

EZEKIEL

Chapter 1

Creation and the Creator

1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as I *was* among the captives by ^athe River Chebar, *that* ^bthe heavens were opened and I saw ^cvisions of God.

2 In the fifth *day* of the month, that *was* the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity,

3 the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the River Chebar. And ^dthe hand of the LORD was there upon him.

4 ¶ And I looked, and behold, ^ea whirlwind came ^fout of the north, a great cloud with fire flashing forth continually and a bright light around it, and in its midst something as the color of amber in the midst of the fire.

5 ^gAlso out of its midst *came* the likeness of four living creatures. And ^hthis *was* their appearance. They had ⁱthe likeness of a man.

6 And each one had four faces, and each one had four wings.

7 And their legs *were* straight and their feet *were* like the sole of a calf's hoof. And they sparkled like ^jthe color of burnished bronze.

8 And *they had* ^kthe hands of a man under their wings on their four sides. And each of the four had faces and

wings.

9 Their wings *were* joined one to another. They did not turn when they went, but each one went straight ^lforward.

10 As for ^mthe likeness of their faces, *each* ⁿhad the face of a man. Each of the four had ^othe face of a lion on the right side. ^pEach of the four had the face of an ox on the left side. ^qAll four also had the face of an eagle.

11 Such *were* their faces. And their wings *were* stretched upward, two *wings* of each one *were* joined one to another. And ^rtwo covered their bodies.

12 And ^seach one went straight forward. Where the spirit went, they went. They did not turn when they went.

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance *was* like burning coals of fire, ^tlike the appearance of lamps. It went up and down among the living creatures. And the fire was bright. And out of the fire went forth lightning.

14 And the living creatures ran to and fro ^ulike bolts of lightning.

15 ¶ Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold there was ^vone wheel on the earth beside each living creature with his four faces.

16 ^wThe appearance of the wheels and their work *was* ^xlike the color of

Chapter 1: a Ez 3:15,23; 10:15 b Rv 4:1; 19:11 c Ez 8:3 d Ez 3:14,22 e Jr 23:19; 25:32 f Jr 1:14 g Rv 4:6-8 h Ez 10:8 i Ez 10:14 j Dn 10:6 k Ez 10:8,21 l Ez 1:12; 10:20-22 m Rv 4:7 n Nm 2:10 o Nm 2:3 p Nm 2:18 q Nm 2:25 r Is 6:2 s Ez 10:11,22 t Rv 4:5 u Mt 24:27 v Ez 10:9 w Ez 10:9,10 x Dn 10:6

a beryl. And the four had one likeness. And their appearance and their work *was* as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

17 When they moved, they went in any of their four directions. They did not turn when they went.

18 As for their rims, they were so high that they were awesome. And the rims of all four were ^yfull of eyes all around them.

19 And ^zwhen 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 went, they went, because there the spirit went. And the wheels were lifted up together with them, ^afor 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 together with them, for the spirit of the living creature *was* in the wheels.

22 ¶ And ^bthe likeness of the firmament *that was* over the heads of the living creature *was* as the color of the awesome ^ccrystal, stretched forth ^dabove their heads.

23 And under the firmament their wings *were* straight, the one toward the other. Each one also had two wings covering its body on the one side and on the other.

24 And ^ewhen they went, I heard the sound of their wings, ^flike the sound

of great waters, as ^gthe voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the sound of an army. When they stood, they let down their wings.

25 And there was a voice from the firmament that *was* over their heads. When they stood, they let down their wings.

26 ¶ And ^habove the firmament that *was* over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, ⁱas the appearance of a sapphire stone. And seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness as ^jit were the appearance of a man.

27 And ^kI saw as the color of amber, as the appearance of fire all around within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward. I saw as it were the appearance of fire. And it had brightness all around.

28 ^lAs the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so *was* the appearance of the brightness all around. ^mThis *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw *it*, ⁿI fell on my face and I heard a voice of one who spoke.

Chapter 2

Call of Ezekiel

1 ¶ And He said to me, “Son of man, ^astand on your feet and I will speak to you.”

2 Then ^bthe Spirit entered into me when He spoke to me. And He set me upon my feet so that I heard Him

y Ez 10:12 z Ez 10:16,17 a Ez 10:17 b Ez 10:1 c Rv 4:6 d Ez 10:1 e Ez 3:13; 10:5 f Rv 1:15 g Jb 37:4,5 h Ez 10:1 i Ex 24:10,16 j Ez 8:2 k Ez 8:2 l Rv 4:3; 10:1 m Ez 3:23; 8:4 n Dn 8:17 Chapter 2: a Dn 10:11 b Ez 3:24

who spoke to me.

3 Then He said to me, “Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has ^crebelled against Me. ^dThey and their fathers have transgressed against Me, *even* to this very day.

4 ^e“For *they are* stubborn children and obstinate. I am sending you to them and you will say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.”

5 ^f“And they, whether they will hear or whether they will refuse—for they *are* a ^grebellious house—yet they ^hwill know that there has been a prophet among them.

6 ¶ “And you, son of man, ⁱdo not be afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though ^jbriers and thorns *are* with you and you dwell among scorpions. ^kDo not be afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, ^lthough they *are* a rebellious house.

7 “And ^myou will speak My words to them, whether they will hear or whether they will refuse, for they *are* rebellious.

8 “But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and ⁿeat what I give you.”

9 ¶ And when I looked, behold, ^oa hand *was* sent to me. And behold, a roll of ^pa scroll *was* in it.

10 And he spread it before me, and it was written on the front and back. And *there was* written on it lamentations and mourning and woe.

Chapter 3

1 ¶ Furthermore, He said to me, “Son of man, eat what you find. ^aEat this scroll and go speak to the house of Israel.”

2 So I opened my mouth and He caused me to eat the scroll.

3 Then He said to me, “Son of man, cause your stomach to eat and fill your body with this scroll that I give to you.” Then I ^bate *it*. And it was in my mouth ^cas sweet as honey.

4 ¶ Then He said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.

5 “For you *are* not sent to a people of unfamiliar speech and a hard language, *but* to the house of Israel;

6 “not to many people of an unfamiliar speech and a difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, ^dhad I sent you to them, they would have hearkened to you.

7 “But the house of Israel will not hearken to you, ^efor they will not hearken to Me. ^fFor all the house of Israel *are* stubborn and hardhearted.

8 “Behold, I have made your face strong against their faces, and your forehead strong against their foreheads.

9 ^g“As adamant stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead. ^hDo not fear them, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they *are* a rebellious house.”

10 Furthermore, He said to me, “Son of man, all My words that I will speak

c Ez 5:6; 20:8,13,18 d Jr 3:25 e Ez 3:7 f Ez 3:11,26,27 g Ez 3:26 h Ez 33:33 i Jr 1:8,17 j Mc 7:4 k 1 Pt 3:14 l Ez 3:9,26,27 m Jr 1:7,17 n Rv 10:9 o Ez 8:3 p Ez 3:1 **Chapter 3:** a Ez 2:8,9 b Rv 10:9 c Ps 19:10; 119:103 d Mt 11:21 e Jn 15:20,21 f Ez 2:4 g Mc 3:8 h Jr 1:8,17

to you receive in your heart and hear with your ears.

11 “Now go to those of the captivity, to the children of your people, and speak to them. Then tell them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ whether they will hear or whether they will refuse.”

12 ¶ Then ^hthe Spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a great thunderous voice, *saying*, “Blessed is the ^kglory of the LORD in His place.”

13 I *heard* also the ^lsound of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, and a sound of rumbling.

14 So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away. And I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit, but ^mthe hand of the LORD was strong upon me.

15 Then I came to those of the captivity at Telabib who dwelt by the River Chebar. And ⁿI sat where they sat and remained there astonished among them *for* seven days.

Warning to Israel

16 ¶ Now it ^ocame to pass at the end of seven days that the word of the LORD came to me, *saying*,

17 ^p“Son of man, I have made you ^qa watchman to the house of Israel. Therefore, hear the word from My mouth and give them ^rwarning from Me.

18 “When I say to the wicked, ‘You will surely die,’ and you do not give him warning, nor speak to warn the

wicked of his wicked way, to save his life, the same wicked *man* ^swill die in his iniquity. But his blood I will require at your hand.

19 “Yet if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he will die in his iniquity. ^tBut you have delivered your soul.

20 “Again, when a ^urighteous *man* turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he will die. Because you have not given him warning, he will die in his sin and his righteousness that he has done will not be remembered. But his blood I will require at your hand.

21 “However, if you warn the righteous *man* that the righteous not sin, and he does not sin, he will surely live, because he took warning. Also, you have delivered your soul.”

22 ¶ And ^vthe hand of the LORD was there upon me. And He said to me, “Arise, go out ^winto the plain and I will there talk with you.”

23 Then I arose and went out into the plain. And behold, ^xthe glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory that I ^ysaw by the River Chebar. ^zAnd I fell on my face.

24 Then ^athe 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, O son of man, behold, ^bthey will put bonds on you and will bind you with them, and you will not

i Ez 2:5,7 j At 8:39 k Ez 1:28; 8:4 l Ez 1:24; 10:5 m 2 Kg 3:15 n Jb 2:13 o Jr 42:7 p Ez 33:7-9 q Jr 6:17 r Lv 19:17 s Jn 8:21,24 t At 18:6; 20:26 u Ez 18:24; 33:18 v Ez 1:3 w Ez 8:4 x Ez 1:28 y Ez 1:1 z Ez 1:28 a Ez 2:2 b Ez 4:8

go out among them.

26 “And ^eI will make your tongue cleave to the roof of your mouth so that you will be dumb and ^dcannot be a man who rebukes them, ^efor they *are* a rebellious house.

27 ^f“But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth and you will say to them, ^g“Thus says the Lord GOD.’ He who hears, let him hear, and he who refuses, let him refuse, for they *are* a rebellious house.

Chapter 4

Prophecy from the Clay Tablet

1 ¶ “You also, son of man, take a clay tablet and lay it before you, and inscribe a city on it, *even* Jerusalem.

2 “And ^alay siege against it, and build a ^bfort against it, and cast a mount against it. Also place a camp against it and set *battering* rams against it all around.

3 “Furthermore, take an iron plate and set it *for* a wall of iron between you and the city. Then set your face against it and it will be ^cbesieged. And you will lay siege against it. ^dThis will *be* a sign to the house of Israel.

4 ¶ “Lie also on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it. *According* to the number of the days that you will lie on it you will bear their iniquity.

