, and **with** the signet of his **l**o**r**d**s**; **th**at** **no**th**ing** **mi**ght **be** **chang**e**d**** **co**n**ce**rning Daniel.

18 **Then** the king went to his **pal**ac**e**, and **pa**ss**ed** the **ni**gh**t** **fa**sting; **ne**it**her** **w**e**re** instruments of **mu**s**ic** **br**ou**ght** bef**ore** him: and his **sleep** fled from him.

19 **Then** the king **ar**o**se** very **ea**r**ly** in the **mo**r**ning**, and went in **h**as**te** to the den of **li**o**n**s****.

20 **Wh**en** h**e** **ca**me **ne**a**r** to the den to Daniel, **h**e** **cri**ed** **with** a lamentable **voic**e****; the king **sp**o**ke** and said to Daniel, Daniel, **s**e**r**v**ant** of the living God, **is** **y**o**ur** God, **wh**o**m** **you** **s**e**r**v**e** **co**n**ti**nually, **ab**le to deliver **you** from the **li**o**n**s****?**

21 **Then** Daniel said to the king, O king, live forever.

22 **My** God **ha**s**** sent his **ang**e**l**, and **ha**s**** **sh**ut the lions' **mo**u**th**s****, and **th**ey**** have not **h**ur**t** me; **bec**au**se** **as** bef**ore** him **innoc**e**n**ce**** **wa**s**** **fo**und in **me**; and **al**s**o** bef**ore** **you**, O king, have I **do**ne **no** **h**ur**t**.

23 **Then** **wa**s**** the king **ex**ce**eding** glad, and commanded **th**at** **th**ey**** **sh**ou**ld** **ta**ke Daniel up **o**u**t** of the den. **So** Daniel **wa**s**** taken up **o**u**t** of the den, and **no** kind of **h**ar**m** **wa**s**** found on him, **bec**au**se** **h**e**** had trusted in his God.**

24 The king commanded, and **th**ey**** **br**ou**ght** **th**ose**** men **wh**o**** had **acc**u**sed** Daniel, and **th**ey**** **ca**st**** **th**em**** into the den of **li**o**n**s****, **th**em****, **th**e**ir** **chil**dren, and **th**e**ir** **wi**v**e**s****; and the **li**o**n**s**** **ma**uled **th**em****, and **bro**ke **al**l**** **th**e**ir** **bo**ne**s** in **pie**ce**s**, bef**ore** **th**ey**** **ca**me to the **bo**tt**o**m of the den.

25 **Then** king Darius **wrote** to **á**ll the **peop**le**s**, **nati**on**s**, and language**s**, **wh**e dwell in **á**ll the **é**ar**th**: **Pe**a**c**e **be** multiplied to **you**.

26 I **ma**ke a **de**cre**e**, **th**at in **á**ll the **d**omin**io**n of my **kingd**o**m** men tremble and **fe**ar bef**o**re the God of Daniel; **f**o**r** **he** **i**s the living God, and **ste**ad**f**á**s**t forever, **H**i**s** **kingd**o**m** **th**at **wh**ich shall not **be** destroyed; and **hi**s **d**omin**io**n **sh**all **be** **ev**en to the end.

27 **He** **del**iver**s** and **rescu**e**s**, and **he** **w**o**r**ks **si**gn**s** and **w**o**n**der**s** in heaven and in **é**ar**th**, **wh**e **ha**s delivered Daniel from the **po**wer of the **li**o**n**s.

28 **So** **this** Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the **P**é**r**s**ia**n.

Daniel 7

In the **f**ir**s**t **ye**ar of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a **dr**eam and **vi**s**io**n**s** of **hi**s head on **hi**s bed: **th**en **he** **w**ro**t**e the **dr**eam and **to**ld the sum of the **ma**tt**e**r**s**.

2 Daniel **sp**o**k**e and said, I **sá**w in my **vi**s**io**n by **ni**ght, and, **be**hold, the **f**o**u**r **w**ind**s** of the **sky** **br**o**k**e **o**ut on the **gr**eat **se**a.

3 **F**o**u**r **gr**eat **ani**mal**s** **ca**me up from the **se**a, **di**v**e**rse one from **an**o**th**er.

4 The **f**ir**s**t **wa**s **li**ke a **li**o**n**, and had eagle's **w**ing**s**: I **sá**w until its **w**ing**s** **w**é**r**e pluck**e**d, and it **wa**s lifted up from the **é**ar**th**, and **ma**de to stand on **tw**o **fe**e**t** **a**s a man; and a man's **he**á**r**t **wa**s given to it.

5 **Beh**old, **an**o**th**er animal, a **se**co**nd**, **li**ke a bear; and it **wa**s **ra**is**e**d up on one **si**de, and **th**ree ribs **w**é**r**e in its **mo**uth **be**tween its **te**eth: and **th**ey said **th**us to it, **A**ri**s**e, **de**vour much **fl**esh.

6 **A**fter **this** I **sá**w, and **be**hold, **an**o**th**er, **li**ke a leopard, **wh**ich had on its back **f**o**u**r **w**ing**s** of a **b**ir**d**; the animal had **á**lso **f**o**u**r **he**ad**s**; and **d**omin**io**n **wa**s given to it.

7 **A**fter **this** I **sá**w in the **ni**ght **vi**s**io**n**s**, and, **be**hold, a **f**o**u**r**th** animal, **á**wes**o**me and **po**wer**fu**l, and strong **ex**ceed**in**gly; and it had **gr**eat **ir**o**n** **te**eth; it **de**vour**e**d and **br**o**k**e in **pi**ec**e**s, and **st**amp**e**d the **re**s**id**ue **with** its **fe**e**t**: and it **wa**s **di**v**e**rse from **á**ll the animal**s** **th**at **w**é**r**e bef**o**re it; and it had ten **h**o**r**n**s**.

8 I **c**o**n**sidered the **h**o**r**n**s**, and **be**hold, **th**ere **ca**me up **am**o**ng** **th**em **an**o**th**er **h**o**r**n, a little one, bef**o**re **wh**ich **th**ree of the **f**ir**s**t **h**o**r**n**s** **w**é**r**e pluck**e**d up by the **ro**o**t**s: and **be**hold, in **th**is **h**o**r**n **w**é**r**e **ey**e**s** **li**ke the **ey**e**s** of a man, and a **mo**uth **sp**eaking **gr**eat **th**ing**s**.

9 I **sá**w until **th**ro**n**e**s** **w**é**r**e **pl**ac**e**d, and one **wh**e **wa**s **an**ci**e**nt of **da**y**s** sat: **hi**s **cl**o**th**ing **wa**s **wh**ite **a**s **sn**ow, and the **ha**ir of **hi**s head **li**ke **pu**re **w**o**o**l; **hi**s **th**ro**n**e **wa**s **fi**ery **fl**ame**s**, and its **w**he**e**l**s** **b**ú**r**ning **fi**re.

10 A fiery stream issued and came out from before him: **thousands of thousands** ministered to him, and ten **thousand times** ten **thousand** stood before him: the judgment **was** set, and the **books were** opened.

11 I **saw** at **that time** because of the voice of the **great words** which the **horn** spoke; I **saw** even until the animal **was** slain, and its body destroyed, and it **was** given to be **burned with fire**.

12 **As for** the rest of the animals, **their dominion was** taken away: yet **their lives were** prolonged **for** a **season** and a **time**.

13 I **saw** in the **night visions**, and behold, **there came with** the **clouds** of the sky one like a **son of man**, and **he came** even to the **ancient of days**, and **they brought** him near before him.

14 **There was** given him **dominion**, and **glory**, and a **kingdom**, **that all the peoples, nations, and languages should** serve him: his **dominion is** an everlasting **dominion**, which shall not pass away, and his **kingdom that which shall not be** destroyed.

15 **As for me**, Daniel, **my spirit was** grieved **within my** body, and the **visions** of my head troubled **me**.

16 I **came** near to one of **those** who stood by, and **asked** him the **truth concerning** all **this**. So **he told me**, and **made me** know the **interpretation** of the **things**.

17 **These** great animals, **which are** four, **are** four kings, **who shall arise** out of the **earth**.

18 But the **saints** of the **Most High** shall **receive** the **kingdom**, and **possess** the **kingdom** forever, **even** forever and ever.

19 **Then** I **desired** to **know** the **truth concerning** the **fourth** animal, **which was** diverse from **all** of **them**, **exceedingly** terrible, **whose** **teeth** were of **iron**, and its **nails** of **brass**; **which** devoured, **broke** in **pieces**, and stamped the **residue** with its **feet**;

20 and **concerning** the ten **horns** **that** were on its head, and the **other** **horn** **which** came up, and before **which** **three** fell, **even** **that** **horn** **that** had **eyes**, and a **mouth** **that** spoke **great things**, **whose** **look** **was** more stout **than** its fellows.

21 I **saw**, and the **same** **horn** **made** **war** with the **saints**, and prevailed against **them**;

22 until the **ancient of days** came, and judgment **was** given to the **saints** of the **Most High**, and the **time** came **that** the **saints** **possessed** the **kingdom**.

23 **Thus** he said, The **fóurth** animal **shall be** a **fóurth** kingdóm on **éarth**, **which shall be divêrse** from **áll** the kingdómş, and **shall devour** the **whole éarth**, and **shall tread it dówn**, and **break** it in **pieçes**.

24 As **fór** the ten **hórns**, **out of this** kingdóm **shall ten** kingş **arişe**: and **anóther shall arişe äfter** **them**; and **he shall be divêrse** from the **fórmer**, and **he shall put dówn** **three** kingş.

25 **He shall speak wórdş** against the **Most High**, and **shall wear out** the **saints** of the **Most High**; and **he shall thínk to changé** the **timeş** and the **láw**; and **they shall be given into hiş** hand until a **time** and **timeş** and **häf** a **time**.

26 But the **judgment shall be** set, and **they shall take** away hiş **dóminión**, to **cónsume** and to **destroy** it to the end.

27 The kingdóm and the **dóminión**, and the **greatness** of the kingdómş under the **whole sky**, **shall be** given to the **people** of the **saints** of the **Most High**: hiş kingdóm **is** an **everlästing** kingdóm, and **áll** **dominións shall sêrve** and **obey** him.

28 **Here is** the end of the matter. **As fór** me, Daniel, **my thóughts** **much** **troubled** me, and **my façe wás changéd** in me: but I kept the matter in **my heärt**.

Daniel 8

In the **thírd** **year** of the reign of king Belshazzar a **vişión** **appeared** to me, **even** to me, Daniel, **äfter that** **which** **appeared** to me at the **first**.

2 I **sáw** in the **vişión**; **now** it **wás so**, **that** **when** I **sáw**, I **wás** in the **çitadel** of Susa, **which is** in the **provinçe** of Elam; and I **sáw** in the **vişión**, and I **wás by** the river Ulai.

3 **Then** I **lifted** up **my eyes**, and **sáw**, and **behold**, **there stóod** **befóre** the river a ram **which** had **twé** **hórns**: and the **twé** **hórns wêre** **high**; but one **wás** **higher** **than** the **óther**, and the **higher** **came** up **läst**.

4 I **sáw** the ram **pushing** westward, and **nóthward**, and **sóuthward**; and **no** **animals** **cóuld** stand **befóre** him, **neither wás** **there** any **whé** **cóuld** deliver **out** of hiş hand; but **he** did **accórding** to hiş will, and **magnified** himself.

5 **As** I **wás** **cónsidering**, **behold**, a **male** **goat** **came** from the west **over** the **súrfaçe** of the **whole éarth**, and **didn't touch** the **groud**: and the **goat** had a **notable** **hórns** between hiş **eyes**.

6 **He** **came** to the ram **that** had the **twé** **hórns**, **which** I **sáw** standing **befóre** the river, and ran on him in the **fury** of hiş **pówer**.

7 I **sáw** him **cóme** **cloşe** to the ram, and **he wás** **móved** **with** **anger** against him, and struck the ram, and **broke** hiş **twé** **hórns**; and **there wás** **no** **pówer** in the ram to

stand bef~~o~~re him; but he c~~ä~~st him d~~o~~wn to the gr~~o~~und, and trampled on him; and **there w~~ä~~s no one wh~~o~~e cou~~ld~~ deliver the ram ~~o~~ut of hi~~s~~ hand.**

8 The male goat magnifi~~d~~ himself ex~~ç~~eedingly: and when he w~~ä~~s strong, the great h~~o~~rn w~~ä~~s broken; and instead of it **there came up f~~o~~ur notable h~~o~~rn~~s~~ tow~~ä~~rd the f~~o~~ur wind~~s~~ of the sky.**

9 Out of one of **them came ~~o~~ut a little h~~o~~rn, wh~~ic~~h grew ex~~ç~~eeding great, tow~~ä~~rd the south, and tow~~ä~~rd the east, and tow~~ä~~rd the gl~~o~~rious land.**

10 It grew great, even to the ~~ä~~rm~~y~~ of the sky; and s~~o~~me of the ~~ä~~rm~~y~~ and of the st~~ä~~r~~s~~ it c~~ä~~st d~~o~~wn to the gr~~o~~und, and trampled on **them.**

11 Yes, it magnifi~~d~~ itself, even to the prin~~ç~~e of the ~~ä~~rm~~y~~; and it t~~o~~ok away from him the c~~o~~ntinual b~~u~~rn~~t~~ offering, and the plac~~e~~ of hi~~s~~ sanctu~~ä~~ry w~~ä~~s c~~ä~~st d~~o~~wn.

12 The ~~ä~~rm~~y~~ w~~ä~~s given ~~o~~ver to it toget~~her~~ with the c~~o~~ntinual b~~u~~rn~~t~~ offering **throug**h dis~~o~~bedien~~ç~~e; and it c~~ä~~st d~~o~~wn truth to the gr~~o~~und, and it did its ple~~a~~su~~r~~e and prospered.

13 **Then I h~~e~~ard a holy one speaking; and an~~o~~ther holy one said to **that ç~~e~~rtain one wh~~o~~e spoke, How long shall be the vi~~s~~ion about the c~~o~~ntinual b~~u~~rn~~t~~ offering, and the dis~~o~~bedien~~ç~~e that mak~~e~~s des~~o~~late, to give **both** the sanctu~~ä~~ry and the ~~ä~~rm~~y~~ to be trodden under f~~o~~ot?****

14 **He said to me, To tw~~o~~ th~~o~~us~~a~~nd and **three** hundred evening~~s~~ and m~~o~~rnin~~g~~s; **then shall the sanctu~~ä~~ry be clean~~s~~ed.****

15 **When I, even I Daniel, had seen the vi~~s~~ion, I s~~o~~ught to understand it; and behold, there st~~o~~od bef~~o~~re me a~~s~~ the app~~e~~aran~~ç~~e of a man.**

16 I h~~e~~ard a man's voi~~ç~~e betwe~~e~~n the banks of the Ulai, wh~~ic~~h c~~ä~~ll~~e~~d, and said, Gabriel, **mak~~e~~ this man to understand the vi~~s~~ion.**

17 **So he came near where I st~~o~~od; and when he came, I w~~ä~~s frightened, and fell on my fa~~ç~~e: but he said to me, Understand, s~~o~~n of man; f~~o~~r the vi~~s~~ion belong~~s~~ to the t~~i~~me of the end.**

18 **Now a~~s~~ he w~~ä~~s speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my fa~~ç~~e tow~~ä~~rd the gr~~o~~und; but he touch~~e~~d me, and set me upri~~g~~ht.**

19 **He said, Behold, I will make you know wh~~at~~ shall be in the latter t~~i~~me of the indignation; f~~o~~r it belong~~s~~ to the appointed t~~i~~me of the end.**

20 The ram wh~~ic~~h you s~~ä~~w, **that had the tw~~o~~ h~~o~~rn~~s~~, they ~~ä~~re the king~~s~~ of Media and P~~e~~r~~s~~ia.**

21 The rough male goat is the king of Greece: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

22 As for that which was broken, in the place where four stood up, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not with his power.

23 In the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have come to the full, a king of fierce face, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

24 His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper in what he does; and he shall destroy the mighty ones and the holy people.

25 Though his policy he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and he shall destroy many in their security. He shall also stand up against the prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

26 The vision of the evenings and mornings which has been told is true: but seal up the vision; for it belongs to many days to come.

27 I, Daniel, fainted, and was sick certain days; then I rose up, and did the king's business: and I wondered at the vision, but no one understood it.

Daniel 9

In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the offspring[a] of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans,

2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years about which Yähwēh's word[b] came to Jeremiah the prophet, for the accomplishing of the desolations of Jerusalem, even seventy years.

3 I set my face to the Lord God, to seek by prayer and petitions, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

4 I prayed to Yähwēh my God, and made confession, and said, Oh, Lord, the great and dreadful God, who keeps covenant and loving kindness with those who love him and keep his commandments,

5 we have sinned, and have dealt perversely, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even turning aside from your precepts and from your ordinances;

6 neither have we listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 Lord, righteousness belongs to you, but to us confusion of face, as it is today; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, who are

near, and **who** **ä**re **fä**r off, **throu**gh **ä**ll the **countrie**s where **you** have driven **them**, **beca**u**se** of **the**ir **trespäs**s **th**at **the**y have **trespäs**ed **ag**ainst **you**.

8 **L**ö**rd**, to us **belong**s **confu**sion of **fa**ç**e**, to **o**ur **king**s, to **o**ur **prin**ç**e**s, and to **o**ur **fä**th**e**r**s**, **beca**u**se** **w**e have **sinn**ed **ag**ainst **you**.

9 To the **L**ö**rd** **o**ur **God** **belong** **m**er**ci**e**s** and **forgiv**eness; **f**ör **w**e have **rebell**ed **ag**ainst **him**;

10 **ne**ither have **w**e **obey**ed **Yä**h**w**eh **o**ur **God**'s **voi**ç**e**, to **wä**lk in **hi**s **lä**w**s**, **wh**ich **h**e **set** **bef**ör**e** **u**s **by** **hi**s **s**er**v**ants the **proph**ets.

11 **Y**es, **ä**ll **I**s**ra**el have **trans**gress**e**d **y**ö**ur** **lä**w, **t**ür**n**ing **as**ide, **th**at **the**y **sh**ö**ü**ld not **ob**ey **y**ö**ur** **voi**ç**e**: **th**er**ef**ör**e** the **c**ür**se** and the **o**ath **w**ritten in the **lä**w of **M**ö**se**s **th**e **s**er**v**ant of **God** **ha**s **bee**n **p**ö**ur**ed **o**ut on **u**s; **f**ör **w**e have **sinn**ed **ag**ainst **him**.

12 **H**e **ha**s **conf**irm**e**d **hi**s **w**ör**d**s, **wh**ich **h**e **sp**ok**e** **ag**ainst **u**s, and **ag**ainst **o**ur **jud**g**e**s **wh**o **jud**g**e**d **u**s, **by** **bring**ing on **u**s a **gr**e**at** **ev**il; **f**ör **u**nder the **wh**ole **sk**y, **su**ch **ha**s **bee**n **d**ö**n**e **as** **ha**s **bee**n **d**ö**n**e to **J**er**u**s**a**lem.

13 **A**s **it** **i**s **w**ritten in the **lä**w of **M**ö**se**s, **ä**ll **this** **ev**il **ha**s **c**ö**m**e on **u**s: yet have **w**e not **ent**reat**e**d the **fav**or of **Yä**h**w**eh **o**ur **God**, **th**at **w**e **sh**ö**ü**ld **t**ür**n** from **o**ur **in**iquit**e**s, and have **dis**ç**e**rn**m**ent in **y**ö**ur** **tr**uth.

14 **Th**er**ef**ör**e** **ha**s **Yä**h**w**eh **watch**ed **o**ver the **ev**il, and **br**ö**u**ght it on **u**s; **f**ör **Yä**h**w**eh **o**ur **God** **i**s **ri**ght**e**ous in **ä**ll **hi**s **w**ör**k**s **wh**ich **h**e **d**ö**e**s, and **w**e have not **ob**ey**e**d **hi**s **voi**ç**e**.

15 **N**ow, **L**ö**rd** **o**ur **God**, **wh**o **ha**s **br**ö**u**ght **y**ö**ur** **pe**opl**e** **o**ut of the **land** of **E**g**y**pt **with** a **mi**ghty **hand**, and have **g**ott**e**n **y**ö**ur**self **ren**ö**w**n, **as** **it** **i**s **to**day; **w**e have **sinn**ed, **w**e have **d**ö**n**e **w**ick**e**dly.

16 **L**ö**rd**, **acc**ör**d**ing to **ä**ll **y**ö**ur** **ri**ght**e**ousness, let **y**ö**ur** **ang**er and **pl**eä**se** let **y**ö**ur** **w**rä**th** **be** **t**ür**n**ed **aw**ay from **y**ö**ur** **ç**ity **J**er**u**s**a**lem, **y**ö**ur** **h**oly **m**ö**u**ntain; **beca**u**se** **f**ör **o**ur **sin**s, and **f**ör the **in**iquit**e**s of **o**ur **fä**th**e**r**s**, **J**er**u**s**a**lem and **y**ö**ur** **pe**opl**e** have **bec**ö**m**e a **re**pro**ach** to **ä**ll **wh**o **ä**re **ar**ö**u**nd **u**s.

17 **N**ow **th**er**ef**ör**e**, **o**ur **God**, **l**ist**e**n to the **pr**ayer of **y**ö**ur** **s**er**v**ant, and to **hi**s **pet**iti**ö**n**s**, and **c**ä**u**s**e** **y**ö**ur** **fa**ç**e** to **sh**in**e** on **y**ö**ur** **san**ctuary **th**at **i**s **de**sö**l**ate, **f**ör the **L**ö**rd**'s **s**ak**e**.

18 **M**y **God**, **t**ür**n** **y**ö**ur** **ear**, and **he**ar; **o**pen **y**ö**ur** **ey**e**s**, and **see** **o**ur **de**sö**l**ati**ö**n**s**, and the **ç**ity **wh**ich **i**s **c**ä**l**led **by** **y**ö**ur** **na**m**e**: **f**ör **w**e **d**e not **pr**es**e**nt **o**ur **pet**iti**ö**n**s** **bef**ör**e** **you** **f**ör **o**ur **ri**ght**e**ousness, but **f**ör **y**ö**ur** **gr**e**at** **mer**ci**e**s' **s**ak**e**.

19 **L**ö**rd**, **he**ar; **L**ö**rd**, **for**give; **L**ö**rd**, **l**ist**e**n and **d**e; **d**ö**n**'t **de**f**e**r, **f**ör **y**ö**ur** **ö**wn **s**ak**e**, **m**y **God**, **beca**u**se** **y**ö**ur** **ç**ity and **y**ö**ur** **pe**opl**e** **ä**re **c**ä**l**led **by** **y**ö**ur** **na**m**e**.

20 While I **was** speaking, and praying, and confessing **my** sin and the sin of **my** people **I**srael, and presenting **my** supplication before **Y**ähweh **my** God **f**ör the **h**oly **m**ountain of **my** God;

21 yes, while I **was** speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, **wh**om I had **seen** in the **vis**ion at the beginning, being **c**äused to fly swiftly, **touch**ed **m**e about the **t**ime of the **e**vening offering.

22 He instructed **m**e, and **t**älked **w**ith **m**e, and said, Daniel, I have **n**ow **c**öme to give **y**ou **w**isdom and understanding.

23 At the beginning of **y**öur **p**etitions the commandment went **ö**ut, and I have **c**öme to tell **y**ou; **f**ör **y**ou **ä**re greatly beloved: **th**ere**f**ö**r**e **C**önsider the matter, and understand the **vis**ion.

24 Seventy **w**eeks **ä**re decreed on **y**öur **p**eople and on **y**öur **h**oly **ç**ity, to finish **dis**obedi**ç**ence, and to **m**ake an end of sins, and to **m**ake **r**econ**ç**iliation **f**ör iniquity, and to bring in everlästing **r**ighteousness, and to **se**al up **vis**ion and **p**rophe**ç**y, and to anoint the **m**ost **h**oly.

25 **K**now **th**ere**f**ö**r**e and **dis**ç**ê**rn, **th**at from the **g**oing **ö**ut of the commandment to restö**r**e and to build **J**er**u**salem to the Anointed One,^[c] the **p**rin**ç**e, **sh**all **b**e seven **w**eeks, and sixty-tw**ö** **w**eeks: it **sh**all **b**e built again, **w**ith **st**reet and **m**oat, **e**ven in troubled **t**ime**ç**.

26 After the sixty-tw**ö** **w**eeks the Anointed One^[d] shall **b**e cut off, and **sh**all have **n**ö**th**ing: and the **p**eople of the **p**rin**ç**e **wh**o shall **c**öme shall destroy the **ç**ity and the **san**ctuary; and its end shall **b**e with a **f**lö**ö**d, and **e**ven to the end shall **b**e **w**är; **de**solat**ions** **ä**re det**ê**rmin**ê**d.

27 He shall **m**ake a **f**irm **c**övenant with many **f**ör one **w**eek: and in the middle of the **w**eek he shall **c**äuse the sacrific**ç**e and the offering to **ç**ease; and on the wing of abominat**ions** shall **c**öme one **wh**o **m**akes **de**solate; and **e**ven to the **f**üll end, and **th**at det**ê**rmin**ê**d, shall **w**rä**th** **b**e **p**ö**u**red **ö**ut on the **de**solate.

Daniel 10

In the **th**ird year of Cyrus king of **P**ersia a **th**ing **was** revealed to Daniel, **wh**o**ç**e name **was** **c**älled Belteshazzar; and the **th**ing **was** **tr**ue, **e**ven a **g**reat **w**ärfare: and he **underst**ö**ö**d the **th**ing, and had understanding of the **vis**ion.

2 In **th**o**ç**e **d**ays I, Daniel, **was** **m**ö**u**rning **th**ree **w**hole **w**eeks.

3 I **a**te **n**o **p**lea**ç**ant bread, **n**eith**ê**r **c**ame **f**lesh **n**ör **w**ine into **m**y **m**ö**u**th, **n**eith**ê**r did I **a**noint **m**yself at **ä**ll, until **th**ree **w**hole **w**eeks **w**ê**r**e **f**üllfilled.

4 In the fôur and twentieth day of the first month, aș I waș by the side of the great river, which iș Hiddekel,

5 I lifted up my eyeș, and loôked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, whose thighș wêre adorned with pure gold of Uphaz:

6 hiș body âlso waș like the beryl, and hiș façe aș the appearance of lightning, and hiș eyeș aș flaming tôrcheș, and hiș ârmș and hiș feet like bûrnished bräss, and the voiçe of hiș wôrdș like the voiçe of a multitude.

7 I, Daniel, alone sâw the vișion; fôr the men who wêre with me didn't see the vișion; but a great quaking fell on them, and they fled to hide themselveș.

8 So I waș left alone, and sâw this great vișion, and there remained no strength in me; fôr my comeliness waș tûrned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

9 Yet hêard I the voiçe of hiș wôrdș; and when I hêard the voiçe of hiș wôrdș, then waș I fâllen into a deep sleep on my façe, with my façe toward the ground.

10 Behold, a hand touchêd me, which set me on my kneeș and on the pâmș of my handș.

11 He said to me, Daniel, you man greatly beloved, understand the wôrdș that I speak to you, and stand upright; fôr am I now sent to you. When he had spoken this wôrd to me, I stôod trembling.

12 Then he said to me, Don't be afraid, Daniel; fôr from the first day that you set yôur heärt to understand, and to humble yôurself befôre yôur God, yôur wôrdș wêre hêard: and I have côme fôr yôur words' sake.

13 But the prinçe of the kingdom of Pêrșia withstôod me twenty-one dayș; but, behold, Michael, one of the chief prinçeș, came to help me: and I remained there with the kingș of Pêrșia.

14 Now I have côme to make you understand what shall happen to yôur people in the latter dayș; fôr the vișion iș yet fôr many dayș:

15 and when he had spoken to me accôrding to theșe wôrdș, I set my façe toward the ground, and waș mute.

16 Behold, one in the likeness of the sonș of men touchêd my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spoke and said to him who stôod befôre me, my lôrd, by reșon of the vișion my sorrowș âre tûrned on me, and I retain no strength.

17 For **h**ow can the sêrvant of **this my lôrd t**alk with **this my lôrd**? **f**ôr a**ş** **f**ôr me, immediately **there** remained **no** strength in me, **neither** **was** **there** breath left in me.

18 **Then** **there** touch**ed** me again one like the appearan**ç**e of a man, and he strength**en**ed me.

19 He said, “Greatly beloved man, **don**’t be afraid: **pea**çe be to you, **be** strong, yes, **be** strong.”

When he spok**e** to me, I **was** strength**en**ed, and said, “Let my **l**ôrd sp**ea**k; **f**ôr you have strength**en**ed me.”

20 **Then** he said, “Do you know **Why** I have c**o**me to you? **N**ow I will ret**u**rn to **fi**ght with the prin**ç**e of Pêr**ş**ia. **W**hen I go **o**ut, behold, the prin**ç**e of Gre**ec**e shall c**o**me.

21 But I will tell you **that** **whi**ch **i**s inscrib**e**d in the writ**ing** of truth: and **there** **i**s **no** one wh**o** hold**ş** with me against **thes**e, but Michael y**ô**ur prin**ç**e.”

Daniel 11

“**A**ş **f**ôr me, in the **f**irst year of Darius the Mede, I st**o**od up to **c**onf**ir**m and strength**en** him.

2 **N**ow will I **show** you the truth. Behold, **there** shall stand up yet **three** king**ş** in Pêr**ş**ia; and the **f**ôur**th** shall be **f**âr rich**e**r than **they** **â**ll: and **wh**en he has grown strong **th**rough his rich**e**ş, he shall st**ir** up **â**ll against the realm of Gre**ec**e.

3 A **m**ighty king shall stand up, wh**o** shall **rule** with **g**reat **d**omin**io**n, and **d**e acc**o**rd**ing** to his will.

4 **W**hen he shall stand up, his kingd**o**m shall be broken, and shall be divided tow**â**rd the **f**ôur wind**ş** of the sky, but not to his posterity, **n**ôr acc**o**rd**ing** to his **d**omin**io**n with **whi**ch he **ru**led; **f**ôr his kingd**o**m shall be pluck**e**d up, **e**ven **f**ôr **ô**th**e**r**ş** beside**ş** **thes**e.

5 The king of the **s**outh shall be strong, and one of his prin**ç**e**ş**; and he shall be strong ab**o**ve him, and have **d**omin**io**n; his **d**omin**io**n shall be a **g**reat **d**omin**io**n.

6 At the end of **year**ş **they** shall join **themselv**e**ş** together; and the **d**â**ugh**ter of the king of the **s**outh shall c**o**me to the king of the **n**ô**rt**h to **ma**ke an **ag**re**em**ent: but **she** shall not retain the strength of h**e**r **â**rm; **neither** shall he stand, **n**ôr his **â**rm; but **she** shall be given up, and **tho**ş**e** wh**o** br**o**ught h**e**r, and he wh**o** became the **f**ather of h**e**r, and he wh**o** strength**en**ed h**e**r in **tho**ş**e** time**ş**.

7 But **o**ut of a **shee**t from **hê**r **roo**ts **sh**all one stand up in hi**ş** **plac**e, **wh**o **sh**all **c**ome to the **ä**rmy, and **sh**all enter into the **f**örtress of the king of the **n**ör**th**, and **sh**all **de**al against **th**em, and **sh**all prevail.

8 Also **th**eir god**ş**, with **th**eir molten image**ş**, and with **th**eir **g**oodly vessel**ş** of silver and of gold, **sh**all he carry captive into **E**gypt; and he **sh**all refrain **so**me year**ş** from the king of the **n**ör**th**.

9 He **sh**all **c**ome into the realm of the king of the **s**outh, but he **sh**all ret**u**rn into hi**ş** **o**wn land.

10 Hi**ş** **s**on**ş** **sh**all w**ä**r, and **sh**all assemble a multitude of great **f**ör**ce**ş, **wh**ich **sh**all **c**ome on, and **o**verflow, and **p**äss **th**rough; and **th**ey **sh**all ret**u**rn and w**ä**r, even to hi**ş** **f**örtress.

11 The king of the **s**outh **sh**all be **m**oved with anger, and **sh**all **c**ome **o**ut and **fi**ght with him, **ev**en with the king of the **n**ör**th**; and he **sh**all send **o**ut a great multitude, and the multitude **sh**all be given into hi**ş** hand.

12 The multitude **sh**all be lifted up, and hi**ş** **h**eä**r**t **sh**all be ex**ä**lted; and he **sh**all **c**äst **d**own tens of **th**ou**ş**and**ş**, but he **sh**all not prevail.

13 The king of the **n**ör**th** **sh**all ret**u**rn, and **sh**all send **o**ut a multitude greater **th**an the **f**ör**m**er; and he **sh**all **c**ome on at the end of the **t**ime**ş**, **ev**en of year**ş**, with a great **ä**rmy and with **m**uch **s**ubstan**ç**e.

14 In **th**o**ş**e **t**ime**ş** **th**ere **sh**all many stand up against the king of the **s**outh: **ä**l**s**o the **ch**ildren of the violent among **y**ö**u**r **p**eople **sh**all lift **th**emselv**e**ş up to establish the **vi**ş**i**ön; but **th**ey **sh**all **f**äll.

15 **S**o the king of the **n**ör**th** **sh**all **c**ome, and **c**äst up a **m**ound, and **ta**ke a well-förtified **ç**ity: and the **f**ör**ce**ş of the **s**outh **sh**all not stand, **ne**ither hi**ş** **ch**o**ş**en people, **ne**ither **sh**all **th**ere be any strength to stand.