5 “For I have laid on you the years of their iniquity according to the number of the days, 390 days. ^eSo you will bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

6 “Now when you have completed

these, lie again on your right side. And you will bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have appointed you each day for a year.

7 “Therefore, you will set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem and your arm *will be* bared. And you will prophesy against it.

8 ^f“And behold, I will put bonds on you and you will not turn from one side to another until you have ended the days of your siege.

9 ¶ “As for you, take wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet and spelt. Put them in one vessel and make them into bread for yourself *according* to the number of the days that you will lie on your side. *For* 390 days you will eat of it.

10 “And your food that you will eat *will be* by weight, twenty shekels a day. From time to time you will eat it.

11 “You will drink also water by measure, the sixth part of a hin by measure. From time to time you will drink.

12 “And you will eat it *as* barley cakes. And in their sight you will bake it over dung that comes out of man.”

13 And the LORD said, “Even thus ^gwill the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles where I will drive them.”

14 Then I said, ^h“Ah Lord GOD! Behold, my soul has not been defiled. For from my youth up even until now I have not eaten of that ⁱwhich dies of itself or is torn by beasts, nor has

c Lk 1:20,22 d Hs 4:17 e Ez 2:5-7 f Ez 24:27; 33:22 g Ez 3:11 **Chapter 4:** a Jr 6:6 b 2 Kg 25:1 c Jr 39:1,2 d Ez 12:6,11; 24:24,27 e Nm 14:34 f Ez 3:25 g Hs 9:3 h At 10:14 i Lv 17:15; 22:8

abominable flesh come into my mouth.”

15 Then He said to me, “Behold, I have given you cow’s dung for man’s dung, and you will prepare your bread over it.”

16 Furthermore, He said to me, “Son of man, behold, I will break the ^bstaff of bread in Jerusalem. And they will eat bread by weight and with care. And they will ^mdrink water by measure and with astonishment,

17 “so that they may lack bread and water, and they will be dismayed with one another and ⁿwaste away in their iniquity.”

Chapter 5

1 ¶ “And you, son of man, take a sharp sword. Take and use it *as* a barber’s ^arazor on your head and beard. Then take scales for weighing and divide the *hair*.

2 ^b“You will burn with fire one-third in the middle of ^cthe city when ^dthe days of the siege are completed. And you will take one-third *and* strike around it with a knife. And one-third you will scatter in the wind. And I will draw out a sword behind ^ethem.

3 ^f“You will also take a small number of them and bind them on your garment.

4 “Then take some of them again and ^gcast them into the middle of the fire, and burn them in the fire. From there a fire will come out into all the house of Israel.”

5 ¶ Thus says the Lord GOD, “This

is Jerusalem. I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries *that are* all around her.

6 “And she has changed My judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and My statutes more than the countries that *are* all around her. For they have refused My judgments and My statutes. They have not walked in them.”

7 “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Because you multiplied *transgression* more than the nations that *are* around you *and* have not walked in My statutes, ^hnor have kept My judgments, nor have done according to the ordinances of the nations that *are* around you,’

8 “therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I, even I, *am* against you. And I will execute judgments in the midst of you in the sight of the nations.

9 ⁱ“And because of all your abominations, I will do among you that which I have not done, and the like of which I will never do again.

10 ‘Therefore, the fathers ^jwill eat the sons in the midst of you and the sons will eat their fathers. And I will execute judgments on you and will ^kscatter the whole remnant of you into all the winds.

11 ‘Therefore, *as* I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘surely, because you have ^ldefiled My sanctuary with all your ^mdetestable things, and with all your abominations, therefore I will also diminish *you*. ⁿMy eye will not spare, nor will I have any pity.

j Dt 14:3 k Is 3:1 l Ez 4:10,11; 12:19 m Ez 4:11 n Lv 26:39 Chapter 5: a Is 7:20 b Ez 5:12 c Ez 4:1 d Ez 4:8,9 e Lv 26:25 f Jr 40:6; 52:16 g Jr 41:1,2; 44:14 h Jr 2:10,11 i Am 3:2 j Jr 19:9 k Zc 2:6; 7:14 l Jr 7:9-11 m Ez 11:21 n Ez 7:4,9; 8:18; 9:10

12 ^o“One-third of you will die with pestilence. They will be consumed in the midst of you with famine. And one-third will fall by the sword all around you. And ^pI will scatter one-third into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after ^qthem.

13 ‘Thus My anger will ^rbe spent and I will ^ssatisfy My fury upon them. Then ^tI will be appeased. And ^uthey will know that I the LORD have spoken *it* in My zeal, when I have spent My fury upon them.

14 ‘Furthermore, ^vI will make you waste and a reproach among the nations that *are* all around you, in the sight of all who pass by.

15 ‘So it will be a ^wreproach and a taunt, a ^xwarning and an astonishment to the nations that *are* all around you, when I will execute judgments on you in anger and in fury and in ^yfurios rebukes. I, the LORD, have spoken *it*.

16 ‘When I ^zsend on them the evil arrows of famine that will be for *their* destruction, that I will send to destroy you, then I will increase the famine on you and will break your ^asupply of bread.

17 ‘So I will send on you famine and ^bwild beasts, and they will leave you no children. And ^cpestilence and blood will pass through you. And I will bring the sword upon you. I, the LORD, have spoken *it*.’”

Chapter 6

Prophecy Against the Mountains

1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, ^aset your face toward the ^bmountains of Israel and prophesy against them,

3 “and say, ‘You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD, *for* thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains and to the hills, to the rivers and to the valleys, “Behold, I, *even* I, will bring a sword upon you and ^cI will destroy your high places.

4 “Behold, your altars will be desolate and your images will be broken. And ^dI will cast down your slain *men* before your idols.

5 “And I will lay the dead carcasses of the children of Israel before their idols. And I will scatter your bones all around your altars.

6 “In all your dwellings, the cities will be laid waste and the high places will be desolate, so that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down and your works may be abolished.

7 “And the slain will fall in the midst of you, and ^eyou will know that I *am* the LORD.

8 ¶ ^f“Yet I will leave a remnant so that you may have *some* who will escape the sword among the nations when you are ^gscattered throughout the countries.

9 “And those of you who escape will ^hremember Me among the nations to which they will be carried captives,

o Ez 6:12 **p** Jr 9:16 **q** Jr 43:10,11; 44:27 **r** Lm 4:11 **s** Ez 21:17 **t** Is 1:24 **u** Ez 36:6; 38:19 **v** Lv 26:31 **w** Jr 24:9 **x** Is 26:9 **y** Ez 5:8; 25:17 **z** Dt 32:23 **a** Lv 26:26 **b** Lv 26:22 **c** Ez 38:22 **Chapter 6:** **a** Ez 20:46; 21:2; 25:2 **b** Ez 36:1 **c** Lv 26:30 **d** Lv 26:30 **e** Ez 7:4,9 **f** Jr 44:28 **g** Ez 5:12 **h** Dt 4:29

because ⁱI was hurt by their adulterous hearts that turned away from Me, and ^jwith their eyes that go whoring after their idols. And ^kthey will loathe themselves for the evils that they have committed in all their abominations.

10 “And they will know that I *am* the LORD. I have not said in vain that I would bring this calamity on them.”

11 ¶ “Thus says the Lord GOD, ^lSmite with your hand and stamp with your foot, and say, “Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! ^mFor they will fall by the sword, by famine and by pestilence.

12 “He who is afar off will die from pestilence. And he who is near will fall by the sword. And he who remains and is besieged will die by famine. ⁿThus I will accomplish My fury upon them.

13 “Then you will know that I *am* the LORD, when their slain *men* will be among their idols all around their altars, ^oon every high hill, ^pon all the tops of the mountains and ^qunder every green tree and under every thick oak, the place where they offered sweet savor to all their idols.

14 “So I will ^rstretch out My hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yes, more desolate than the wilderness toward ^sDiblah, in all their habitations. And they will know that I *am* the LORD.””

Chapter 7

The End

1 ¶ Furthermore, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Also, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD to the land of Israel, ^a“An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land.

3 “Now the end *is* upon you and I will send My anger upon you. And I will judge you ^baccording to your ways, and will repay you for all your abominations.

4 ^c“And My eye will not spare you, nor will I have pity. But I will repay your ways upon you, and your abominations will be in your midst. ^dThen you will know that I *am* the LORD.’

5 “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Calamity, a ^esingle calamity, behold, has come.

6 ‘An end has come! The end has come. It watches for you. Behold, it has come.

7 ^f“Doom has come upon you, O you who dwell in the land. ^gThe time has come. The day of trouble *is* near, and not the joyful shouting on the mountains.

8 ‘Now I will shortly ^hpour out My fury upon you and accomplish My anger upon you. And I will judge you according to your ways and will repay you for all your abominations.

9 ‘And My eye will not spare, nor will I have pity. I will repay you according to your ways and your abominations *that are* in your midst. And you will know that I *am* the LORD who strikes.

i Ps 78:40 j Ez 20:7,24 k Ez 20:43; 36:31 l Ez 21:14 m Ex 5:12 n Ez 5:13 o Jr 2:20; 3:6 p Hs 4:13 q Is 57:5 r Is 5:25 s Nm 33:46 **Chapter 7:** a Am 8:2,10 b Rm 2:6 c Ez 5:11 d Ez 12:20 e 2 Kg 21:12,13 f Ez 7:10 g Zp 1:14,15 h Ez 20:8,21 i Ez 7:7

10 ¶ 'Behold the day. Behold, it has come. ⁱDoom has gone forth. The rod has blossomed. Pride has budded.

11 ^j'Violence has grown into a rod of wickedness. None of them *will remain*, nor of their people, nor of their wealth. ^k'Neither *will there be* wailing for them.

12 'The time has come *and* the day draws near. Do not let the buyer rejoice, nor the seller ^mmourn, for wrath *is* upon all their people.

13 'For the seller will not return to that which is sold, although they are still alive. For the vision concerns the whole multitude *that* will not return. Neither will any maintain himself by the iniquity of his life.

14 'They have blown the trumpet to make everyone ready. But no one goes to the battle, for My wrath *is* upon all their multitude.

15 ⁿ'The sword is outside and the plague and the famine are within. He who *is* in the field will die with the sword. And he who *is* in the city, famine and pestilence will devour him.

16 ¶ 'But those of them who ^oescape will be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, everyone because of his iniquity.

17 'All ^phands will be feeble and all knees will be weak *as* water.

18 'They will also ^qgird *themselves* with sackcloth and horror will cover them. And shame *will be* upon all faces and baldness upon all their heads.

19 'They will cast their silver into the streets and their gold will be re-

moved. ^rTheir silver and their gold will not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD. They will not satisfy their souls, nor fill their stomachs, because it became the stumbling block of their iniquity.

20 ¶ 'They were proud of their beautiful ornaments and ^sused it to make their abominable idols and vile images. Therefore, I will make it like refuse to them.

21 'And I will give it into the hands of the foreigners for a ^tbooty, and to the wicked of the earth for plunder. And they will defile it.

22 'I will also turn My face from them, and they will defile My secret *place*, for the robbers will enter into it and defile it.

23 ¶ 'Prepare chains, ^ufor the land is full of crimes of blood and the city is full of violence.

24 'Therefore, I will bring the ^vworst of the nations and they will possess their houses. I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease, and their holy places will be ^wdefiled.

25 'Destruction comes, and they will seek peace and *there will be* none.

26 ^x'Mischievous will come upon mischief, and rumor will be upon rumor. ^yThen they will seek a vision from the prophet. But the law will perish from the priest and counsel from the elders.

27 'The king will mourn, and the prince will be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land will be troubled. I will do to them according to their way, and ac-

ording to what they deserve I will judge them. Then they will know that I *am* the LORD.”

Chapter 8

Temple Idolatry

1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, *as* I sat in my house and ^athe elders of Judah sat before me, that ^bthe hand of the Lord GOD fell upon me there.

2 ^cThen I looked, and behold, a likeness as the appearance of a man. From the appearance of his loins, even downward, *was* as fire. And from his loins, even upward, *it was* ^das the appearance of brightness as the color of amber.

3 And he ^estretched out the form of a hand and took me by a lock of my hair. And ^fthe Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven and ^gbrought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the Inner Gate that looks toward the north, ^hwhere the seat of the image of jealousy *was* that ⁱprovokes to jealousy.

4 And behold, the ^jglory of the God of Israel *was* there according to the vision that I ^ksaw in the plain.

5 ¶ Then He said to me, “Son of man, lift up your eyes now toward the north.” So I lifted up my eyes toward the north, and behold, northward at the gate of the altar *was* this image of jealousy in the entrance.

6 Furthermore, He said to me, “Son of man, do you see what they are

doing, the great ^labominations that the house of Israel commits here that I should go far away from My sanctuary? But turn again *and* you will see greater abominations.”

7 ¶ Then 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 dug in the wall, behold a door.

9 And He said to me, “Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they are doing here.”

10 So I went in and saw. And behold, ^mevery form of ⁿcreeping things and abominable beasts and all the idols of the house of Israel *were* portrayed upon the wall all around.

11 And there stood before them ^oseventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, and every man with his censer in his hand, and a thick 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 the rooms of his carved idols? For they say, ^p“The LORD does not see us. The LORD has forsaken the land.”

13 ¶ He said also to me, “Turn again *and* you will see greater abominations that they are doing.”

14 Then He brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD’S house that *was* toward the north. And behold,

Chapter 8: a Ez 14:1; 20:1; 33:31 b Ez 1:3; 3:22 c Ez 1:26,27 d Ez 1:4,27 e Dn 5:5 f Ez 3:14 g Ez 11:1,24; 40:2 h Ez 5:11 i Dt 32:16,21 j Ez 3:12; 9:3 k Ez 1:28; 3:22,23 l 2 Kg 23:4,5 m Ez 20:4 n Rm 1:23 o Nm 11:16,25 p Ez 9:9

there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

15 ¶ Then He said to me, “Have you seen *this*, O son of man? Turn again *and* you will see greater abominations than these.”

16 Then He brought me into the inner court of the LORD’S house, and behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, ⁹between the porch and the altar, ¹were about twenty-five men ⁸with their backs toward the temple of the LORD and their faces toward the east. And they worshiped ¹the sun toward the east.

17 ¶ Then He said to me, “Have you seen *this*, O son of man? Is it a light thing for the house of Judah that they commit the abominations that they commit here? For they have ¹filled the land with violence and have returned to provoke Me to anger. For behold, they are putting the twig to their nose.

18 ¹“Therefore, I will also deal in fury. My ¹eye will not spare, nor will I have pity. And though they ¹cry out in My ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them.”

Chapter 9

Death of Idolaters

1 ¶ He cried out also in my ears with a loud voice, saying, “Cause those who have charge over the city to draw near, even every man *with* his destroying weapon in his hand.”

2 And behold, six men came from the way of the Upper Gate that lies toward the north, each man with a

slaughter weapon in his hand. And ¹one man among them *was* clothed with linen, with a writer’s kit by his side. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

3 ¶ Then the ¹glory of the God of Israel went up from the cherub on which it had been, to the threshold of the temple. And He called to the man clothed with linen who *had* the writer’s kit by his side.

4 And the LORD said to him, “Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set ¹a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and ¹who cry out because of all the abominations that are being committed in its midst.”

5 And to the others he said in my hearing, “Go after him through the city, and ¹strike. ¹Do not let your eye have pity and do not spare.

6 ¹“Slay utterly old *and* young, both maids and little children and women. But ¹do not come near any man on whom *is* the mark. Now ¹begin at My sanctuary.”¹ Then they began with the elders who *were* before the temple.

7 And he said to them, “Defile the temple and fill the courts with the slain. Go out!” And they went out and slew in the city.

8 ¶ Now it came to pass while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I ¹fell on my face and cried out and said, ¹“Ah Lord GOD! Will You destroy all the remainder of Israel in Your pouring out of Your fury upon Jerusalem?”

q Jl 2:17 r Ez 11:1 s Jr 2:27; 32:33 t Dt 4:19 u Ez 9:9 v Ez 5:13; 16:42; 24:13 w Ex 5:11; 7:4,9; 9:5,10 x Mc 3:4 **Chapter 9:** a Lv 16:4 b Ez 3:23; 8:4; 10:4,18; 11:22,23 c Rv 7:2,3; 9:4; 14:1 d Jr 13:17 e Ez 7:9 f Ez 5:11 g 2 Ch 36:17 h Rv 9:4 i Jr 25:29 j Ez 8:11,12,16 k Ja 7:6 l Ez 11:13

9 Then He said to me, “The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah *is* exceedingly great and the ^mland is full of blood. And the city *is* full of perverseness, for they say, ⁿ“The LORD has forsaken the land and ^othe LORD does not see.”

10 “But as for Me also, My ^peye will not spare, nor will I have pity. ^qI will repay their way upon their heads.”

11 And behold, the man clothed with linen *who had* the writer’s kit by his side reported the matter, saying, “I have done as You have commanded me.”

Chapter 10

The Glory Departs

1 ¶ Then I looked, and behold, in the ^afirmament that was over the head of the cherubim there appeared something like a sapphire stone, having the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

2 And ^bHe spoke to the man clothed with linen and said, “Go in between the wheels, *even* under the cherub, and fill your hand with ^ccoals of fire from between the cherubim, and ^dscatter *them* over the city.” And he went in as I watched.

3 Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the temple when the man went in. And the ^ecloud filled the inner court.

4 ^fThen the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub *and stood* over the threshold of the temple. And the ^gtemple was filled with the cloud and

the court was full of the brightness of the LORD’S ^hglory.

5 And the ⁱsound of the wings of the cherubim was heard *even* to the outer court, as the ^jvoice of the Almighty God when He speaks.

6 ¶ Now it came to pass *that* when He had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, “Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubim,” then he went in and stood beside the wheels.

7 And *one* cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim to the fire that *was* between the cherubim, and took *from it*. And he put *it* into the hands of *him who was* clothed with linen. He took *it* and went out.

8 ^kAnd there appeared in the cherubim the form of a man’s hand under their wings.

9 ¶ ^lThen I looked, and behold, the four wheels by the cherubim, one wheel by one cherub and another wheel by another cherub. And the appearance of the wheels *was* as the color of a ^mberyl stone.

10 And *as for* their appearances, the four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.

11 ⁿWhen they went, they went in *any of* their four directions without turning as they went, but they followed in the direction that they faced, without turning as they went.

12 And their whole body and their backs and their hands and their wings and the wheels, *were* ^ofull of eyes all

m 2 Kg 21:16 n Ez 8:12 o Is 29:15 p Ez 5:11; 7:4; 8:18 q Ez 11:21 **Chapter 10:** a Ez 1:22,26 b Dn 10:5 c Ez 1:13 d Rv 8:5 e 1 Kg 8:10,11 f Ez 1:28 g Ez 43:5 h Ez 11:22,23 i Ez 1:24 j Ps 29:3 k Ez 1:8; 10:21 l Ez 1:15 m Ez 1:16 n Ez 1:17 o Rv 4:6,8

around, *even* the wheels that the four had.

13 As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing, "O wheel."

14 ^pAnd everyone had four faces. The first face *was* the face of a cherub, and the second face *was* the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15 ¶ And the cherubim were lifted up. This *is* the ^qliving creature that I saw by the River Chebar.

16 And ^rwhen the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them. And when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also did not turn from beside them.

17 ^sWhen they stood, *these* stood. And when they were lifted up, *these* lifted up themselves *also*, for the spirit of the living creature *was* in them.

18 ¶ Then the ^tglory of the LORD ^udeparted from off the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim.

19 And the ^vcherubim lifted up their wings and mounted up from the earth in my sight. When they went out, the wheels also *were* beside them, and *each one* stood at the door of the ^wEast Gate of the LORD'S house. And the glory of the God of Israel *was* above them.

20 ¶ ^xThis *is* the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel ^yby the River Chebar. And I knew that they

were the cherubim.

21 ^zEach one had four faces and each one four wings. And the likeness of the hands of a man *was* under their wings.

22 And the ^alikeness of their faces *was* the same faces that I saw by the River Chebar, their appearances and themselves. ^bEach one went straight forward.

Chapter 11

Judgment of Leaders

1 ¶ Furthermore, the ^aSpirit lifted me up and brought me to the ^bEast Gate of the LORD'S house that faces eastward. And behold, ^cat the door of the gate twenty-five men, among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.

2 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these *are* the men who devise mischief and give wicked counsel in this city.

3 "They say, 'Is not the time ^dnear to build houses? ^eThis *city is* the caldron, and we *are* the meat.'

4 "Therefore, prophesy against them. Prophesy, O son of man."

5 ¶ And the ^fSpirit of the LORD fell on me and said to me, "Speak, 'Thus says the LORD, "Thus you have said, O house of Israel, for ^gI know your thoughts.

6 ^h"You have multiplied your slain in this city and you have filled its streets with the slain.