16 But he **wh**o **c**ome**ş** against him **sh**all **d**e **acc**örding to hi**ş** **o**wn will, and **n**o one **sh**all stand bef**ö**re him; and he **sh**all stand in the gl**ö**rious land, and in hi**ş** hand **sh**all be **d**estruction.

17 He **sh**all set hi**ş** **fa**ç**e** to **c**ome with the strength of hi**ş** **wh**ole kingdom, and with him equitable **co**ndition**ş**; and he **sh**all perf**ö**rm **th**em: and he **sh**all give him the **d**ä**u**ghter of women, to corrupt **hê**r; but **sh**e **sh**all not stand, **ne**ither be **f**ör him.

18 After **th**is **sh**all he **t**ü**r**n hi**ş** **fa**ç**e** to the **i**sland**ş**, and **sh**all **ta**ke many: but a prin**ç**e **sh**all **c**ä**u**ş**e** the repro**ach** offered by him to **ç**e**ä**se; yes, **m**ö**r**eover, he **sh**all **c**ä**u**ş**e** hi**ş** repro**ach** to **t**ü**r**n on him.

19 **Then he shall tûrn hiş façe toward the fôrtresseş of hiş own land; but he shall stumble and fáll, and shall not be found.**

20 **Then shall stand up in hiş plaçe one who shall câuşe a tax collector to pässe through the kingdôm to maintain its glôry; but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nôr in battle.**

21 In hiş plaçe shall stand up a contemptible pèrson, to whom they had not given the honor of the kingdôm: but he shall cômè in time of security, and shall obtain the kingdôm by flatteries.

22 The overwhelming fôrçeş shall be overwhelmed from befôre him, and shall be broken; yes, âlso the prinçe of the còvenant.

23 After the treaty made with him he shall wôrk deceitfully; fôr he shall cômè up, and shall becômè strong, with a smâll people.

24 In time of security shall he cômè even on the fattest plaçeş of the provinçe; and he shall do that which hiş fâtherş have not done, nôr hiş fathers' fâtherş; he shall scatter among them prey, and plunder, and substançe: yes, he shall devişe hiş deviçeş against the strongholds, even fôr a time.

25 He shall stîr up hiş power and hiş courage against the king of the south with a great ârmy; and the king of the south shall wâr in battle with an exçeeding great and mighty ârmy; but he shall not stand; fôr they shall devişe deviçeş against him.

26 Yes, they who eat of hiş dainties shall destroy him, and hiş ârmy shall overflow; and many shall fáll down slain.

27 Aş fôr both theşe kings, their heârts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table: but it shall not prosper; fôr yet the end shall be at the time appointed.

28 **Then he will retûrn into hiş land with great substançe; and hiş heârt will be against the holy còvenant; and he will take action, and retûrn to hiş own land.**

29 At the time appointed he shall retûrn, and cômè into the south; but it shall not be in the latter time aş it wâş in the fôrmer.

30 For ships of Kittim shall cômè against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and shall retûrn, and have indignation against the holy còvenant, and shall take action: he shall even retûrn, and have regard to thoşe who forsake the holy còvenant.

31 Fôrçeş shall stand on hiş pärt, and they shall profane the sanctuary, even the fôrtress, and shall take away the continual bûrnt offering, and they shall set up the abomination that makes desôlate.

32 **Such** aš **dē** wickedly **against** the **cōvenant** **shall he** **pervērt** **by** flatteries; but the **people** **whē** **know** **their** **God** **shall be** strong, and **take** **actiōn**.

33 **Thosē** **whē** **äre** **wiše** among the **people** **shall** instruct many; yet **they** **shall** **fäll** **by** the **swōrd** and **by** **flame**, **by** **captivity** and **by** **plunder**, many **days**.

34 **Now** **when** **they** **shall** **fäll**, **they** **shall** **be** **helped** **with** a little help; but many **shall** join **themselves** **to** **them** **with** flatteries.

35 **Sōme** of **thosē** **whē** **äre** **wiše** **shall** **fäll**, to **refine** **them**, and to **Purify**, and to **make** **them** **white**, **even** to the **time** of the end; **becāuse** it **is** yet **fōr** the **time** appointed.

36 The king **shall** **dē** **accōrding** to hiš **will**; and **he** **shall** **exält** himself, and **magnify** himself **abōve** every god, and **shall** **speāk** **mā**rvelous **things** **against** the God of **godš**; and **he** **shall** prosper until the **indignatiōn** **be** **accōmplishēd**; **fōr** **that** **which** **is** **dētērmined** **shall** **be** **dōne**.

37 **Neither** **shall** **he** **regārd** the **godš** of hiš **fātherš**, **nōr** the **dešire** of women, **nōr** **regārd** any god; **fōr** **he** **shall** **magnify** himself **abōve** **äll**.

38 But in hiš **placē** **shall** **he** **honor** the god of **fōrtresseš**; and a god **whēm** hiš **fātherš** didn't **know** **shall** **he** **honor** **with** **gold**, and silver, and **with** **preçious** **stoneš**, and **pleāšant** **things**.

39 **He** **shall** **deal** **with** the strongest **fōrtresseš** **by** the help of a foreign god: **whē**ever **acknowledges** him **he** will **increase** **with** **glōry**; and **he** **shall** **cāuse** **them** to **rule** **over** many, and **shall** **divide** the land **fōr** a **pricē**.

40 At the **time** of the end **shall** the king of the **south** contend **with** him; and the king of the **nōrth** **shall** **cōme** **against** him **like** a **whirlwind**, **with** **chariōts**, and **with** **hōrsemen**, and **with** many **ships**; and **he** **shall** enter **intē** the **countrieš**, and **shall** **overflow** and **päss** **througħ**.

41 **He** **shall** enter **ällsō** **intē** the **glōrious** land, and many **countrieš** **shall** **be** **overthrown**; but **thesē** **shall** **be** **delivered** **out** of hiš hand: **Edom**, and **Moab**, and the **chief** of the **children** of **Ammon**.

42 **He** **shall** **stretch** **out** hiš hand **ällsō** on the **countrieš**; and the land of **Egypt** **shall** not **escape**.

43 But **he** **shall** have **power** **over** the **treasureš** of **gold** and of silver, and **over** **äll** the **preçious** **things** of **Egypt**; and the **Libyans** and the **Ethiopians** **shall** **be** at hiš **steps**.

44 But **newš** **out** of the **east** and **out** of the **nōrth** **shall** trouble him; and **he** **shall** **go** **out** **with** **great** **fury** to **destroy** and **utterly** to **sweep** **away** many.

45 He shall plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one shall help him.

Daniel 12

“At that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who stands for the children of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who shall be found written in the book.

2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 Those who are wise shall shine as the brightness of the expanse; and those who turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.

4 But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run back and forth, and knowledge shall be increased.”

5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on the river bank on this side, and the other on the river bank on that side.

6 One said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

7 I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by him who lives forever that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when they have finished breaking in pieces the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

8 I heard, but I didn't understand: then I said, my lord, what shall be the issue of these things?

9 He said, Go your way, Daniel; for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end.

10 Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but those who are wise shall understand.

11 From the time that the continual burnt offering shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred ninety days.

12 Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred thirty-five days.

13 But go you yôur way until the end; fôr you shall rest, and shall stand in yôur lot, at the end of the days.

Hosea 1

Yähweh's[a] word that came to Hosea the sôn of Beerî, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the sôn of Joash, king of Işrael.

2 When Yähweh spoke at first by Hosea, Yähweh said to Hosea, "Go, take fôr yôurself a wife of prostitution and children of unfaithfulness; fôr the land commits great adultery, forsaking Yähweh."

3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; and she conceived, and bore him a sôn.

4 Yähweh said to him, "Call hiş name Jezreel; fôr yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, and will cause the kingdom of the house of Işrael to cease.

5 It will happen in that day that I will break the bow of Işrael in the valley of Jezreel."

6 She conceived again, and bore a daughter.

Then he said to him, "Cál hêr name Lo-Ruhamah[b]; fôr I will no longer have mērcy on the house of Işrael, that I should in any way pardon them.

7 But I will have mērcy on the house of Judah, and will save them by Yähweh their God,[c] and will not save them by bow, sword, battle, horses, or horsemen."

8 Now when she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she conceived, and bore a sôn.

9 He said, "Call hiş name Lo-Ammi[d]; fôr you are not my people, and I will not be yôurş.

10 Yet the number of the children of Işrael will be aş the sand of the sea, which can't be measured nôr numbered; and it will come to pass that, in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people, they will be called 'sônş of the living God.'

11 The children of Judah and the children of Işrael will be gathered together, and they will appoint themselves one head, and will go up from the land; fôr great will be the day of Jezreel.

Hosea 2

"Say to yôur brotherş, 'My people! You[a] and to yôur sisterş, 'My loved one! You

2 Contend with **yôur mother!** Contend, **fôr she is** not **my wife**, **neither** am I **hêr husband**;and let **hêr put** away **hêr prostitution** from **hêr face**, and **hêr adulteries** from **between hêr breasts**;

3 Lest I strip **hêr naked**, and **make hêr bare** as in the **day that she was born**,and **make hêr like** a wilderness, and set **hêr like** a dry land, and kill **hêr with thirst**.

4 Indeed, on **hêr children** I will have **no mercy**;for **they äre children** of **unfaithfulness**;

5 For **their mother** has **played** the prostitute. **She** **who conceived them** has **done shamefully**;for **she** said, 'I will **go äfter my lovers**, **who** give me **my bread** and **my wäter**, **my wööl** and **my flax**, **my oil** and **my drink**.'

6 **Therefore** **behold**,[c] I will **hedg**e up **yôur way** with **thörn**s and I will **build** a **wäll** **against hêr**, **that she cän't find hêr way**.

7 **She** will **follow äfter hêr lovers**, but **she won't overtake them**;and **she** will **seek them**, but **won't find them**.Then **she** will **say**, 'I will **go** and **retûrn** to **my first husband**; for **then was** it better **with me than now**.'

8 For **she** did not **know that** I **gave hêr** the grain, the new **wine**, and the oil, and **multipl**ied to **hêr silver** and **gold**, **which they used fôr Baal**.

9 **Therefore** I will **take** back **my grain** in its **time**, and **my new wine** in its **season**, and will **pluck** away **my wööl** and **my flax** **which shöuld** have **covered hêr nakedness**.

10 **Now** I will **uncö**ver **hêr lewdness** in the **sight** of **hêr lovers**, and **no one** will deliver **hêr** **out of my hand**.

11 I will **ä**lso **cäus**e **ä**ll **hêr çelebrätions** to **çe**ase: her **feasts**, **hêr new moons**, **hêr Sabbath**s, and **ä**ll **hêr solemn assemblies**.

12 I will **lay waste** **hêr vine**s and **hêr fig trees**, about **which she** has said, '**These äre my wages** **that my lovers** have given me; and I will **make them** a forest,' and the **animals** of the **field shall eat them**.

13 I will **visit** on **hêr** the **days** of the Baals, to **which she** **bûr**ned **inçense**,when **she** **decked hêrself** with **hêr earrings** and **hêr jewels**, and went **äfter hêr lovers**, and **forgot me**," says **Yähweh**.

14 "**Therefore** **behold**, I will **allure** **hêr**, and bring **hêr into** the wilderness, and **speak** tenderly to **hêr**.

15 I will give **hêr vineyards** from **there**, and the **valley** of Achor **fôr** a **dö**or of **hope**;and **she** will **respond there**, **as** in the **days** of **hêr youth**, and **as** in the **day when she** **came up** **out of the land of Egypt**.

16 It will be in **that day**,” says Yähweh, “that you will call me 'my husband,' and no longer call me 'my master.'

17 For I will take away the names of the Baals out of her mouth, and they will no longer be mentioned by name.

18 In **that day** I will make a covenant for them with the animals of the field, and with the birds of the sky, and with the creeping things of the ground. I will break the bow, the sword, and the battle out of the land, and will make them lie down safely.

19 I will betroth you to me forever. Yes, I will betroth you to me in righteousness, in justice, in loving kindness, and in compassion.

20 I will even betroth you to me in faithfulness; and you shall know Yähweh.

21 It will happen in **that day**, I will respond,” says Yähweh, “I will respond to the heavens, and they will respond to the earth;

22 and the earth will respond to the grain, and the new wine, and the oil; and they will respond to Jezreel.

23 I will sow her to me in the earth; and I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; and I will tell those who were not my people, ‘You are my people;’ and they will say, ‘My God!’”

Hosea 3

Yähweh said to me, “Go again, love a woman loved by another, and an adulteress, even as Yähweh loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods, and love cakes of raisins.”

2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver and a homer [a] and a half of barley.

3 I said to her, “You shall stay with me many days. You shall not play the prostitute, and you shall not be with any other man. I will also be so toward you.”

4 For the children of Israel shall live many days without king, and without prince, and without sacrifice, and without sacred stone, and without ephod or idols.

5 Afterward the children of Israel shall return, and seek Yähweh their God, and David their king, and shall come with trembling to Yähweh and to his blessings in the last days

Hosea 4

Hear Yähweh's wôrd, you children of Işrael; for Yähweh haş a chärgê against the inhabitants of the land: "Indeed **there iş no truth**, nor **gôodness**, nor **knowledgê** of God in the land.

2 **There iş cûrsing**, **lying**, **mûrder**, **stealing**, and committing adultery; **they break boundariēs**, and **blôodshed câușeş blôodshed**.

3 **Therêfôre** the land will **môurn**, and everyone **whê** dwells **therein** will **waste away**, **âll** living **things** in **hêr**, **even** the **animals** of the **field** and the **birds** of the **sky**; **yes**, the **fish** of the **sea** **âlsô** **diê**.

4 "Yet let **no** man bring a **chärgê**, **neither** let any man **accușe**; **Fôr** **yôur** **peoplê** **äre** like **thoșe** **whê** bring **chärgêş** against a **priest**.

5 **You** will **stumble** in the **day**, and the **prophet** will **âlsô** **stumble** **with** **you** in the **niht**; and I will **destroy** **yôur** **môther**.

6 **My** **peoplê** **äre** **destroyed** **fôr** **lack** of **knowledgê**. **Beçaușe** **you** have **rejected** **knowledgê**, I will **âlsô** **reject** **you**, **that** **you** **may** **be** **no** **priest** to **me**. **Beçaușe** **you** have **forgotten** **yôur** **God's** **lâw**, I will **âlsô** **forget** **yôur** **children**.

7 **Aș** **they** **wêre** **multiplîed**, **so** **they** **sinned** against **me**. I will **changê** **their** **glôry** into **shame**.

8 **They** **feed** on the **sin** of **my** **peoplê**, and set **their** **heärt** on **their** **iniquity**.

9 It will **be**, like **peoplê**, like **priest**; and I will **punish** **them** **fôr** **their** **wayş**, and will **repay** **them** **fôr** **their** **deedş**.

10 **They** will **eat**, and not have **enough**. **They** will **play** the **prostitute**, and will not **increäse**; **beçaușe** **they** have **abandonêd** **giving** to **Yähweh**

11 **Prostitution**, **wine**, and new **wine** **take** **away** **understanding**.

12 **My** **peoplê** **consult** **with** **their** **wôoden** **idol**, and **answer** to a **stick** of **wôod**. **Indeêd** the **spirit** of **prostitution** **haş** **led** **them** **astray**, and **they** have **been** **unfaithful** to **their** **God**.

13 **They** **sacrificê** on the **tops** of the **mountainş**, and **bûrn** **incense** on the **hillş**, under **oaks** and **poplarş** and **terebinthş**, **beçaușe** its **shade** **iş** **gôod**. **Therêfôre** **yôur** **dâughteş** **play** the **prostitute**, and **yôur** **brideş** **commit** **adultery**.

14 I will not **punish** **yôur** **dâughteş** **when** **they** **play** the **prostitute**, nor **yôur** **brideş** **when** **they** **commit** **adultery**; **beçaușe** the **men** **consôrt** **with** **prostitutes**, and **they** **sacrificê** **with** the **shrine** **prostitutes**; **so** the **peoplê** **withôut** **understanding** will **côme** to **ruin**.

15 “**Though you, Işrael, play the prostitute, yet don’t let Judah offend; and don’t come to Gilgal, neither go up to Beth Aven, nor swear, ‘Aş Yähweh lives.’**”

16 For **Işrael haş behaved extremely stubbornly, like a stubborn heifer. Then how will Yähweh feed them like a lamb in a meadow.**

17 Ephraim **iş** joined to **idolş**. **Leave him alone!**

18 **Their drink haş become sour. They play the prostitute continually. Hêr rulerş dearly love their shameful way.**

19 The wind **haş wrapped hêr up in its wings; and they shall be disappointed because of their sacrificęş.**

Hosea 5

“Listen to **this, you priests! Listen, house of Işrael, and give ear, house of the king! For the judgment iş against you; for you have been a snare at Mizpah, and a net spread on Tabor.**”

2 The rebelş **äre deep in slăughter; but I discipline äll of them.**

3 I **know** Ephraim, and **Işrael iş** not hidden from **me; for now, Ephraim, you have played the prostitute. Işrael iş defiled.**

4 **Their deedş won’t allow them to tûrn to their God; for the spirit of prostitution iş within them, and they don’t know Yähweh.**

5 The **pride of Işrael testifięş to hiş façe. Therefore Işrael and Ephraim will stumble in their iniquity. Judah älsö will stumble with them.**

6 **They will go with their flocks and with their hêrdş to seek Yähweh; but they won’t find him. He haş withdrăwn himself from them.**

7 **They äre unfaithful to Yähweh; for they have bôrne illegitimate children. Now the new moon will devour them with their fieldş.**

8 “**Blow the côrnet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah! Sound a battle cry at Beth Aven, behind you, Benjamin!**”

9 Ephraim will become a desolation in the day of rebuke. **Among the tribeş of Işrael, I have made known that which will surely be.**

10 The **prinçeş of Judah äre like thoşe who remove a landmärk. I will pöur out my wräth on them like wäter.**

11 Ephraim **iş oppressed, he iş crushed in judgment; Because he iş intent in hiş pûrsuit of idolş.**

12 **Therefore** I am to Ephraim **like** a **moth**, and to the **house** of **Judah** **like** rottenness.

13 “*When* Ephraim **saw** hi**s** sickness, and **Judah** hi**s** wound, **Then** Ephraim went to Assyria, and sent to king Jareb:but he **i**s**** not **able** to **heal** you, **neither** will he **cure** you of yo**u**r wo**u**nd.

14 For I will **be** to Ephraim **like** a **lion**, and **like** a young **lion** to the **house** of **Judah**. I myself will **tear** in **pieces** and **go** away. I will carry off, and **there** will **be** **no** one to deliver.

15 I will **go** and **retu**rn to my **plac**e, until **they** **acknowledg**e **their** offense, and **seek** my **fac**e. In **their** affliction **they** will **seek** me **e**arnestly.”

Hosea 6

“**C**ome, and let us **retu**rn to **Y**ahweh; for he has **t**orn us to **piec**es, and he will **heal** us;he has **inj**ured us, and he will **bind** up **o**ur wo**u**nds.

2 After **two** **day**s he will **revi**ve us. On the **thi**rd **day** he will **rais**e us up, and **we** will live bef**o**re him.

3 Let us **acknowledg**e **Y**ahweh. Let us press on to **know** **Y**ahweh. **A**s **surely** **a**s the sun **ris**es, **Y**ahweh will **appe**ar. He will **co**me to us **like** the **rain**, **like** the spring **rain** **that** **w**aters the **e**arth.”

4 “Ephraim, **wh**at **sh**all I **do** to you? Judah, **wh**at **sh**all I **do** to you? For yo**u**r **lo**ve **i**s **like** a **m**orning **cl**oud, and **like** the dew **that** **disappe**ars **e**arly.

5 **Therefore** I have cut **them** to **piec**es **with** the **proph**ets; I killed **them** **with** the **w**ords of my **m**outh. Yo**u**r **judg**ments **are** **like** a **flash** of **light**ning.

6 For I **desi**re **mer**cy, and not **sacrific**e; and the **knowledg**e of God **more** **than** **bu**rn offerings.

7 But **they**, **like** Adam, have **bro**ken the **c**ovenant. **They** **w**ere **unfaith**ful to me, **there**.

8 Gilead **i**s a **ci**ty of **tho**se **who** **w**ork **iniq**uity; it **i**s **stain**ed **with** **blo**od.

9 **A**s **gangs** of **robber**s **wait** to **ambush** a man, **so** the **co**mpany of **pri**ests **mur**der on the **pa**th **tow**ard Shechem, committing **shame**ful **crime**s.

10 In the **house** of **I**srael I have **seen** a horrible **thi**ng. **There** **i**s **prostitut**ion in Ephraim. **I**srael **i**s **defi**led.

11 “**Also**, **Judah**, **there** **i**s a **har**vest appointed **f**or you, **when** I **rest**ore the **f**ortunes of my **pe**ople.

Hosea 7

When I would heal Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim is uncovered, also the wickedness of Samaria; for they commit falsehood, and the thief enters in, and the gang of robbers ravages outside.

2 They don't consider in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness. Now their own deeds have engulfed them. They are before my face.

3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.

4 They are all adulterers. They are burning like an oven that the baker stops stirring, from the kneading of the dough, until it is leavened.

5 On the day of our king, the princes made themselves sick with the heat of wine. He joined his hand with mockers.

6 For they have prepared their heart like an oven, while they lie in wait. Their baker sleeps all the night. In the morning it burns as a flaming fire.

7 They are all hot as an oven, and devour their judges. All their kings have fallen. There is no one among them who calls to me.

8 Ephraim, he mixes himself among the nations. Ephraim is a pancake not turned over.

9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he doesn't realize it. Indeed, gray hairs are here and there on him, and he doesn't realize it.

10 The pride of Israel testifies to his face; yet they haven't returned to Yähwëh their God, nor sought him, for all this.

11 "Ephraim is like an easily deceived dove, without understanding. They call to Egypt. They go to Assyria.

12 When they go, I will spread my net on them. I will bring them down like the birds of the sky. I will chastise them, as their congregation has heard.

13 Woe to them! For they have wandered from me. Destruction to them! For they have trespassed against me. Though I would redeem them, yet they have spoken lies against me.

14 They haven't cried to me with their heart, but they howl on their beds. They assemble themselves for grain and new wine. They turn away from me.

15 Though I have taught and strengthened their arms, yet they plot evil against me.

16 They return, but not to the Most High. They are like a faulty bow. Their

prin**ç**e**ş** will f**ã**ll by the sw**õ**rd f**õ**r the rag**e** of **the**ir t**õ**ng**ue**. **This** will be **the**ir deri**ş**ion in the land of **Egypt**.

Hosea 8

“Put the trumpet to y**õ**ur lips! **Someth**ing like an **eagle** i**ş** over Y**ã**hweh’s **h**ouse, beca**u**se **the**y have broken my **c**ovenant, and rebelled against my **l**aw.

2 **The**y cry to me, 'My God, we **I**şrael acknowledged**e** you!'

3 **I**şrael ha**ş** c**ã**st off **th**at *wh*ich i**ş** g**õ**od. The enemy will p**ũ**rsue him.

4 **The**y have set up king**ş**, but not by me. **The**y have made prin**ç**e**ş**, and I didn't approve. Of **the**ir silver and **the**ir gold **the**y have made **the**mselfe**ş** idol**ş**, **th**at **the**y may be cut off.

5 Let Samaria **th**row out hi**ş** c**ã**ff idol! My anger b**ũ**rn**ş** against **the**m! **H**ow long will it be until **the**y **ã**re capable of purity?

6 For **this** i**ş** even from **I**şrael! The w**õ**rkm**ã**n made it, and it i**ş** no God; indeed, the c**ã**ff of Samaria **sh**all be broken in piece**ş**.

7 For **the**y sow the wind, and **the**y will reap the wh**ĩ**rlwind. **H**e ha**ş** no standing grain. The st**ã**lk will yield no head. If it d**õ**e**ş** yield, stran**g**er**ş** will swallow it up.

8 **I**şrael i**ş** swallowed up. **N**ow **the**y **ã**re among the nation**ş** like a w**õ**rthless **th**ing.

9 For **the**y have gone up to Assyria, like a wild donkey wa**ã**ndering alone. Ephraim ha**ş** hired lover**ş** f**õ**r himself.

10 But **ã**l**th**ough **the**y sold **the**mselfe**ş** among the nation**ş**, I will **n**ow gather **the**m; and **the**y begin to waste away beca**u**se of the oppression of the king of mighty one**ş**.

11 Beca**u**se Ephraim ha**ş** multiplied **ã**ltar**ş** f**õ**r sinning, **the**y became f**õ**r him **ã**ltar**ş** f**õ**r sinning.

12 I wrote f**õ**r him the many **th**ing**ş** of my **l**aw; but **the**y w**ẽ**re regarded a**ş** a stran**g**e **th**ing.

13 **A**ş f**õ**r the sacrific**e**ş of my offering**ş**, **the**y sacrific**e** flesh and eat it; But Y**ã**hweh d**õ**e**ş**n't accept **the**m. **N**ow he will remember **the**ir iniquity, and punish **the**ir sin**ş**. **The**y will ret**ũ**rn to **Egypt**.

14 For **I**şrael ha**ş** forgotten hi**ş** Maker and built palac**e**ş; and Judah ha**ş** multiplied f**õ**rtified citie**ş**; but I will send a fire on hi**ş** citie**ş**, and it will devour its f**õ**rtresse**ş**.”

Hosea 9

Don't rejoice, **I**srael, to jubilation like the nations; for you were unfaithful to your God. You love the wages of a prostitute at every grain threshing floor.

2 The threshing floor and the wine press won't feed them, and the new wine will fail her.

3 They won't dwell in Yähweh's land; but Ephraim will return to Egypt, and they will eat unclean food in Assyria.

4 They won't pour out wine offerings to Yähweh, neither will they be pleasing to him. Their sacrifices will be to them like the bread of mourners; all who eat of it will be polluted; for their bread will be for their appetite. It will not come into Yähweh's house.

5 What will you do in the day of solemn assembly, and in the day of the feast of Yähweh?

6 For, behold, they have gone away from destruction. Egypt will gather them up. Memphis will bury them. Nettles will possess their pleasant things of silver. Thorns will be in their tents.

7 The days of visitation have come. The days of reckoning have come. Israel will consider the prophet to be a fool, and the man who is inspired to be insane, because of the abundance of your sins, and because your hostility is great.

8 A prophet watches over Ephraim with my God. A fowler's snare is on all of his paths, and hostility in the house of his God.

9 They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity. He will punish them for their sins.

10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness. I saw your fathers as the first ripe in the fig tree at its first season, but they came to Baal Peor, and consecrated themselves to the shameful thing, and became abominable like that which they loved.

11 As for Ephraim, their glory will fly away like a bird. There will be no birth, no one with child, and no conception.

12 Though they bring up their children, yet I will bereave them, so that not a man shall be left. Indeed, we also to them when I depart from them!

13 I have seen Ephraim, like Tyre, planted in a pleasant place; but Ephraim will bring out his children to the murderer.

14 Give them—Yahweh **wh**at will **you** give? Give **them** a miscarrying **womb** and dry breasts.

15 “All **their** wickedness **i**ş in Gilgal; for **there** I hated **them**. **Be**ca**u**se of the wickedness of **their deeds** I will drive **them** **o**ut of my **house**! I will **lo**ve **them** **n**o **m**ore. All **their** **princes** **ä**re rebels.

16 Ephraim **i**ş struck. **Their** **root** has dried up. **They** will bear **no** fruit. Even **tho**ugh **they** give **birth**, yet I will kill the **be**loved ones of **their** **womb**.”

17 **My** God will **cä**st **them** away, **be**ca**u**se **they** did not listen to him; and **they** will be **wä**nderers among the **nations**.

Hosea 10

Işrael **i**ş a luxuriant **vine** **th**at **produ**ces his fruit. **Acc**ording to the **abund**ance of his fruit **he** has multiplied his **ä**ltars. **A**ş **their** land has prospered, **they** have **ad**orned **their** **sacred** stones.

2 **Their** **heä**rt **i**ş divided. **N**ow **they** will be **fo**und guilty. **He** will demolish **their** **ä**ltars. **He** will destroy **their** **sacred** stones.

3 **S**urely **n**ow **they** will **say**, “**We** have **n**o king; **f**ör **we** **don**’t fear **Yä**hweh; and the king, **wh**at can **he** **do** **f**ör us?”

4 **They** **ma**ke promises, swearing **fä**lsely in **ma**king **c**ovenants. **The**refö**r**e judgment springs up **li**ke **poi**sonous **w**eeds in the **fu**rows of the field.

5 The inhabitants of **S**amaria will **be** in terror **f**ör the **cä**ves of Beth Aven; for its **pe**ople will **m**öurn over it, along **w**ith its **pr**iests **wh**o **re**joiced over it, for its **gl**ory, **be**ca**u**se it has **de**parted from it.

6 It **ä**lso will **be** carried to Assyria **f**ör a **pre**sent to a **gr**eat king. Ephraim will **re**ceive **sh**ame, and **I**şrael will **be** **ash**amed of his **o**wn **c**ounsel.

7 Samaria and **h**er king **fl**oat away, **li**ke a twig on the **wä**ter.

8 The **hi**gh **pl**aces **ä**lso of Aven, the sin of **I**şrael, will **be** destroyed. The **th**örn and the **th**istle will **c**ome up on **their** **ä**ltars. **They** will tell the **m**ountains, “**C**ö**v**er us!” and the hills, “**F**ä**ll** on us!”

9 “**I**şrael, **you** have sinned from the **day**s of Gibeah. **The**re **they** remained. The battle against the **children** of iniquity **d**oesn’t **o**vertake **them** in Gibeah.

10 **W**hen it **i**ş **my** **de**şire, I will **ch**astise **them**; and the **nations** will **be** gathered against **them**, **wh**en **they** **ä**re bound to **their** **tw**o **tr**ansgressions.

11 Ephraim is a trained heifer that loves to thresh; so I will put a yoke on her beautiful neck. I will set a rider on Ephraim. Judah will plow. Jacob will break his clods.

12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap according to kindness. Break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek Yähwëh, until he comes and rains righteousness on you.

13 You have plowed wickedness. You have reaped iniquity. You have eaten the fruit of lies, for you trusted in your way, in the multitude of your mighty men.

14 Therefore a battle roar will arise among your people, and all your fortresses will be destroyed, as Shalman destroyed Beth Arbel in the day of battle. The mother was dashed in pieces with her children.

15 So Bethel will do to you because of your great wickedness. At daybreak the king of Israel will be destroyed.

Hosea 11

“When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

2 They called to them, so they went from them. They sacrificed to the Baals, and burned incense to engraved images.

3 Yet I taught Ephraim to walk. I took them by his arms; but they didn't know that I healed them.

4 I drew them with cords of a man, with ties of love; and I was to them like those who lift up the yoke on their necks; and I bent down to him and I fed him.

5 “They won't return into the land of Egypt; but the Assyrian will be their king, because they refused to repent.

6 The sword will fall on their cities, and will destroy the bars of their gates and will put an end to their plans.

7 My people are determined to turn from me. Though they call to the Most High, he certainly won't exalt them.

8 “How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboiim? My heart is turned within me, my compassion is aroused.

9 I will not execute the fierceness of my anger. I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One among you; and I will not come in wrath.

10 **They** will wáik äfter Yähweh, who will róar like a lión; for he will róar, and the children will cóme trembling from the west.

11 **They** will cóme trembling like a bírd out of Egypt, and like a dóve out of the land of Assyria; and I will settle them in their hóuseş,” sayş Yähweh.

12 Ephraim surróundş me with fálsehóód, and the hóuse of Işrael with deçeit. Judah still strays from God, and iş unfaithful to the Holy One.

Hosea 12

Ephraim feedş on wind, and chaseş the east wind. He cóntinuually multiplies lieş and desolatió. **They** make a cóvenant with Assyria, and oil iş carried into Egypt.

2 Yähweh älsó haş a cóntroversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob accórding to hiş wayş; accórding to hiş deedş he will repay him.

3 In the wómb he tóok hiş bróther by the heel; and in hiş manhóód he contended with God.

4 **Indeed**, he struggled with the ángel, and prevailed; he wept, and made supplicatió to him. He found him at Bethel, and there he spoke with us,

5 even Yähweh, the God of ärmieş; Yähweh iş hiş name of renówn!

6 **Therefore** túrn to yóur God. Keep kindnes and justiče, and wait cóntinuually fór yóur God.

7 A mérchant haş dishonest scaleş in hiş hand. He lóveş to defráud.

8 Ephraim said, “**Surely** I have becóme rich, I have found myself wealth. In äll my wealth they won't find in me any iniquity that iş sin.”

9 “But I am Yähweh yóur God from the land of Egypt. I will yet again make you dwell in tents, aş in the dayş of the solemn feast.

10 I have älsó spoken to the prophets, and I have multiplied visióş; and by the ministry of the prophets I have used parableş.

11 If Gilead iş wicked, surely they äre wóthless. In Gilgal they sacrificé búllş. **Indeed**, their ältarş äre like heaps in the furrowş of the field.

12 Jacob fled into the counry of Aram, and Işrael sêrved to get a wife, and fór a wife he tended flocks and hêrdş.

By a prophet Yähweh bróught Işrael up out of Egypt, and by a prophet he wáş presêrved.

14 Ephraim haş bitterly provoked anger. **Therefore** hiş blood will be left on him, and hiş Lórd[a] will repay hiş contempt.

Hosea 13

When Ephraim spoke, **there waş** trembling. He exálted himself in Işrael, but when he became guilty in Baal, he diéd.

2 **Now** they sin móre and móre, and have made **themselveş** molten imageş of their silver, even **idolş** accórding to **their own** understanding, **áll** of **them** the wórk of the cráftsmen. **They say** of **them**, '**They offer human sacrifice** and kiss the cäveş.'