7 "Therefore, thus says the Lord

p Ez 1:6,10,11 q Ez 1:3,5 r Ez 1:19 s Ez 1:12,20,21 t Ez 10:4 u Hs 9:12 v Ez 11:22 w Ez 11:1 x Ez 1:22 y Ez 1:1 z Ez 1:6,8; 10:14; 41:18,19 a Ez 1:10 b Ez 1:9,12 Chapter 11: a Ez 3:12,14 b Ez 10:19 c Ez 8:16 d 2 Pt 3:4 e Jr 1:13 f Ez 2:2; 3:24 g Jr 16:17; 17:10 h Ez 7:23; 22:2-6,9,12,27

GOD, ⁱ“Your slain whom you have laid in the midst of it, they *are* the meat and this *city* is the caldron. ^jBut I will bring you forth out of the midst of it.

8 ‘You have ^kfeared the sword, and I will bring a sword on you,’ says the Lord GOD.

9 “And I will bring you out of its midst and deliver you into the hands of foreigners. And I will ^lexecute judgments among you.

10 ^m“You will fall by the sword. I will judge you in ⁿthe border of Israel, ^othen you will know that I *am* the LORD.

11 ^p“This *city* will not be your caldron, nor will you be the meat in its midst. I will judge you in the border of Israel.

12 “Then you will know that I *am* the LORD, for you have not walked in My statutes, nor executed My judgments, ^qbut have gone after the behavior of the nations that *are* all around you.” ’ ’ ’

13 ¶ Now it came to pass when I prophesied, that ^rPelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then ^sI fell down on my face and cried out with a loud voice. And I said, “Alas, Lord GOD! Will You make a full end of the remnant of Israel?”

Promise of a Return

14 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

15 “Son of man, your brethren, *even* your *own* brethren, the men of your

relatives and all the house of Israel, all of them, *are* those to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, ‘They are far away from the LORD. This land has been given to us for a possession.’

16 “Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Although I have cast them far off among the Gentiles, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet I will be to them for a little while as a sanctuary in the countries where they have gone.”’

17 “Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “I will gather you from the people and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered. And I will give you the land of Israel.”’

18 “When they come there, they will take away all the ^vdetestable things from it and all its abominations from it.

19 “And ^wI will give them one heart, and I will put ^xa new spirit within them. And I will take the ^ystony heart out of their flesh and will give them a heart of flesh,

20 ^z“so that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances, and do them. And ^athey will be My people, and I will be their God.

21 “But *as for those* whose heart walks after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, ^bI will repay their way upon their own heads,” says the Lord GOD.

22 Then the cherubim ^clifted up their

i Mc 3:2,3 j Ez 11:9 k Jr 42:16 l Ez 5:8 m Jr 39:6; 52:10 n 2Kg 14:25 o Ps 9:16 p Ez 11:3,7 q Dt 12:30,31 r At 5:5 s Ez 9:8 t Is 8:14 u Jr 3:12,18; 24:5 v Ez 37:23 w Jr 32:39 x Ez 18:31 y Zc 7:12 z Ps 105:45 a Jr 24:7 b Ez 9:10 c Ez 1:19

wings and the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel was high above them.

23 And the ^dglory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood ^eon the mountain ^fthat is on the east side of the city.

24 ¶ Afterwards, the ^gSpirit took me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to those of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me.

25 Then I spoke to those in the captivity all the things that the LORD had shown me.

Chapter 12

Prophecy of Captivity

1 ¶ The word of the LORD also came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, you are dwelling in the midst of ^aa rebellious house who ^bhave eyes to see and do not see. They have ears to hear and do not hear, ^cfor they *are* a rebellious house.

3 “Therefore, son of man, prepare your baggage for moving, and move by day in their sight. And you will move from your place to another place in their sight. It may be that they will consider, though they *are* a rebellious house.

4 “Then you will bring forth your baggage by day in their sight, as baggage for moving. And you will go out in the evening in their sight as those who go forth into captivity.

5 “Dig through the wall in their sight and go out through it.

6 “In their sight you will bear *your* baggage on *your* shoulders. Carry it out in the twilight. You will cover your face so that you do not see the ground, ^dfor I have set you *for* a sign to the house of Israel.”

7 ¶ And I did as I was commanded. I brought forth my baggage by day, as baggage for captivity. And in the evening I dug through the wall with my hand. I brought *it* out in the twilight and I bore *it* on my shoulder in their sight.

8 ¶ And in the morning the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

9 “Son of man, has not the house of Israel, ^ethe rebellious house, said to you, ^f‘What are you doing?’

10 “Say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “This ^gburden *concerns* the prince in Jerusalem and all the house of Israel who *are* among them.”’

11 “Say, ^h‘I am your sign. As I have done, so will it be done to them. ⁱThey will move *and* go into captivity.’

12 “And ^jthe prince who *is* among them will bear upon *his* shoulder in the twilight, and will go out. They will dig through the wall to carry out through it. He will cover his face so that he not see the ground with *his* eyes.

13 “I will also spread My ^knet upon him and he will be taken in My snare. Then ^lI will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans. But he will not see it, though he will die there.

14 “And ^mI will scatter toward every wind all who *are* around him to

d Ez 8:4; 9:3 e Zc 14:4 f Ez 43:2 g Ez 8:3 Chapter 12: a Ez 2:3,6-8 b Jr 5:21 c Ez 2:5 d Ez 4:3; 24:24 e Ez 2:5 f Ez 17:12; 24:19 g Mt 1:1 h Ez 12:6 i 2 Kg 25:4,5,7 j Jr 39:4; 52:7 k Jr 52:9 l Jr 52:11 m Ez 5:10

help him, and all his bonds. And I will draw out the sword after them.

15 “And ^othey will know that I *am* the LORD when I scatter them among the nations and disperse them in the countries.

16 ^p“But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine and from the pestilence, so that they may declare all their abominations among the nations where they go. And they will know that I *am* the LORD.”

17 ¶ Furthermore, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

18 “Son of man, ^qeat your bread with trembling and drink your water with quivering and with anxiety.

19 “Then say to the people of the land, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the land of Israel, ‘They will eat their bread with anxiety and drink their water with dismay, so that her land may ^rbe desolate from all that is in it ^sbecause of the violence of all those who dwell in it.

20 “And the cities that are inhabited will be laid waste and the land will be desolate. And you will know that I *am* the LORD.’”

21 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

22 “Son of man, what *is* that proverb *that* you have in the land of Israel, saying, ‘The days are prolonged, and every vision fails?’

23 “Tell them therefore, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘I will make this

proverb to cease, and they will no more use it as a proverb in Israel.’”

But say to them, ^u“The days are at hand, and the fulfillment of every vision.

24 “For ^vthere will be no longer any ^wfalse vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel.

25 “For I *am* the LORD. I will speak, and ^xthe word that I will speak will come to pass. It will no longer be prolonged. For in your days, O rebellious house, I will say the word and will ^yperform it,” says the Lord GOD.”

26 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

27 ^z“Son of man, behold, *those of* the house of Israel say, ‘The vision that he sees *is* ^afor many days *to come*, and he prophesies of the times *that are far off*.’

28 ^b“Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘None of My words will be delayed any longer, but the word that I have spoken ^cwill be done.’” says the Lord GOD.

Chapter 13

Condemnation of False Prophets

1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, prophesy ^aagainst the prophets of Israel who prophesy. Say to ^bthem who prophesy out of their own ^chearts, ‘Hear the word of the LORD.’”

3 Thus says the Lord GOD, “Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their

n Ez 5:2,12 o Ez 6:7,14; 12:16,20 p Ez 6:8-10 q Ez 4:16 r Zc 7:14 s Ps 107:34 t Ez 11:3; 12:27 u Zp 1:14 v Ez 13:6 w Lm 2:14 x Lk 21:33 y Is 14:24 z Ez 12:22 a Dn 10:14 b Ez 12:23,25 c Jr 4:7 **Chapter 13:** a Ez 22:25-28 b Ez 13:17 c Jr 14:14; 23:16,26

own feelings and have seen nothing!

4 “O Israel, your prophets are ^dlike the foxes in the deserts.

5 “You ^ehave not gone up into the breaches, nor did you build the wall around the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.

6 “They have seen falsehood and lying divination, saying, ‘The LORD says.’ But the LORD has ^gnot sent them. And they have made *others* hope that they would confirm the word.

7 “Have you not seen a false vision, and have you not spoken a lying divination when you say, ‘The LORD says,’ but I have not spoken it?”

8 ¶ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “Because you have spoken falsehood and seen lies, therefore behold, I *am* against you,” says the Lord GOD.

9 “And My hand will be ^hon the prophets who see false visions and who ⁱdivine lies. They will not be in the assembly of My people, ^jnor will they be written in the record of the house of Israel, ^knor will they enter into the land of Israel. ^lAnd you will know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

10 “Because, even because they have seduced My people, saying, ^m‘Peace,’ and *there was* no peace. And one built up a wall, and lo, ⁿothers ^oplaster it with whitewash.

11 “Say to those who plaster *it* with whitewash, that it will fall. ^pThere will be an overflowing rain, and you, O great hailstones, will fall. And a

stormy wind will break *it*.

12 “Behold, when the wall has fallen, will it not be said to you, ‘Where *is* the mortar with which you have plastered *it*?’”

13 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “I will even break *it* with a violent wind in My fury. And there will be a flooding rain in My anger and great hailstones in My fury to consume *it*.

14 “So I will break down the wall that you have plastered with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground so that its foundation will be uncovered. And it will fall and you will be consumed in its midst. ^qAnd you will know that I *am* the LORD.

15 “Thus I will accomplish My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it with whitewash. And I will say to you, ‘The wall *is* no *more*, nor those who plastered it, **16** *‘along with* the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem and who ^rsee visions of peace for her, and *there is* no peace,’ says the Lord GOD.

17 ¶ “Likewise, you son of man, ^sset your face against the daughters of your people ^twho prophesy out of their own heart. And prophesy against them,

18 “and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Woe to the women who sew *magic* bands on all wrists and make veils for the heads of *persons* of every stature to hunt down souls! Will you ^uhunt the souls of My people, and

d Ss 2:15 **e** Ps 106:23 **f** Ez 22:28 **g** Jr 27:8-15 **h** Jr 23:30 **i** Jr 20:3-6 **j** Er 2:59,62 **k** Jr 20:3-6 **l** Ez 11:10,12 **m** Jr 6:14; 8:11 **n** Ez 22:28 **o** Ez 38:22 **p** Ez 13:9,21,23; 14:8 **q** Jr 6:14; 8:11; 28:9 **r** Ez 20:46; 21:2 **s** Ez 13:2 **t** 2Pt 2:14

will you save the souls alive *who come* to you?

19 “And will you defile Me among My people ^ufor handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls who should not die, and to save the souls alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who hear *your lies*?” ^v”

20 ¶ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I *am* against your *magic* bands with which you hunt the souls to make *them* as birds. And I will tear them from your arms and will let the souls go, *even* the souls whom you hunt to make *as* birds.

21 “I will also tear off your veils and deliver My people from your hands. And they will no longer be in your hand to be hunted. ^vAnd you will know that I *am* the LORD.

22 “Because with ^wlies you have made the heart of the righteous sad whom I have not made sad, and ^xstrengthened the hands of the wicked so that he should not turn from his wicked way, by promising him life.

23 “Therefore, ^yyou will no longer envision futility nor divine divinations. For I will deliver My people out of your hand. And you will know that I *am* the LORD.”

Chapter 14

Condemnation of Idolaters

1 ¶ Then ^asome of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me.

2 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

3 “Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart and ^bput the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face. “Should I be consulted by them at all?”

4 “Therefore, speak to them and say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Any man of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart and puts the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and *then* comes to the prophet, I the LORD will answer him who comes according to the multitude of his idols,

5 “so that I may lay hold of the house of Israel in their own heart because they are all estranged from Me through their idols.””

6 ¶ “Therefore, say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Repent and turn from your idols. And ^dturn away your faces from all your abominations.

7 “For anyone of the house of Israel, or the foreigner who sojourns in Israel, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and comes to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me, I the LORD will answer him by Myself.

8 “And ^eI will set My face against that man and will make him a ^fsign and a proverb. And I will cut him off from the midst of My people, and ^gyou will know that I *am* the LORD.

9 “And if the prophet is deceived when he has spoken a thing, I the LORD ^hhave deceived that prophet.

u Mc 3:5 v Ez 13:9 w Jr 28:15 x Jr 23:14 y Mc 3:5,6 Chapter 14: a Ez 8:1; 20:1; 33:31 b Ez 7:19 c Ez 20:3,31 d Is 2:20; 30:22; 55:6,7 e Jr 44:11 f Nm 26:10 g Ez 6:7; 13:14 h 2Th 2:11

And I will stretch out My hand upon him and will destroy him from the midst of My people Israel.

10 “And they will bear the punishment of their iniquity. The punishment of the prophet will be even as the punishment of him who inquired,

11 “so that the house of Israel may ⁱno longer go astray from Me, nor be defiled anymore with all their transgressions, ^jbut that they may be My people and I may be their God,” says the Lord GOD.”

Inevitable Judgment

12 ¶ The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,

13 “Son of man, when the land sins against Me by persistent transgression, then I will stretch out My hand upon it, and ^kwill break the staff of its bread. And I will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it.

14 “Even though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job, were in it, ^mby their *own* righteousness they could *only* deliver themselves,” declares the Lord GOD.

15 ¶ “If I cause ⁿwild beasts to pass through the land, and they plunder it, so that it is desolate, and no man may pass through because of the beasts,

16 “*even* ^othough these three men were in it, *as I live*,” says the Lord GOD, “they will deliver neither sons nor daughters. They only will be delivered, but the land will be ^pdesolate.

17 ¶ “Or *if* ^qI bring a sword upon

that land, and say, ‘Sword, go through the land,’ so that I ^rcut off man and beast from it,

18 “even ^sthough these three men were in it, *as I live*,” says the Lord GOD, “they will deliver neither sons nor daughters. But they will deliver only themselves.

19 ¶ “Or *if* I send a ^tpestilence into that land and ^upour out My fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast,

20 “even ^vthough Noah, Daniel and Job, were in it, *as I live*,” says the Lord GOD, “they will deliver neither son nor daughter. They will deliver *only* their own souls by their righteousness.”

21 ¶ For thus says the Lord GOD, “How much more when ^wI send My four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword and the famine and the noisome beast and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?

22 “Yet behold, therein will be left a remnant that will be ^ybrought forth, *both* sons and daughters. Behold, they will come out to you, and ^zyou will see their behavior and their actions. And you will be comforted concerning the calamity that I have brought upon Jerusalem, *even* concerning all that I have brought upon it.

23 “And they will comfort you when you see their behavior and their actions. And you will know that I have not done ^awithout cause all that I have done in it,” says the Lord GOD.

i 2 Pt 2:15 j Ez 11:20; 37:27 k Is 3:1 l Jr 15:1 m Pv 11:4 n Lv 26:22 o Ez 14:14,18,20 p Ez 15:8; 33:28,29 q Lv 26:25 r Zp 1:3 s Ez 14:14 t 2 Sm 24:15 u Ez 7:8 v Ez 14:14 w Ez 5:17; 33:27 x Ez 12:16; 36:20 y Ez 6:8 z Ez 20:43 a Jr 22:8,9

Chapter 15*The Useless Vine*

1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, what is the vine more than any other wood, *or than* a branch that is among the trees of the forest?

3 “Can wood be made from it to do any work? Or can *men* make a peg from it to hang any vessel on it?

4 “Behold, ^ait is cast into the fire for fuel. The fire devours both ends of it, and its middle is burned. Is it *then* useful for *any* work?

5 “Behold, when it was whole, it was not useful for any work. How much less will it be useful for *any* work when the fire has consumed it, and it is burned?

6 ¶ “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘As the vine among the trees of the forest that I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

7 ‘And ^bI will set My face against them. ^cThey will go out from *one* fire, and *another* fire will devour them. ^dAnd you will know that I *am* the LORD when I set My face against them.

8 ‘And I will make the land desolate because they have persisted in unfaithfulness,’” says the Lord GOD.

Chapter 16*Unfaithful Jerusalem*

1 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, ^acause Jerusalem to

know her abominations,

3 “and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem, “Your birth ^band your nativity *are* from the land of Canaan. ^cYour father *was* an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

4 “And *as for* your nativity, ^din the day you were born your navel was not cut, nor were you washed in water for cleansing. You were not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.

5 “No eye looked with pity on you to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you. But you were cast out in the open field, for you were abhorred on the day you were born.

6 ¶ “And when I passed by you and saw you struggling in your own blood, I said to you *when you were* in your blood, ‘Live!’ Yes, I said to you *when you were* in your blood, ‘Live!’

7 “‘I have caused you to multiply as the bud of the field, and you have increased and become great, and you have become very beautiful. *Your* breasts were formed and your hair has grown, when before you *were* naked and bare.

8 “Now when I passed by you and looked on you, behold, your time *was* the time of love. ^fThen I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness. Yes, I ^gswore to you and entered into a ^hcovenant with you and ⁱyou became Mine,” says the Lord GOD.

9 “Then I washed you with water. Yes, I thoroughly washed away your

Chapter 15: a Jn 15:6 b Ez 14:8 c Is 24:18 d Ez 7:4 Chapter 16: a Ez 20:4; 22:2 b Ez 21:30 c Ez 16:45 d Hs 2:3 e Ex 1:7 f Rt 3:9 g Gn 22:16-18 h Ex 24:6-8 i Ex 19:5

blood from you, and I anointed you with oil.

10 “I clothed you also with embroidered cloth, and gave you sandals of badger skin. And I girded you all around with fine linen and I covered you with silk.

11 “I adorned you also with ornaments and I put bracelets on your hands, ^kand a chain on your neck.

12 “And I put a jewel on your forehead, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head.

13 “Thus you were adorned with gold and silver. And your clothing *was of* fine linen and silk, and embroidered cloth. ^lYou ate fine flour and honey and oil. And you were exceedingly ^mbeautiful, and you prospered into a kingdom.

14 “And ⁿyour fame went forth among the nations because of your beauty. For it was perfect because of My splendor that I bestowed on you,” says the Lord GOD.

15 ¶ ^o“But you trusted in your own beauty, and ^pplayed the harlot because of your fame. And you poured out your harlotry on everyone who passed by who would have it.

16 “And ^qyou took some of your clothes, made for yourself high places of various colors and played the harlot on them, that should never come about or happen.

17 “You have also taken your fair jewels from My gold and of My silver, that I had given you, and made for yourself images of men. And you played the harlot with them.

18 “Then you took your embroidered cloth and covered them. And you have set My oil and My incense before them.

19 ¶ ^r“My food also that I gave you, fine flour and oil and honey, *with which* I fed you, you have even set it before them for a sweet savor. And *so* it was,” says the Lord GOD.

20 ¶ ^s“Furthermore, you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne to Me, and sacrificed them to idols to be devoured. Were your harlotries a small matter,

21 “that you have slain My children and offered them up to idols by causing them to pass through *the ‘fire’*?

22 “And in all your abominations and your harlotries you have not remembered the days of your ^tyouth ^vwhen you were naked and bare *and* were struggling in your blood.

23 ¶ ^w“Now it came to pass after all your wickedness—Woe, woe to you!, says the Lord GOD—

24 “*that* ^xyou have also built for yourself a shrine and have made for ^yyourself a high place in every public place.

25 “You built yourself a high place ^zat the top of every road and have made your beauty to be abhorred. And you have opened your feet to everyone who passed by and multiplied your harlotries.

26 “You have also played the harlot with the ^aEgyptians your very fleshly neighbors, and have increased your harlotry in order to ^bprovoke Me to anger.

j Gn 24:22,47 k Pv 1:9 l Dt 32:13,14 m Ps 48:2 n Lm 2:15 o Mc 3:11 p Is 1:21; 57:8 q Ez 7:20 r Hs 2:8 s Jr 7:31 t Jr 19:5 u Jr 2:2 v Ez 16:4-6 w Jr 11:13 x Jr 2:20; 3:2 y Pv 9:14 z Ez 16:26; 20:7,8 a Dt 31:20

27 “Behold therefore, I have stretched out My hand over you and have diminished your rations. And I have delivered you to the will of those who hate you, the ^bdaughters of the Philistines who are ashamed of your lewd behavior.

28 “You have played the harlot also with the ^cAssyrians because you were not satisfied. Yes, you have played the harlot with them, and still could not be satisfied.

29 “Furthermore, you have multiplied your fornication in the land of Canaan *even* to ^dChaldea. And still you were not satisfied.” ’ ’

30 “How weak is your heart,” says the Lord GOD, “seeing you do all these *things*, the work of a bold-faced harlot.

31 ¶ “You built your shrine at the head of every road, and built your high place in every street. Yet you were not like a harlot because you scorned ^fpay.

32 “*But you were as a wife who commits adultery, who takes foreigners instead of her husband!*

33 “They give gifts to all harlots. But ^gyou gave your gifts to all your lovers, and hired them so that they might come to you on every side for your harlotry.