3 **Therefore** they will be like the mórning mist, and like the dew **that pässeş** away éarly, like the **chäff** that iş driven with the whírlwind out of the **threshing flóor**, and like the smoke out of the **chimney**.

4 "Yet I am Yähweh yóur God from the land of **Egypt**; and you shall **acknowledg**e no god but **me**, and besideş **me there iş no savior**.

5 I knew you in the wilderness, in the land of **great dro**ught.

6 Accórding to **their pästure**, so wêre they filled; they wêre filled, and **their heärt waş** exálted. **Therefore** they have forgotten me.

7 **Therefore** I am like a **lión** to **them**. Like a leopard, I will **lûrk** by the **päth**.

8 I will **meet** them like a bear **that iş** bereaved of hêr cubs, and will **tear** the **cóvering** of **their heärt**. **There** I will **devo**ur **them** like a lioness. The **wild** animal will **tear** them.

9 You **äre** destroyed, Işrael, **becäuse** you **äre** against me, against yóur help.

10 **Where iş** yóur king **now**, **that he may save** you in **áll** yóur **çitiesş**? And yóur **judgeş**, of **whom** you said, 'Give me a king and **prinçesş**?'

11 I have given you a king in **my** anger, and have **taken** him away in **my wräth**.

12 The guilt of Ephraim iş **stóred** up. Hiş sin iş **stóred** up.

13 The **sorrowş** of a **travailing wóman** will **cóme** on him. He iş an **unwiş**e són; for when it iş **time**, he **dóes**n't **cóme** to the **opening** of the **wemb**.

14 I will **ransóm** them from the **power** of **Sheol**.[a] I will **redeem** them from **death**! **Death**, **where äre** yóur **plagueş**? **Sheol**, **where iş** yóur **destruction**?

"**Cómpassiön** will be hidden from **my eyeş**.

15 **Th**ough he is fruitful among his brothers, an east wind will come, the breath of Yähweh coming up from the wilderness; and his spring will become dry, and his fountain will be dried up. He will plunder the storehouse of treasure.

16 Samaria will bear her guilt; for she has rebelled against her God. They will fall by the sword. Their infants will be dashed in pieces, and their pregnant women will be ripped open.”

Hosea 14

Israel, return to Yähweh your God; for you have fallen because of your sin.

2 Take words with you, and return to Yähweh. Tell him, “Forgive all our sins, and accept that which is good: so we offer our lips like bulls.

3 Assyria can't save us. We won't ride on horses; neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, 'Our gods!' for in you the fatherless finds mercy.”

4 “I will heal their waywardness. I will love them freely; for my anger is turned away from him.

5 I will be like the dew to Israel. He will blossom like the lily, and send down his roots like Lebanon.

6 His branches will spread, and his beauty will be like the olive tree, and his fragrance like Lebanon.

7 Men will dwell in his shade. They will revive like the grain, and blossom like the vine. Their fragrance will be like the wine of Lebanon.

8 Ephraim, what have I to do any more with idols? I answer, and will take care of him. I am like a green cypress tree; from me your fruit is found.”

9 Who is wise, that he may understand these things? Who is prudent, that he may know them? For the ways of Yähweh are right, and the righteous walk in them; But the rebellious stumble in them.

Joel 1

Yähweh's[a] word that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel.

2 Hear this, you elders, And listen, all you inhabitants of the land. Has this ever happened in your days, or in the days of your fathers?

3 Tell your children about it, and have your children tell their children, and their children, another generation.

4 **What** the swarming locust has left, the great locust has eaten. **What** the great locust has left, the grasshopper has eaten. **What** the grasshopper has left, the caterpillar has eaten.

5 **Wake** up, you drunkards, and weep! **Wail**, all you drinkers of wine, because of the sweet wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.

6 For a nation has come up on my land, strong, and without number. His teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he has the fangs of a lioness.

7 He has laid my vine waste, and stripped my fig tree. He has stripped its bark, and thrown it away. Its branches are made white.

8 Mourn like a virgin dressed in sackcloth for the husband of her youth!

9 The meal offering and the drink offering are cut off from Yāhweh's house. The priests, Yāhweh's ministers, mourn.

10 The field is laid waste. The land mourns, for the grain is destroyed, The new wine has dried up, and the oil languishes.

11 Be confounded, you farmers! **Wail**, you vineyard keepers; for the wheat and for the barley; for the harvest of the field has perished.

12 The vine has dried up, and the fig tree withered; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all of the trees of the field are withered; for joy has withered away from the sons of men.

13 Put on sackcloth and mourn, you priests! **Wail**, you ministers of the altar. Come, lie all night in sackcloth, you ministers of my God, [b] for the meal offering and the drink offering are withheld from your God's house.

14 Sanctify a fast. Call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders, and all the inhabitants of the land, to the house of Yāhweh, your God, and cry to Yāhweh.

15 Alas for the day! For the day of Yāhweh is at hand, and it will come as destruction from the Almighty.

16 Isn't the food cut off before our eyes; joy and gladness from the house of our God?

17 The seeds rot under their clods. The granaries are laid desolate. The barns are broken down, for the grain has withered.

18 How the animals groan! The herds of livestock are perplexed, because they have no pasture. Yes, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

19 Yähweh, I cry to you; the fire has devoured the pasture of the wilderness, and the flame has burned all the trees of the field.

20 Yes, the animals of the field pant to you, for the water brooks have dried up, And the fire has devoured the pasture of the wilderness.

Joel 2

Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of Yähweh comes, for it is close at hand:

2 A day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness As the dawn spreading on the mountains, a great and strong people; there has never been the like, neither will there be any more after them, even to the years of many generations.

3 A fire devours before them, and behind them, a flame burns. The land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them, a desolate wilderness. Yes, and no one has escaped them.

4 Their appearance is as the appearance of horses, and as horsemen, so do they run.

5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of the mountains do they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devours the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

6 At their presence the people are in anguish.. All faces have grown pale.

7 They run like mighty men. They climb the wall like warriors. They each march in his line, and they don't swerve off course.

8 Neither does one jostle another; they march everyone in his path, and they burst through the defenses, and don't break ranks.

9 They rush on the city. They run on the wall. They climb up into the houses. They enter in at the windows like thieves.

10 The earth quakes before them. The heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining.

11 Yähweh thunders his voice before his army; for his forces are very great; for he is strong who obeys his command; for the day of Yähweh is great and very awesome, and who can endure it?

12 "Yet even now," says Yähweh, "turn to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning."

13 Tear **yôur** **heärt**, and not **yôur** **gärments**, and **tûrn** to **Yähweh**, **yôur** **God**; for **he** **is** **graçious** and **mêrciful**, **slow** to anger, and abundant in **lôving** **kîndness**, and relents from sending calamity.

14 **Who** **knows**? **He** **may** **tûrn** and relent, and **leave** a blessing **behînd** him, even a **meal** offering and a drink offering to **Yähweh**, **yôur** **God**.

15 Blow the trumpet in **Zion**! Sanctify a **fäst**. Call a **solemn** assembly.

16 **Gather** the **people**. Sanctify the assembly. Assemble the **elders**. **Gather** the **children**, and **thosê** **who** **nûrse** from breasts. Let the **bridegroom** go **out** of his **room**, and the **bride** **out** of **hêr** **room**.

17 Let the **priests**, the **ministers** of **Yähweh**, **weep** **between** the **pôrch** and the **altar**, and let **them** **say**, “Spare **yôur** **people**, **Yähweh**, and **don't** give **yôur** **heritage** to **reproach**, **that** the **nations** **shôuld** **rule** **over** **them**. **Why** **shôuld** **they** **say** **among** the **people**, ‘**Where** **is** **their** **God**?’”

18 **Then** **Yähweh** **was** **jealous** **fôr** his **land**, And had pity on his **people**.

19 **Yähweh** answered his **people**, “Behold,[a] I will send **you** grain, new **wine**, and oil, and **you** will **be** satisfied **with** **them**; and I will **no** **môre** **make** **you** a **reproach** **among** the **nations**.

20 But I will **remove** the **nôrthern** **ärmy** **fär** **away** from **you**, and will **drive** it **into** a barren and **desolate** land, its **frönt** **into** the **eastern** **sea**, and its back **into** the western **sea**; and its **stench** will **cöme** up, and its bad smell will **rise**.” **Surely** **he** **has** **done** **great** **things**.

21 Land, **don't** **be** afraid. **Be** glad and rejoice, **fôr** **Yähweh** **has** **done** **great** **things**.

22 **Don't** **be** afraid, **you** **animals** of the field; for the **pästures** of the wilderness spring up, for the **tree** bears its **fruit**. The **fig** **tree** and the **vine** yield **their** **strength**.

23 “**Be** glad **then**, **you** **children** of **Zion**, rejoice in **Yähweh**, **yôur** **God**; for **he** gives **you** the **fôrmer** rain in just **measures**, and **he** **cäuses** the rain to **cöme** **down** **fôr** **you**, the **fôrmer** rain and the latter rain, **as** **beföre**.”

24 The **threshing** **floors** will **be** **full** of **wheat**, and the vats will **overflow** **with** new **wine** and oil.

25 I will **restöre** to **you** the **years** **that** the **swärming** **locust** **has** **eaten**, the **great** **locust**, the **grässhopper**, and the caterpillar, **my** **great** **ärmy**, **which** I sent **among** **you**.

26 **You** will have plenty to **eat**, and **be** satisfied, and will **praise** the **name** of **Yähweh**, **yôur** **God**, **who** **has** dealt **wöndrously** **with** **you**; and **my** **people** will never again be disappointed.

27 You will know **that** I am among **Išrael**, and **that** I am Yähweh, **yôur** God, and **there is no** one else; and **my people** will never again be disappointed.

28 “It will happen **afterward**, **that** I will **pôur out** my Spirit on **âll** flesh; and **yôur sons** and **yôur dâughters** will **prophecy**. **Yôur** old men will **dream dreams**. **Yôur** young men will **see visions**.

29 And **âlso** on the **sêrvants** and on the **handmaidš** in **thoše days**, I will **pôur out** my Spirit.

30 I will **show wonderš** in the **heavenš** and in the **êarth**: **blôod**, **fire**, and **pillarš** of **smoke**.

31 The sun will be **tûrned into** **dârkness**, and the **moon into** **blôod**, **befôre** the **great** and **terrible day** of Yähweh **cômeš**.

32 It will happen **that** **whoever** will **câll** on Yähweh’s **name** **shall be** **saved**; for in **Mount Zion** and in **Jerušalem** **there** will be **thoše** **who** **escape**, **aš** Yähweh **haš** said, and among the **remnant**, **thoše** **whom** Yähweh **câllš**.

Joel 3

“For, **behold**, in **thoše days**, and in **that time**, when I **restôre** the **fôrtuneš** of **Judah** and **Jerušalem**,

2 I will **gather âll** **nationš**, and will bring **them down** into the **valley** of **Jehoshaphat**; and I will **execute** **judgment** on **them** **there** **fôr** **my** **people**, and **fôr** **my** **heritage**, **Išrael**, **whom** **they** have scattered among the **nationš**. **They** have divided **my** **land**,

3 and have **câst** lots **fôr** **my** **people**, and have given a boy **fôr** a **prostitute**, and **sold** a **gîrl** **fôr** **wine**, **that** **they** may drink.

4 “Yes, and **what** **âre** **you** to me, **Tyre**, and **Sidon**, and **âll** the **regionš** of **Philistia**? Will **you** **repay** me? And if **you** **repay** me, I will **swiftly** and **speedily** **retûrn** **yôur** **repayment** on **yôur** **own** **head**.

5 **Beçause** **you** have **taken** **my** **silver** and **my** **gold**, and have **carried** **my** **finest** **treasureš** into **yôur** **templeš**

6 and have **sold** the **children** of **Judah** and the **children** of **Jerušalem** to the **sonš** of the **Greeks**, **that** **you** may **remove** **them** **fâr** from **their** **bôrd**er.

7 **Behold**, I will **stîr** **them** up **out** of the **plaçe** **where** **you** have **sold** **them**, and will **retûrn** **yôur** **repayment** on **yôur** **own** **head**;

8 and I will sell **yôur sons** and **yôur daughters** into the hands of the **children** of **Judah**, and **they** will sell **them** to the men of Sheba, to a **färaway nation**, for **Yähweh** has spoken it.”

9 Proclaim **this** among the **nations**: “Prepare **fôr wâr!** Stir up the **mighty** men. Let **âll** the **warrior**s **drâw near**. Let **them** **côme** up.

10 **Beat** **yôur** **plowshares** into **swôrd**s, and **yôur** **pruning hôoks** into **spear**s. Let the **weak** say, 'I am strong.'

11 Hurry and **côme**, **âll** **you** **surröund**ing **nations**, and **gather** **yôur** **selves** together.” **Câuse** **yôur** **mighty** ones to **côme** **döwn** **there**, **Yähweh**.

12 “Let the **nations** **aröuse** **themselves**, and **côme** up to the valley of Jehoshaphat; for **there** will I sit to **judg**e **âll** the **surröund**ing **nations**.

13 Put in the sickle; for the **hä**rvest **is** **ripe**. **Côme**, tread, **fôr** the **wine** press **is** **füll**, the vats **över**flow, **fôr** **their** wickedness **is** **great**.”

14 **Multitudes**, **multitudes** in the valley of **dec**ision! For the **day** of **Yähweh** **is** **near**, in the valley of **dec**ision.

15 The sun and the **möen** **äre** **där**kened, and the **stär**s **with**drâw **their** **shining**.

16 **Yähweh** will **röar** from **Zion**, and **th**under from **Jeru**salem; and the **heavens** and the **ëarth** will **shak**e; but **Yähweh** will **be** a **refug**e to his **pe**ople, and a **stronghold** to the **children** of **I**srael.

17 “**So** **you** will **know** **that** I am **Yähweh**, **yôur** **God**, dwelling in **Zion**, **my** **holy** **möuntain**. **Then** **Jeru**salem will **be** **holy**, and **no** **stranger**s will **päss** **th**rough **hër** any **möre**.

18 It will happen in **that** **day**, **th**at the **möuntain**s will drop **döwn** **sweet** **wine**, the **hill**s will **flow** **with** **milk**, **âll** the **bröök**s of **Judah** will **flow** **with** **wät**er, and a **föuntain** will **flow** **öut** from **Yähweh**'s **höuse**, and will **wät**er the valley of Shittim.

19 **Egypt** will **be** a **desölat**ion, and **Edom** will **be** a **desölate** wilderness, for the **violenc**e **dö**ne to the **children** of **Judah**, **becä**use **they** have **shed** **innöcent** **blöod** in **their** **land**.

20 But **Judah** will **be** inhabited forever and **Jeru**salem from **generat**ion to **generat**ion.

21 I will **cleans**e **their** **blöod**, that I have not **cleans**ed: for **Yähweh** **dwell**s in **Zion**.”

Amos 1

The wôrdş of Amos, **wh**e **waş** among the hêrdşmen of Tekoa, **wh**ich he **sâw** **c**on**c**êrning Işrael in the **dayş** of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the **dayş** of Jeroboam the sôn of Joash king of Işrael, **tw**e **yea**rş befôre the **ê**ar**th**quake.

2 **H**e said: “Yâhweh[a] will **r**ôar from Zion, and utter hiş **voic**e from Jeruşalem; and the **p**âstureş of the **sh**epherdş will **m**ôurn, and the top of Carmel will **w**ith**e**r.”

3 Yâhweh sayş: “For **thr**ee tranşgressionş of Damascus, yes, **f**ôr **f**ôur, I will not **t**ûrn away its **p**unishment; **bec**au**s**e **th**ey have **th**resh**e**d Gilead with **th**reshing instruments of **ir**ôn;

4 but I will send a **fi**re into the **h**ouse of Hazael, and it will **dev**our the **palac**eş of Ben Hadad.

5 I will **br**eak the **b**âr of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the valley of Aven, and him **wh**e **hold**ş the **s**cepter from the **h**ouse of Eden; and the **pe**ople of Syria **sh**all **go** into captivity to Kir,” sayş Yâhweh.

6 Yâhweh sayş: “For **thr**ee tranşgressionş of Gaza, yes, **f**ôr **f**ôur, I will not **t**ûrn away its **p**unishment; **bec**au**s**e **th**ey carried away captive the **wh**ole **c**ommunity, to deliver **th**em up to Edom;

7 but I will send a **fi**re on the **w**âll of Gaza, and it will **dev**our its **palac**eş.

8 I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him **wh**e **hold**ş the **s**cepter from Ashkelon; and I will **t**ûrn my hand **ag**ainst Ekron; and the remnant of the Philistines will **per**ish,” sayş the **L**ôrd[b] Yâhweh.

9 Yâhweh sayş: “For **thr**ee tranşgressionş of Tyre, yes, **f**ôr **f**ôur, I will not **t**ûrn away its **p**unishment; **bec**au**s**e **th**ey delivered up the **wh**ole **c**ommunity to Edom, and didn't remember the **br**otherly **c**ovenant;

10 but I will send a **fi**re on the **w**âll of Tyre, and it will **dev**our its **palac**eş.”

11 Yâhweh sayş: “For **thr**ee tranşgressionş of Edom, yes, **f**ôr **f**ôur, I will not **t**ûrn away its **p**unishment; **bec**au**s**e **h**e **p**ûrsued hiş **br**other with the **sw**ôrd, and **c**âst off **â**ll pity, and hiş anger **rag**ed **c**ontinu**a**lly, and **h**e kept hiş **w**râth forever;

12 but I will send a **fi**re on Teman, and it will **dev**our the **palac**eş of Bozrah.”

13 Yâhweh sayş: “For **thr**ee tranşgressionş of the **ch**ildren of Ammon, yes, **f**ôr **f**ôur, I will not **t**ûrn away its **p**unishment; **bec**au**s**e **th**ey have ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead, **th**at **th**ey may enlârg**e** their **b**ôrd**e**r.

14 But I will kindle a fire in the wáll of Rabbah, and it will devour its palaces, with shouting in the day of battle, with a stórm in the day of the whírlwind;

15 and their king will go into captivity, he and his princes together,” says Yáhweh.

Amos 2

Yáhweh says: “For three transgressions of Moab, yes, fôr fôur, I will not túrn away its punishment; because he búrned the bones of the king of Edom into lime;

2 but I will send a fire on Moab, and it will devour the palaces of Kerioth; and Moab will die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet;

3 and I will cut off the judge from among them, and will kill áll its princes with him,” says Yáhweh.

4 Yáhweh says “For three transgressions of Judah, yes, fôr fôur, I will not túrn away its punishment; because they have rejected Yáhweh’s láw, and have not kept his statute, and their lies have led them astray, áfter which their fathers wáked;

5 But I will send a fire on Judah, and it will devour the palaces of Jeruśalem.”

6 Yáhweh says: “For three transgressions of Iśrael, yes, fôr fôur, I will not túrn away its punishment; because they have sold the righteous fôr silver, and the needy fôr a pair of shoes;

7 They trample on the dust of the éarth on the head of the pór, and deny justice to the oppressed; and a man and his fáther use the same maiden, to profane my holy name;

8 and they lay themselves down beside every áltar on clothes taken in pledge; and in the house of their God [a] they drink the wine of those who have been fined.

9 Yet I destroyed the Amorite befóre them, whose height wás like the height of the cedars, and he wás strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.

10 Also I bróught you up out of the land of Egypt, and led you fôrty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.

11 I raised up some of yôur sons fôr prophets, and some of yôur young men fôr Nazirites. Isn't this true, you children of Iśrael?” says Yáhweh.

12 “But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink, and commanded the prophets, saying, 'Don't prophecy!'”

13 Behold,[b] I will crush **you** in yôur **plac**e, a**ş** a cãrt **crush**e**ş** **that** i**ş** **full** of grain.

14 **Flight** will **perish** from the swift; and the strong **won't** streng**th**en hi**ş** **fô**r**ç**e; **neither** **shall** the **mi**ghty deliver himself;

15 **neither** **shall** he stand **wh**e handle**ş** the bow; and he **wh**e i**ş** swift of **fô**ot **won't** escape; **neither** **shall** he **wh**e ride**ş** the **hô**rse deliver himself;

16 and he **wh**e i**ş** **cour**ageous am**o**ng the **mi**ghty will **flee** away **naked** on **that** day,"
say**ş** Yãhweh.

Amos 3

Hear **this** **wô**rd **that** Yãhweh ha**ş** **sp**oken **ag**ainst **you**, **children** of **I**şrael, **ag**ainst the **wh**ole family **wh**ich I **br**ôught up **o**ut of the land of **E**gypt, saying:

2 "Y**ou** **o**nly have I **ch**o**ş**en of **ã**ll the **f**amili**eş** of the **ê**arth. **Th**ere**f**ôre I will **p**unish **you** **fô**r **ã**ll of yôur **s**in**ş**."

3 Do **tw**e **wã**lk **to**g**et**her, unless **th**e**y** have **ag**reed?

4 Will a **li**o**n** **rô**ar in the **th**icket, **wh**en he ha**ş** **n**o prey? **D**o**ş** a young **li**o**n** cry **o**ut of hi**ş** den, if he ha**ş** **cã**ught **nô**th**ing**?

5 Can a **bi**rd **fã**ll in a trap on the **ê**arth, **wh**ere **n**o **sn**are i**ş** set **fô**r him? **D**o**ş** a **sn**are spring up from the **g**ro**u**nd, **wh**en **th**ere i**ş** **nô**th**ing** to catch?

6 **D**o**ş** the trumpet **alã**rm **s**ound in a **ç**ity, **wh**ithout the **p**eople **b**eing afraid? **D**o**ş** **ev**il happen to a **ç**ity, and Yãhweh ha**ş**n't **d**o**n**e it?

7 **S**urely the **Lô**rd Yãhweh will **d**e **nô**th**ing**, unless he **r**eveal**ş** hi**ş** **s**ecret to hi**ş** **s**êrvants the **p**rophets.

8 The **li**o**n** ha**ş** **rô**ared. **Wh**e will not **f**ear? The **Lô**rd Yãhweh ha**ş** **sp**oken. **Wh**e can but **p**rop**h**eçy?

9 **P**rocl**ai**m in the **p**alac**eş** at Ashdod, and in the **p**alac**eş** in the land of **E**gypt, and **s**ay, "Assemble yôur**s**elve**ş** on the **m**ountai**ş** of Samaria, and **s**e**e** **wh**at unrest i**ş** in **h**êr, and **wh**at opp**r**essi**o**n i**ş** am**o**ng **th**e**m**."

10 "I**n**de**e**d **th**e**y** **d**o**n't** **k**now to **d**e **r**ight," say**ş** Yãhweh, "W**h**e **h**ôard plunder and **l**e**e**t in **th**eir **p**alac**eş**."

11 **Th**ere**f**ôre **th**us say**ş** the **Lô**rd Yãhweh:

"An **adv**êrsary will overrun the land; and he will **p**ull **d**own yôur **s**trong**h**old**ş**, and yôur **fô**rtresse**ş** will **b**e **p**lundered."

12 Yähweh says: “As the **shepherd** **rescues** **out** of the **mouth** of the **lion** **two** legs, or a **piece** of an **ear**, **so** shall the **children** of **Išrael** **be** **rescued** **who** sit in **Samaria** on the **córn**er of a **couch**, and on the silken **cúshions** of a bed.”

13 “Listen, and testify **against** the **house** of **Jacob**,” says the **Lórd** Yähweh, the God of **ármies**.

14 “For in the **day** **that** I **višit** the **transgression**s of **Išrael** on him, I will **á**lso **višit** the **á**ltar of Bethel; and the **hórn**s of the **á**ltar will **be** cut off, and **fá**ll to the **ground**.

15 I will **strike** the winter **house** **with** the summer **house**; and the **houses** of **ivory** will **perish**, and the **great** **houses** will have an end,” says Yähweh.

Amos 4

Listen to **this** **wó**rd, **you** **cows** of Bashan, **who** **á**re on the **mountain** of **Samaria**, **who** oppress the **pó**or, **who** **crush** the **needy**, **who** tell **their** **husbands**, “Bring us drinks!”

2 The **Ló**rd Yähweh has **swó**rn by his **holiness** **that** behold, “The **days** shall **có**me on **you** **that** **they** will **take** **you** away **with** **hó**oks, and the **lá**st of **you** **with** **fish** **hó**oks.

3 **You** will **go** **out** at the **break**s in the **wá**ll, everyone **stra**ight **befó**re **hê**r; and **you** will **cá**st **yó**urself into **Harmon**,” says Yähweh.

4 “**Go** to Bethel, and sin; to Gilgal, and sin **mó**re. Bring **yó**ur **sacrifices** every **mó**rnning, **yó**ur **tithes** every **three** **days**,

5 offer a **sacrifice** of **Thanksgiving** of **that** **which** is leavened, and **proclaim** **free** will offerings and brag **about** **them**: for **this** **pleases** **you**, **you** **children** of **Išrael**,” says the **Ló**rd Yähweh.

6 “I **á**lso have given **you** cleanness of **teeth** in **á**ll **yó**ur **çities**, and lack of bread in every **town**; yet **you** haven't **retó**rned to **me**,” says Yähweh.

7 “I **á**lso have **with**held the **rain** from **you**, when **there** **wê**re yet **three** **months** to the **há**rvest; and I **cá**used it to **rain** on one **çity**, and **cá**used it not to **rain** on **anó**ther **çity**. One **plac**e **wá**s **rained** on, and the **piece** **where** it didn't **rain** **withered**.

8 **So** **two** **ó**r **three** **çities** staggered to one **çity** to drink **wá**ter, and **wê**re not satisfied: yet **you** haven't **retó**rned to **me**,” says Yähweh.

9 “I struck **you** **with** **blight** and mildew many **times** in **yó**ur **gå**rden and **yó**ur vine **yá**rd; and **yó**ur fig **trees** and **yó**ur olive **trees** have the **swá**rming **locust** **devoured**: yet **you** haven't **retó**rned to **me**,” says Yähweh.

10 “I sent **plague**s among you like I did **Egypt**. I have slain y^our young men with the sword, and have carried away y^our h^orse^s; and I filled y^our nostrils with the stench of y^our camp, yet you haven't returned to me,” says **Yähweh**.

11 “I have **overthrown** some of you, as when God **overthrew** Sodom and Gomorrah, and you **were** like a **burning** stick plucked out of the fire; yet you haven't returned to me,” says **Yähweh**.

12 “**Therefore** thus will I **do** to you, **Išrael**; because I will **do** this to you, prepare to meet y^our God, **Išrael**.

13 For, behold, he **who** **forms** the mountains, and creates the wind, and declares to man **what** is his **thought**; **who** makes the morning darkness, and treads on the high places of the **earth**: **Yähweh**, the God of **armies**, is his name.”

Amos 5

Listen to **this** **word** **which** I take up **for** a lamentation over you, O house of **Išrael**.

2 “The **virgin** of **Išrael** has fallen; **She** shall rise no more. **She** is cast down on her land; **there** is no one to raise her up.”

3 For **thus** says the **Lord** **Yähweh**: “The **city** **that** went out a **thousand** shall have a hundred left, and **that** **which** went out one hundred shall have ten left to the house of **Išrael**.”

4 For **Yähweh** says to the house of **Išrael**: “**Seek** me, and you will live;

5 but **don't** seek Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and **don't** pass to Beersheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to **nothing**.

6 **Seek** **Yähweh**, and you will live; lest he break out like fire in the house of **Joseph**, and it devour, and **there** be no one to **quench** it in Bethel.

7 You **who** **turn** justice to wormwood, and cast down righteousness to the **earth**:

8 **seek** him **who** made the Pleiades and Orion, and **turns** the shadow of death into the morning, and makes the day dark with night; **who** calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the surface of the **earth**, **Yähweh** is his name,

9 **who** brings sudden destruction on the strong, so that destruction comes on the fortress.

10 **They** hate him **who** reproveth in the gate, and **they** abhor him **who** speaks blamelessly.

11 **Therefore**, because you trample on the **p**oor, and **take** taxes from him of **w**heat: **You** have built **h**ouses of cut **s**tone, but you will not dwell in **them**. **You** have planted **plea**sant viney**är**d**s**, but you shall not drink **their** **w**ine.

12 For I **know** **h**ow many **y**our offenses, and **h**ow **g**reat **ä**re **y**our sins — you **wh**o afflict the just, **wh**o **take** a **br**ibe, and **wh**o **t**urn **ä**side the **ne**edy in the **c**ourts.

13 **Therefore** a **pr**udent **p**erson **ke**eps silent in **su**ch a **t**ime, for it **i**s an **ev**il **t**ime.

14 Seek **g**ood, and not **ev**il, **th**at you may live; and **so** **Y**ähweh, the God of **ä**rmie**s**, will **be** **w**ith you, **a**s you say.

15 **H**ate **ev**il, **l**ove **g**ood, and **est**ablish **ju**sti**ç**e in the **c**ourts. It **may** **be** **th**at **Y**ähweh, the God of **ä**rmie**s**, will **be** **g**ra**ç**ious to the remnant of **J**ose**ph**.”

16 **Therefore** **Y**ähweh, the God of **ä**rmie**s**, the **L**ö**rd**, **say**s:

“**W**ailing will **be** in **ä**ll the **w**ide **w**ay**s**; and **th**ey will **say** in **ä**ll the **st**reets, 'Alas! Alas!' and **th**ey will **c**äll the **f**ärmer to **m**ö**ur**ning, and **th**o**s**e **wh**o **ä**re **sk**il**f**ul in **l**amentat**ion** to **w**ailing.

17 In **ä**ll viney**är**d**s** **th**ere will **be** **w**ailing; for I will **p**ä**s**s **th**rough the middle of you,” **say**s **Y**ähweh.

18 “**W**oe to you **wh**o **de**sire the **day** of **Y**ähweh! **W**hy **do** you long **f**ör the **day** of **Y**ähweh? It **i**s **d**ä**r**kness, and not **li**ght.

19 **A**s if a man fled from a **li**ön, and a bear met him; Or **he** went into the **h**ouse and **le**aned his hand on the **w**äll, and a **s**nake bit him.

20 **W**on't the **day** of **Y**ähweh **be** **d**ä**r**kness, and not **li**ght? Even very **d**ä**r**k, and **no** **b**ri**gh**tness in it?

21 I **h**ate, I **de**spise **y**our **fe**asts, and I **c**ä**n**'t stand **y**our **sole**mn **as**semblies.

22 **Y**es, **th**ough you offer me **y**our **b**ü**r**nt offerings and **me**al offerings, I will not **ac**cept **th**em; **ne**ither will I **reg**ä**r**d the **pe**ä**ç**e offerings of **y**our fat animal**s**.

23 **T**ake **ä**way from me the **noi**se of **y**our **song**s! I will not listen to the **mu**sic of **y**our **h**ärps.

24 **B**ut let **ju**sti**ç**e **roll** on **li**ke **river**s, and **ri**ghte**ous**ness **li**ke a **mi**ghty **st**ream.

25 “**D**id you bring to me **s**acrific**ç**s and offerings in the wilderness **f**örty **year**s, **h**ouse of **I**s**r**ael?

26 **You** **ä**lso **car**ried the tent of **y**our king and the **sh**rine of **y**our **image**s, the **st**är of **y**our god, **wh**ich you **made** **f**ör **y**our**sel**ve**s**.

27 **Therefore** will I **cause** you to go into captivity beyond Damascus," says **Yähweh**, **whose name is** the God of **armies**.

Amos 6

Woe to **those** who **are** at **ease** in Zion, and to **those** who **are** secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the **chief** of the **nations**, to whom the house of Israel come!

2 Go to Calneh, and **see**; and from **there** go to Hamath the great; **then** go down to Gath of the Philistines. **are they** better **than these** kingdoms? or **is their** border greater **than your** border?

3 **Those** who **put** far away the **evil day**, and **cause** the seat of violence to come near;

4 Who lie on beds of **ivory**, and stretch themselves on **their couches**, and eat the lamb **out** of the flock, and the **carves** out of the middle of the stall;

5 who strum on the strings of a **harp**; who invent **for themselves** instruments of music, like David;

6 who drink wine in **bowls**, and anoint themselves with the best oils; but **they** are not grieved **for** the affliction of Joseph.

7 **Therefore** they will now go captive with the first who go captive; and the feasting and lounging will end.

8 "The **Lord** **Yähweh** has sworn by himself," says **Yähweh**, the God of **armies**: "I abhor the pride of Jacob, and detest his **fortresses**. **Therefore** I will deliver up the city with **all that is** in it.

9 It will happen, if **there** remain ten men in one house, **that they** shall die.

10 "When a man's relative carries him, even he who **burns** him, to bring bodies out of the house, and asks him who **is** in the innermost parts of the house, 'Is **there** yet any with you?' **You** And he says, 'No; **You** then he will say, 'Hush! Indeed we must not mention **Yähweh's** name.

11 "For, behold, **Yähweh** commands, and the great house will be **smashed** to pieces, and the little house into bits.

12 Do horses run on the rocky crags? Does one plow **there** with oxen? But you have turned justice into poison, and the fruit of righteousness into bitterness;

13 you who rejoice in a **thing** of **nothing**, who say, 'Haven't we taken **for ourselves** horns by our own strength?'

14 For, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, house of Israel," says Yähwëh, the God of ärmies; "and they will afflict you from the entrance of Hamath to the brook of the Arabah."

Amos 7

Thus the Lörd Yähwëh showed me: and behold, he formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and behold, it was the latter growth after the king's harvest.

2 When they finished eating the grass of the land, then I said, "Lörd Yähwëh, forgive, I beg you! How could Jacob stand? For he is small."

3 Yähwëh relented concerning this. "It shall not be," says Yähwëh.

4 Thus the Lörd Yähwëh showed me and behold, the Lörd Yähwëh called for judgment by fire; and it dried up the great deep, and would have devoured the land.

5 Then I said, "Lörd Yähwëh, stop, I beg you! How could Jacob stand? For he is small."

6 Yähwëh relented concerning this. "This also shall not be," says the Lörd Yähwëh.

7 Thus he showed me and behold, the Lörd stood beside a wall made by a Lörd plumb line, with a Lörd plumb line in his hand.

8 Yähwëh said to me, "Amos, what do you see?"

I said, "A Lörd plumb line."

Then the Lörd said, "Behold, I will set a Lörd plumb line in the middle of my people Israel. I will not again pass by them any more.

9 The high places of Isaac will be desolate, the sanctuaries of Israel will be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the middle of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words.

11 For Amos says, 'Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land.'

12 Amaziah also said to Amos, "You seer, go, flee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophecy there:

13 but don't prophecy again any more at Bethel; for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a royal house!"

14 **Then** Amos answered Amaziah, “I **was** no prophet, **neither was** I a prophet's son; but I **was** a herdsman, and a farmer of sycamore figs;

15 and Yāhweh **took me** from following the flock, and Yāhweh said to me, 'Go, **prophecy** to my people Işrael.'

16 **Now therefore** listen to Yāhweh's word: 'You say, Don't **prophecy** against Işrael, and don't **preach** against the house of Isaac.'

17 **Therefore** Yāhweh says: 'Your wife **shall be** a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughter **shall fall** by the sword, and your land **shall be** divided by line; and you yourself **shall die** in a land that is unclean, and Işrael **shall surely be** led away captive out of his land.'”

Amos 8

Thus the Lord Yāhweh **showed me**: behold, a basket of summer fruit.

2 He said, “Amos, **what do you see?**”

I said, “A basket of summer fruit.”

Then Yāhweh said to me, “The end has come on my people Işrael. I will not again pass by them any more.

3 The songs of the temple will be wailings in that day,” says the Lord Yāhweh. “The dead bodies will be many. In every place they will throw them out with silence.

4 **Hear this**, you who desire to swallow up the needy, and cause the poor of the land to fail,

5 **Saying**, 'When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may market wheat, making the ephah[a] small, and the shekel[b] large, and dealing falsely with balances of deceit;

6 that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes, and sell the sweepings with the wheat?’”

7 Yāhweh has sworn by the pride of Jacob, “Surely I will never forget any of their works.

8 **Won't** the land tremble for this, and everyone mourn who dwells in it? Yes, it will rise up wholly like the River; and it will be stirred up and sink again, like the River of Egypt.

9 It will happen in that day,” says the Lord Yāhweh, “that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day.

10 I will tŭrn yŏur feasts into mŏurning, and ăll yŏur songs into lamentation; and I will make you wear sackcloth on ăll yŏur bodies, and baldness on every head. I will make it like the mŏurning fŏr an only sŏn, and its end like a bitter day.

11 Behold, the days cŏme,” says the Lŏrd Yăhweh, “that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst fŏr wăter, but of hearing Yăhweh’s wŏrds.

12 They will wander from sea to sea, and from the nŏrth even to the east; they will run back and fŏrth to seek Yăhweh’s wŏrd, and will not find it.

13 In that day the beautiful virgins and the young men will faint fŏr thirst.

14 Those who swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, ‘As yŏur god, Dan, lives;’ and, ‘As the way of Beersheba lives;’ they will fáll, and never rise up again.”

Amos 9

I săw the Lŏrd standing beside the altar, and he said, “Strike the tops of the pillars, that the thresholds may shake; and break them in pieces on the head of ăll of them; and I will kill the lăst of them with the swŏrd: there shall not one of them flee away, and there shall not one of them escape.

2 Though they dig into Sheol,[a] there my hand will take them; and though they climb up to heaven, there I will bring them down.

3 Though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will sêarch and take them out there; and though they be hidden from my sight in the bottom of the sea, there I will command the sêrpent, and it will bite them.

4 Though they go into captivity befŏre their enemies, there I will command the swŏrd, and it will kill them. I will set my eyes on them fŏr evil, and not fŏr good.

5 For the Lŏrd, Yăhweh of ărmies, is he who toucheş the land and it melts, and ăll who dwell in it will mŏurn; and it will rise up wholly like the River, and will sink again, like the River of Egypt.

6 It is he who builds his rooms in the heavens, and has founded his văult on the ęarth; he who calls fŏr the waters of the sea, and pŏurs them out on the sŭrface of the ęarth; Yăhweh is his name.

7 Are you not like the children of the Ethiopians to me, children of Israel?” says Yăhweh. “Haven’t I broŭght up Israel out of the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?

8 Behold, the **eyes** of the L**ord** Y**äh**w**eh** **ä**re on the sin**ful** king**dom**, and I will destroy it from off the s**ur**fa**ce** of the **ë**ar**th**; **ex**cept **th**at I will not utterly destroy the **hou**se of **J**acob,” says Y**äh**w**eh**.

9 “For, beh**old**, I will command, and I will sift the **hou**se of **I**s**ra**el **am**ong **ä**ll the **n**ati**on**s, **a**s grain **i**s sifted in a sieve, yet not the **le**ast **k**ë**rn**el will **f**äll on the **ë**ar**th**.

10 All the sinner**s** of my **pe**ople will **di**e **by** the sw**ö**rd, **wh**o **sa**y, ‘**E**vil won’t **ov**ertake **n**ö**r** meet us.’

11 In **th**at **da**y I will **ra**i**s**e up the tent of **D**avid **wh**o **i**s **f**äll**en**, and **cl**o**s**e up its **br**ea**ch**e**s**, and I will **ra**i**s**e up its **ru**in**s**, and I will **bu**ild it **a**s in the **da**y**s** of **o**ld;

12 **th**at **th**ey may **po**ss**ess** the remnant of **E**dom, and **ä**ll the **n**ati**on**s **wh**o **ä**re **c**äll**ed** **by** my **na**me,” says Y**äh**w**eh** **wh**o **d**ö**e**s **th**is.

13 “Beh**old**, the **da**y**s** **c**ö**m**e,” says Y**äh**w**eh**, “**th**at the **pl**owman **sh**all **ov**ertake the **re**aper, and the one treading **gr**ap**e**s him **wh**o **s**ow**s** **se**ed; and **sw**ee**t** **w**in**e** will drip from the **m**ou**n**tain**s**, and **fl**ow from the **hi**ll**s**.

14 I will bring my **pe**ople **I**s**ra**el back from captivity, and **th**ey will **re**build the **ru**in**ed** **ci**tie**s**, and inhabit **th**em; and **th**ey will plant vine**yä**rd**s**, and drink **w**in**e** from **th**em. **Th**ey **sh**all **ä**l**so** **ma**ke **gä**rd**e**n**s**, and **e**at **th**eir **fr**uit.

15 I will plant **th**em on **th**eir **lan**d, and **th**ey will **no** **m**ö**r**e **be** **pl**uck**e**d up **ou**t of **th**eir **lan**d **wh**ic**h** I have given **th**em,” says Y**äh**w**eh** **y**ö**ur** **G**od.

Obadiah

1 The **vi**si**ö**n of **O**badi**ah**. **Th**is **i**s **wh**at the L**ö**rd[a] **Y**ah**w**eh[b] says **ab**out **E**dom. **We** have **h**ë**ar**d **ne**w**s** from **Y**ä**h**w**eh**, and an **amb**assa**d**or **i**s **se**nt **am**ong the **n**ati**on**s, **sa**y**ing**, “**A**ri**s**e, and let’s **ri**s**e** up **ag**ainst **h**ë**r** in **ba**ttle.

2 Beh**old**,[c] I have **ma**de **yo**u **sm**äll **am**ong the **n**ati**on**s. **Yo**u **ä**re **gr**e**at**ly **des**pi**s**e**d**.

3 The **pr**ide of **y**ö**ur** **he**ä**r**t **ha**s **de**ce**i**ved **yo**u, **yo**u **wh**o **dw**ell in the clefts of the **ro**ck, **wh**e**s**e **ha**bita**ti**o**n** **i**s **hi**gh, **wh**o **sa**y**s** in **hi**s **he**ä**r**t, ‘**Wh**o will bring **m**e **do**wn to the **gr**ou**nd**?’

4 **Th**ough **yo**u **m**ou**n**t on **hi**gh **a**s the **e**agle, and **th**ough **y**ö**ur** **ne**st **i**s **se**t **am**ong the **st**ä**r**s, I will bring **yo**u **do**wn from **th**ere,” says Y**äh**w**eh**.

5 “If **th**ie**v**e**s** **ca**me to **yo**u, if **ro**bber**s** **by** **ni**ght—oh, **wh**at **dis**ä**st**er **awa**its **yo**u—**w**ö**ü**dn’t **th**ey **o**nly **ste**al until **th**ey had **en**ough? If **gr**ap**e** **pick**e**r**s **ca**me to **yo**u, **w**ö**ü**dn’t **th**ey **le**ave **so**me **gl**e**an**ing **gr**ap**e**s?

6 **H**ow **E**sau will **be** **ra**nsack**e**d! **H**ow **hi**s **hi**dden **tre**ä**su**re**s** **ä**re **s**ö**u**ght **ou**t!

7 All the men of y^our allian^çe have br^ought you on y^our way, even to the b^ord^er. The men wh^o w^ere at pea^çe with you have deceiv^ed you, and prevail^ed against you. Friend^s wh^o eat y^our bread lay a sna^re under you. **There is no** understanding in him.”

8 “Won't I in **that** day”, say^s Y^ahw^eh, “destroy the wis^e men **o**ut of Edom, and understandⁱng **o**ut of the m^ountain of Esau?”

9 Y^our mi^ghty men, Teman, will be di^smay^ed, to the end **th**at everyone may be cut off from the m^ountain of Esau by sl^aught^er. 10 For the violen^çe d^one to y^our br^other Jacob, **sh**ame will c^over you, and you will be cut off forever.

11 In the day **th**at you st^ood on the **o**ther side, in the day **th**at stranger^s carried away hi^s substan^çe, and foreigner^s, enter^ed int^o hi^s gate^s, and c^ast lots f^or Jeru^salem, even you w^ere like one of **th**em.

12 But don't l^ook d^own on y^our br^other in the day of hi^s dis^aster, and don't rejoic^e over the **ch**ildren of Judah in the day of **th**eir destruction. Don't speak pr^oudly in the day of distress.

13 Don't enter int^o the gate of my pe^ople in the day of **th**eir calamity. Don't l^ook d^own on **th**eir affliction in the day of **th**eir calamity, **ne**ither seiz^e **th**eir wealth on the day of **th**eir calamity.

14 Don't stand in the crossroad^s to cut off **thos^e of hi^s wh^o escape. Don't deliver up **thos^e of hi^s wh^o remain in the day of distress. 15 For the day of Y^ahw^eh is near **a**ll the nation^s! A^s you have d^one, it will be d^one to you. Y^our deed^s will ret^urn upon y^our **o**wn head.****

16 For a^s you have drunk on my **h**oly m^ountain, so will **a**ll the nation^s drink c^ontinu^ally. Yes, **th**ey will drink, sw^allow d^own, and will be a^s **tho**ugh **th**ey had not been.

17 But in M^ount Zion, **th**ere will be **thos^e wh^o escape, and it will be **h**oly. The **h**ouse of Jacob will poss^ess **th**eir poss^ession^s. 18 The **h**ouse of Jacob will be a fire, the **h**ouse of Joseph a flame, and the **h**ouse of Esau f^or stubble. **Th**ey will b^urn am^ong **th**em, and dev^our **th**em. **Th**ere will not be any remaining to the **h**ouse of Esau.”
Indeed, Y^ahw^eh ha^s spok^en.**

19 **Thos^e of the **s**outh will poss^ess the m^ountain of Esau, and **thos^e of the lowland, the Philistines. **Th**ey will poss^ess the field of Ephraim, and the field of Sam^aria. Benjamin will poss^ess Gilead. 20 The captive^s of **th**is **a**rmy of the **ch**ildren of I^srael, wh^o **a**re am^ong the Canaanites, will poss^ess even to Zarephath; and the captive^s of Jeru^salem, wh^o **a**re in Sepharad, will poss^ess the **ç**itie^s of the Negev.****

21 Savior^s will go up on M^ount Zion to judg^e the m^ountain^s of Esau, and the kingd^om will be Y^ahw^eh's.

Jonah 1

Now Yähweh's[a] word came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

2 "Ariše, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach against it, for their wickedness has come up before me."

3 But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of Yähweh. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid its fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of Yähweh.

4 But Yähweh sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty storm on the sea, so that the ship was likely to break up.

5 Then the mariners were afraid, and every man cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone down into the innermost parts of the ship, and he was laying down, and was fast asleep.

6 So the ship master came to him, and said to him, "What do you mean, sleeper? Ariše, call on your God! [b] Maybe your God[c] will notice us, so that we won't perish."

7 They all said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know who is responsible for this evil that is on us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.

8 Then they asked him, "Tell us, please, for whose cause this evil is on us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? Of what people are you?"

9 He said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear Yähweh, the God[d] of heaven, who has made the sea and the dry land."

10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done?" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of Yähweh, because he had told them.

11 Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may be calm to us?" For the sea grew more and more stormy.

12 He said to them, "Take me up, and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will be calm for you; for I know that because of me this great storm is on you."

13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to get them back to the land; but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them.

14 **Therefore they** cried to Yähweh, and said, “We beg **you**, Yähweh, **we** beg **you**, **don't** let us die **för** **this** man's **life**, and **don't** lay on us innocent **blöod**; **för** **you**, Yähweh, have **done** **aş** it **pleaşed** **you**.”

15 **So they** **töök** up **Jonah**, and **threw** him into the **sea**; and the **sea** **ceaşed** its **raging**.

16 **Then** the men **feared** Yähweh **exceedingly**; and **they** offered a **sacrificę** to Yähweh, and **made** **vowş**.

17 Yähweh **prepaared** a **great** **fish** to **swallow** up **Jonah**, and **Jonah** **waş** in the belly of the **fish** **three** **dayş** and **three** **nights**.

Jonah 2

Then **Jonah** **prayed** to Yähweh, **hiş** **God**, **out** of the fish's belly.

he said, “I **called** **becauşe** of my **affliction** to Yähweh. **He** **answered** **me**. Out of the belly of **Sheol[a]** I **cried**. **You** **heard** my **voiçe**.

3 For **you** **threw** **me** into the **depths**, in the **heart** of the **seaş**. The **flöod** **waş** **äll** **around** **me**. All **yöur** **waveş** and **yöur** **billowş** **paşsed** **over** **me**.

4 I said, 'I have **been** **banished** from **yöur** **sight**; yet I will **look** **again** **toward** **yöur** **holy** **temple**.'

5 The **waters** **surröunded** **me**, even to the **soul**. The **deep** **waş** **around** **me**. The **weedş** **were** **wrapped** **around** **my** **head**.

6 I went **down** to the **bottomş** of the **mountainş**. The **earth** **bärred** **me** in forever: yet have **you** **bröught** up **my** **life** from the pit, Yähweh **my** **God**.

7 “**When** **my** **soul** **fainted** **within** **me**, I remembered Yähweh. **My** **prayer** **came** in to **you**, into **yöur** **holy** **temple**.

8 **Thoşe** **who** **regärd** **lying** **vanities** **forsake** **their** **own** **mêrçy**.

9 But I will **sacrificę** to **you** **with** the **voiçe** of **Thanksgiving**. I will **pay** **that** **which** I have **vöwed**. **Salvation** **belongş** to Yähweh.”

10 Yähweh **spoke** to the **fish**, and it vomited **out** **Jonah** on the **dry** **land**.

Jonah 3

Yähweh's **wörd** **came** to **Jonah** the **second** **time**, **saying**,

2 “**Arişe**, **go** to Nineveh, **that** **great** **city**, and **preach** to it the **message** **that** I give **you**.”

3 So **Jonah** arose, and went to Nineveh, according to **Yähweh's** word. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, **three days'** journey across.

4 Jonah began to enter into the city a **day's** journey, and he cried out, and said, "In **forty days**, Nineveh will be **overthrown!**"

5 The people of Nineveh believed God; and **they** proclaimed a **fast**, and put on sackcloth, from **their** greatest even to **their** least.

6 The news reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and took off his royal robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

7 He made a proclamation and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, "Let **neither** man **nor** animal, **herd** **nor** flock, taste anything; let **them** not feed, **nor** drink water;

8 but let **them** be covered with sackcloth, **both** man and animal, and let **them** cry mightily to God. Yes, let **them** turn everyone from his evil way, and from the violence that is in his hands.

9 **Who** knows whether God will not turn and relent, and turn away from his fierce anger, so that we might not perish?"

10 God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way. God relented of the disaster which he said he would do to them, and he didn't do it.

Jonah 4

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry.

2 He prayed to Yähweh, and said, "Please, Yähweh, wasn't this what I said when I was still in my own country? Therefore I hurried to flee to Tarshish, for I knew that you are a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness, and you relent of doing harm.

3 Therefore now, Yähweh, take, I beg you, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live."

4 Yähweh said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

5 Then Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made himself a booth, and sat under it in the shade, until he might see what would become of the city.

6 Yähweh God prepared a vine, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the vine.

7 But God prepared a worm at dawn the next day, and it chewed on the vine, so that it withered.

8 When the sun arose, God prepared a sultry east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head, so that he fainted, and requested for himself that he might die, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

9 God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the vine?"

He said, "I am right to be angry, even to death."

10 Yahweh said, "You have been concerned for the vine, for which you have not labored, neither made it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night.

11 Shouldn't I be concerned for Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred twenty thousand persons who can't discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much livestock?"

Micah 1

Yahweh's[a] word that came to Micah the Morashtite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

2 Hear, you people, all of you. Listen, O earth, and all that is therein: and let the Lord [b] Yahweh be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple.

3 For, behold,[c] Yahweh comes out of his place, and will come down and tread on the high places of the earth.

4 The mountains melt under him, and the valleys split apart, like wax before the fire, like waters that are poured down a steep place.

5 "All this is for the disobedience of Jacob, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the disobedience of Jacob? Isn't it Samaria? And what are the high places of Judah? Aren't they Jerusalem?"

6 Therefore I will make Samaria like a rubble heap of the field, like places for planting vineyards; and I will pour down its stones into the valley, and I will uncover its foundations.

7 All her idols will be beaten to pieces, and all her temple gifts will be burned with fire, and all her images I will destroy; for of the hire of a prostitute has she gathered them, and to the hire of a prostitute shall they return."

8 For this I will lament and wail; I will go stripped and naked; I will howl like the jackals, and moan like the daughters of owls.

9 For hêr wounds äre incurable; for it has cöme even to Judah. It reaches to the gate of my people, even to Jeruśalem.

10 Don't tell it in Gath. Don't weep at äll. At Beth Ophrah[d] I have rolled myself in the dust.

11 Pass on, inhabitant of Shaphir, in nakedness and shame. The inhabitant of Zaanan won't cöme out. The wailing of Beth Ezel will take from you hiş protection.

12 For the inhabitant of Maroth waits anxiously fôr good, because evil has cöme down from Yähweh to the gate of Jeruśalem.

13 Härness the chariöt to the swift steed, inhabitant of Lachish. She was the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion; For the transgressions of Işrael were found in you.

14 Therefore you will give a pärting gift to Moresheth Gath. The houses of Achzib will be a deceitful thing to the kings of Işrael.

15 I will yet bring to you, inhabitant of Mareshah. He who is the glöry of Işrael will cöme to Adullam.

16 Shave yöur heads, and cut off yöur hair fôr the children of yöur delight. Enlarge yöur baldness like the vulture; for they have gone into captivity from you!

Micah 2

Woe to those who devise iniquity and work evil on their beds! When the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand.

2 They covet fields, and seize them; and houses, and take them away: and they oppress a man and hiş house, even a man and hiş heritage.

3 Therefore Yähweh says: "Behold, I am planning against these people a disaster, from which you will not remove yöur necks, neither will you walk haughtily; for it is an evil time.

4 In that day they will take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, saying, 'We äre utterly ruined! My people's possession is divided up. Indeed he takes it from me and assigns our fields to traitors!'"

5 Therefore you will have no one who divides the land by lot in Yähweh's assembly.

6 "Don't prophecy!" They prophecy. "Don't prophecy about these things. Disgrace won't overtake us."

7 **Sh**all it be said, O **h**ouse of **J**acob: “Is **Y**ähweh’s Spirit angry? Are **the**se his **d**eings? **D**on’t my **w**örds **d**e **g**óod to him **wh**o **w**á/ks blamelessly?”

8 But **l**ately my **p**eople have **r**ışen up **a**ş an enemy. **Y**ou strip the **r**obe and **c**lothing from **th**oşe **wh**o **p**äss by **w**ithout a **c**are, **r**etürning from battle.

9 **Y**ou **d**rive the women of my **p**eople **o**ut from **th**eir **p**leaşant **h**ouşes; from **th**eir young **c**hildren **y**ou **t**ake **a**way my **b**lessing forever.

10 **A**rişe, and depärt! For **th**is **i**ş not **y**öur **r**esting **p**laçe, **b**eçause of **u**ncleanneş **th**at **d**estroyş, **e**ven **w**ith a **g**rievous **d**estruction.

11 If a man **w**á/king in a spirit of **f**alşehóod **l**iş: “I will **p**ropheçy to **y**ou of **w**ine and of strong drink”; **h**e **w**öü**d** be the **p**rophet of **th**is **p**eople.

12 I will **s**urely **a**ssemble, **J**acob, **á**ll of **y**ou; I will **s**urely **g**ather the remnant of **I**şrael; I will **p**üt **th**em **t**ogether **a**ş the **s**heep of Bozrah, **a**ş a flock in the middle of **th**eir **p**ásture; **th**ey will **sw**árm **w**ith **p**eople.

13 **H**e **wh**o **b**reaks **o**pen the **w**ay **g**oeş up **b**eföre **th**em. **T**hey **b**reak **t**hrough the **g**ate, and **g**o **o**ut. And **th**eir **k**ing **p**ässeş on **b**eföre **th**em, **w**ith **Y**ähweh at **th**eir **h**ead.

Micah 3

I said, “Please **l**isten, **y**ou **h**eadş of **J**acob, and **r**ulerş of the **h**ouse of **I**şrael: **I**şn’t it **f**ör **y**ou to **k**now **j**uştiçe?”

2 **Y**ou **wh**o **h**ate the **g**óod, and **l**öve the **e**vil; **wh**o **t**ear off **th**eir **s**kin, and **th**eir **f**lesh from off **th**eir **b**oneş;

3 **wh**o **á**lso **e**at the **f**lesh of my **p**eople, and **f**lay **th**eir **s**kin from off **th**em, and **b**reak **th**eir **b**oneş, and **c**hop **th**em in **p**ieçeş, **a**ş **f**ör the **p**ot, and **a**ş **f**lesh **w**ithin the **c**áuldrón.

4 **T**hen **th**ey will **c**ry to **Y**ähweh, but **h**e will not **a**nswer **th**em. **Y**es, **h**e will **h**ide his **f**açe from **th**em at **th**at **t**ime, **b**eçause **th**ey **m**ade **th**eir **d**eedş **e**vil.”

5 **Y**ähweh **s**ayş **c**onçêrning the **p**rophets **wh**o **l**ead my **p**eople **a**stray; **f**ör **th**oşe **wh**o **f**eed **th**eir **t**eeth, **th**ey **p**roclaim, “**P**eçe !” and **wh**oever **d**oşn’t **p**rovide **f**ör **th**eir **m**outhş, **th**ey **p**repare **w**á against him:

6 “**T**heréföre **n**ight **i**ş **o**ver **y**ou, **w**ith **n**o **v**işion, and it **i**ş **d**ärk to **y**ou, **th**at **y**ou **m**ay not **d**ivine; and the sun will **g**o **d**own on the **p**rophets, and the **d**ay will be **black** **o**ver **th**em.

7 The **seers** shall be disappointed, and the **diviners** confounded. Yes, **they** shall **á**ll **có**ver **the**ir lips; for **the**re **is** **no** answer from God.”[a]

8 But **as** **fó**r me, I am **full** of **pó**wer by **Yáhweh's** Spirit, and of **judg**ment, and of **mi**ght, to **de**clare to **Jacob** hiš **disó**bediençe, and to **Iš**rael hiš sin.

9 **Pleá**se listen to **this**, **yo**u **head**s of the **hou**se of **Jacob**, and **ruler**s of the **hou**se of **Iš**rael, **whó** **abhó**r **justi**çe, and **pervé**rt **á**ll **equi**ty.

10 **The**y build up **Zion** **with** **bló**od, and **Jeru**šalem **with** **ini**quity.

11 **Hé**r **leader**s **judg**e **fó**r **bribe**s, and **hé**r **priest**s **teach** **fó**r a **pric**e, and **hé**r **proph**ets of it tell **fó**rtuneš **fó**r **mó**ney: yet **the**y lean on **Yáhweh**, and **say**, “**Iš**n't **Yáhweh** **ám**ong us? No **disá**ster will **có**me on us.”

12 **The**refóre **Zion** **fó**r **yó**ur **sake** will be **pló**wed **like** a **fiel**d, and **Jeru**šalem will **becó**me **he**aps of rubble, and the **mountain** of the **templ**e **like** the **hi**gh **plac**eš of a forest.

Micah 4

But in the latter **day**s, it will happen **that** the **mountain** of **Yáhweh's** **templ**e will be **establi**shed on the top of the **mountain**s, and it will be **exá**lted **abó**ve the **hill**s; and **peop**leš will **stre**am to it.

2 Many **nation**s will **go** and **say**, “**Có**me, and let us **go** up to the **mountain** of **Yáhweh**, and to the **hou**se of the God of **Jacob**; and **he** will **teach** us of hiš **way**s, and **we** will **wá**lk in hiš **pá**thš.” For the **lá**w will **go** **ó**ut of **Zion**, and **Yáhweh's** **wó**rd from **Jeru**šalem;

3 and **he** will **judg**e **betwe**en many **peop**leš, and will **decide** **conç**erning strong **nation**s **afá**r off. **The**y will **be**at **the**ir **swó**rdš **intó** **plowsha**reš, and **the**ir **spears** **intó** **pru**ning **hó**okš. **Nation** will not lift up **swó**rd **agá**inst **nation**, **neither** will **the**y **lé**arn **wá**r any **mó**re.

4 But **the**y will sit every man under hiš **vine** and under hiš **fig tree**; and **no** one will **make** **the**m **afraid**:For the **mouth** of **Yáhweh** of **á**rmieš **haš** **spoke**n.

5 Indeed **á**ll the **nation**s **may** **wá**lk in the **name** of **the**ir **god**s; but **we** will **wá**lk in the **name** of **Yáhweh** **ó**ur God forever and ever.

6 “In **that day**,” **say**s **Yáhweh**, “I will **assemble** **that** **whi**ch **is** **lame**, and I will **gather** **that** **whi**ch **is** **driven** **away**, and **that** **whi**ch I have **afflicted**;

7 and I will **make** **that** **whi**ch **waš** **lame** a remnant, and **that** **whi**ch **waš** **cá**st **fá**r off a strong **nation**: and **Yáhweh** will **reign** **ó**ver **the**m on **Me**unt **Zion** from **the**n on, **even** forever.”

8 You, tower of the flock, the hill of the daughter of Zion, to you it will come, yes, the former dominion will come, the kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem.

9 Now Why do you cry out aloud? Is there no king in you? Has your counselor perished, that pains have taken hold of you as of a woman in travail?

10 Be in pain, and labor to give birth, daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail; for now you will go out of the city, and will dwell in the field, and will come even to Babylon. There you will be rescued. There Yähweh will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

11 Now many nations have assembled against you, that say, "Let her be defiled, and let our eye gloat over Zion."

12 But they don't know the thoughts of Yähweh, neither do they understand his counsel; for he has gathered them like the sheaves to the threshing floor.

13 Arise and thresh, daughter of Zion; for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hoofs brass; and you will beat in pieces many peoples; and I will devote their gain to Yähweh, and their substance to the Lord of the whole earth.

Micah 5

Now you shall gather yourself in troops, daughter of troops. He has laid siege against us. They will strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek.

2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah being small among the clans of Judah, out of you one will come out to me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings out are from of old, from ancient times.

3 Therefore he will abandon them until the time that she who is in labor gives birth. Then the rest of his brothers will return to the children of Israel.

4 He shall stand, and shall shepherd in the strength of Yähweh, in the majesty of the name of Yähweh his God: and they will live, for then he will be great to the ends of the earth.

5 He will be our peace when Assyria invades our land, and when he marches through our fortresses, then we will raise against him seven shepherds, and eight leaders of men.

6 They will rule the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in its gates. He will deliver us from the Assyrian, when he invades our land, and when he marches within our border.

7 The remnant of Jacob will be among many peoples, like dew from Yähweh, like showers on the grass, that don't wait for man, nor wait for the sons of men.

8 The remnant of **Jacob** will **be** among the **nations**, among many **people**, like a **lion** among the **animals** of the forest, like a young **lion** among the flocks of **sheep**; **who**, if he **goes through**, **treads down** and **tears in pieces**, and **there is no** one to deliver.

9 Let **yôur** hand **be** lifted up **above** **yôur** **adversaries**, and let **âll** of **yôur** **enemies** **be** cut off.

10 “It will happen in **that day**”, says **Yähweh**, “**that** I will cut off **yôur** **horses** **out** from among **you**, and will destroy **yôur** **chariots**.”

11 I will cut off the **cities** of **yôur** land, and will **tear down** **âll** **yôur** strongholds.

12 I will destroy **witchcraft** from **yôur** hand; and **you shall have no seethsayers**.

13 I will cut off **yôur** **engraved images** and **yôur** **pillars** **out** from among **you**; and **you shall no more worship** the **wörk** of **yôur** hands.

14 I will **uproot** **yôur** **Asherah poles** **out** from among **you**; and I will destroy **yôur** **cities**.

15 I will **execute** **vengeance** in anger, and **wrâth** on the **nations** **that** didn't listen.”

Micah 6

Listen **now** to **what** **Yähweh** says: “Arise, **plead** **yôur** **case** **before** the **mountains**, and let the **hills** **hear** **what** **you** have to **say**.”

2 **Hear, you** **mountains**, **Yähweh's** **controversy**, and **you** **enduring** **foundations** of the **earth**; for **Yähweh** has a **controversy** **with** his **people**, and **he** will contend **with** **Israel**.

3 My **people**, **what** have I **done** to **you**? How have I **burdened** **you**? Answer me!

4 For I **brought** **you** **up** **out** of the land of **Egypt**, and **redeemed** **you** **out** of the **house** of **bondage**. I sent **before** **you** **Moses**, **Aaron**, and **Miriam**.

5 My **people**, remember **now** **what** **Balak** king of **Moab** **devised**, and **what** **Balaam** the **son** of **Beor** **answered** him from **Shittim** to **Gilgal**, **that** **you** **may** **know** the **righteous** acts of **Yähweh**.”

6 **How** **shall** I **come** **before** **Yähweh**, and **bow** **myself** **before** the **exalted** **God**? Shall I **come** **before** him **with** **burnt** offerings, **with** **cäves** a **year** **old**?

7 Will **Yähweh** **be** **pleased** **with** **thousands** of **rams**? **With** tens of **thousands** of **river** of **oil**? Shall I **give** **my** **firstborn** **for** **my** **disobedience**? The **fruit** of **my** **body** **for** the **sin** of **my** **soul**?

8 He haş shown you, O man, *what iş good*. *What doeş Yăhweh require of you*, but to act justly, to love *mêrcy*, and to wălk humbly with yôur God?

9 Yăhweh's voiçe căllş to the çity, and wişdom seeş yôur name: "Listen to the rod, and he *who* appointed it.

10 Are *there* yet treaşureş of wickedness in the *house* of the wicked, and a *shôrt* ephah[a] that iş accursed?

11 Shall I be pure with dişhonest scaleş, and with a bag of deçeitful weights?

12 Hêr rich men äre full of violençe, hêr inhabitants speak lieş, and their *tongue iş* deçeitful in their *speech*.

13 *Therefore* I älsö have struck you with a grievous wound. I have made you *deşölate* because of yôur sinş.

14 You shall eat, but not be satisfied. Yôur *humiliation* will be within you. You will stôre up, but not save; and *that which* you save I will give up to the sword.

15 You will sow, but won't reap. You will tread the oliveş, but won't anoint yôurself with oil; and crush grapeş, but won't drink the wine.

16 For the statute of Omri äre kept, and äll the wôrks of Ahab's *house*. You wălk in their *counselş*, that I may make you a ruin, and hêr inhabitants a hissing; And you will bear the reproach of my people."

Micah 7

Mişery iş mine! Indeed, I am like one *who* gatherş the summer fruits, aş gleanings of the vineyard: *There iş no* cluster of grapeş to eat. My soul deşireş to eat the *ê*arly fig.

2 The godly man haş perished out of the *êarth*, and *there iş no* one upright among men. *They äll* lie in wait fôr blood; every man hunts hiş brother with a net.

3 *Their* handş äre on *that which* iş evil to do it diligently. The ruler and judge äsk fôr a bribe; and the powerful man dictates the evil deşire of hiş soul. *Thus they* conspire together.

4 The best of *them* iş like a brier. The most upright iş wôrse than a thôrn hedge. The day of yôur watchmen, even yôur *vişitation*, haş come; *now iş* the time of their *cônfuşion*.

5 Don't trust in a neighbor. Don't put confidence in a friend. With the woman lying in yôur embrace, be careful of the wôrds of yôur mouth!