34 “And the opposite is in you from *other* women in your harlotry, in that no one follows you to commit harlotry. And in that you gave a reward and no reward is given to you. Therefore, you are opposite.”

35 ¶ Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD.

36 Thus says the Lord GOD, “Because your filthiness was poured out and your nakedness uncovered through your harlotry with your lovers, and with all the idols of your abominations, and by ^hthe blood of your children that you gave to them,

37 “behold therefore, ⁱI will gather all your lovers with whom you have taken pleasure, and all *those* whom you have loved, with all *those* whom you have hated, *and* I will gather them all around against you and will uncover your nakedness for them so that they may see all your nakedness.

38 “And I will judge you as ^jwomen who break wedlock and ^kshed blood are judged. Then I will bring on you the blood of wrath and jealousy.

39 “And I will also give you into their hand and they will throw down your shrines and will break down ^lyour high places. ^mThey will strip you also of your clothes and will take your fair jewels, and leave you naked and bare.

40 “ⁿThey will also bring up a crowd against you. ^oAnd they will stone you with stones and thrust you through with their swords.

41 “Then they will ^pburn your houses with fire and ^qexecute judgments upon you in the sight of many women. And I will cause you to ^rcease from playing the harlot, and you will also no longer pay your lovers.

42 “So ^sI will make My fury toward

b Ez 16:57 c Jr 2:18,36 d Ez 23:14-17 e Ez 16:24,39 f Is 52:3 g Hs 8:9,10 h Jr 2:34 i Lm 1:8 j Lv 20:10 k Gn 9:6 l Ez 16:24,31 m Hs 2:3 n Ez 23:45-47 o Jn 8:5,7 p Dt 13:16 q Ez 5:8; 23:10,48 r Ez 23:27 s Ez 5:13; 21:17

you to rest and My jealousy will depart from you. Then I will be quiet and will no longer be angry.

43 “Because ¹you have not remembered the days of your youth, but have agitated Me in all these *things*, surely therefore, ²I also will repay your behavior upon *your* head,” says the Lord GOD. “And you will not commit this lewdness on top of all your abominations.

44 ¶ “Behold, everyone who uses proverbs will use *this* proverb against you, saying, ‘*As is the mother, so is her daughter.*’

45 “You *are* your mother’s daughter who loathes her husband and her children. And you *are* the ¹sister of your sisters who loathed their husbands and their children. ²Your mother *was* a Hittite and your father an Amorite.

46 “And your older sister *is* Samaria, she and her daughters who dwell at your left hand. And ¹your younger sister who dwells at your right hand *is* Sodom and her daughters.

47 “Yet you have not merely walked after their ways, nor behaved after their abominations. But, as *if that were* a very little *thing* ¹you were corrupted more than they in all your ways.

48 “As I live,” says the Lord GOD, ²“Sodom your sister has not done, she nor her daughters, as you have done, you and your daughters.

49 “Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom. She and her daughters had arrogance, ¹abundant

food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy.

50 “And they were arrogant, and ¹committed abomination before Me. Therefore, ²I took them away as I saw *good*.

51 “Neither has Samaria committed ¹half of your sins. But you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and ²have justified your sisters in all your abominations that you have done.

52 “You who have judged your sisters, bear your own shame also for your sins that you have committed more abominable than they. They are more righteous than you. Yes, be disgraced also, and bear your shame, in that you have justified your sisters.

53 ¶ “When I bring again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then I will *bring again* ¹the captivity of your captives among them,

54 “so that you may bear your own shame and may be disgraced by all that you did when ¹you comforted them.

55 “When your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, return to their former state, and Samaria and her daughters return to their former state, then you and your daughters will return to your former state.

56 “For your sister Sodom was not mentioned by your mouth in the day of your pride,

57 “before your wickedness was uncovered. Even so, ¹you are now

t Ps 78:42 u Ez 9:10; 11:21; 22:31 v Ez 23:2-4 w Ez 16:3 x Is 1:10 y Ez 5:6,7 z Mt 10:15; 11:24 a Gn 13:10 b Gn 13:13; 18:20; 19:5 c Gn 19:24 d Ez 23:11 e Jr 3:8-11 f Is 1:9 g Jr 20:16 h Ez 14:22 i 2 Kg 16:5

scorned by the daughters of Syria and all her neighbors and ^dthe daughters of the Philistines—all those around you who despise you.

58 ^k“You have borne your lewdness and your abominations,” says the LORD.

59 For thus says the Lord GOD, “I will deal with you as you have done, who have ^ldespised ^mthe oath in breaking the covenant.

60 ¶ “Nevertheless, I will ⁿremember My covenant with you in the days of your youth. And I will establish ^oan everlasting covenant with you.

61 “Then ^pyou will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, your older and your younger. And I will give them to you for ^qdaughters, ^rbut not because of My covenant.

62 ^s“And I will establish My covenant with you, and you will know that I *am* the LORD,

63 “so that you may ^tremember and be confounded, ^uand never open your mouth anymore because of your shame, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done,” says the Lord GOD.

Chapter 17

The Two Eagles and a Vine

1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, set forth ^aa riddle and speak a parable to the house of Israel,

3 “and say, ‘Thus says the Lord

GOD, ^b“A great eagle with great wings and long pinions, full of feathers that had different colors, came to Lebanon and ^ctook the highest branch of the cedar.

4 “He cropped off the top of its young twigs and carried it into a land of merchants. He set it in a city of merchants.

5 “He also took of the seed of the land and planted it in ^da fruitful field. He placed *it* by great waters *and* set it ^eas a willow tree.

6 “And it grew and became a spreading vine ^fof low stature, whose branches turned toward him and its roots were under him. So it became a vine and brought forth branches and shot forth sprigs.

7 ¶ “There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers. And behold, ^gthis vine bent her roots toward him and shot forth her branches toward him so that he might water it.

8 “It was planted in a good soil by great waters so that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, so that it might be a splendid vine.”

9 “You say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Will it prosper? ^hWill he not pull up its roots and cut off its fruit so that it wither? It will wither in all the leaves of her spring, even without great power or many people to pluck it up by its roots.

10 “Yes behold, *though* planted, will it prosper? ⁱWill it not utterly wither

j Ez 16:27 k Ez 23:49 l Ez 17:13 m Dt 29:12 n Ps 106:45 o Is 55:3 p Ez 20:43; 36:31 q Gl 4:26 r Jr 31:31 s Hs 2:19,20 t Ez 36:31,32 u Rm 3:19 **Chapter 17:** a Ez 20:49; 24:3 b Ez 17:12 c 2 Kg 24:12 d Dt 8:7-9 e Is 44:4 f Ez 17:14 g Ez 17:15 h 2 Kg 25:7 i Hs 13:15

when the east wind touches it? It will wither in the furrows where it grew.””

11 ¶ Furthermore, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

12 “Say now to ^jthe rebellious house, ‘Do you not know what these *things mean*?’ Tell *them*, ‘Behold, the ^kking of Babylon has come to Jerusalem and has taken its king and its princes, and led them with him to Babylon.

13 ^l“And he has taken of the king’s seed and made a covenant with him, ^mand has put him under oath. He has also taken the mighty of the land,

14 ‘so that the kingdom might be ⁿsubjected, so that it might not lift itself up, *but* that by keeping His covenant it might continue.

15 ‘But ^ohe rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt ^pso that they might give him horses and many people. ^q‘Will he prosper? Will he escape who does such *things*? Or will he break the covenant and be delivered?’

16 ‘As I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘surely ^rin the place *where* the king *dwells* who made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he broke, *even* with him in the midst of Babylon he will die.

17 ^s‘Neither will Pharaoh with *his* mighty army and great company help him in the war by ^tcasting up mounts and building forts in order to cut off many lives.

18 ‘Seeing he despised the oath by

breaking the covenant, when behold, ^uhe had given his hand, and has done all these *things*, he will not escape.””

19 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “As I live, surely My oath that he has despised, and My covenant that he has broken, even it I will inflict on his head.

20 “And I will ^vspread My net upon him and he will be taken in My snare. And I will bring him to Babylon, and ^wtry him there for his unfaithful act that he has trespassed against Me.

21 “And ^xall his fugitives with all his bonds will fall by the sword. And those who remain will be ^yscattered toward all winds. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken *it*.”

22 ¶ Thus says the Lord GOD, “I will also take of the highest ^zbranch of the high cedar and will set *it* out. I will crop off from the top of its young twigs ^aa tender one, and I will ^bplant *it* on a high and lofty mountain.

23 ^c“In the mountain of the height of Israel I will plant it. And it will bring forth boughs and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. And ^dunder it will dwell all birds of every wing. They will dwell in the shadow of its branches.

24 “Then all the trees of the field will know that I the LORD ^ehave brought down the high tree. I have exalted the low tree. I have dried up the green tree and have made the dry tree to flourish. ^fI the LORD have spoken and have done *it*.”

j Ez 2:3-5; 12:9 k 2 Kg 24:11-16 l 2 Kg 24:17 m 2 Ch 36:13 n Ez 29:14 o 2 Kg 24:20 p Dt 17:16 q Ez 17:9 r Ez 12:13 s Jr 37:7 t Jr 52:4 u 1 Ch 29:24 v Ez 12:13 w Ez 20:36 x Ez 12:14 y Ez 12:15; 22:15 z Zc 3:8 a Is 53:2 b Ps 2:6 c Is 2:2,3 d Dn 4:12 e Am 9:11 f Ez 22:14

Chapter 18

The Soul that Sins will Die

1 ¶ The word of the LORD came to me again, saying,

2 “What do you mean that you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children’s teeth are set on edge?’

3 “As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “you will not have *the opportunity* anymore to use this proverb in Israel.

4 “Behold, all souls are ^bMine. As the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is Mine. ^cThe soul that sins, it will die.

5 “But if a man is righteous, and does that which is lawful and right,

6 ^d“and has not eaten *to shrines* upon the mountains, nor has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, nor has ^edefiled his neighbor’s wife, nor has come near to ^fa menstruous woman,

7 “and has not ^goppressed any, *but* has restored to the debtor his ^hpledge, has plundered no one by violence, has ⁱgiven his bread to the hungry, and has covered the naked with a ^jgarment,

8 “he *who* has not loaned ^kmoney for interest or taken any increase, *who* has withdrawn his hand from iniquity, has ^lexecuted true justice between man and man,

9 “has walked in My statutes, and has kept My judgments, to deal faithfully, *he is* righteous. He will surely ^mlive,” says the Lord GOD.

10 ¶ “If he begets a son *who is* a thief or a ⁿshedder of blood, and who does any of these *things*,

11 “(though he himself does not do any of these things), that is, has eaten at the mountain *shrines* and defiled his neighbor’s wife;

12 “if he has oppressed the poor and needy, has plundered by violence, not restored the pledge, and lifted up his eyes to the idols, or ^ocommitted abomination;

13 “if he has exacted interest and taken increase—will he then live? He will not live. He has done all these abominations. He will surely die *and* ^phis blood will be upon him.

14 ¶ “Now behold, *if* he begets a son who sees all his father’s sins that he has done, and considers, and does not do such,

15 ^q“*who* has not eaten *to idols* upon the mountains, nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, or defiled his neighbor’s wife,

16 “nor oppressed any, nor withheld the pledge, nor plundered by violence, *but* has given his bread to the hungry and has covered the naked with a garment,

17 “*who* has withdrawn his hand from the poor, *and* not received interest or increase, but has executed My judgments *and* walked in My statutes—he will not die for the iniquity of his father. He will surely live.

18 “*As for* his father, because he cruelly oppressed, plundered his brother

Chapter 18: a Lm 5:7 b Nm 16:22; 27:16 c Rm 6:23 d Ez 22:9 e Lv 18:20; 20:10 f Lv 18:19; 20:18 g Ex 22:21 h Dt 24:12 i Dt 15:7,11 j Is 58:7 k Ex 22:25 l Zc 8:16 m Am 5:4 n Nm 35:31 o Ez 8:6,17 p Lv 20:9,11-13,16,27 q Ez 18:6

by violence and did *that* which *was* not good among his people, behold, ¹he will die in his iniquity.

19 ¶ “Yet you say, ‘Why?’ ²Does not the son bear the iniquity of the father?’ When the son has done that which is lawful and right, *and* has kept all My statutes, and has done them, he will surely live.

20 “The soul who sins will die. ³The son will not bear the iniquity of the father, nor will the father bear the iniquity of the son. ⁴The righteousness of the righteous will be upon him ⁵and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon him.

21 “But ⁶if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keeps all My statutes, and does that which is lawful and right, he will surely live. He will not die.

22 ⁷“All his transgressions that he has committed will not be mentioned to him. In his righteousness that he has done he will ⁸live.

23 ⁹“Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked?” says the Lord GOD. “Am I not pleased when he turns from his ways and lives?”

24 ¶ “But ¹⁰when the righteous turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, *and* does according to all the abominations that the wicked *man* does, will he live? ¹¹None of his righteousness that he has done will be remembered. In his trespass that he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them he will die.

25 ¶ “Yet you say, ¹²‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel. Is not My way fair? Are not your ways unfair?”

26 ¹³“When a righteous *man* turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity and dies in them, for he will die *for* his iniquity that he has done.

27 “Again, ¹⁴when the wicked *man* turns away from his wickedness that he has committed and does that which is lawful and right, he will save his soul alive.

28 “Because he ¹⁵considers and turns away from all his transgressions that he has committed, he will surely live. He will not die.

29 ¹⁶“But the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’ O house of Israel, are not My ways fair? Are not your ways unfair?”

30 ¶ “Therefore, I will judge you, O house of Israel, each one according to his ways,” says the Lord GOD. ¹⁷“Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.

31 ¹⁸“Cast away from you all your transgressions by which you have transgressed. And make for yourself a ¹⁹new heart and a new spirit. For why will you die, O house of Israel?”

32 “For ²⁰I have no pleasure in the death of him who dies,” says the Lord GOD. “Therefore, turn *yourselves* and ²¹live.”

r Ez 3:18 s Ex 20:5 t Ez 18:4 u Dt 24:16 v Is 3:10,11 w Rm 2:6-9 x Ez 18:27; 33:12,19 y Ez 18:24; 33:16 z Ps 18:20-24 a Ez 18:32; 33:11 b Ez 3:20; 18:26; 33:18 c 2 Pt 2:20 d Ez 18:29; 33:17,20 e Ez 18:24 f Ez 18:21 g Ez 18:14 h Ez 18:25 i Ez 7:3; 33:20 j Mt 3:2 k Ep 4:22,23 l Jr 32:39 m Lm 3:33 n Pv 4:2,5,6

Chapter 19

Lament over the Princes

1 ¶ “Furthermore, ^atake up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,

2 “and say, ‘What *was* your mother? She was a lioness among lions! She lay down among lions. She nourished her cubs among young lions.

3 ‘And she brought up one of her cubs. ^bIt became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey. It devoured men.

4 ‘The nations also heard of him. He was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains to the land of ^cEgypt.

5 ‘Now when she saw that she waited, *and* her hope was lost, then she took ^danother of her cubs *and* made him a young lion.

6 ‘And ^ehe broke down their strongholds and destroyed their cities. ^fHe became a young lion and learned to catch the prey *and* devoured men.

7 ‘And he knew their desolate palaces, and he laid waste their cities. And the land and its fullness was desolate because of the sound of his roaring.

8 ^g“Then the nations set against him on every side from their provinces, and spread their net over him. ^hHe was taken in their pit.

9 ‘And ⁱthey put him in a cage in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon. They brought him in nets so that his voice would no longer be heard on ^jthe mountains of Israel.

10 ¶ ‘Your mother *is* ^klike a vine in

your blood, planted by the waters. She was ^lfruitful and full of branches because of abundant waters.

11 ‘And she had strong branches for the sceptres of rulers. And ^mher stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.

12 ‘But she was ⁿplucked up in fury. She was cast down to the ground and the ^oeast wind dried up her fruit. Her strong rods were broken and withered. The fire consumed them.

13 ‘And now she *is* planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground.

14 ‘And ^pfire has gone out from her branches *that* has devoured her fruit, so that she has no strong rod *to be* a sceptre to rule.” ^q“This *is* a lamentation, and will be for a lamentation.

Chapter 20

A Rebellious People

1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth *month*, the tenth *day* of the month, *that* ^asome of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD. And they sat before me.

2 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

3 “Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Have you come to inquire of Me? As I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ^b“I will not be inquired of by you.”’

4 “Will you judge them, son of man?

Chapter 19: a Ez 26:17; 27:2 b 2 Kg 23:31,32 c 2 Kg 23:33,34 d 2 Kg 23:34 e 2 Kg 24:8,9 f Ez 19:3 g 2 Kg 24:2,11 h Ez 19:4 i 2 Ch 36:6 j Ez 6:2 k Ez 17:6 l Dt 8:7-9 m Dn 4:11 n Jr 31:27,28 o Hs 13:5 p Jg 9:15 q Lm 2:5 Chapter 20: a Ez 8:1,11,12; 14:1 b Ez 7:26; 14:3

Will you judge *them*? ^cCause them to know the abominations of their fathers.

5 ¶ ^c“Say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “In the day when ^dI chose Israel and lifted up My hand to the seed of the house of Jacob, and made Myself ^eknown to them in the land of Egypt, I lifted up My hand to them saying *that* ^fI *am* the LORD your God.

6 “In the day I lifted up My hand to them ^gto bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had selected for them, ^hflowing with milk and honey, which *is* ⁱthe glory of all lands.

7 “Then I said to them, ^j“Cast away every man ^kthe abominations of his eyes and do not defile yourselves with ^lthe idols of Egypt. I *am* the LORD your God.’

8 “But they rebelled against Me and would not hearken to Me. They did not cast away the abominations of their eyes, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I said, ‘I will ^mpour out My fury on them in order to accomplish My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.’

9 ⁿ“But I worked for My name’s sake so that it should not be profaned before the nations, among whom they *were and* in whose sight I made Myself ^oknown to them in bringing them out of the land of Egypt.

10 ¶ “Therefore, I ^pcaused them to go out of the land of Egypt, and

brought them into the wilderness.

11 ^q“Then I gave them My statutes and showed them My judgments, ^rthat *if* a man obeys, he will live in them.

12 “Furthermore, I also gave them My ^ssabbaths to be a sign between Me and them so that they might know that I *am* the LORD who sanctifies them.

13 “But the house of Israel ^trebelled against Me in the wilderness. They did not walk in My statutes, but they ^udespised My judgments, ^vthat *if* a man obeys he will live in them. And My sabbaths they greatly ^wprofaned. Then I said, ‘I would pour out My fury upon them in the ^xwilderness in order to consume them.’

14 ^y“But I worked for My name’s sake so that it should not be profaned before the nations in whose sight I brought them out.

15 “Still ^zI also lifted up My hand to them in the wilderness so that I would not bring them into the land that I had given *them*, ^aflowing with milk and honey, which *is* ^bthe glory of all lands,

16 ^c“because they despised My judgments and did not walk in My statutes, but profaned My sabbaths. For ^dtheir heart went after their idols.

17 ^e“Nevertheless, My eye spared them from destroying them. I did not I make an end of them in the wilderness.

18 ¶ “But I said to their children in

c Ez 16:2; 22:2 d Ex 6:6-8 e Dt 4:34 f Ex 20:2 g Jr 32:22 h Ex 3:8 i Jr 11:5; 32:22 j Ez 18:31 k 2 Ch 15:8 l Lv 18:3 m Ez 7:8 n Nm 14:13 o Ja 2:10; 9:9,10 p Ex 13:18 q Ne 9:13 r Lv 18:5 s Dt 5:12 t Nm 14:22 u Pv 1:25 v Lv 18:5 w Ex 16:27 x Nm 14:29 y Ez 20:9,20 z Nm 14:28 a Ex 3:8 b Ez 20:6 c Ez 20:13,24 d Am 5:25 e Ps 78:38

the wilderness, 'Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, nor observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols.

19 'I am the LORD your God. ^fWalk in My statutes and keep My judgments and obey them.

20 'And ^gsanctify My sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you so that you may know that I am the LORD your God.'

21 "But ^hthe children rebelled against Me. They did not walk in My statutes, nor keep My judgments to obey them, ⁱthat if a man obey he will live in them. They profaned My sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out My fury on them in order to accomplish My anger against them in the wilderness.

22 "Nevertheless, I withdrew My hand and worked for My name's sake so that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations in whose sight I brought them out.

23 "I lifted up My hand to them also in the wilderness so that ^jI would scatter them among the nations and disperse them through the countries,

24 ^k"because they had not executed My judgments, but had despised My statutes and had profaned My sabbaths, and ^ltheir eyes were after their fathers' idols.

25 "Therefore, ^mI also gave them statutes *that were* not good and judgments whereby they could not live.