6 For the s**on** d**is**honor**s** the f**ä**ther, the d**ä**ughter r**is**e**s** up against h**ê**r m**ö**ther, the d**ä**ughter-in-l**ä**w against h**ê**r m**ö**ther-in-l**ä**w; a man's enemies **ä**re the men of his own h**ö**use.

7 But a**s** f**ö**r me, I will l**ö**ok to Y**ä**hweh. I will wait f**ö**r the God of my salvation. My God will hear me.

8 Don't rejoice against me, my enemy. When I f**ä**ll, I will ar**is**e. When I sit in d**ä**rkness, Y**ä**hweh will be a light to me.

9 I will bear the indignation of Y**ä**hweh, because I have sinned against him, until he plead**s** my case, and execut**e**s judgment f**ö**r me. He will bring me **ö**ut to the light. I will see his righteousnes**s**.

10 Then my enemy will see it, and shame will cover h**ê**r who said to me, where is Y**ä**hweh y**ö**ur God? Then my enemy will see me and will cover h**ê**r shame. Now she will be trodden down like the mire of the streets.

11 A day to build y**ö**ur w**ä**ll**s** . In that day, he will extend y**ö**ur boundary.

12 In that day they will come to you from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, and from Egypt even to the River, and from sea to sea, and mountain to mountain.

13 Yet the land will be desolate because of those who dwell therein, for the fruit of their do**in**gs.

14 Shepherd y**ö**ur people with y**ö**ur st**ä**ff, the flock of y**ö**ur heritage, who dwell by themselves in a forest, in the middle of fertile pasture land, let them feed; in Bashan and Gilead, a**s** in the days of old.

15 "A**s** in the days of y**ö**ur coming **ö**ut of the land of Egypt, I will show them marvelous things."

16 The nations will see and be ashamed of **ä**ll their might. They will lay their hand on their mouth. Their ear**s** will be deaf.

17 They will lick the dust like a s**ê**rpent. Like crawling things of the **ê**ar**th** they shall come trembling **ö**ut of their dens. They will come with fear to Y**ä**hweh **ö**ur God, and will be afraid because of you.

18 Who is a God like you, who pardons iniquity, and p**ä**sse**s** over the disobedience of the remnant of his heritage? He d**ö**esn't retain his anger forever, because he delights in loving kindness.

19 He will again have compassion on us. He will tread **ö**ur iniquities under foot; and you will c**ä**st **ä**ll their sins into the depths of the sea.

20 You will give **truth** to Jacob, and **mêrcy** to Abraham, **aş** you have **swôrn** to **our** **fäthers** from the **days** of **old**.

Nahum 1

A **revelatiön** about Nineveh. The **boök** of the **vişion** of Nahum the Elkoshite.

2 Yähweh[a] is a **jealous** God[b] and **avenges**. Yähweh **avenges** and **iş** **füll** of **wrätth**. Yähweh **takes** **vengeançe** on his **advêrsaries**, and **he** maintains **wrätth** against his **enemies**.

3 Yähweh **iş** **slow** to **anger**, and **great** in **power**, and will **by no means** **leave** the **guilty** **unpunished**. Yähweh **haş** his **way** in the **whîrlwind** and in the **stôrm**, and the **cloudş** **äre** the **dust** of his **feet**.

4 **He** **rebukes** the **sea**, and **makes** it **dry**, and **drieş** up **äll** the **riverş**. Bashan **languishes**, and Carmel; and the **flower** of Lebanon **languishes**.

5 The **mountainş** **quake** befôre him, and the **hillş** **melt** away. The **êarth** **trembleş** at his **preşence**, yes, the **wôrd**, and **äll** **who** dwell in it.

6 **Who** can stand befôre his **indignatiön**? **Who** can **endure** the **fierçeness** of his **anger**? His **wrätth** **iş** **pôured** **out** like **fire**, and the **rocks** **äre** **broken** **apärt** **by** him.

7 Yähweh **iş** **gôod**, a **stronghold** in the **day** of **trouble**; and **he** **knowş** **thoşe** **who** **take** **refuge** in him.

8 But **with** an **overflowing** **flood**, **he** will **make** a **füll** end of **hêr** **plaçe**, and will **pûrsue** his **enemies** into **därkness**.

9 What **de** **you** plot **against** Yähweh? **He** will **make** a **füll** end. **Affliction** **won't** **rişe** up the **second** **time**.

10 For **entangled** like **thôrnş**, and **drunken** **aş** **with** **their** **drink**, **they** **äre** **consumed** utterly like **dry** **stubble**.

11 **There** **iş** **one** **gone** **out** of **you**, **who** **devişeş** **evil** **against** Yähweh, **who** **counselş** **wickedness**.

12 Yähweh **sayş**: “**Tho**ugh **they** **be** in **füll** **strength**, and **likewişe** **many**, **even** **so** **they** **will** **be** **cut** **down**, and **he** **shall** **päss** **away**. **Tho**ugh I have **afflicted** **you**, I will **afflict** **you** **no** **môre**.”

13 **Now** will I **break** his **yoke** from off **you**, and will **bûrst** **yôur** **bondş** **apärt**.”

14 Yähweh **haş** **commanded** **conçerning** **you**: “**No** **môre** **deçendants** will bear **yôur** **name**. Out of the **house** of **yôur** **godş**, will I **cut** off the **engraved** **image** and the **molten** **image**. I will **make** **yôur** **grave**, **fôr** **you** **äre** **vile**.”

15 Behold,[c] on the mountains the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace! Keep your feasts, Judah! Perform your vows, for the wicked one will no more pass through you. He is utterly cut off.

Nahum 2

He who dashes in pieces has come up against you. Keep the fortress! Watch the way! Strengthen your waist! Fortify your power mightily!

2 For Yāhweh restores the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel; for the destroyers have destroyed them, and ruined their vine branches.

3 The shield of his mighty men is made red. The valiant men are in scarlet. The chariots flash with steel in the day of his preparation, and the pine spears are brandished.

4 The chariots rage in the streets. They rush back and forth in the wide ways. Their appearance is like torches. They run like the lightnings.

5 He summons his picked troops. They stumble on their way. They dash to its wall, and the protective shield is put in place.

6 The gates of the rivers are opened, and the palace is dissolved.

7 It is decreed: she is uncovered, she is carried away; and her servants moan as with the voice of doves, beating on their breasts.

8 But Nineveh has been from of old like a pool of water, yet they flee away. "Stop! Stop!" they cry, but no one looks back.

9 Take the plunder of silver. Take the plunder of gold, for there is no end of the store, the glory of all goodly furniture.

10 She is empty, void, and waste. The heart melts, the knees knock together, their bodies and faces have grown pale.

11 Where is the den of the lions, and the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion and the lioness walked, the lion's cubs, and no one made them afraid?

12 The lion tore in pieces enough for his cubs, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his caves with the kill, and his dens with prey.

13 "Behold, I am against you," says Yāhweh of armies, "and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword will devour your young lions; and I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers will no longer be heard."

Nahum 3

Woe to the bloody city! It is **á**ll full of lies and robbery. The prey **d**oesn't depart.

2 The noise of the whip, the noise of the rattling of wheels, prancing horses, and bounding chariots,

3 the horseman mounting, and the flashing sword, the glittering spear, and a multitude of slain, and a great heap of corpses, and **there is no** end of the bodies. **They** stumble on **their** bodies,

4 because of the multitude of the prostitution of the alluring prostitute, the mistress of witchcraft, **who** sells nations through her prostitution, and families through her witchcraft.

5 "Behold, I am against you," says Yáhwéh of armies, "and I will lift your skirts over your face. I will show the nations your nakedness, and the kingdoms your shame.

6 I will throw abominable filth on you, and make you vile, and will set you a spectacle.

7 It will happen that **á**ll those who look at you will flee from you, and say, 'Nineveh is laid waste! **Who** will mourn for her? *You* Where will I seek comforters for you?'

8 Are you better than No-Amon,[a] who was situated among the rivers, who had the waters around her; whose rampart was the sea, and her wall was of the sea?

9 Cush and Egypt were her boundless strength. Put and Libya were her helpers.

10 Yet was she carried away. She went into captivity. Her young children also were dashed in pieces at the head of **á**ll the streets, and they cast lots for her honorable men, and **á**ll her great men were bound in chains.

11 You also will be drunken. You will be hidden. You also will seek a stronghold because of the enemy.

12 All your fortresses will be like fig trees with the first-ripe figs: if they are shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater.

13 Behold, your troops among you are women. The gates of your land are set wide open to your enemies. The fire has devoured your bars.

14 Draw water for the siege. Strengthen your fortresses. Go into the clay, and tread the mortar. Make the brick kiln strong.

15 There the fire will devour you. The sword will cut you off. It will devour you like the grasshopper. Multiply like grasshoppers. Multiply like the locust.

16 You have increased your merchants more than the stars of the skies. The grasshopper strips, and flees away.

17 Your guards are like the locusts, and your officials like the swarms of locusts, which settle on the walls on a cold day, but when the sun appears, they flee away, and their place is not known where they are.

18 Your shepherds slumber, king of Assyria. Your nobles lie down. Your people are scattered on the mountains, and there is no one to gather them.

19 There is no healing your wound, for your injury is fatal. All who hear the report of you clap their hands over you; for who hasn't felt your endless cruelty?

Habakkuk 1

The revelation which Habakkuk the prophet saw.

2 Yähweh,[a] how long will I cry, and you will not hear? I cry out to you "Violence!" and will you not save?

3 Why do you show me iniquity, and look at perversity? For destruction and violence are before me. There is strife, and contention rises up.

4 Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails; for the wicked surround the righteous; therefore justice comes out perverted.

5 "Look among the nations, watch, and wonder marvelously; for I am working a work in your days, which you will not believe though it is told you.

6 For, behold,[b] I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, that march through the width of the earth, to possess dwelling places that are not theirs.

7 They are feared and dreaded. Their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves.

8 Their horses also are swifter than leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves. Their horsemen press proudly on. Yes, their horsemen come from afar. They fly as an eagle that hurries to devour.

9 All of them come for violence. Their hordes face the desert. He gathers prisoners like sand.

10 Yes, he scoffs at kings, and princes are a derision to him. He laughs at every stronghold, for he builds up an earthen ramp, and takes it.

11 Then he sweeps by like the wind, and goes on. He is indeed guilty, whose strength is his god."

12 **A**ren't you from everlāsting, Yāhweh my God,[c] my Holy One? **We** will not die. Yāhweh, you have appointed him fōr judgment. You, Rock, have established him to punish.

13 You who have purer eyes than to see evil, and who cannot look on perversity, Why do you tolerate those who deal treacherously, and keep silent when the wicked swallows up the man who is more righteous than he,

14 and make men like the fish of the sea, like the creeping things, that have no ruler over them?

15 He takes up all of them with the hook. He catches them in his net, and gathers them in his dragnet. Therefore he rejoices and is glad.

16 Therefore he sacrifices to his net, and burns incense to his dragnet, because by them his life is luxurious, and his feed is good.

17 Will he therefore continually empty his net, and kill the nations without mercy.

Habakkuk 2

I will stand at my watch, and set myself on the ramparts, and will look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

2 Yāhweh answered me, "Write the vision, and make it plain on tablets, that he who runs may read it.

3 For the vision is yet fōr the appointed time, and it hurries toward the end, and won't prove false. Though it takes time, wait fōr it; because it will surely come. It won't delay.

4 Behold, his soul is puffed up. It is not upright in him, but the righteous will live by his faith.

5 Yes, moreover, wine is treacherous. A haughty man who doesn't stay at home, who enlarges his desire as Sheol,[a] and he is like death, and can't be satisfied, but gathers to himself all nations, and heaps to himself all people.

6 Won't all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, 'Woe to him who increases that which is not his, and who enriches himself by extortion! How long?'

7 Won't your debtors rise up suddenly, and wake up those who make you tremble, and you will be their victim?

8 Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples will plunder you, because of men's blood, and for the violence done to the land, to the city and to all who dwell in it.

9 Woe to him who gets an evil gain for his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the hand of evil!

10 You have devised shame to your house, by cutting off many peoples, and have sinned against your soul.

11 For the stone will cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the woodwork will answer it.

12 Woe to him who builds a town with blood, and establishes a city by iniquity!

13 Behold, isn't it of Yähwëh of armies that the peoples labor for the fire, and the nations weary themselves for vanity?

14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Yähwëh's glory, as the waters cover the sea.

15 "Woe to him who gives his neighbor drink, pouring your inflaming wine until they are drunk, so that you may gaze at their naked bodies!

16 You are filled with shame, and not glory. You will also drink, and be exposed! The cup of Yähwëh's right hand will come around to you, and disgrace will cover your glory.

17 For the violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, and the destruction of the animals, which made them afraid; because of men's blood, and for the violence done to the land, to every city and to those who dwell in them.

18 "What value does the engraved image have, that its maker has engraved it; the molten image, even the teacher of lies, that he who fashions its form trusts in it, to make mute idols?

19 Woe to him who says to the wood, 'Awake! You or to the mute stone, 'Arise! You shall this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all within it.

20 But Yähwëh is in his holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before him!"

Habakkuk 3

A prayer of Habakkuk, the prophet, set to victorious music.

2 Yahweh, I have heard of yôur fame. I stand in âwe of yôur deeds, Yâhweh. Renew yôur wôrk in the middle of the yearş. In the middle of the yearş make it known. In wrâth, you remember mērcy.

3 God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah.

Hiş glôry covered the heavens, and hiş praise filled the êarth.

4 Hiş splendor is like the sunrise. Rays shine from hiş hand, where hiş power is hidden.

5 Plague went before him, and pestilence followed hiş feet.

6 He stood, and shook the êarth. He looked, and made the nations tremble. The ancient mountains were crumbled. The age-old hills collapsed. Hiş ways are eternal.

7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction. The dwellings of the land of Midian trembled.

8 Was Yâhweh displeased with the rivers? Was yôur anger against the rivers, or yôur wrâth against the sea, that you rode on yôur horses, on yôur chariots of salvation?

9 You uncovered yôur bow. You called for yôur sworn arrows. Selah. You split the êarth with rivers.

10 The mountains saw you, and were afraid. The storm of waters passed by. The deep roared and lifted up its hands on high.

11 The sun and moon stood still in the sky, at the light of yôur arrows as they went, at the shining of yôur glittering spear.

12 You marched through the land in wrâth. You threshed the nations in anger.

13 You went out for the salvation of yôur people, for the salvation of yôur anointed. You crushed the head of the land of wickedness. You stripped them head to foot. Selah.

14 You pieced the heads of hiş warriors with their own spears. They came as a whirlwind to scatter me, gloating as if to devour the wretched in secret.

15 You trampled the sea with yôur horses, churning mighty waters.

16 I heard, and my body trembled. My lips quivered at the voice. Rottenness enters into my bones, and I tremble in my place, because I must wait quietly for the day of trouble, for the coming up of the people who invade us.

17 For **though** the fig tree **doesn't** flourish, nor fruit **be** in the **vines**; the labor of the olive **fails**, the **fields** yield **no** **feed**; the flocks **are** cut off from the **fold**, and **there is** **no** **herd** in the **stalls**:

18 yet I will rejoice in Yāhweh. I will **be** joyful in the God of my **salvation**!

19 Yāhweh, the Lōrd,[a] is my **strength**. He **makes** my **feet** like deer's **feet**, and **enables** me to go in **high** **places**.

Fōr the **music** director, on my **stringed** instruments.

Zephaniah 1

Yāhweh's[a] word **which** came to Zephaniah, the **son** of Cushi, the **son** of Gedaliah, the **son** of Amariah, the **son** of Hezekiah, in the **days** of Josiah, the **son** of Amon, king of **Judah**.

2 I will utterly **sweep** away every**thing** off of the **surface** of the **earth**, says Yāhweh.

3 I will **sweep** away man and animal. I will **sweep** away the **birds** of the **sky**, the **fish** of the **sea**, and the **heaps** of rubble **with** the wicked. I will cut off man from the **surface** of the **earth**, says Yāhweh.

4 I will **stretch** out my hand against **Judah**, and against **all** the inhabitants of **Jerusalem**. I will cut off the remnant of Baal from **this** **place**: the **name** of the idolatrous and **pagan** **priests**,

5 **those** who **worship** the **army** of the **sky** on the **housetops**, **those** who **worship** and swear **by** Yāhweh and **also** swear **by** Malcam,

6 **those** who have **turned** back from following Yāhweh, and **those** who haven't **sought** Yāhweh **nor** **inquired** **after** him.

7 Be silent at the **presence** of the Lōrd[b] Yahweh, **fōr** the **day** of Yāhweh **is** at hand. **Fōr** Yāhweh has **prepared** a **sacrifice**. He has **consecrated** his **guests**.

8 It will happen in the **day** of Yāhweh's **sacrifice**, **that** I will **punish** the **princes**, the king's **sons**, and **all** **those** who **are** **clothed** **with** foreign **clothing**.

9 In **that** **day**, I will **punish** **all** **those** who **leap** **over** the **threshold**, who fill **their** **master's** **house** **with** **violence** and **deceit**.

10 In **that** **day**, says Yāhweh, **there** will **be** the **noise** of a **cry** from the **fish** **gate**, a **wailing** from the **second** **quarter**, and a **great** crashing from the **hills**.

11 **Wail**, you inhabitants of **Maktesh**, **fōr** **all** the **people** of **Canaan** **are** **undone**! **all** **those** who **were** **loaded** **with** silver **are** cut off.

12 It will happen at **that time**, **that** I will **sêarch** Jeru**ş**alem with lamps, and I will punish the men **who äre** settled on **their dregş**, **who say** in **their heärt**, “Yähweh will not **de góod**, **neither** will he **de evil**.”

13 **Their wealth** will become a plunder, and **their houseş** a desolation. Yes, **they** will build **houseş**, but **won't** inhabit **them**. **They** will plant vine**yärdş**, but **won't** drink **their wine**.

14 The **great day** of Yähweh **iş near**. It **iş near**, and hurrieş **greatly**, the voi**ç**e of the **day** of Yähweh. The **mi**gh**ty** man **crieş there** bitterly.

15 **That day** **iş** a **day** of **wrät**h****, a **day** of distress and anguish., a **day** of trouble and ruin, a **day** of **dä**rkness and **gleem**, a **day** of **cloudş** and blackness,

16 a **day** of the trumpet and **älärm**, **against** the **förtified çitieş**, and **against** the **hi**gh**** battlements.

17 I will bring distress on men, **that they** will **wä**k like blind men, **beca**u**se they** have sinned **aga**inst Yähweh, and **their blood** will be **póured out** like dust, and **their flesh** like dung.

18 **Neither their silver nó**r **their gold** will be **able** to deliver **them** in the **day** of Yähweh'ş **wrät**h****, but the **whole** land will be **devoured** by the **fire** of hiş jealousy; **fó**r he will **make** an end, yes, a terrible end, of **äl thoşe** **who** dwell in the land.

Zephaniah 2

Gather **yó**ur**selveş** together, yes, gather together, **you nation** **that** haş **no shame**, **befó**re the appointed time **when** the **day pässeş aş** the **chäff**, **befó**re the **fi**er**ç**e anger of Yähweh **comeş** on **you**, **befó**re the **day** of Yähweh'ş anger **comeş** on **you**.

3 **Seek** Yähweh, **äl** **you** humble of the land, **who** have kept hiş **ó**rdinances. **Seek** **ri**gh**t**eousness. **Seek** **humility**. It **may be** **that** **you** will be hidden in the **day** of Yähweh'ş anger.

4 For Gaza will be **forsaken**, and Ashkelon a desolation. **They** will **drive out** Ashdod at **no**o**nday**, and Ekron will be **re**o**oted** up.

5 **Wo**e to the inhabitants of the **sea coast**, the **nati**o**n** of the Cherethites! Yähweh'ş **wó**rd **iş** **aga**inst **you**, Canaan, the land of the Philistines. I will destroy **you**, **that there** will be **no** inhabitant.

6 The **sea coast** will be **pä**stureş, with cottages **fó**r **shepherdş** and folds **fó**r flocks.

7 The coast will be fôr the remnant of the house of Judah. They will find pâsture. In the houses of Ashkelon, they will lie down in the evening, fôr Yâhweh, their God,[a] will visit them, and restôre them.

8 I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the insults of the children of Ammon, with which they have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against their border.

9 Therefore as I live, says Yâhweh of armies, the God of Israel, surely Moab will be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, a possession of nettles, and salt pits, and a perpetual desolation. The remnant of my people will plunder them, and the survivors of my nation will inherit them.

10 This they will have fôr their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of Yâhweh of armies.

11 Yahweh will be awesome to them, fôr he will famish all the gods of the land. Men will worship him, everyone from his place, even all the shores of the nations.

12 You Cushites also, you will be killed by my sword.

13 He will stretch out his hand against the north, destroy Assyria, and will make Nineveh a desolation, as dry as the wilderness.

14 Herds will lie down in the middle of her, all the animals of the nations. Both the pelican and the porcupine will lodge in its capitals. Their calls will echo through the windows. Desolation will be in the thresholds, fôr he has laid bare the cedar beams.

15 This is the joyous city that lived carelessly, that said in her heart, "I am, and there is no one beside me." How she has become a desolation, a place fôr animals to lie down in! Everyone who passes by her will hiss, and shake their fist.

Zephaniah 3

Woe to her who is rebellious and polluted, the oppressing city!

2 She didn't obey the voice. She didn't receive correction. She didn't trust in Yâhweh. She didn't draw near to her God.

3 Her princes within her are roaring lions. Her judges are evening wolves. They leave nothing until the next day.

4 Her prophets are arrogant and treacherous people. Her priests have profaned the sanctuary. They have done violence to the law.

5 Yahweh, **within** hêr, **iş** **righteous**. He will **de** **no** wrong. Every **mô**rnin**g** he brings his **justiç**e to **light**. He **doe**s'n't **fail**, but the unjust **know** **no** **shame**.

6 I have cut off **nation**s. **Their** battlements **äre** **deşolate**. I have **made** **their** **streets** **waste**, **so** **that** **no** one **pässeş** **by**. **Their** **çitieş** **äre** **destroyed**, **so** **that** **there** **iş** **no** man, **so** **that** **there** **iş** **no** inhabitant.

7 I said, "Just **fe**ar **me**. **Reç**eive **correctiön**, **so** **that** hêr dwelling **won't** **be** cut off, **accô**rding to **äll** **that** I have appointed **cönç**erning hêr." But **they** **roşe** **ë**arly and corrupted **äll** **their** **dö**ing**ş**.

8 "**The**refö**re** **wait** **för** me", sayş **Yäh**weh, "until the **day** **that** I **rişe** up to the prey, **för** my **detê**rmination **iş** to **gather** the **nation**s, **that** I **may** assemble the **kingdö**m**ş**, to **pö**ur on **them** my **indignatiön**, **even** **äll** my **fiê**rç**e** anger, **för** **äll** the **ë**arth will be **devo**ured **with** the **fi**re of my **jealousy**.

9 For **then** I will **Purify** the lips of the **peop**le**ş**, **that** **they** **may** **äll** **cäll** on **Yäh**weh's **name**, to **sê**rve him **shou**lder to **shou**lder.

10 From beyond the **river**ş of Cush, my **wör**ship**er**ş, **even** the **dä**ughter of my **dispê**r**sed** **peop**le, will bring my offering.

11 In **that** **day** **you** will not **be** disappointed **för** **äll** **yö**ur **dö**ing**ş**, in **whiçh** **you** have **tranş**gress**ed** **against** **me**; **för** **then** I will **take** **away** **ö**ut from **amö**ng **you** **yö**ur **prö**udly exulting **one**ş, and **you** will **no** **mö**re **be** **hä**ughty in my **hol**y **mö**untain.

12 But I will **le**ave **amö**ng **you** an afflicted and **pö**or **peop**le, and **they** will **take** **refu**ge in **Yäh**weh's **name**.

13 The remnant of **Iş**rael will not **de** **iniquity**, **nö**r **spe**ak **lie**ş, **neither** will a **deç**eit**ful** **tö**ngue **be** **fo**und in **their** **mö**uth, **för** **they** will **feed** and **lie** **down**, and **no** one will **make** **them** **afraid**."

14 Sing, **dä**ughter of Zion! **Shö**ut, **Iş**rael! **Be** glad and **rejoiç**e **with** **äll** **yö**ur **heä**rt, **dä**ughter of **Jeru**şalem.

15 **Yäh**weh **haş** **taken** **away** **yö**ur **judg**ments. **He** **haş** **th**rown **ö**ut **yö**ur **en**emy. The King of **Iş**rael, **Yäh**weh, **iş** **amö**ng **you**. **You** will not **be** **afraid** of **evil** any **mö**re.

16 In **that** **day**, it will **be** said to **Jeru**şalem, "Don't **be** **afraid**, Zion. Don't let **yö**ur **hand**ş **be** **we**ak."

17 **Yäh**weh, **yö**ur **God**, **iş** **amö**ng **you**, a **miçhty** **one** **whö** will **save**. **He** will **rejoiç**e **ö**ver **you** **with** **joy**. **He** will **cä**lm **you** in his **lö**ve. **He** will **rejoiç**e **ö**ver **you** **with** **singing**.

18 I will **remo**ve **thö**şe **whö** **grieve** **ö**ut about the appointed **fe**asts from **you**. **They** **äre** a **bü**rden and a **repro**ach to **you**.

19 Behold,[a] at **that time** I will deal with **all those** who afflict **you**, and I will save **those** who **are lame**, and gather **those** who **were** driven away. I will give **them** praise and honor, **whose** shame has been in **all the earth**.

20 At **that time** will I bring **you** in, and at **that time** will I gather **you**; **for** I will give **you** honor and praise among **all the people** of the **earth**, when I restore **your fortunes** before **your eyes**, says **Yahweh**.

Haggai 1

In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, **Yahweh's**[a] word came by Haggai, the prophet, to Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying,

2 “**This is** what **Yahweh** of armies says: **These** people say, 'The time hasn't yet come, the time **for** **Yahweh's** house to be built.’”

3 **Then** **Yahweh's** word came by Haggai, the prophet, saying,

4 “Is it a time **for** **you** yourselves to dwell in **your** paneled houses, while **this** house lies waste?”

5 **Now** therefore **this is** what **Yahweh** of armies says: Consider **your** ways.

6 **You** have sown much, and bring in little. **You** eat, but **you** don't have enough. **You** drink, but **you** aren't filled with drink. **You** clothe yourselves, but **no** one is warm, and **he** who earns wages earns wages to put them into a bag with holes in it.”

7 **This is** what **Yahweh** of armies says: “Consider **your** ways.

8 **Go** up to the mountain, bring wood, and build the house. I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified,” says **Yahweh**.

9 “**You** looked **for** much, and, behold,[b] it came to little; and when **you** brought it home, I blew it away. **Why?**” says **Yahweh** of armies, “**Because** of my house that lies waste, while **each** of **you** is busy with his own house.

10 **Therefore** **for** **your** sake the heavens withhold the dew, and the **earth** withholds its fruit.

11 I called **for** a drought on the land, on the mountains, on the grain, on the new wine, on the oil, on **that** which the ground produces, on men, on livestock, and on **all** the labor of the hands.”

12 **Then** Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with **all** the remnant of the people, obeyed **Yahweh**, their God's[c] voice,

and the wôrdş of Haggai, the prophet, aş Yähweh, **their** God, had sent him; and the people feared Yähweh.

13 **Then** Haggai, Yähweh's messenger, spoke Yähweh's message to the people, saying, "I am with you," sayş Yähweh.

14 Yähweh stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel, the sôn of Shealtiel, gôvernor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua, the sôn of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of **âll** the remnant of the people; and **they came** and wôrked on the house of Yähweh of **ârmieş**, **their** God,

15 in the twenty-fôurth day of the month, in the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

Haggai 2

In the seventh month, in the twenty-first day of the month, Yähweh's wôrd came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel, the sôn of Shealtiel, gôvernor of Judah, and to Joshua, the sôn of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

3 'Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glôry? How do you see it now? Isn't it in your eyes as nothing?

4 Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel, You sayş Yähweh. 'Be strong, Joshua, sôn of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, **âll** you people of the land, You sayş Yähweh, 'and wôrke, fôr I am with you, You sayş Yähweh of **ârmieş**.

5 **This is** the wôrd that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, and my Spirit lived among you. 'Don't be afraid.'

6 For **this is** what Yähweh of **ârmieş** sayş: 'Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, the **êarth**, the sea, and the dry land;

7 and I will shake **âll** nations. The precious things of **âll** nations will come, and I will fill **this** house with glôry, sayş Yähweh of **ârmieş**.

8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, You sayş Yähweh of **ârmieş**.

9 'The latter glôry of **this** house will be greater than the former, You sayş Yähweh of **ârmieş**; 'and in **this** place will I give peace, You sayş Yähweh of **ârmieş**."

10 In the twenty-fôurth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, Yähweh's wôrd came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

11 "Yähweh of **ârmieş** sayş: **âsk** now the priests concerning the **lâw**, saying,

12 'If **some**one carries **holy** **meat** in the **fold** of his **gärment**, and **with** his **fold** **touch**es bread, stew, **wine**, oil, **ör** any **feed**, will it **become** **holy**?"

The **priests** answered, "No."

13 **Then** Haggai said, "If one **who** **is** **unclean** by **reäson** of a dead body **touch** any of **the**se, will it **be** **unclean**?"

The **priests** answered, "It will **be** **unclean**."

14 **Then** Haggai answered, "**So** **is** **this** **people**, and **so** **is** **this** **nation** **beföre** **me**, **You** says **Yähweh**; 'and **so** **is** every **wörk** of **their** **hand**s. **That** **which** **they** offer **there** **is** **unclean**."

15 **Now**, **pleäse** **Cönsider** from **this** **day** and backward, **beföre** a **stone** **was** **laid** on a **stone** in **Yähweh**'s **temple**.

16 **Throug**h **äll** **that** **time**, **when** one **came** to a **heap** of twenty **meäsure**s, **there** **were** **only** ten. **When** one **came** to the **wine** vat to **dräw** **out** fifty, **there** **were** **only** twenty.

17 I struck **you** **with** **blight**, mildew, and **hail** in **äll** the **wörk** of **yöur** **hand**s; yet **you** didn't **törn** to **me**, **You** says **Yähweh**.

18 ' **Cönsider**, **pleäse**, from **this** **day** and backward, from the twenty-**föurth** **day** of the **ninth** **mönth**, **sinçe** the **day** **that** the **foundation** of **Yähweh**'s **temple** **was** **laid**, **Cönsider** it.

19 **Is** the **seed** yet in the **bärn**? Yes, the **wine**, the **fig** **tree**, the **pomegranate**, and the **olive** **tree** haven't **produced**. From **today** I will **bless** **you**."

20 **Yähweh**'s **wörd** **came** the **second** **time** to Haggai in the twenty-**föurth** **day** of the **mönth**, **saying**,

21 "Speäk to Zerubbabel, **gövernör** of **Judah**, **saying**, 'I will **shake** the **heaven**s and the **earth**."

22 I will **overthrow** the **throne** of **kingdöms**. I will **destroy** the **strength** of the **kingdöms** of the **nations**. I will **overthrow** the **chariöts**, and **thöse** **who** **ride** in **them**. The **hörse**s and **their** **riders** will **come** **down**, everyone **by** the **swörd** of his **brother**.

23 In **that** **day**, says **Yähweh** of **ärmies**, will I **take** **you**, Zerubbabel, **my** **sêrvant**, the **son** of Shealtiel, **You** says **Yähweh**, 'and will **make** **you** **as** a **signet**, **för** I have **chösen** **you**, **You** says **Yähweh** of **ärmies**."

Zechariah 1

In the **eighth** **mönth**, in the **second** **year** of Darius, **Yähweh**'s[a] **word** **came** to Zechariah the **son** of Berechiah, the **son** of Iddo, the **prophet**, **saying**,

2 “Yähweh waş very displeaşed with yôur fätherş.

3 Therefore tell them: Yähweh of ärmieş says: 'Return to me, You sayş Yähweh of ärmieş, 'and I will retûrn to you, You sayş Yähweh of ärmieş.

4 Don't you be like yôur fätherş, to whom the fôrmer prophets proclaimed, saying: Yähweh of ärmieş sayş, 'Return now from yôur evil wayş, and from yôur evil deingş; You but they did not hear, nôr listen to me, sayş Yähweh.

5 Yôur fätherş, where äre they? And the prophets, de they live forever?

6 But my wôrds and my decrees, which I commanded my sêrvants the prophets, didn't they overtake yôur fätherş?

“Then they repented and said, 'Just aş Yähweh of ärmieş detêrmined to de to us, accôrding to our wayş, and accôrding to our practiceş, so he haş dealt with us.’”

7 On the twenty-fôurth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, Yähweh's wôrd came to Zechariah the sôn of Berechiah, the sôn of Iddo, the prophet, saying,

8 “I had a vişion in the night, and behold,[b] a man riding on a red hôrse, and he stôod among the myrtle trees that wêre in a ravine; and behind him there wêre red, brown, and white hôrseş.

9 Then I äskeđ, 'My lôrd, what äre theşe?’”

The angel who tälkeđ with me said to me, “I will show you what theşe äre.”

10 The man who stôod among the myrtle treesş answered, “They äre the oneş Yähweh haş sent to go back and fôrth througħ the êarth.”

11 They repôrted to Yähweh'sş angel who stôod among the myrtle treesş, and said, “We have wälkeđ back and fôrth througħ the êarth, and behold, äll the êarth is at rest and in peaçe.”

12 Then Yähweh'sş angel replieđ, “O Yähweh of ärmieş, how long will you not have mêrcy on Jeruşalem and on the çitiesş of Judah, against which you have had indignatiön theşe seventy yearş?”

13 Yêhweh answered the angel who tälkeđ with me with kind and cômforting wôrds.

14 So the angel who tälkeđ with me said to me, “Proclaim, saying, 'Yahweh of ärmieş sayş: “I am jealous fôr Jeruşalem and fôr Zion with a great jealousy.

15 I am very angry with the nationş that äre at eaşe; fôr I waş but a little displeaşed, but they added to the calamity.”

16 **Therefore** Yähweh says: “I have ret^urn^ed to Jeru^salem with m^erçy. My house shall be built in it,” says Yähweh of ärmie^s, “and a line shall be stretched out over Jeru^salem.”

17 “Proclaim f^urther, saying, 'Yahweh of ärmie^s says: “My çitie^s will again overflow with prosperity, and Yähweh will again c^omfort Zion, and will again chee^se Jeru^salem.””

18 I lifted up my ey^es, and s^aw, and behold, f^our h^orn^s.

19 I äsked the angel wh^o t^alked with me, “What äre the^se?”

He answered me, “The^se äre the h^orn^s which have scattered Judah, I^srael, and Jeru^salem.”

20 Yähweh show^ed me f^our cräfts^men.

21 **Then** I äsked, “What äre the^se c^oming to d^e?”

He said, “These äre the h^orn^s which scattered Judah, so that no man lifted up hi^s head; but the^se have c^ome to terrify them, to c^ast d^own the h^orn^s of the nation^s, which lifted up their h^orn against the land of Judah to scatter it.”

Zechariah 2

I lifted up my ey^es, and s^aw, and behold, a man with a mea^suring line in hi^s hand.

2 **Then** I äsked, “Where äre you going?”

He said to me, “To mea^sure Jeru^salem, to see wh^at i^s its width and wh^at i^s its length.”

3 Behold, the angel wh^o t^alked with me went ^out, and another angel went ^out to meet him,

4 and said to him, “Run, speak to this young man, saying, ' Jeru^salem will be inhabited a^s village^s without w^all^s, beca^use of the multitude of men and liv^estock in it.

5 For I, You says Yähweh, 'will be to h^er a w^all of fire around it, and I will be the gl^ory in the middle of h^er.

6 C^ome! C^ome! Flee from the land of the n^orth, You says Yähweh; 'for I have spread you abr^oad a^s the f^our wind^s of the sky, You says Yähweh.

7 ' C^ome, Zion! Escape, you wh^o dwell with the d^aughter of Babylon.'

8 For Yähweh of ärmie^s says: 'For honor he ha^s sent me to the nation^s which plundered you; f^or he wh^o touche^s you touche^s the apple of hi^s ey^e.

9 For, behold, I will **shake** my hand over **them**, and **they** will be a plunder to **those** who **served** **them**; and **you** will **know** **that** Yähweh of **armies** has sent me.

10 Sing and rejoice, **daughter** of **Zion**; **for**, behold, I **come**, and I will dwell **within** **you**, **You** says Yähweh.

11 Many **nations** shall join **themselves** to Yähweh in **that** **day**, and **shall** be my **people**; and I will dwell **among** **you**, and **you** shall **know** **that** Yähweh of **armies** has sent me to **you**.

12 Yähweh will inherit **Judah** as **his** **portion** in the **holy** land, and will again **choose** **Jerusalem**.

13 **Be** silent, **all** **flesh**, **before** Yähweh; **for** he has **roused** himself from his **holy** habitation!"

Zechariah 3

He **showed** me Joshua the **high** **priest** standing **before** Yähweh's **angel**, and **Satan** standing at his **right** hand to be his **adversary**.

2 Yähweh said to **Satan**, "Yähweh **rebuke** **you**, **Satan**! Yes, Yähweh who has **chosen** **Jerusalem** **rebuke** **you**! Isn't **this** a **burning** stick plucked **out** of the **fire**?"

3 **Now** Joshua **was** **clothed** with **filthy** **garments**, and **was** standing **before** the **angel**.

4 He **answered** and **spoke** to **those** who **stood** **before** him, **saying**, "Take the **filthy** **garments** off of him." To him he said, "Behold, I have **caused** **your** **iniquity** to **pass** from **you**, and I will **clothe** **you** with **rich** **clothing**."

5 I said, "Let **them** set a **clean** **turban** on his **head**."

So **they** set a **clean** **turban** on his **head**, and **clothed** him; and Yähweh's **angel** **was** standing **by**.

6 Yähweh's **angel** protested to Joshua, **saying**,

7 "Yähweh of **armies** says: 'If **you** will **walk** in my **ways**, and if **you** will follow my **instructions**, **then** **you** **also** shall **judge** my **house**, and **shall** **also** **keep** my **courts**, and I will give **you** a **place** of **access** **among** **these** who **stand** **by**.'

8 **Hear** **now**, Joshua the **high** **priest**, **you** and **your** **fellow**s who **sit** **before** **you**; **for** **they** **are** men who **are** a **sign**: **for**, behold, I will bring **out** my **servant**, the **Branch**.

9 For, behold, the stone **that** I have set bef~~o~~re Joshua; on one stone **ä**re seven **ey**eş: behold, I will engrave its engraving, **You** sayş **Yähweh** of **ä**rmieş, 'and I will rem~~o~~ve the iniquity of **that** land in one day.

10 In **that** day, **You** sayş **Yähweh** of **ä**rmieş, ' you will invite every man hiş neighbor under the vine and under the fig tree.'”

Zechariah 4

The **angel** wh~~o~~ t~~a~~k~~e~~d with me came again, and wakened me, aş a man wh~~o~~ iş wakened ~~o~~ut of hiş sleep.

2 He said to me, “Wh~~a~~t d~~e~~ you see?”

I said, “I have seen, and behold, a lamp stand **ä**ll of gold, with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps on it; **there** **ä**re seven pipes to **each** of the lamps, **wh**ich **ä**re on the top of it;

3 and tw~~o~~ olive treeş by it, one on the right side of the bowl, and the **ö**ther on the left side of it.”

4 I answered and spoke to the **angel** wh~~o~~ t~~a~~k~~e~~d with me, saying, “Wh~~a~~t **ä**re theşe, my l~~ö~~rd?”

5 **Then** the **angel** wh~~o~~ t~~a~~k~~e~~d with me answered me, “Don't you know wh~~a~~t theşe **ä**re?”

I said, “No, my l~~ö~~rd.”

6 **Then** he answered and spoke to me, saying, “**This** iş **Yähweh**'ş w~~ö~~rd to Zerubbabel, saying, 'Not by **my** might, n~~ö~~r by **power**, but by **my** Spirit, **You** sayş **Yähweh** of **ä**rmieş.

7 wh~~o~~ **ä**re you, great m~~ö~~untain? Bef~~ö~~re Zerubbabel you **ä**re a plain; and he will bring ~~o~~ut the capstone with sh~~ö~~uts of 'Grace, gra~~ç~~e, to it!”

8 M~~ö~~reover **Yähweh**'ş w~~ö~~rd came to me, saying,

9 “The handş of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of **this** h~~ö~~use. Hiş handş shall **ä**lso finish it; and you will know **that** **Yähweh** of **ä**rmieş haş sent me to you.

10 **Inde**ed, wh~~o~~ despiseş the day of sm~~ä~~ll th~~i~~ngş? F~~ö~~r theşe seven shall rejoice, and shall see the L~~ö~~rdplumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. **Theşe** **ä**re **Yähweh**'ş **ey**eş, **wh**ich run back and f~~ö~~rth th~~r~~ough the whole **ë**arth.”

11 **Then** I **ä**ske~~d~~ him, “What **ä**re theşe tw~~o~~ olive treeş on the right side of the lamp stand and on the left side of it?”

12 I **äsked** him the **second time**, “**Whät äre theşe** **two** olive **branches**, **whiçh äre** beside the **two** golden **spouts**, **that pöur** the golden oil **out of theşelveş**?”

13 He **answered me**, “**Don't you know whät theşe äre**?”

I said, “**No, my lörd**.”

14 **Then he** said, “**Theşe äre** the **two** anointed ones **whö stand by** the **Lörd** [a] of the **whole êarth**.”

Zechariah 5

Then again I lifted up my **eyeş**, and **säw**, and **behold**, a **flying scroll**.

2 He **said to me**, “**Whät dö you see**?”

I **answered**, “I **see** a **flying scroll**; its **length iş** twenty **cubits**,[a] and its **width** ten **cubits**.”

3 **Then he** said to me, “**This iş** the **cürse** **thät goeş out over** the **sûrfaçe** of the **whole** land; **för** everyone **whö steaş shall be** cut off **accörding** to it on the **one side**; and everyone **whö sweaş falsely shall be** cut off **accörding** to it on the **öther side**.

4 I will **cäuşe** it to **go out**,” **sayş** **Yähweh** of **ärmieş**, “and it will enter **into** the **house** of the **thief**, and **into** the **house** of him **whö sweaş falsely by my name**; and it will **remain** in the middle of his **house**, and will **destroy** it **with** its timber and its **stoneş**.”

5 **Then** the **angel whö tälked with me** **came förward**, and **said to me**, “Lift up **now** **yöur eyeş**, and **see whät iş this thät iş** **appearing**.”

6 I said, “**Whät iş** it?”

He **said**, “**This iş** the ephah[b] basket **thät iş** **appearing**.” He **said möreover**, “**This iş** **their** **appearançe** in **ä**ll the land

7 (and **behold**, a talent[c] of lead **waş** lifted up); and **this iş** a **wöman** sitting in the middle of the ephah[d] basket.”

8 He **said**, “**This iş** **Wickedness**”; and he **threw** **hêr** **down into** the middle of the ephah **bäsket**; and he **threw** the **weight** of lead on its **möuth**.

9 **Then** lifted I up my **eyeş**, and **säw**, and **behold**, **there wêre** **two** women, and the wind **waş** in **their** wings. **Now they** had wings **like** the wings of a **störk**, and **they** lifted up the ephah **bäsket** **between êarth** and the **sky**.

10 **Then** I said to the **angel whö tälked with me**, “**Where äre theşe** carrying the ephah **bäsket**?”

11 He said to me, “To build hêr a house in the land of Shinar. When it is prepared, she will be set there in hêr own place.”

Zechariah 6

Again I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold, four chariots came out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.

2 In the first chariot were red horses; in the second chariot black horses;

3 in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot dappled horses, all of them powerful.

4 Then I asked the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?”

5 The angel answered me, “These are the four winds of the sky, which go out from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The one with the black horses goes out toward the north country; and the white went out after them; and the dappled went out toward the south country.”

7 The strong went out, and sought to go that they might walk back and forth through the earth: and he said, “Go around and through the earth!” So they walked back and forth through the earth.

8 Then he called to me, and spoke to me, saying, “Behold, those who go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.”

9 Yâhweh’s word came to me, saying,

10 “Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah; and come the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, where they have come from Babylon.

11 Yes, take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest;

12 and speak to him, saying, ‘Yâhweh of armies says, “Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: and he shall grow up out of his place; and he shall build Yâhweh’s temple;

13 even he shall build Yâhweh’s temple; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on his throne; and he shall be a priest on his throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

14 The crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in Yâhweh’s temple.

15 **Those** who **are** **fär** off **shall** **come** and **build** in **Yähweh's** temple; and **you** **shall** **know** **that** **Yähweh** of **ärmieş** **has** sent **me** to **you**. **This** will happen, if **you** will **diligently** **obey** **Yähweh** **yöur** **God's** **voicē**.”” [a]

Zechariah 7

In the **föurth** year of king Darius, **Yähweh's** **wörd** **came** to Zechariah in the **föurth** **day** of the **ninth** **month**, the **month** of Chislev.

2 The **people** of Bethel sent Sharezer and Regem Melech, and **their** men, to **entreat** **Yähweh's** **favor**,

3 and to **speak** to the **priests** of the **house** of **Yähweh** of **ärmieş**, and to the **prophets**, **saying**, “Should I **weep** in the **fifth** **month**, separating **myself**, **aş** I have **done** **thesē** **so** many **yearş**?”

4 **Then** the **wörd** of **Yähweh** of **ärmieş** **came** to **me**, **saying**,

5 “**Speak** to **äll** the **people** of the land, and to the **priests**, **saying**, 'When **you** **fästed** and **möurned** in the **fifth** and in the **seventh** **month** **för** **thesē** seventy **yearş**, did **you** at **äll** **fäst** to **me**, **really** to **me**?

6 **When** **you** **eat**, and **when** **you** **drink**, **don't** **you** **eat** **för** **yöurselveş**, and **drink** **för** **yöurselveş**?

7 **Aren't** **thesē** the **wördş** **which** **Yähweh** **proclaimed** **by** the **förmer** **prophets**, **when** **Jeruşalem** **wäş** inhabited and in prosperity, and its **çitieş** **around** **hêr**, and the **South** and the **lowland** **wêre** inhabited?”

8 **Yähweh's** **wörd** **came** to Zechariah, **saying**,

9 “**Thus** **has** **Yähweh** of **ärmieş** **spoken**, **saying**, ' **Execute** **true** **judgment**, and **show** **kindness** and **compassiön** every man to **hiş** **brother**.

10 **Don't** oppress the **widow**, **nör** the **fätherless**, the **foreigner**, **nör** the **pöor**; and let **nöne** of **you** **devisē** **evil** against **hiş** **brother** in **yöur** **heärt**.'

11 But **they** **refuşed** to **listen**, and **türned** **their** backs, and **stoppeđ** **their** **earş**, **that** **they** **might** not **hear**.

12 Yes, **they** **made** **their** **heärt**s **aş** **härd** **aş** **flint**, lest **they** **might** **hear** the **läw**, and the **wördş** **which** **Yähweh** of **ärmieş** had sent **by** **hiş** **Spirit** **by** the **förmer** **prophets**. **Thereföre** **great** **wrätth** **came** from **Yähweh** of **ärmieş**.

13 It **has** **come** to **päss** **that**, **aş** **he** **cälled**, and **they** **refuşed** to **listen**, **so** **they** will **cäll**, and I will not **listen**,” said **Yähweh** of **ärmieş**;

14 “but I will scatter **them with** a *whirlwind* among **á**ll the **nations** *which they have not known*. **Thus** the land **was** *desolate* **á**fter **them**, **so that** no man **pá**ssed **throu**gh **nó**r retúrned: **fó**r **they** made the pleáshant land **desó**late.”

Zechariah 8

The wórd of Yáhweh of **á**rmieş came to me.

2 Yáhweh of **á**rmieş says: “I am jealous **fó**r Zion **with** **gr**eat jealousy, and I am jealous **fó**r **hê**r **with** **gr**eat *wr*áth.”

3 Yáhweh says: “I have retúrned to Zion, and will dwell in the middle of Jeruşalem. Jeruşalem **sh**all **be** **cá**lled 'The **ç**ity of **Tr**uth; **Y**ou and the **m**ountain of Yáhweh of **á**rmieş, 'The Holy **M**ountain.’”

4 Yáhweh of **á**rmieş says: “Old men and **old** women will **again** dwell in the **streets** of Jeruşalem, every man **with** **hiş** **stá**ff in **hiş** hand **fó**r very **ag**e.

5 The **streets** of the **ç**ity will **be** **fú**ll of **bo**yş and **gí**rłş **pl**aying in its **streets**.”

6 Yáhweh of **á**rmieş says: “If it **iş** **má**rvelous in the **ey**ş of the remnant of **this** **pe**ople in **thoş**e **day**ş, **shó**uld it **á**lso **be** **má**rvelous in **my** **ey**ş?” says Yáhweh of **á**rmieş.

7 Yáhweh of **á**rmieş says: “Behold, I will **save** **my** **pe**ople from the **e**ast country, and from the west country;

8 and I will bring **them**, and **they** will dwell **with**in Jeruşalem; and **they** will **be** **my** **pe**ople, and I will **be** **their** God, in **tr**uth and in **ri**ghteousness.”

9 Yáhweh of **á**rmieş says: “Let **yó**ur **hand**ş **be** strong, **yo**u **wh**o hear in **thes**e **day**ş **thes**e **wó**rdş from the **m**outh of the **pr**ophets **wh**o **wê**re in the **day** **th**at the **f**oundation of the **h**ouse of Yáhweh of **á**rmieş **was** laid, **even** the temple, **th**at it **m**ight **be** built.

10 For **befó**re **thoş**e **day**ş **ther**e **was** **no** **wag**eş **fó**r man, **nó**r any **wag**eş **fó**r an animal; **neither** **was** **ther**e any **pe**açe to him **wh**o went **out** **ó**r came in, **becá**use of the **ad**vêrsary. **Fó**r I set **á**ll men everyone **ag**ainst **hiş** **neigh**bor.

11 But **n**ow I will not **be** to the remnant of **this** **pe**ople **aş** in the **fó**rmer **day**ş,” says Yáhweh of **á**rmieş.

12 “For the **seed** of **pe**açe and the **vine** will **yield** its **fr**uit, and the **gr**ound will **give** its **inc**reáse, and the **heav**enş will **give** **their** dew; and I will **cá**use the remnant of **this** **pe**ople to inherit **á**ll **thes**e **th**ingş.

13 It **shall come** to **päss** **that**, **aş** **you wêre** a **cûrse** among the **nations**, **house** of **Judah** and **house** of **Işrael**, **so** will I **save** **you**, and **you shall be** a blessing. **Don't be afraid**. Let **yôur hands be** strong."

14 For **Yähweh** of **ärmieş** says: "As I **thôught** to **de** **evil** to **you**, when **yôur fäthers** **provoked** me to **wrätth**," says **Yähweh** of **ärmieş**, "and I didn't repent;

15 **so** again have I **thôught** in **thesê** **days** to **de** **góod** to **Jeruşalem** and to the **house** of **Judah**. **Don't be** afraid.

16 **Thesê** **äre** the **things** **that** **you shall de**: **speak** every man the **truth** with **hiş** **neighbor**. **Execute** the judgment of **truth** and **peaçe** in **yôur gates**,

17 and let **none** of **you** **devişe** **evil** in **yôur** **heärts** **against** **hiş** **neighbor**, and **love** **no** **fälse oath**: **fôr** **äl** **thesê** **äre** **things** **that** I **hate**," says **Yähweh**.

18 The **wôrd** of **Yähweh** of **ärmieş** **came** to me.

19 **Yähweh** of **ärmieş** says: "The **fästs** of the **fôurth** **fifth**, **seventh**, and **tenth** **months** **shall be** **fôr** the **house** of **Judah** **joy** and **gladness**, and **cheerful** **feasts**. **Therefore** **love** **truth** and **peaçe**."

20 **Yähweh** of **ärmieş** says: "Many **peoples**, and the inhabitants of many **çities** will yet **come**;

21 and the inhabitants of one **shall go** to another, **saying**, 'Let us **go** **speedily** to **entreat** the **favor** of **Yähweh**, and to **seek** **Yähweh** of **ärmieş**. I will **go** **älso**.'

22 Yes, many **peoples** and strong **nations** will **come** to **seek** **Yähweh** of **ärmieş** in **Jeruşalem**, and to **entreat** the **favor** of **Yähweh**."

23 **Yähweh** of **ärmieş** says: "In **thosê** **days**, ten men will **take** **hold**, **out** of **äl** the **languages** of the **nations**, **they** will **take** **hold** of the **skîrt** of him **who** **iş** a **Jew**, **saying**, 'We will **go** with **you**, **fôr** we have **heard** **that** **God** **iş** with **you**.'"

Zechariah 9

A **revelation**.

Yähweh's **wôrd** **iş** **against** the land of **Hadrach**, and will rest upon **Damascus**; for the **eye** of man and of **äl** the **tribes** of **Işrael** **iş** **towârd** **Yähweh**;

2 and **Hamath**, **älso**, **which** **bôrders** on it; **Tyre** and **Sidon**, **becaûsê** **they** **äre** very **wişe**.

3 **Tyre** **built** **hêrself** a **stronghold**, and **heaped** up **silver** **like** the **dust**, and **fine** **gold** **like** the **mirê** of the **streets**.

4 Behold, the L^ord will dispo^ssess h^er, and he will stri^ke h^er power in the sea; and she will be devoured with fire.

5 Ashkelon will see it, and fear; Gaza ^also, and will with^e in agony; a^s will Ekron, f^or h^er expectati^on will be disappointed; and the king will perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon will not be inhabited.

6 Foreigners^s, will dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

7 I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominati^on^s from between his teeth; and he ^also will be a remnant f^or our God; and he will be a^s a chieftain^s in Judah, and Ekron a^s a Jebusite.

8 I will encamp around my house against the ^arm^y, that no one pass th^rough ^or return; and no oppressor will pass th^rough them any m^ore: for now I have seen with my eyes^s.

9 Rejoice greatly, d^aughter of Zion! Shout, d^aughter of Jeru^salem! Behold, y^our King comes to you! He is righteous, and having salvation; lowly, and riding on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

10 I will cut off the chari^ot from Ephraim, and the h^orse from Jeru^salem; and the battle bow will be cut off; and he will speak peace to the nation^s: and his d^ominion will be from sea to sea, and from the River to the end^s of the e^arth.

11 As f^or you ^also, because of the blood of y^our covenant, I have set free y^our prisoner^s from the pit in which is no w^ater.

12 T^urn to the strongh^old, you prisoner^s of hope! Even today I declare that I will rest^ore double to you.

13 For indeed I bend Judah a^s a bow f^or me. I have filled the bow with Ephraim; and I will stir up y^our son^s, Zion, against y^our son^s, Gree^çe, and will make you like the sword of a mi^ghty man.

14 Y^ahweh will be seen over them; and his arrow will go flash like lightning; and the L^ord Y^ahweh will blow the trumpet, and will go with whⁱrlwind^s of the south.

15 Y^ahweh of ^armie^s will defend them; and they will destroy and overc^ome with sling stone^s; and they will drink, and roar a^s th^rough wine; and they will be filled like bowl^s, like the c^orn^er^s of the alt^ar.

16 Y^ahweh their God will save them in that day a^s the flock of his people; for they are like the jewel^s of a crown, lifted on hi^gh over his land.

17 For how great is his good^oness, and how great is his beauty! Grain will make the young men flourish, and new wine the vir^gin^s.

Zechariah 10

Ask of Yähweh rain in the spring time, Yähweh who makes storm clouds, and he gives rain showers to everyone for the plants in the field.

2 For the teraphim[a] have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie; and they have told false dreams. They comfort in vain. Therefore they go their way like sheep. They are oppressed, because there is no shepherd.

3 My anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will punish the male goats; For Yähweh of armies has visited his flock, the house of Judah, and will make them as his majestic horse in the battle.

4 From him will come the cornerstone, from him the nail, from him the battle bow, from him every ruler together.

5 They shall be as mighty men, treading down muddy streets in the battle; and they shall fight, because Yähweh is with them; and the riders on horses will be confounded.

6 "I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them back; for I have mercy on them; and they will be as though I had not cast them off: for I am Yähweh their God, and I will hear them.

7 Ephraim will be like a mighty man, and their heart will rejoice as through wine; yes, their children will see it, and rejoice. Their heart will be glad in Yähweh.

8 I will signal for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them; and they will increase as they have increased.

9 I will sow them among the peoples; and they will remember me in far countries; and they will live with their children, and will return.

10 I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and there won't be room enough for them.

11 He will pass through the sea of affliction, and will strike the waves in the sea, and all the depths of the Nile will dry up; and the pride of Assyria will be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt will depart.

12 I will strengthen them in Yähweh; and they will walk up and down in his name," says Yähweh.

Zechariah 11

Open your doors, Lebanon, that the fire may devour your cedars.

2 Wail, **cypress tree**, fôr the **cedar** haş fällen, becauše the **stately oneş** äre destroyed. Wail, **you oaks** of Bashan, for the strong forest haş come down.

3 A voiçe of the wailing of the **shepherdş**! For **their glôry** iş destroyed: a voiçe of the rôaring of young **liônş**! For the pride of the **Jôrdan** iş ruined.

4 **Yähweh** my God sayş: “**Feed** the flock of slâughter.

5 **Their buyerş** slâughter **them**, and go unpunished.. **Thoşe** **who** sell **them** say, 'Blessed be **Yähweh**, fôr I am **rich**; **You** and **their own shepherdş** don't pity **them**.

6 For I will **no môre** pity the inhabitants of the land,” sayş **Yähweh**; “but, behold, I will deliver the men everyone into hiş neighbor'ş hand, and into the hand of hiş king. **They** will strike the land, and out of **their** hand I will not deliver **them**.”

7 So I fed the flock of slâughter, espeçially the oppressed of the flock. I **tôok** fôr myself **two** staffs. The one I cälläed “Favor”, and the **ôther** I cälläed “Union”, and I fed the flock.

8 I cut off the **three shepherdş** in one month; fôr **my** soul waş weary of **them**, and **their** soul **älso** loathed me.

9 **Then** I said, “I will not **feed** you. **That which dieş**, let it die; and **that which iş** to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let **thoşe** **who** äre left eat **each** other's flesh.”

10 I **tôok** my stäff Favor, and cut it apärt, **that** I might break my covenant **that** I had made with **äl** the peopleş.

11 It waş broken in **that** day; and **thus** the pôor of the flock **that** listened to me knew **that** it waş **Yähweh'ş** wôrd.

12 I said to **them**, “If **you** **think** it best, give me **my** wages; and if not, **keep** **them**.” **So** they weighed fôr **my** wages **thirty** piçeş of silver.

13 **Yähweh** said to me. **Throw** it to the potter, the handsome priçe **that** I waş valued at by **them**!” I **tôok** the **thirty** piçeş of silver, and **threw** **them** to the potter, in **Yähweh'ş** house.

14 **Then** I cut apärt my **ôther** stäff, **even** **Union**, **that** I might break the brotherhóod between Judah and **Işrael**.

15 **Yähweh** said to me, “**Take** fôr **yôurself** yet again the **equipment** of a **foolish** shepherd.

16 For, behold, I will **raiş** up a **shepherd** in the land, **who** will not vişit **thoşe** **who** äre cut off, **neither** will seek **thoşe** **who** äre scattered, **nôr** heal **that** **which** iş broken, **nôr** feed **that** **which** iş sound; but he will eat the **flesh** of the fat **sheep**, and will tear **their** hóofs in piçeş.

17 **Woe** to the **worthless shepherd who leaves** the flock! The **sword** will **be** on his **ä**rm, and on his **right eye**. His **ä**rm will **be completely withered**, and his **right eye** will **be totally blinded!**"

Zechariah 12

A **revelation**, **Yähweh's word concerning** **Išrael**. **Yähweh, who stretches out** the **heavens**, and **lays** the **foundation** of the **earth**, and **förmş** the **spirit** of **man** **within** him **says**:

2 "Behold, I will **make** **Jerusalem** a **cup of reeling** to **ä**ll the **surrounding peopleş**, and it will **ä**lso **be** on **Judah** in the **siege** against **Jerusalem**.

3 It will happen in **that day**, **that** I will **make** **Jerusalem** a **bürdensöme stone** **för** **ä**ll the **peopleş**. **ä**ll **who burden** **themselves** **with** it will **be** **severely wounded**, and **ä**ll the **nationş** of the **earth** will **be** **gathered together** against it.

4 In **that day**," says **Yähweh**, "I will **strike** every **hö**rse **with** **terror**, and his **ri**der **with** **madness**; and I will **open** my **eyeş** on the **hou**se of **Judah**, and will **strike** every **hö**rse of the **peopleş** **with** **blindness**.

5 The **chieftainş** of **Judah** will **say** in **their** **heä**rt, 'The inhabitants of **Jerusalem** **ä**re my **streng**th in **Yähweh** of **ä**rmieş **their** **God**.'

6 In **that day** I will **make** the **chieftainş** of **Judah** **like** a **pan** of **fire** among **wö**öd, and **like** a **flaming tö**rch among **she**aveş; and **they** will **de**vour **ä**ll the **surrounding** **peopleş**, on the **right** hand and on the **left**; and **Jerusalem** will yet **again** dwell in **their** **own** **plac**e, **even** in **Jerusalem**.

7 **Yähweh** **ä**lso will **save** the **tents** of **Judah** **f**irst, **that** the **glö**ry of **David's** **hou**se and the **glö**ry of the inhabitants of **Jerusalem** not **be** **magnified** **abö**ve **Judah**.

8 In **that day** **Yähweh** will **defend** the inhabitants of **Jerusalem**. **He** **who** **iş** **feeble** among **them** at **that day** will **be** **like** **David**, and **David's** **hou**se will **be** **like** **God**, **like** **Yähweh's** **angel** **befö**re **them**.

9 It will happen in **that day**, **that** I will **seek** to **destroy** **ä**ll the **nationş** **that** **cö**me **again**st **Jerusalem**.

10 I will **pö**ur on **David's** **hou**se, and on the inhabitants of **Jerusalem**, the **spir**it of **grac**e and of **supplic**ation; and **they** will **löö**k to **me**[a] **whö**m **they** have **pi**erced; and **they** **shall** **mö**urn **för** him, **aş** **one** **mö**urnş **för** his **only** **son**, and will **grieve** **bitterly** **för** him, **aş** **one** **grieves** **för** his **f**irstbörn.

11 In **that day** **there** will **be** a **great** **mö**urning in **Jerusalem**, **like** the **mö**urning of **Hadadrimmon** in the **valley** of **Megiddon**.

12 The land will mōurn, every family apärt; the family of David's house apärt, and **their wiveş** apärt; the family of the house of Nathan apärt, and **their wiveş** apärt;

13 the family of the house of Levi apärt, and **their wiveş** apärt; the family of the Shimeites apärt, and **their wiveş** apärt;

14 **â**ll the familieş **wh**e remain, every family apärt, and **their wiveş** apärt.

Zechariah 13

“In **that day** **there** will be a spring opened to David's house and to the inhabitants of Jeruşalem, **f**ör sin and **f**ör uncleanness.

2 It will cōme to päss in **that day**, sayş Yähweh of **ä**rmieş, **that** I will cut off the **nameş** of the **idolş** out of the land, and **they** will be remembered **no** mōre. I will **ä**lso **cä**uße the **prophets** and the spirit of impurity to päss out of the land.

3 It will happen **that**, *when* anyone still **prophesieş**, **then** hiş **fä**ther and hiş **m**öther **wh**e bōre him will tell him, ‘**You** must die, **becä**uße **you** speak **lieş** in Yähweh's **name**; **You** and hiş **fä**ther and hiş **m**öther **wh**e bōre him will stab him *when* he **prophesieş**

4 It will happen in **that day**, **that** the **prophets** will **each** be **ashamed** of hiş **vişion**, *when* he **prophesieş**; **neither** will **they** wear a **hair**y mantle to **deçe**ive:

5 but he will say, 'I am **no** **prophet**, I am a tiller of the **ground**; **f**ör I have **been** made a bonds^er^vant from my **youth**.'

6 One will say to him, ' **Whät** **ä**re **theş**e **woundş** **between** **y**öur **ä**rmş? **You** **Then** he will answer, ' **Thoş**e **with** **whi**ch I **wäş** wounded in the **house** of my **friendş**. **You**

7 “**Awake**, **sw**örd, **again**st my **shepherd**, and **again**st the man **wh**e **iş** **cloş**e to me,” sayş Yähweh of **ä**rmieş. “**Strike** the **shepherd**, and the **sheep** will be scattered; and I will **t**urn my hand **again**st the little oneş.

8 It **shall** happen **that** in **ä**ll the land,” sayş Yähweh, “two **pä**rts in it will be cut off and **die**; but the **th**ird will be left in it.

9 I will bring the **th**ird **pä**rt into the **fire**, and will **refine** **them** aş **silver** **iş** **refined**, and will test **them** **like** **gold** **iş** tested. **They** will **cä**ll on my **name**, and I will **hear** **them**. I will say, 'It **iş** my **pe**ople;' and **they** will say, 'Yähweh **iş** my **God**.'”

Zechariah 14

Behold, a **day** of Yähweh **c**ömeş, *when* **y**öur plunder will be **divided** **with**in **you**.

2 For I will gather **á**ll **nati**óns against Jeru**ş**alem to battle; and the **ç**ity will be taken, the **hou**se**ş** rifled, and the women ravished. **Hä**if of the **ç**ity will go **o**ut into captivity, and the rest of the **pe**ople will not be cut off from the **ç**ity.

3 **Then** **Yäh**weh will go **o**ut and fight against **tho**se **nati**óns, **aş** when he **fö**ught in the **day** of battle.

4 **Hiş** **fe**et will stand in **that** **day** on the **Mo**unt of Olive**ş**, **whi**ch **iş** bef**ö**re Jeru**ş**alem on the **e**ast; and the **Mo**unt of Olive**ş** will be split in **two**, from **e**ast to west, making a very **gre**at valley. **Hä**if of the **mo**untain will **me**ve tow**á**rd the **nó**rth, and **hä**if of it tow**á**rd the **so**uth.

5 **You** shall **flee** by the valley of **my** **mo**untain**ş**; **för** the valley of the **mo**untain**ş** shall **re**ach to Azel; yes, **yo**u shall **flee**, just **li**ke **yo**u fled from bef**ö**re the **é**arthquake in the **day**ş of Uzziah king of Judah. **Yäh**weh **my** **Go**d will **cö**me, and **á**ll the **ho**ly one**ş** with **yo**u.[a]

6 It will happen in **that** **day**, **that** **there** will not be **li**ght, **cold**, **ör** frost.

7 It will be a **uni**que **day** **whi**ch **iş** **kn**own to **Yäh**weh; not **day**, and not **ni**ght; but it will **cö**me to **pä**ss, **that** at **e**vening **ti**me **there** will be **li**ght.

8 It will happen in **that** **day**, **that** living **wá**ter**ş** will go **o**ut from Jeru**ş**alem; **hä**if of **them** tow**á**rd the **e**astern **se**a, and **hä**if of **them** tow**á**rd the western **se**a; in summer and in winter will it be.

9 **Yäh**weh will be **King** **o**ver **á**ll the **é**arth. In **that** **day** **Yäh**weh will be **one**, and **hiş** **na**me **one**.

10 All the land will be **ma**de **li**ke the Arabah, from Geba to Rimmon **so**uth of Jeru**ş**alem; and **she** will be lifted up, and will dwell in **hê**r **plac**e, from Benjamin's **gat**e to the **plac**e of the **f**irst **gat**e, to the **cö**rner **gat**e, and from the **to**wer of Hananel to the king's **wi**ne **pres**se**ş**.

11 Men will dwell **there**in, and **there** will be **no** **mö**re **cü**rse; but Jeru**ş**alem will dwell **saf**ely.

12 **This** will be the **plag**ue with **whi**ch **Yäh**weh will **stri**ke **á**ll the **pe**ople**ş** **who** have **fö**ught against Jeru**ş**alem: **the**ir **flesh** will **cö**nsume away **whi**le **the**y stand on **the**ir **fe**et, and **the**ir **ey**e**ş** will **cö**nsume away in **the**ir sockets, and **the**ir **tö**ngue will **cö**nsume away in **the**ir **mou**th.

13 It will happen in **that** **day**, **that** a **gre**at panic from **Yäh**weh will be **amö**ng **them**; and **the**y will **lay** **ho**ld everyone on the hand of **hiş** **neigh**bor, and **hiş** hand will **ri**şe up against the hand of **hiş** **neigh**bor.

14 Judah **á**lso will **fi**ght at Jeru**ş**alem; and the wealt**h** of **á**ll the surrou**nd**ing nation**ş** will **be** **gath**ered together: **g**old, and silver, and **cl**othing, in **gr**eat abundan**ç**e.

15 **S**o will **be** the **pl**ague of the **h**ó**r**se, of the **m**ule, of the camel, and of the donkey, and of **á**ll the animal**ş** **th**at will **be** in **tho**ş**e** camps, **aş** **th**at **pl**ague.

16 It will happen **th**at everyone **wh**o **iş** left of **á**ll the nation**ş** **th**at **ca**me against Jeru**ş**alem will **go** up from **ye**ar to **ye**ar to **w**ó**r**ship the King, Yá**h**weh of **á**rmie**ş**, and to **ke**ep the **fe**ast of tents.

17 It will **be**, **th**at **wh**oever of **á**ll the familie**ş** of the **é**ar**th** **d**o**eş**n't **go** up to Jeru**ş**alem to **w**ó**r**ship the King, Yá**h**weh of **á**rmie**ş**, on **th**em **th**ere will **be** **no** rain.

18 If the family of **E**gypt **d**o**eş**n't **go** up, and **d**o**eş**n't **co**me, **ne**ither will it **ra**in on **th**em. **T**his will **be** the **pl**ague **with** **wh**ich Yá**h**weh will **stri**ke the nation**ş** **th**at **d**o**n**'t **go** up to **ke**ep the **fe**ast of tents.

19 **T**his will **be** the **pu**nish**me**nt of **E**gypt, and the **pu**nish**me**nt of **á**ll the nation**ş** **th**at **d**o**n**'t **go** up to **ke**ep the **fe**ast of tents.

20 In **th**at **da**y **th**ere will **be** on the bell**ş** of the **h**ó**r**se**ş**, "HOLY TO YAHWEH"; and the pots in Yá**h**weh'**ş** **ho**use will **be** **li**ke the bowl**ş** **be**fo**r**e the **á**ltar.

21 Yes, every pot in Jeru**ş**alem and in **J**udah will **be** **ho**ly to Yá**h**weh of **á**rmie**ş**; and **á**ll **tho**ş**e** **wh**o **s**acrific**e** will **co**me and **ta**ke of **th**em, and **co**ok in **th**em. In **th**at **da**y **th**ere will **no** longer **be** a **C**anaanite in the **ho**use of Yá**h**weh of **á**rmie**ş**.

Malachi 1

A revelati**o**n, Yá**h**weh'**ş**[a] **w**ó**r**d to **I**ş**r**ael by Malachi.

2 "I have **lo**ved **yo**u," say**ş** Yá**h**weh.

Yet **yo**u say, "H**o**w have **yo**u **lo**ved us?"

"**W**aşn't Esau Jacob's **br**ó**th**er?" say**ş** Yá**h**weh, "Yet I **lo**ved **J**acob;

3 but Esau I **h**ated, and **ma**de hi**ş** **mo**untain**ş** a **de**solati**o**n , and **ga**ve hi**ş** **he**ritage to the jackal**ş** of the wilderness."

4 **W**herea**ş** Edom say**ş**, "We **á**re **be**aten **do**wn, but **we** will **re**tú**r**n and **bu**ild the **wa**ste places"; Yá**h**weh of **á**rmie**ş** say**ş**, "They **sh**all **bu**ild, but I will **th**row **do**wn; and men will **ca**ll **th**em 'The Wicked Land,**Y**ou **ev**en the **pe**ople **ag**ainst **wh**o**m** Yá**h**weh **sh**ow**ş** **w**rá**th** forever."

5 **Y**ó**u**r **ey**e**ş** will **se**e, and **yo**u will say, "Y**ah**weh **iş** **gr**eat — even beyond the **b**ó**r**der of **I**ş**r**ael!"

6 “A s**on** honor**s** hi**s** f**ather**, and a s**ervant** hi**s** m**aster**. If I am a f**ather**, **then** *where is my honor?* And if I am a m**aster**, *where is the respect du**e** me?* Say**s** Y**ahweh** of **armie**s**** to **you**, **who** desp**ise** **my** **name**. **You** say, ‘How have **we** desp**is**ed **y**o**ur name?**’

7 **You** offer polluted bread on **my** **altar**. **You** say, ‘**How** have **we** polluted **you**? **You** In **that** **you** say, ‘Y**ahweh**’**s** **table** **is** contemptible.’

8 *When you* offer the blind f**or** sacrific**e**, **isn't** **that** **evil**? And *when you* offer the **lame** and sick, **isn't** **that** **evil**? **Pre**sent it **now** to **y**o**ur** **g**o**vernor**! Will **he** **be** ple**as**ed with **you**? **o**r**** will **he** **accept** **y**o**ur** **p**e**rson?**” say**s** Y**ahweh** of **armie**s****.

9 “**Now**, ple**as**e **entreat** the favor of God,[b] that **he** may **be** gra**ci**ous to us. **With** **this**, will **he** **accept** any of **you**?” say**s** Y**ahweh** of **armie**s****.

10 “Oh **that** **there** **w**e**re** one among **you** **who** **w**o**uld** **shut** the d**oor****s**, **that** **you** **might** not kindle **fire** on **my** **altar** in **vain**! I have **no** ple**as**ure in **you**,” say**s** Y**ahweh** of **armie**s****, “neither will I **accept** an offering at **y**o**ur** hand.

11 For from the **ris**ing of the sun **even** to the **going** **down** of the **same**, **my** **name** **is** **great** among the **nation**s****, and in every **plac**e inc**ense** will **be** offered to **my** **name**, and a **pure** offering: **f**o**r** **my** **name** **is** **great** among the **nation**s****,” say**s** Y**ahweh** of **armie**s****.

12 “But **you** **profane** it, in **that** **you** say, ‘Y**ahweh**’**s** **table** **is** polluted, and its **fruit**, **even** its **fo**o**d**, **is** contemptible.’

13 **You** say **also**, ‘Behold,[c] what a **weariness** it **is**! **You** and **you** have **sniffed** at it”, say**s** Y**ahweh** of **armie**s****; “and **you** have **br**o**ught** **that** **which** **was** taken by **violence**, the **lame**, and the sick; **thus** **you** bring the offering. **Sh**o**uld** I **accept** **this** at **y**o**ur** hand?” say**s** Y**ahweh**.

14 “But the **de**ceiver **is** **cur**sed, **who** has in hi**s** flock a **male**, and **vow**s****, and sacrific**e**s**** to the **L**o**rd**[d] a defective **th**i**ng**; **f**o**r** I am a **great** King,” say**s** Y**ahweh** of **armie**s****, “and **my** **name** **is** **aw**esome among the **nation**s****.”

Malachi 2

“**Now**, **you** **priests**, **this** **commandment** **is** **f**o**r** **you**.

2 If **you** will not listen, and if **you** will not **lay** it to **he**ar**t**, to give **gl**o**ry** to **my** **name**,” say**s** Y**ahweh** of **armie**s****, “**then** will I send the **cur**se on **you**, and I will **cur**se **y**o**ur** **bl**essings. **I**nd**ee**d, I have **cur**sed **th**e**m** **al**ready, **beca**use **you** **do** not **lay** it to **he**ar**t**.

3 **Behold**, I will **re**buke **y**o**ur** offspring,[a] and will spread dung on **y**o**ur** **face**s****, **even** the dung of **y**o**ur** **fe**asts; and **you** will **be** taken away **with** it.

4 You will know **that** I have sent **this** commandment to you, **that** my covenant may be with Levi,” says Yähweh of **ä**rmieş.

5 “My covenant waş with him of life and peaçe; and I gave **them** to him **that** he might be reverent toward me; and he waş reverent toward me, and stood in **â**we of my name.

6 The **l**âw of **tr**uth waş in hiş **m**outh, and un**r**ighteousness waş not **f**ound in hiş lips. He waş **w**alked with me in peaçe and up**r**ightness, and **t**urned many away from iniquity.

7 For the priest's lips **sh**ould keep knowledge, and **they** **sh**ould seek the **l**âw at hiş **m**outh; **f**ör he iş the messenger of Yähweh of **ä**rmieş.

8 But you have **t**urned aside **o**ut of the way. You have **c**auşed many to stumble in the **l**âw. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi,” says Yähweh of **ä**rmieş.

9 “**T**here**f**öre I have **â**lso made you contemptible and base beföre **â**ll the people, according to the way you have not kept my wayş, but have had respect **f**ör **p**ersonş in the **l**âw.

10 Don't we **â**ll have one **f**äther? Haşn't one God created us? **W**hy **d**e we deal treacherously every man against hiş **b**röther, profaning the covenant of **o**ur **f**ätherş?

11 Judah haş dealt treacherously, and an abomination iş committed in Işrael and in Jeruşalem; **f**ör Judah haş profaned the holiness of Yähweh **wh**ich he **l**öveş, and haş married the **d**âughter of a foreign god.

12 Yähweh will cut off, to the man **wh**e **d**oeş **this**, him **wh**e wakes and him **wh**e answerş, **o**ut of the tents of Jacob, and him **wh**e offerş an offering to Yähweh of **ä**rmieş.

13 **T**his again you **d**e: you cover the **â**ltar of Yähweh with tearş, with weeping, and with sighing, because he **d**oeşn't regard the offering any **m**öre, **n**either receiveş it with **g**ood will at y**ö**ur hand.

14 Yet you say, ' **W**hy? You Because Yähweh haş been witness between you and the wife of y**ö**ur youth, against **wh**om you have dealt treacherously, **th**ough she iş y**ö**ur companion, and the wife of y**ö**ur covenant.

15 Did he not make you one, **â**ltho**u**gh he had the reşidue of the Spirit? **W**hy one? He s**ö**ught godly offspring.[b] **T**here**f**öre take heed to y**ö**ur spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of hiş youth.

16 For I hate div**ö**rçe”, says Yähweh, the God of Işrael, “and him **wh**e covers hiş gä**r**ment with violence!” says Yähweh of **ä**rmieş. “**T**here**f**öre take heed to y**ö**ur spirit, **th**at you don't deal treacherously.

17 You have wearied Yähweh with yôur wôrdş. Yet you say, 'How have we wearied him? You In that you say, 'Everyone who does evil is good in Yähweh's sight, and he delights in them; You ôr 'Where is the God of justice?

Malachi 3

"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, behold, he comes!" says Yähweh of ärmieş.

2 "But who can endure the day of his coming? And who will stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like launderer's soap;

3 and he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will Purify the sons of Levi, and refine them as gold and silver; and they shall offer to Yähweh offerings in righteousness.

4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to Yähweh, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years.

5 I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against the perjurers, and against those who oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and who deprive the foreigner of justice, and don't fear me," says Yähweh of ärmieş.

6 "For I, Yähweh, don't change; therefore you, sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

7 From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my ordinances, and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says Yähweh of ärmieş. "But you say, 'How shall we return?'

8 Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me! But you say, 'How have we robbed you? You In tithes and offerings.

9 You are cursed with the curse; for you rob me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring the whole tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and test me now in this," says Yähweh of ärmieş, "if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there will not be room enough for.

11 I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast its fruit before its time in the field," says Yähweh of ärmieş.

12 "All nations shall call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says Yähweh of ärmieş.

13 “Yôur wôrdş have been stout against me,” sayş Yähweh. “Yet you say, ' What have we spoken against you?’

14 You have said, 'It iş vain to sêrve God; You and ' What profit iş it that we have followed hiş instructionş, and that we have wâ/keđ môurnfully befôre Yähweh of ärmieş?

15 Now we cäll the proud happy; yes, thoşe who wôrk wickedness äre built up; yes, they tempt God, and escape.'

16 Then thoşe who feared Yähweh spoke one with anôther; and Yähweh listened, and heard, and a bôök of memory waş written befôre him, fôr thoşe who feared Yähweh, and who honored hiş name.

17 They shall be mine,” sayş Yähweh of ärmieş, “my own poşşession in the day that I make, and I will spare them, aş a man spareş hiş own sôn who sêrveş him.

18 Then you shall retûrn and disçêrn between the righteous and the wicked, between him who sêrveş God and him who doeshn't sêrve him.

Malachi 4

“For, behold, the day cômеш, it bûrnş aş a fûrnaçe; and äll the proud, and äll who wôrk wickedness, will be stubble; and the day that cômеш will bûrn them up,” sayş Yähweh of ärmieş, “that it shall leave them neither root nôr branch.

2 But to you who fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in its wings. You will go out, and leap like cävеш of the ställ.

3 feet in the day that I make,” sayş Yähweh of ärmieş. You shall tread down the wicked; fôr they will be aшеş under the solеш of yôur feet.

4 “Remember the lăw of Moşеш my sêrvant, which I commanded to him in Horeb fôr äll Işrael, even statute and ôrdinançeş.

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet befôre the great and terrible day of Yähweh cômеш.

6 He will tûrn the heärtş of the fätherş to the children, and the heärtş of the children to their fätherş, lest I cômе and strike the êarth with a cûrse.”

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ADDENDUM :THE PHONETIC ENGLISH BIBLE

**YOUR VERY OWN PERSONAL GOD
IS THE SPIRIT WHO IS
BEHIND THE EYES THAT YOU SEE
WHEN YOU LOOK IN THE MIRROR**

Naturalists and creationists around the world have waged wars since especially the writings of Charles Darwin around the middle of the 19th century. For my own part ... I am a totally committed *creationist* in the direction of the *SPIRIT* who built the brain that I am thinking with.

My simple creationist thinking about the '*SPIRIT* or 'GOD' in my head is easy to follow and is based mainly on a small number of verifiable facts:

1. *The human brain* : The human brain has long been recognised as the most *complex* organisation of *matter* in the universe. It contains around one hundred billion cells ... and it would take around 3000 years to count them all ... without time off for either sleeping or eating. But this is only where the brain's complexity begins ... because each cell is made of the biological substance referred to as DNA (dioxyribonucleicacid) and DNA is known as the most *compact* organisation of *information* in the universe.
2. *My age and nine months ago* : My age and nine months ago I was only a fertilised human egg in my mum's belly. I was so small that I was only just visible to the naked eye ... and around **50** of me could have been fitted onto the space occupied by an Australian **5** cent coin. The *sperm* from my dad ... which provided the other *half* of the entire *biological blueprint* for my body was so small that as many as **5** of them could have been fitted into the width of a single human hair. Since that time ... and after 82 years ... this fertilised egg has grown into a human male weighing 80 kilograms.
3. *The facetiously postulated 'Mother Nature'* of Darwin's naturalist school of thinking has never even existed ... that "*she*" might possess any brain at all ... let alone enough brains to "*evolve*" a human brain or a fertilised human egg. The human brain alone is more complex than the entire system of computers at NASA headquarters in the USA!
4. *I often "pre-see" bits of my personal future* : The intellectual disciplines of biology and psychology are totally unable to explain "spiritual" phenomena like this. But similar "spiritual" events have happened with me on a number of occasions. Three examples will do for now. (1) on one occasion I personally saw *Satan* (2) on another occasion I saw a demon spirit at the *same time as my companion saw* it and (3) I have also seen miraculous healing in response to simple prayers before the *SPIRIT* who is behind the eyes that I see whenever I look in a mirror.
5. *Finally*: This Divine Creation *SPIRIT* who has been the exclusive source of the life in my body, has maintained no less than *five continuous miracles* on a full time basis for me since I was born ! (1) the miracle of *locomotion* (movement) in otherwise dead meat (2) the miracle of *food processing* for body energy and weight (3) the miracle of *vision* through the ever so tiny lenses in my *eyes*. (4) the miracle of *air vibrations* that are detected as huge array of different *sounds* by my ears and (5) the miracle of the *thought hierarchies* and *words* that operate in my brain.

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BUT IS OUR BIBLE MORALLY QUALIFIED ?

**Just what ARE the things that we DO that amount to “ SINS ”
and how qualified are our ENGLISH BIBLES especially to declare SIN ?**

Following is a commentary on a number of Bible based *behavioural statutes* that Bibles everywhere refer to as “ *SINS* ”. Many of us allow such statutes to quite *destructively* rule our lives.

In the writing of the next few pages I am indebted to a number of internet publications by the *Secular WEB* group. Whilst my own views on the *existence versus non existence of God* represent the clear antithesis of this group’s central position, this group does emphasize many items of *Biblical information* that many modern Christians would do well to know more about.

Our planet contains some *45,000* different Christian denominations whose teachings claim to have derived originally from a *divinely authorised* Bible. But are *any* Bible based doctrines indeed *divinely* authorised? This is truly a legitimate question. The problem of *divinely* determined *SIN* is promoted especially by a large number of *fundamentalist Christian* interpretations of scripture. And adamant interpretations of this type often lead to perfectly innocent people believing (quite self destructively) that they are actually *SINNING* before the God called *YAHWEH* in the Old Testament or before the Savior called *JESUS* in the New Testament.

The validity of such Bible based *SIN* doctrines have been a matter of the individual opinions that have been promoted for 2 millennia by over a million teachers of *scripture*. You may disagree that the *conflicting scriptures* in the following pages do in fact, cause or contribute to exclusively *Bible created* problems ... but these conflicting scriptures will still remain ... regardless of your own *perceived correctness* within your choices of ‘right’ or ‘wrong’ scriptures.

AND IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS

**EVERY ‘DEPARTED’ PERSON WHO HAS EVER LIVED
HAS ANSWERED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE SPIRIT
WHO WAS BEHIND THE EYES THAT THEY SAW
WHENEVER THEY HAD
LOOKED IN THE MIRROR**

SO LET’S NOW EXAMINE SOME CONFLICTING SCRIPTURES

1. Introduction: Problems with Bible Translation

NOTE The scriptural [LINKS](#) within this article have been selected from material provided by the ‘Secular Web’ group.

The modern English Bible ...with its massive problems ... will forever remain as a translation from a collection of sixty-six separate books that were originally chosen by a Catholic Church Council in 397 A.D. This was over three hundred years after the time of *JESUS*. The collection was broken into two main sections: the 39 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New Testament. The current Catholic Bible also has an extra 4 books that is referred to as the Apocrypha.

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The Old Testament promotes **YAHWEH** as the God of Gods who created the entire universe and it presents a history of the early Hebrew people. The New Testament was written by early Christians and it presents their beliefs about what **JESUS** did and taught.

The writing of the various books is estimated to have begun around 1000 B.C and to have continued for about 1,100 years. The traditional **word of mouth** stories of those years were put into writing. These stories had been repeated from father to son over centuries, revised over and over again, and then put into written form by various writers. These writers wrote in **different localities over a period of centuries**, and were often not aware of each other.

The prominent '**Secular Web**' group reports (1) that no original manuscripts exist and that (2) there is not likely even **one** of the 70 books which survives in anything like its original form. The group also accurately reports that there are **hundreds** of differences between the oldest manuscripts of any one book! These differences show that over time, numerous additions and alterations were made to the originals by the various authors, editors, and copyists.

Many biblical authors are simply unknown. Even the **four Gospels** of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, are books that do not carry the names of their original authors. These four names were assigned long after the books were first written ... and most biblical scholars now agree that **none** of the Gospel authors was either (1) an actual disciple of **JESUS** or (2) an eyewitness to His ministry

The Secular Web group also reports that many of the Bible books have the indelible tattoo of fiction. Many stories—stories which in their original context are considered even by devout Christians to be fictional—were 'borrowed' by the biblical authors, adapted for their own purposes, given a historical setting, and then declared to be historical fact. The **flood story** is an example of this kind of adaptation. Its migration from the earliest known occurrence in Sumeria, around 1600 B.C., from place to place and eventually to the Bible, can be traced historically. Each time the story was 'borrowed' again, it was altered to testify of local gods and heroes.

The **Wycliffe Bible Translators** reported that by 2022 the Bible had been translated into 717 languages which is almost 10% of the number of different languages in the world. All of these translations **originated** from the ancient **Hebrew** and **Greek** manuscripts but many were translations of a "second generation" type : e.g from one of the English translations to another language such as Samoan.

In particular: the 70 books which are now the foundation books for almost all English Bible translations were written in either **Hebrew** for the Old Testament or in **Ancient Greek** for the New Testament. And this translational choice from the **Ancient Greek** happened in 397 A.D. But the very **original** manuscripts for the New Testament had been written in the **Peshitta dialect** of the **Aramaic language**. This Peshitta dialect had been the language that was both spoken and written by Jesus and His disciples.

THE MOST TRULY INCOMPREHENSIBLE FACT WITH OUR ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS

There were a total of **14,298** different **Hebrew** and **Ancient Greek** words from which our modern English Bibles derive most of their various (current) published translations ... and over **three billion** English Bibles have been printed since the early 19th century. Most astonishingly however, the two most **mistranslated** words among these **14,298** different words have been the two Hebrew/Aramaic words **YAHWEH** for GOD and **JESHUA** for JESUS . Simply no feature of Christian publication will ever be more incomprehensible than this.

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2. Some Seriously Flawed Views and Contradictions

A more thorough list of links is available on the internet from the “Secular Web” group.

[DT 6:5](#), [MT 22:37](#), [MK 12:30](#), [LK 10:27](#) *Love God.*

[DT 6:13](#), [PS 33:8](#), [34:9](#), [111:10](#), [115:13](#), [128:1](#), [147:11](#), [PR 8:13](#), [16:6](#), [19:23](#), [22:4](#), [IS 8:13](#), [LK 12:5](#), [1PE 2:17](#) *Fear God.*

[1KI 22:23](#), [2CH 18:22](#), [JE 4:10](#), [EZ 14:9](#) *God deceives some of the prophets.* [JE 8:8](#) *The scribes (copyists, editors, teachers) falsify the word.*

[2TH 2:11-12](#) *God deceives the wicked (to be able to condemn them).*

[MT 16:28](#), [MK 9:1](#), [LK 9:27](#) Jesus says that some of his listeners will *not taste death* before he comes again in his kingdom. This was said almost 2000 years ago.

3. A few Apparent Absurdities

A more thorough list of links is available on the internet from the “Secular Web” group.

[GE 6:5](#) God is unhappy with the wickedness of man and decides to flood the earth to *eliminate* mankind. All living things including plants, animals, women and children are also exterminated. [GE 7:17-19](#) The flood covered the entire earth at the same time

[NU 22:21-30](#) A donkey sees an angel, recognizes it as such, and then *speaks* in human language (presumably Hebrew) to his master.

[1KI 4:29](#) God gave the sexually depraved King Solomon (with 700 wives and 300 concubines) *wisdom as measureless as the sand on the seashore.*

[IS 30:26](#) The moon will someday be as bright as the sun now is.

[MT 18:19](#) If *two* [believers] agree about anything they ask, God will do it for them.

[JN 16:23](#) Jesus says: “*Whatever you ask in my name*, my Father will give you.”

[RE 14:1-4](#) Heaven is to be inhabited in part by *144,000 virgin men* who have not been “defiled” by women.

4. A Selection from Many Atrocities

A more thorough list of links is available on the internet from the “Secular Web” group.

[LE 26:29](#), [DT 28:53](#), [JE 19:9](#), [EZ 5:8-10](#) As a punishment, the Lord will cause people to *eat the flesh* of their own sons and daughters and fathers and friends.

[NU 15:32-36](#) A Sabbath breaker (who had gathered sticks for a fire) is *stoned to death* at the Lord’s command.

[NU 25:4](#) (KJV) “And the Lord said unto Moses, take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the Lord against the sun”

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DT 20:13-17 But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee: **(6 Genocides)** DT 20:16 “In the cities of the nations the Lord is giving you as an inheritance, do not leave alive anything that breathes.” and this when our modern histories condemn comparable *genocides* by *Hitler, Stalin and Putin*.

JG 11:29-39 Jephthah *sacrifices his beloved daughter*, his only child, according to a vow he has made with the Lord. 2SA 10:18 David slew 47,000+ Syrians. 2KI 10:7 Jehu has Ahab’s seventy sons beheaded, then *sends the heads* to their father.

MT 3:12, 8:12, 10:21, 13:30, 42, 22:13, 24:51, 25:30, LK 13:28, JN 5:24 Some will spend *eternity burning in Hell*. There will be weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth.

MT 10:35-36 “For I have come to turn a man *against* his father, a daughter *against* her mother, a daughter-in-law *against* her mother-in-law a man’s enemies will be the members of his own family.”

5. Questionable Guidelines

A more thorough list of links is available on the internet from the “Secular Web” group.

GE 3:16, CO 11:3-9, EP 5:22-24, CN 3:18, TS 2:5, 1PE 3:1-6 The husband is to rule over his wife. Wives are to be subject to their husbands even when the husband is disobedient to God. Man is the image and glory of God, while woman is the glory of man. Man was not created for woman but woman for man. GE 31:17, GE 36:6, DT 21:15, JG 8:30, SA 5:13, KI 11:3, CH 14:3, CH 11:21, 13:21 *Polygamy* is condoned

EX 20:5 We are not to worship a likeness. The children to the *third and fourth generation* will be punished for infractions.

EX 20:8-11, 31:15-17, 34:21, 35:1-3 No work of any kind is to be done on the Sabbath, not even lighting of a fire. This commandment is permanent. *Death* is required for infractions

EX 21:7-11 A father can *sell a daughter* into slavery to pay a debt. A daughter sold into slavery is not released at the end of six years as is an ordinary male slave.

EX 21:17, LE 20:9, DT 21:18-21 A child who curses his parent(s) is to be put to death. A stubborn and/or rebellious child *is to be put to death*. NU 31:18, 35, JG 21:12 Young *virgins* are considered a spoil of war and can be taken for the use of the victors.

DT 24:1-4 A man may *divorce his wife* simply because she displeases him.

MT 5:22 Do not get angry. *Anger is a sin*. MT 23:9 Do not call any *man on earth* “father.”

MT 5:18-19 The *Old Testament law* is to *remain in effect* until heaven and earth pass away.

MT 5:29-30, 18:8-9, MK 9:43-47 If your eye causes you to *sin*, pluck it out. If your hand causes you to *sin*, cut it off. MK 10:2-12, LK 16:18 Divorce is wrong, and to remarry is to commit adultery.

MK 10:29, LK 18:29 A man who leaves his *house, wife, brothers, parents, or children* for the sake of the kingdom of God will receive special rewards.

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[LK 14:26](#) One cannot be a disciple of Jesus *unless he hates* his mother, father, wife, children, brothers, sisters, and even his own life.

[RO 13:1-4](#), [PE 2:13-14](#) Be subject to *every human institution*. All authorities (laws and governments) are from God.

[1CO 11:3-10](#) A *woman* is to keep *her head covered* while praying or prophesying.

[1CO 14:34-35](#) *Women* are to be *silent* in church. If they have any questions, they are to ask their husbands at home. It is a *shame* for women to speak in church. [1TI 2:9](#), [1PE 3:3](#) *Women* should not braid their hair, or wear gold or pearls or costly attire. [1TI 2:11-12](#) *Women* are to learn in silence (from men) in all submissiveness. [1TI 2:12](#) *Women* are not permitted to teach or have authority over

6. Bible Vulgarities

A more thorough list of links is available on the internet from "Secular Web" group.

[1SA 18:27](#) So that David might be allowed to marry the king's daughter, the king asks David to bring him 100 Philistine foreskins. David does the job right and brings the king not 100, but 200, foreskins of murdered Philistines.

[2SA 5:13](#), [20:3](#) David had many concubines. [2SA 6:14](#), [16](#), [20-23](#) David dances and exposes himself to his maids. (His wife, Michal rebukes him for having done so, and as a consequence she is made barren.)

[2SA 12:11-12](#) The Lord is going to punish David for his sin by taking his wives and causing his neighbor to have sexual relations with them in public. [2KI 6:29](#) "So we cooked my son and ate him. The next day I said to her, 'Give up your son so we may eat him,' but she had hidden him."

[1CH 11:21](#) Rehoboam had eighteen wives and sixty concubines. [IS 13:15](#) "Their infants will be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their ... wives will be ravished." [EZ 23:10](#) "They stripped her naked, took away her sons and daughters and killed her with the sword." [HO 13:16](#) "They shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up."

BIBLE BASED JUDGEMENT OF OUR 'SIN' BEHAVIOUR ?

With foundational background scriptures that expose MORAL EXCESSES AS EXTREME AS THE FOREGOING none of the 45,000 (democratically elected) Christian denominations on Planet Earth has EVER had divine entitlement to be SCRIPTURALLY ADAMANT or JUDGEMENTAL about our human " SIN " behaviour.

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**SO WHICH BITS OF YOUR BIBLE
TRULY AMOUNT TO
“ THE WORD OF GOD ”
FOR YOU PERSONALLY ?**

According to the scripture, the Elohim (GOD) of Moses called himself *YAHWEH*. This is the name that He our Elohim (GOD) gave to Moses with this clear instruction *“This is My Name forever ... the name you shall call me from generation to generation.”* (Ex 3:14) And even in 2022 some of our Bible translators continue to (mis)pronounce the Hebrew word for *YAHWEH* as *JEHOVAH*.

Astonishingly, the investigations of our 21st century archaeologist Titus Kennedy, serve to confirm the pronunciation of *YAHWEH*. He reports that the name of the Elohim (GOD) called *YAHWEH* is associated with the Egyptian pictogram for *“the Land of the Nomads of the world”* within the 3,400 year old stonework that was chiselled during the reign of Pharaoh Amenhotep III.

Religious traditions since that time have mostly espoused the view that Moses was actually the author of the first five books of the Bible. These books are called *The Torah* by Jews, *The Pentateuch* by Christians and *The Taurat* by Muslims. For a significant list of reasons, some of which we present in this introduction, this tradition is contentious.

Modern archaeology holds that the 3,400 year old version of the Hebrew Torah could not have been written by Moses. Rather, it teaches that the Torah was most probably compiled from the largely *oral language traditions* that prevailed around the time of the Babylonian enslavement of the Hebrew people. This enslavement occurred circa 600 BCE ... an estimated 8 centuries after the death of Moses. And the very earliest form of Hebrew writing ... called Paleo Hebrew ... begins to appear in the archaeological records of around 1000 years before the birth of the Christ.

**SO WE REALLY DO HAVE AN ANCIENT TRANSLATIONAL PROBLEMS WITH
“ THE WORD OF GOD ”**

Despite the 2000 year old translational problems, Andrew Gabriel Roth (2012) points out that the birth of JESUS was preceded by over 300 mentions within the scriptures. And the writing of these scriptures seems to have begun close enough to the time of King David circa 1000 BCE. No other event in human history has been preceded by so many miraculously recorded portents within the written record. Our scriptural translational problems however have persisted, with especially most of our *English* translations of the ancient Hebrew.

Our main first English translation of the scriptures was for King James the King of England. It occurred in 1611. And today ... some 82% of the people who regularly read the English Bible will reach for this still seriously mistranslated King James version before any other.

Yet nowadays there are heaps of other Bibles to choose from. Between 1815 and 1975 an estimated total of 5 billion Bibles were printed. The average citizen in America owns 9 Bibles and the annual global sales of Bibles routinely tops \$425million. Globally too, more than 66,000 people are using a Bible app at any given second.

But since 1611, most of the English speaking Christians of the world have been taught that the original New Testament scriptures were written in *Ancient Greek*. And this is categorically not the case. JESUS and his disciples both spoke and wrote *Aramaic* and they wrote the earliest scriptures in Aramaic.

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Was it the WORD of GOD or was it the MILTHA of GOD ?

The ancient Greek translators in fact, frequently *distorted* the meanings of the original *Aramaic* scriptures of our New Testament by using Greek words that did not have the same meanings as the Aramaic words. For example : the word *Miltha* in the original Aramaic meant both *Word* as well as *Power*. If this original and unique double meaning from some 2000 years ago had been carried over into the billions of Bibles that were subsequently printed, it could have radically altered the appreciation of our Elohim's (GOD's) basic truth by Christians all over the world.

A CASE IN POINT**THE FIRST VERSE OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

*In the beginning was the Miltha (... word or power ...) and the Miltha (... word or power ...) was with Elohim (God) and Elohim (God) was the Miltha (... word or power ...)**

* Reference : Aramaic English New Testament 2012 (by) Andrew Gabriel Roth

In effect ... the *Aramaic* word for what much of the English speaking world calls the *Word* ... refers both to a *string of letters* and to a *string of spoken sounds* as well as to the *presence and power* of our Elohim (GOD).

And when we read some of our modern scriptures in this 'new' but nearly 2000 year old light they can expand with additional meaning. Examples follow.

“ The miltha (word or power ?) of God is living and powerful and sharper than a two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart ... “ *Heb: 4:12 NKJV*

“Most assuredly I say to you, he who hears My miltha (word or power ?) and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life and ...” *John: 5:24 NKJV*

THE FORGOTTEN POWER OF 'SCRIPTURE FREE' PRAYERS

Please note : This topic within this writing is not intended to belittle the extreme importance for all of us ... of searching the scriptures for directions from The Holy Spirit on our thinking, speaking and living. The most shared Bible Verse on the internet today is Isaiah 53:5 as follows : *“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed”*

According to a global counting exercise in late 2021, more than **893** translations of the Bible currently existed in print and this in **246** different languages.* Give or take a few thousand words, there must be around 750,000 words in all of them. And as mentioned earlier these translations serve a truly amazing total of more than 45,000 Christian denominations that exist in the world. This amounts to a different Christian denomination ... together with its democratic rule book and ruling bureaucracy ... for roughly every 16 words within an average English Bible! * Source: Grzegorz Kaszynski

Moses however began praying with *no scripture at all* that we can know of : but the *spoken language* traditions of his time probably supplied him with much of the information which later appeared within at least the Book of Genesis.

Regardless of these problems, the Book of Exodus tells us that Moses was directly told by *YAHWEH* Himself that His name was *YAHWEH*. Today's majority view holds that this name means *I AM THE I AM*.

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Scripture says that **YAHWEH** also gave Moses the first copy of *The Ten Commandments*. These commandments over the ensuing millennia became the foundational rules for shaping the behaviours and beliefs of almost the entire Western World as we know it.

In his day, Moses must have been the busiest man on the planet. Scripture tells us that initially he was the leader of some 600,000 warriors ... plus their families ... out of Egypt and that for the 40 years that followed he led these families during their nomadic wanderings in the desert. On these figures alone not less than 2.5 million nomadic people were under Moses' leadership in the desert.

Time for prayer and time for the actual writing of the very first 'scripture' must have been rare indeed for Moses. Yet the Moses type of scripture free prayer still stands out as possibly the most successful type of prayer in either human or 'Biblical' history. Let's consider some of the scriptural evidence.

Despite his lack of access to any '*scripture*' that we can know of, the Moses reputation for miraculously answered prayers can be argued to rival that of even **JESUS** our Saviour. Among other things ... these prayers (1) brought ten plagues upon the entire nation of Egypt (2) parted the Red Sea for Moses and his people (3) destroyed the Pharaoh's army and (4) miraculously healed thousands ... and all of these things without Moses having any access to a Holy Book or Scroll.

Moses simply loved the **YAHWEH** that he prayed to ... but we cannot believe with confidence that he wrote the first five books of the Bible. Historically speaking, much outside of the Ten Commandments the writing of significant tracts of scripture by Moses himself is dubious indeed.

THE 'SECRET' BEHIND THE PRAYER OF MOSES ?

God is love and *faith works by love* are the two most simple and absolute statements that reveal the derivation of the immense power that supported the prayer of Moses. An uncountable number of similar statements occur throughout scripture. Jointly, these two statements represent the most fundamental teaching about the *spiritual state of mind* within us that releases the Divine power of **YAHWEH** and of His Savior Son **JESUS**. This '*Divine love*' teaching underpins countless pages of the Bible from Genesis through to Revelation. And the vital message of this teaching for the whole of humanity is equally simple. In the absence of love **YAHWEH** and His son **JESUS** work miracles very rarely indeed if ever.

“ Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not love I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal ... and though I have all the faith so that I can move (even) mountains but have not love I am nothing.” 1 Cor: 1-2

Any Christian denomination that does not systematically set out to engender this level of divinely powered love within its congregations is simply not representing the Elohim (GOD) who designed and built the brain that each of us is thinking with. It was miraculous divine love that enabled Abraham's wife Sarah to bear a child at the age of ninety. It was miraculous divine love that worked all the miracles for Moses. It was miraculous divine love that created over 300 prophetic scriptures that were *fulfilled* by the birth, life, death and resurrection of **JESUS**. It also continues to be this divine love that is accessible to this very day to both you and me ... who believe in the following:

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1. **YAHWEH** as the Spirit who built the brain that each of us thinks with and
2. **JESUS** who, as his **human** son, voluntarily sacrificed his own human Spirit to his Elohim and Father **YAHWEH**, so that the unique **human holiness** and power of the son might be **returned** by **YAHWEH** to all who prayed with a total commitment before the unconditional love of **YAHWEH**.

“Greater works than these shall you do because I go unto My Father” John 14:12

THE 21st CENTURY ‘SECRET’ BEHIND THE POWER OF THE CHRIST ?

You’ve got it already ... but a few more things need to be added

The **JESUS** who sacrificed His life for *each* of us was a Jewish rabbi or ‘teacher’ of his time. He preached and consistently demonstrated (with many miracles) the power that could be generated by the love of **YAHWEH** like no-one else either before Him or since. His words from the gospel of Mark some 2000 years ago summarize His **still current instruction** to us all.

*“Behold Israel, the Lord **YAHWEH** your Elohim (GOD) is one. You shall love the Lord **YAHWEH** your Elohim (GOD) with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” then “This is the first commandment. The second is like this: You shall also love your neighbour as you love yourself” then “There is no other commandment greater than these”*

So what on earth could have caused the divine **grace** behind this access to unlimited divine power to seemingly disappear from global Christianity in practice? Even the Book of Revelation points out that our first century Christians started to abandon the teachings of **YAHWEH** through His son **JESUS** before the end of that century.

And over the last 2000 years especially, very few Christians indeed have been taught that our Elohim (GOD) is **still** the very same **YAHWEH** who:

- (1) raised **JESUS** from the dead
- (2) powered all miracles that were worked for Moses and for **JESUS** and for all of the people who lived within the 1,400 years that separated their lives on earth.
- (3) was the Elohim (GOD that **JESUS** worshipped and still **does** worship. (Rev:3)
- (4) was the Elohim (GOD) that **JESUS** told the entire world to worship
- (5) still is the Elohim (GOD) whose **HOLYNAME** has been blasphemously obliterated from the greater part of 7 billion English Bibles that have been printed to date.

THE MOST MIRACULOUS TRUTH OF THE LOT

In all probability, the most miraculous truth of the lot to emerge from the current collection of especially English Bible translations is as follows:

*“Sufficient basic truth about **YAHWEH** and His Son **JESUS** has actually survived to enable a huge number of Christians to establish both life long and eternal love relationships with our Divine Father and His only Begotten Son **JESUS**.”*

Even in 2023 our translations continue to provide hundreds of editorial and moral inconsistencies that persist in defying teachings by Jewish, Christian and even Muslim clerics everywhere.

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THE NEW TESTAMENT**An editorial minefield of INCONSISTENCES and SYMBOLISM !**

As mentioned earlier, originally the New Testament was a group of *27 separate documents* (later called Books) that were written by either 8 or 9 writers some 1900 years ago. These documents claimed to have recorded the activities and teachings of the Christ and are estimated to have been written between 40 years and up to 80 years after His death on the Cross.

Some of our modern archaeology *guesses* that perhaps two of these writers might have been eyewitnesses to any of the events ... involving the Person of Jesus ... that they wrote about. But archaeology also guesses that there were none. Whilst *copying* between the writers of that time is evident today, it is indeed clear that *none* of them communicated with any of the others at the time(s) of their writings.

All of these original documents were written in the *Aramaic* language that was spoken and written by *JESUS* and His apostles. As explained more fully later , it is *vital* to be clear that the original language of our scriptures was *not* Greek ,, and our modern experts who quote from the ancient Greek scriptures need to do more homework.

With editorial qualifications as clearly haphazard as this, a minefield of inconsistencies within the original New Testament Scriptures was inevitable. These inconsistencies are still everywhere within our New Testament. At that time especially ... without any authoritative *community body* in place to actually vet the writings of the then revolutionary ‘ *JESUS* movement ’ ... the way was cleared for a minefield of writings that were less than strictly factual.

Some 170+ inconsistencies

The work on the internet by Donald Morgan (of the Secular Web group) on these Bible inconsistencies is thorough. In the New Testament alone he lists over 170 of them that have not been refuted ... and this regardless of the particular translation into English that you are reading. To me, the following *two* alone of Morgan’s reported inconsistencies, are sufficiently *arresting* to convince others ... such as yourself ... to begin larger checks of your own.

1. The last words of *JESUS* on the Cross: The three different versions of *JESUS*’ last words on the Cross are:

“My God My God why hast Thou forsaken Me!” MT 27:46-50 MK 15: 34-37

“Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit.” LK 23: 46

“It is finished.” JN 19: 30

2. The unforgivable sin: blasphemy against the Holy Spirit: Three different scriptures tell us that *ALL* sins are forgivable: AC 13:39 CN 2:13 and 1 JN 1:9. These three scriptures conflict with the following words that are reported as *quotes* from the mouth of *JESUS*.

“But whosoever speaketh against the Holy Spirit it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world nor the world to come.” MT 12:32

“But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.” MK 3:29

“But unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Spirit it shall not be forgiven.” LK 12:10

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TWISTED TRUTH GLOBALLY BY CHRISTIAN PREACHERS

Christianity is simultaneously the most divided and divisive set of beliefs in the world. Christians are in a position to choose a different cult or branch of Christianity for roughly every 16 pages of a “Holy” English Bible that can only *claim* to be holy and in selected *parts* of it. The **45,000** Christian denominations on Planet Earth clearly scream of (1) division (2) untruth (3) confusion and (4) unreliability. It appears that we can trust **God** and only **God**.

Around the world preachers, priests, pastors and pretenders of all descriptions derive their often (truly) *lucrative* incomes by teaching the *Word of the Bible* but all too often *blasphemize* that they are (instead) teaching the “*Word of God*”.

Andrew Farley in his recent book entitled *Twisted Scriptures* presents an able exposure of the main **45 lies** that have been preached (some of them for centuries) from Christian pulpits all over the world. Farley has made freely available both audible and PDF files of his book on the internet. The time has come for many Christians to find out about the *destructiveness* of these lies..

It is well too to be reminded that these preachers tend to preach from only an estimated 10% of the scriptures that the Bible makes available to everyone.

MILLENNIA OLD DISTORTIONS FROM SYMBOLIC BIBLICAL STORIES

1. The Adam and Eve Story : More symbolism is contained in this story than most Christians realise. And we need only to question the DNA of the male and female involved. If the story were true then (1) one of the pair had to be a giant and the other a pygmy and (2) one of them had to be white and the other either striped or polka dotted ... and this in different skin colours.

So many of our Bible stories and events need to be seen as simply *symbolic* illustrations that were originally meant by the Lord **YAHWEH** to convey features of an undefined but underpinning *spiritual* reality.

2. The “This is My Body” story : In the Scriptures, **JESUS** at one stage symbolically said “*I am the vine ... and My Father is the Farmer.*” This statement was spoken as a simple and *symbolic* one that has never been misinterpreted. And no Christian in the 2000 years since then has believed that **JESUS** ever once resembled a *mobile bunch of leaves*.

But a *second* (and similarly simple and *symbolic* statement uttered by **JESUS**) has consistently brought some truly incredible behaviors to especially Catholic church ceremonies over the past two millennia. This second statement was reportedly said by **JESUS** at what is known as the last supper when at a simple and final meal table ... **JESUS** broke a loaf of bread and said these words “*This is My body.*” and then shortly after this he said these words “*Do this in remembrance of Me.*”

And for most of the 2000 years since that time, the strictly regimented Catholic church theology on the 4 word symbolic statement of “*This is My Body*” has required all Catholics to believe the following : that whenever Catholic priests say these four words over bits of bread, then these bits of bread are instantly *converted* into the actual “*body, blood, soul and divinity*” of the Lord **JESUS** Himself!

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To me, it's impossible to concoct an officially stipulated theological teaching that could be more implausible than this. But this centuries old and *official* theological stipulation does help to explain to the global non-Catholic public ... why the world witnesses on the public media ... so many hugely expensive or seemingly crazy 'fancy dress' ceremonies by men and women in their religious uniforms.

To me ... the daily practice of the "*This is my Body*" ritual by Catholicism essentially tries to teach us that the 'once and for all' *spiritual* sacrifice of the life of the only begotten son of *YAHWEH* on the Cross wasn't enough for the *spiritual* salvation of humankind in its entirety.

MOST CHRISTIANS GLOBALLY DO NOT CALL ON THE NAME OF THE GOD CALLED YAHWEH TO WHOM JESUS PRAYED

As mentioned earlier, the original scriptures of the Bible have been translated into over **246** languages. In most of these languages the name of *YAHWEH* has been translated accurately from the original Aramaic or Hebrew ... especially in their Old Testaments and in a few of their New Testaments as well. But the very name of *YAHWEH* to whom *JESUS* actually prayed on a full time basis, is missing (and this almost absolutely) from most *English* Bibles.

Among my personal possessions for example, is a *Contemporary Comparative Parallel Bible*. This volume contains some 3,000,000 words about the lives and teachings of Moses through to *JESUS*. If the translations from the original languages had been fully accurate then this volume should have printed the name *YAHWEH* a total of **28,000** times. The blasphemous truth however is that the mention of the name *YAHWEH* occurs only *once*.

It is almost exclusively within our *English* language Bibles ... and translations into *other languages* from these ... that we find this blasphemous reluctance to translate the original Hebrew/Aramaic name for *YAHWEH* simply and accurately as *YAHWEH*.

LITERALLY TRILLIONS OF DENIALS GLOBALLY

1. For 1900 years, the signature prayer for all of Christianity has been the *HALLOWED BE THY NAME* or the *OUR FATHER* prayer. For at least a hundred human generations this prayer has been sent heavenwards by millions of Christians almost every hour of every day. Yet the very name of *YAHWEH* our Elohim (GOD) that this prayer has clearly referred to has never been spoken or thought of.

2. In the 21st century the Jewish descendants of their ancient Hebrew teachings are still being instructed thousands of times by the modern copies of their Old Testament scriptures that *YAHWEH* is the name of the Elohim (GOD) who created both them and their universe. But around 2,500 years ago, the ruling 'holy' Hebrew clerics of that day told their forebears that the name of *YAHWEH* was too holy to be spoken out loud by anyone ...except of course by the ruling Hebrew clerics ... and this on only very rare occasions.

So to this day, when reading their scriptures *aloud*, the modern descendents of the Hebrew people read the word *YAHWEH* as "*Hashem*" (The Name) or as "*Adonai*" (Master). In this way, these present day followers of their own ancient clerical ruling class could well be disempowering the very name of the Elohim (GOD) that their holy scriptures still explicitly *instruct* them to pray to.

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3. Since around 1611 CE, there have been some five billion Protestant and Catholic Bibles printed in English alone. The Catholic Bible, comprising a guesstimated 20% of the total, is the main English Bible that makes any mention of the word **YAHWEH** ... but only within its Old Testament section. With few exceptions, the remaining English Bibles make **no mention at all** of the word **YAHWEH**.

Yet all of these Bibles claim to have derived from the original Hebrew and this when the Hebrew scriptures alone contain the word **YAHWEH** not less than **6,823** times. And the original **Aramaic** scriptures of the New Testament add at least an extra **176** times to these.

In simple terms then, this means that **BILLIONS** of English Bibles around the world today collectively **deny** the translation of the very name of **YAHWEH** our Elohim (GOD) some **TRILLIONS** of times.

There's an interesting and relevant afterthought here too. Some 1900 years ago the original New Testament Scripture reported that St Peter **denied** that he personally knew **JESUS** only **three** times ... but because of the Scriptures he has been remembered for these three denials ever since.

I despair when I think of what the world's thousands of English speaking Bible Colleges have simply **not** done to correct English translation of the Bible. But with only few exceptions, the global omission of the word **YAHWEH** from **all** editions of English New Testaments is also total. And, depending upon which modern and archaeologically verified '**Hebraic Roots**' New Testament that we are using as a reference, these omissions add many more **BILLIONS** of denials to the name of **YAHWEH** within our English Bibles today.

AND WHAT WOULD JESUS HAVE SAID ABOUT THIS ?

... as mentioned earlier : He would have said ...

“ Behold Israel ! YAHWEH our Elohim is one. You shall love YAHWEH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. The second is like this, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. ”

1900 YEAR OLD RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY

Since before the time of **JESUS** more than 16 Aramaic dialects have now emerged on Planet Earth ... but the very original Aramaic dialect of our New Testament times was the language that was spoken and written by our Savior and His disciples. Archaeologically speaking, this dialect is called Peshitta Aramaic.

The evidence now has it that, sometime early within the century following the death of Our Savior, the Peshitta Aramaic New Testament scriptures were first translated by the Greeks, into Greek.

In 382 CE, the Ancient **Greek** translations of both Testaments were translated into **Latin** and this without any corrections to their fundamental errors. And these seriously still **uncorrected** translations currently mark the historical confirmation of a blasphemous translational religious bigotry that has continued into most of the world's 21st century English Bibles.

HOW THIS BIGOTRY ALSO TRANSFORMED THE NAME OF JESUS

The original Greek translators of the early centuries ... and the later translators of the 17th century King James Bible ... clearly had their own bigoted or antisemitic views that were brought to early and then later Christianity.

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Four examples are sufficient for our present purposes: Both the ancient Greek translators of around the 1st or 2nd century and the King James translators of the 17th century:

1. **Eradicated** all mention of the name **YAHWEH** as the name of GOD (**Elohim**) even though it occurred 6,823 times in the Old Testament and not less than 176 times in the Peshitta New Testament.

The name **YAHWEH** over all those centuries was and *still is* the divine name that powered all the miracles (1) for **Moses** and also (2) for **JESUS** in His ministry and also (3) for all the Hebrew people who lived within the 1,400 years that separated their lives on earth.

2. **Eradicated** an extremely important meaning within the Hebrew word **Elohim** (for 'GOD') with its truly vital ability to simultaneously to mean both **ONE*** as well as **MANY***. (* Like the word **SHEEP*** in English)

The simultaneous grammatically *singular and plural* attribute of the Hebrew word **Elohim** is much more explanatory than either the English word **God** or the Greek word **Theos**.

3. **Fully reinvented** the name of **JESUS** from the original Aramaic **YESHUA** in line with the name of their own main pagan Greek god called **ZEUS** and with this decision they actually *renamed* and thereby paganised our Saviour's name from the Aramaic **YESHUA** to the nothing like it sound of **IE-ZEUS**.

This paganised **IE-ZEUS** was later to be pronounced variously as **IE-SUS**, **IE-SOU** and also **JE-SUS** by the different nations of the world.

4. **De-emphasized** to near extinction, countless foundational teachings and traditions within the **TORAH** that was attributed to Moses ... as well as to **JESUS** ... by referring to the five books of the **TORAH** as merely the **LAW**.

SOME POSSIBLY HELPFUL THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

Every prayer at its spiritual basis is simply an attempt to communicate with the creator Spirit who designed and built the brain that each of us uses to *think* with. Both you and your **Creator Spirit** (or 'Elohim') *understand* the language that you personally think with. Otherwise basic and personal (two way) communication between you and your creator Elohim (GOD) would fail eternally. Even the simplest of effective praying must forever remain as this *two* way communication between you and your Elohim (GOD).

YOUR VERY OWN PERSONAL GOD

IS FOREVER IN YOUR BRAIN WITH YOU

AND WITH ALL OF HIS MINISTERING SPIRITS AND THIS ALL OF THE TIME

Wherever our Elohim (GOD) is, *his ministering spirits too* are with Him and this *all* of the time. No other view or theory on the precise whereabouts of both Elohim (GOD) and *his ministering spirits* makes any sense at all. This is why the Hebrew word 'ELOHIM' (which is both singular and plural) is a much better word than the English word 'GOD' or the Greek word 'THEOS' as a reference to our creator who creates everyone *individually*. A paraphrase from Psalm 82 adds some light here : *You are GODS (Elohim ?) yet you shall each die like a MAN.*

However, none of humankind's three Abrahamic religions choose to sufficiently emphasize this *most fundamental spiritual reality* that underpins the design and construction of the brain that is in *every (single) human head*. The Christian scriptures too declare *"In the*

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Beginning was the WORD and the WORD was with GOD and GOD was the WORD. They also declare that Elohim (GOD) is and *always was* the ***“Alpha and the Omega.”*** or if we prefer the *Aramaic* here ... ***“the Aleph and the Tav.”***

And these two simple declarations also neatly summarise that Elohim (GOD) is actually the ***first*** word ever spoken by humankind and the ***last*** word too. There has never been a clearer way than these two Scriptures to summarise the ***ultimate*** truth that Elohim (GOD) alone has been the ***ever present spiritual powerhouse*** that has underpinned ***every*** word that your human brain ... with its 100 billion cells ... has ever thought of or spoken.

For around 170 human ***generations*** too (from roughly the time of Moses onwards) all ***three*** of the ***Abrahamic religions*** of the world have consistently failed to teach prayer routines that have been designed to communicate (with ***shared*** love) in the essential ***two way*** process between you and the Elohim (GOD) who built ***you***. We need to remember constantly that ***our own*** love for the Elohim (GOD) in our heads and hearts is close enough to the only valuable thing on the planet that even He our ELOHIM is ***unable*** to create !

**YOUR MOST POWERFUL PRAYERS
ARE THE ONES THAT BOTH YOU AND YOUR GOD UNDERSTAND
... AND SO OFTEN ...
THEY CANNOT BE FOUND IN THE BIBLE**

Neither the ***Abraham*** of 4,000 years ago nor the ***Moses*** of 3,400 years ago had any scripture to read or refer to. They simply ***loved*** and ***believed in*** the Elohim (GOD) that they prayed to. And this Elohim ***did*** apparently answer to both of them with the heaps of miracles that were subsequently described in the Bible.

SO YOU SHOULD NEVER FORGET THAT

- (1) Both ***YAHWEH*** (our Elohim) and ***JESUS*** (our Savior) in your brain, are your very own personal and ***eternal*** spiritual realities and They are ***One***.
- (2) The ***HEAVEN*** in your brain too, is your very own eternal ***spiritual*** reality.
- (3) The spiritual messengers (angels) in your brain obey God exclusively.
- (4) Both the '***HELL***' and the '***SATAN***' in your brain are ***also*** spiritual realities.

Simply no human being has ever been smart enough to get intellectually elaborate before the level of ***divine and absolute intelligence*** that designed and built the brains (of around 100 billion cells) that ***each*** of us thinks with:

So it's probably a good idea to keep our prayers to the Lord ***YAHWEH*** and to His only begotten son the Lord ***JESUS*** both very simple and constant. And it's a good idea too, to make sure that they constantly express total ***love*** and ***admiration***.

My own most frequent ***daily*** prayers are always personally addressed to ***YAHWEH*** and to ***JESUS***. And their ***wording*** each day remains similar to the following:

- 1. Lord YAHWEH and Lord JESUS**
- 2. I love YOU ... I love YOU ... I love YOU**
- 3. You love ME ... You love ME ... You love ME**
- 4. Thank YOU ... Thank YOU ... Thank YOU**

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- 5. YOU are in my HEAD and HEART and BLOODSTREAM
every second of every day
and this with all of YOUR MINISTERING ANGELS.**
- 6. So please teach me to PRAY**

Each prayer repeated many times

From the **SCIENTIFIC** standpoint alone we should never forget that the concepts of both distance and plurality are merely functions of the existence of the **TIME** that **YAHWEH** and **JESUS** jointly created and continue to *maintain within each of our bodies* every second of every day.

And They are (and always have been) *forever* on our side in our unceasing life long and persistent fight against the *ultimate spiritual stench* that the world's three Abrahamic religions *all* refer to as Satan...

Sincerely : **Christopher Nugent** : September 2023

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1. LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD



1922

There was *onçe* a *sweet* little *maid* *who* lived *with* her *fäth*er and *móth*er in a pretty little *cottag*e at the *edg*e of the *villag*e. At the *Fúth*er end of the *wóod* was an *óth*er pretty *cottag*e and in it lived her *grandmóth*er.

Everybody *lóved* *this* little *gîrl*, her *grandmóth*er *pêrhaps* *lóved* her *most* of *âll* and *gave* her a *great* many pretty *thi*ngs. *Onçe* she

gave her a red cloak with a hood which she always wore, so people called her Little Red Riding Hood.

One morning Little Red Riding Hood's mother said, "Put on your things and go to see your grandmother. She has been ill; take along this basket for her. I have put in it eggs, butter and cake, and other dainties."

It was a bright and sunny morning. Red Riding Hood was so happy that at first she wanted to dance through the wood. All around her grew pretty wild flowers which she loved so well and she stopped to pick a bunch for her grandmother.



Little Red Riding Hood wandered from her path and was stopping to pick a flower when from behind her a gruff voice said, "Good morning, Little Red Riding Hood." Little Red Riding Hood turned around and saw a great big wolf, but Little Red Riding Hood did not know what a wicked beast the wolf was, so she was not afraid.

"What have you in that basket, Little Red Riding Hood?"

"Eggs and butter and cake, Mr. Wolf."

"Where are you going with them, Little Red Riding Hood?"

"I am **going** to my **grandmother**, **who** is ill, Mr. **Wolf**."

"*Where* **does** **your** **grandmother** live, Little Red Riding **Hood**?"

"Along **that** **path**, **past** the **wild** **rose** **bushes**, **then** **through** the **gate** at the end of the **wood**, Mr. **Wolf**."

Then Mr. **Wolf** again said "G**ood** m**orning**" and set off, and Little Red Riding **Hood** again went in **search** of wild **flowers**.

At **last** he **reached** the **porch** covered with **flowers** and **knocked** at the **door** of the **cottage**.

"**Who** is **there**?" **called** the **grandmother**.

"Little Red Riding **Hood**," said the wicked **wolf**.

"Press the **latch**, **open** the **door**, and **walk** in," said the **grandmother**.

The **wolf** **pressed** the **latch**, and **walked** in *where* the **grandmother** **lay** in bed. **He** **made** one jump at her, but she **jumped** **out** of bed into a **closet**. **Then** the **wolf** **put** on the cap **which** she had **dropped** and crept under the **bedclothes**.



In a **short** *while* Little Red Riding **Hood** **knocked** at the **door**, and **walked** in, **saying**, "G**ood** m**orning**, **Grandmother**, I have **brought** you **eggs**, **butter** and **cake**, and **here** is a **bunch** of **flowers** I

gathered in the wóod." As she came nearer the bed she said,
 "Whát big earş you have, Grandmóther."

"áall the better to hear you with, my dear."

"Whát big eyş you have, Grandmóther."

"áall the better to see you with, my dear."

"But, Grandmóther, whát a big noşe you have."

"áall the better to smell with, my dear."

"But, Grandmóther, whát a big mouth you have."

"áall the better to eat you up with, my dear," he said as he sprang
 at Little Red Riding Hóod.



Just at **that** moment Little Red Riding Hood's **fáther** was **pássing**
 the cottag**e** and h**é**ard her scre**am**. He **rush**e**d** in and **with** his axe
choppe**d** off Mr. Wólf's head.

Everybody was happy **that** Little Red Riding Hóod had escap**e**d
 the wólf. **Then** Little Red Riding Hóod's **fáther** carried her **home**
 and **they** lived happily ever **á**fter.

2. THE GOOSE-GIRL

There was once an old Queen, who had a very beautiful daughter. The time came when the maiden was to go into a distant country to be married. The old Queen, packaged up everything suitable to a royal outfit.

She also sent a Waiting-woman with her. When the hour of departure came they bade each other a sorrowful farewell and set out for the bridegroom's country.



When they had ridden for a time the Princess became very thirsty, and said to the Waiting-woman, "Go down and fetch me some water in my cup from the stream. I must have something to drink."

"If you are thirsty," said the Waiting-woman, "dismount yourself, lie down by the water and drink. I don't choose to be your servant."

Being very thirsty, the Princess dismounted, and knelt by the flowing water.

Now, when she was about to mount her horse again, the Waiting-woman said, "By rights your horse belongs to me; this jade will do for you!"

The p^oor little Prin^çess was oblig^ed to give way. **T**hen the Waitⁱng-w^oman, in a hä^rsh voic^e, ö^rdered her to tak^e off her royal rob^es, and to put on her own me^an g^ärments. Finally she fö^rç^ed her to swear **t**hat she wou^ld not tell a p^erson at the Cö^urt wh^at had tak^en plac^e. Had she not tak^en the o^ath she wou^ld have be^een kill^ed on the spot.

There was gre^at rejoicⁱng when **t**hey arriv^ed at the c^ästle. The Prin^çe hurri^ed tow^ärds **t**hem, and lifted the Waitⁱng-w^oman from her h^örse, **t**hinking she was his brid^e. She was led upstair^s, but the real Prin^çess had to stay below.



The **o**ld King löök^ed ö^ut of the wind^ow and sä^w the delicate, pretty little creat^ure standing in the cö^urt^yä^rd; so he äsk^ed the brid^e about her cö^mpaniöⁿ.

"I pick^ed her up on the way, and brö^ught her with me for cö^mpany. Give the gⁱrl som^ethⁱng to dö^e to ke^ep her from idling."

The **o**ld King said, "I have a little lad whö^e löök^s äft^er the ge^ese; she may help him."

The boy was c^äll^ed little Conrad, and the real brid^e was sent with him to löök äft^er the ge^ese. When **t**hey re^ach^ed the meadow, the Prin^çess sat dö^wn on the gr^äss and let dö^wn her hair, and when

Conrad **s**aw it he was so deli**gh**ted **th**at he wa**nt**ed to pluck **so**me **o**ut; but she said—

"Blow, blow, little bree**ze**, And Conrad's hat **se**ize.

Let him join in the **ch**ase

Whi**le** awa**y** it is whi**rl**ed, Till **my** tresse**s** are cu**rl**ed

And I rest in **my** pla**ce**."

Then a strong wind sprang up, whi**ch** blew awa**y** Conrad's hat **ri**ght **o**ver the **fi**eld**s**, and he had to run **a**fter it. *When* he **ca**me back her **h**air was **a**ll pu**t** up again.



When **th**ey got **h**ome Conrad went to the King and said, "I **w**on't tend the **ge**ese **w**ith **th**at **m**aiden again."

"**W**hy not?" **a**ske**d** the King.

Then Conrad went on to tell the King **a**ll **th**at had happened in the **fi**eld. The King **o**rdere**d** Conrad to **g**o next **da**y as **u**sual and he **f**ollowe**d** into the **fi**eld and hid behind a **b**ush. **H**e **s**aw it happen just as Conrad had **t**old him. **T**hereupon he went awa**y** un**n**oti**c**e**d**; and in the **e**vening, *when* the **G**ee**s**e-gi**r**l **ca**me **h**ome, he **a**ske**d** her **w**hy she did **a**ll **th**ese **th**ings.

"**That** I may not tell you," she answered.

Then he said, "If you won't tell me, **then** tell the **iron stove** **there**;" and he went **away**.

She crept up to the **stove** and unburdened her heart to it. The King stood **outside** by the **pipes** of the **stove** and heard **all** she said. **Then** he came back, and **caused** royal **robes** to be **put** upon her, and her **beauty** was a **marvel**. **Then** he called his **son** and **told** him **that** he had a **false** **bride**, but **that** the **true** **bride** was **here**.

The **Prince** was **charmed** with her **beauty** and a **great** **banquet** was prepared. The **bridegroom** sat at the head of the **table**, with the **Princess** on one **side** and the **Waiting-woman** at the **other**; but she did not recognize the **Princess**.

When **they** had **eaten**, the King **put** a **riddle** to the **Waiting-woman**. "**What** does a **person** deserve **that** **deceives** his **master**?" telling the **whole** **story**.

The **false** **bride** answered, "**He** must be **put** into a barrel and dragged along by **two** **white** **horses** till he is dead."

"**That** is **your** **deem**," said the King, "and the **judgment** **shall** be carried **out**."

When the **sentence** was fulfilled, the young **Prince** married his **true** **bride**, and **they** lived together in **peace** and happiness.

3..THE SLEEPING BEAUTY



Once upon a time there was a king and queen who for a very long time had no children, and when at length a little daughter was born to them they were so pleased that they gave a christening feast to which they invited a number of fairies. But, unfortunately, they left out one rather cross old fairy, and she was so angry that she said the princess should die when she reached the age of sixteen, by pricking her hand with a spindle.

All the other fairies present, except one, had already given the princess their beautiful gifts, and this last one said she could not prevent part of the wicked wish coming true; but her gift should be that the princess should not really die, but only fall into a deep sleep, which should last for a hundred years, and at the end of that time she should be awakened by a king's son.

It all happened as the fairies had predicted. When the princess was sixteen years old she saw an old woman spinning and took the spindle from her to try this strange new work. Instantly she

pricked her hand and fell into a deep sleep, as did everyone else in the palace.

There she lay in a bower of roses, year after year, and the hedge around the palace garden grew so tall and thick that at last you could not have told that there was a castle at all.



At the end of the hundred years a king's son heard of the castle and the enchanted princess who lay asleep there and determined to rescue her. So he cut his way through the thick prickly hedge and at length he came to the princess. When he saw how lovely and how sweet she looked he fell in love with her and, stooping, kissed her lips.

At once she awoke and with her the king and queen and all the courtiers, who had fallen asleep at the same time.

As the princess was as much taken with the prince's appearance as he was with hers, they decided to be married. And so the wedding was celebrated the same day with great pomp and ceremony.