26 "And I pronounced them unclean in their own *ritual* gifts, in that they caused all their firstborn to pass

ⁿthrough *the fire* so that I might make them desolate, to the end that they ^omight know that I am the LORD."

27 ¶ "Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "In this your fathers have ^pblasphemed Me in that they have committed a trespass against Me.

28 "When I had brought them into the land *concerning* which I lifted up My hand to give to them, then ^qthey saw every high hill and all the thick trees. And they offered there their sacrifices and there they presented the provocation of their offering. There also they made their ^rsoothing aroma and poured out there their drink offerings.

29 "Then I said to them, 'What is the high place unto which you go?' And the name of it is called Bamah to this day."

Judgment and Restoration

30 ¶ "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Will you profane yourselves after the manner of your ^sfathers? And will you commit harlotry after their ^tabominations?

31 "For when you offer ^uyour gifts *and* when you make your sons pass through the fire, you profane yourselves with all your idols, even to this day. And will I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? *As I live,*" says the Lord GOD, "I will ^vnot be inquired of by you.

32 "And ^wthat which comes into your

f Dt 5:32 g Jr 17:22 h Nm 25:1 i Lv 18:5 j Lv 26:33 k Ez 20:13,16 l Ez 6:9 m Rm 1:24 n Jr 32:35 o Ez 6:7; 20:12,20 p Rm 2:24 q Ez 6:13 r Ez 16:19 s Jg 2:19 t Jr 7:26; 16:12 u Ez 16:20; 20:26 v Ez 20:3 w Ez 11:5

mind will not come about, that you say, 'We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.'

33 ¶ "As I live," says the Lord GOD, "surely with a mighty hand and ^xwith an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will rule over you.

34 "Then I will bring you out from the people and will gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with fury poured out.

35 "And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there ^yI will plead with you face to face.

36 ^z"As I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you," says the Lord GOD.

37 "And I will cause you to ^apass under the rod, and I will bring you into the yoke of the ^bcovenant.

38 "And ^cI will purge out from among you the rebels and those who transgress against me. I will bring them out of the country where they sojourn, and ^dthey will not enter into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I *am* the LORD.

39 ¶ "As for you, O house of Israel," thus says the Lord GOD, "^eGo! Each one of you serve his idols—then hereafter—if you will not hearken to Me; ^fbut profane My holy name no more with your gifts and with your idols.

40 "For ^gon My holy mountain, on the mountain height of Israel," says

the Lord GOD, "there ^hall the house of Israel *and* all of those in the land will serve Me. There ⁱI will accept them, and there I will require your offerings and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.

41 "I will accept you with your ^jsoothing aroma when I bring you out from the people and gather you out of the countries wherein you have been scattered. And I will be set apart in you before the nations.

42 ^k"Then you will know that I *am* the LORD ^lwhen I bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for which I lifted up My hand to give to your fathers.

43 "And ^mthere you will remember your ways and all your deeds wherein ⁿyou have been defiled. And you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that you have committed.

44 ^o"Then you will know that I *am* the LORD when I have worked with you ^pfor My name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel,'" says the Lord GOD.

Judgment Against the South

45 ¶ Furthermore, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

46 ^q"Son of man, set your face toward the south and preach to the south. And prophesy against the forest of the south field.

47 "And say to the forest of the south, 'Hear the word of the LORD,

x Jr 21:5 y Jr 2:9,35; Ez 17:20 z Nm 14:21-23,28 a Lv 27:32 b Ps 89:30-34 c Ez 34:17 d Jr 44:14 e Am 4:4 f Is 1:13-15 g Is 2:2,3 h Ez 37:22 i Zc 8:20-22 j Ph 4:18 k Ez 36:23; 38:23 l Ez 11:17; 34:13; 36:24 m Ez 16:61 n Lv 26:39 o Ez 24:24 p Ez 36:22 q Ez 21:2

“Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will kindle a fire in you and it will devour ^severy green tree and every dry tree in you. The blazing flame will not be quenched, and all faces ^ffrom the south to the north will be burned by it.

48 “And all flesh will see that I the LORD have kindled it. It will not be quenched.”’ ”

49 Then I said , “Ah Lord GOD! They say of me, ‘Does he not speak ^pparables?’”

Chapter 21

God's Sword for Judgment

1 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 ^a“Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem and ^bpreach to the holy places and prophesy against the land of Israel.

3 “And say to the land of Israel, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Behold, I *am* ^cagainst you and will draw out My sword from its sheath and will cut off from you the ^drighteous and the wicked.

4 “Seeing then that I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore, My sword will go forth out of its sheath against all flesh ^efrom the south to the north

5 “in order that all flesh may know that I the LORD have drawn out My sword out of its sheath. It ^fwill not return *to its sheath* again.”

6 ^g“Sigh therefore, son of man, with breaking heart and bitter grief. Groan

in their sight.

7 “Then it will be when they say to you, ‘Why do you sigh?’, then you will answer, ‘For the news, when it comes. And every heart will melt and ^hall hands will be feeble, and every spirit will faint and all knees will be weak *as* water. Behold, it comes and will be brought to pass,’ says the Lord GOD.”

8 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

9 “Son of man, prophesy and say, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Say, ⁱ‘A sword! A sword is sharpened and also polished!

10 ‘It is sharpened to make a great slaughter. It is polished so that it flash like lightning.’ Should we then make mirth? It despises the rod of My son, *as* every tree.

11 “And he has given it to be polished so that it may be handled. This sword is sharpened and it is polished in order to be given into the hand of ^jthe slayer.

12 “Cry out and wail, son of man. For it will be upon My people. It *will be* upon all the princes of Israel. Terrors by reason of the sword will be upon My people. ^kStrike therefore upon *your* thigh.

13 “For there is ^la trial in store. And who can despise ^mthe rod of My wrath?,” says the Lord GOD.

14 ¶ “You, therefore, son of man, prophesy and ⁿstrike *your* hands together. And let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain.

r Jr 21:14 s Lk 23:31 t Ez 21:4 u Ez 12:9; 17:2 **Chapter 21:** a Ez 20:46 b Am 7:16 c Ez 5:8 d Jb 9:22 e Ez 20:47 f Is 45:23; 55:11 g Is 22:4 h Ez 7:17 i Dt 32:41 j Ez 21:19 k Jr 31:19 l Jb 9:23 m Ez 21:27 n Nm 24:10

It is the sword of the great men who are slain, who enter into their ^oprivate chambers.

15 “I have set the point of the sword against all their gates so that *their* heart may faint and *their* ruins be multiplied. Ah! ^o*It is* made bright. *It is* grasped for the slaughter.

16 ^q“Thrust one way or another, *either* to the right *or* to the left, wherever your edge is ordered.

17 “I will also ^rstrike My hands together and ^sI will cause My fury to rest. I the LORD, have said *it*.”

18 ¶ The word of the LORD came to me again, saying,

19 “Also, son of man, appoint for yourself two ways for the sword of the king of Babylon to come. Both of them will go out of one land. And choose a place. Choose *it* at the head of the road to the city.

20 “Appoint a road that the sword may come to ^tRabbath of the Ammonites and to Judah into fortified Jerusalem.

21 “For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the road, at the head of the two roads, to use divination. He makes *his* arrows shake. He consults with images. He looks at the liver.

22 “At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to appoint captains, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to ^ulift up the voice with shouting, ^vto appoint *battering* rams against the gates, to cast a mount, *and* to build a fort.

23 “And it will be to them as a false divination in their sight, to those who ^whave sworn oaths. But he will call to remembrance the iniquity so that they may be taken.

24 ¶ “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Because you have made your iniquity to be remembered in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your deeds your sins appear—because you have come to remembrance, you will be taken in hand.

25 ‘Now to you, O ^xslain, wicked one, the prince of Israel, ^yyour day has come when iniquity *will have* an end.’

26 “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Remove the turban and take off the crown. This *will not be* the same. ^zExalt *the* humble and humble the exalted.

27 ‘I will overthrow, overthrow, overthrow it. And ^ait will be no *more* until He comes whose right it is. And I will give it to ^b*Him*.’

28 ¶ “And you, son of man, prophesy and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD ^cconcerning the Ammonites and concerning their reproach, even say, “The sword, the sword *is* drawn. For the slaughter *it is* polished, for consuming *and* for flashing—

29 ‘while they ^dsee for you false visions, while they divine a lie for you—to bring you upon the necks of *those who are* slain of the wicked, ^ewhose day has come when their iniquity *will have* an end.

30 ‘Will I cause ^f*it* to return into its sheath? ^gI will judge you in the place

o 1 Kg 20:30 p Ez 21:10,28 q Ez 14:17 r Ez 22:13 s Ez 5:13; 16:42; 24:13 t Jr 49:2 u Jr 51:14 v Ez 4:2 w Ez 17:16,18 x Jr 52:2 y Ez 21:29 z Lk 1:52 a Lk 1:32,33 b Jr 23:5,6 c Ez 25:1-7 d Ez 12:24; 13:6-9; 22:28 e Jb 18:20 f Jr 47:6,7 g Gn 15:14

where you were created, ^hin the land of your nativity.

31 ‘And I will ⁱpour out My indignation upon you. I will ^jblow against you in the fire of My wrath and deliver you into the hand of brutal men skilled in ^kdestruction.

32 ‘You will be for fuel to the fire. Your blood will be in the midst of the land. ^lYou will no longer be remembered, for I the LORD have spoken it.’”

Chapter 22

The Sins of Jerusalem

1 ¶ Furthermore, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Now, son of man, ^awill you judge, will you judge ^bthe city of blood? Yes, you will show her all her abominations.

3 “Then say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “The city sheds ^cblood in its midst so that her time may come. And she makes idols against herself to defile herself.

4 “You have become guilty in your blood that you have ^dshed, and have defiled yourself in your idols that you have made. And you have caused your days to draw near and have come *even* to your years. ^eTherefore, I have made you a reproach to the nations and a mocking to all countries.

5 “*Those who are near and those who are far from you will mock you, you who are infamous and full of turmoil.*

6 ¶ “Behold, ^fthe princes of Israel in

you, every one according to his power, have been bent on shedding blood.

7 “They have ^gtreated father and mother lightly within you. In the midst of you they have dealt by ^hoppression with the foreigner. In you they have wronged the fatherless and the widow.

8 “You have despised My holy things and have ⁱprofaned My sabbaths.

9 “In you are ^jmen who carry tales to shed blood. And ^kin you they eat upon the mountains. In the midst of you they commit lewdness.

10 “In you they have ^luncovered their fathers’ nakedness. In you they have humbled her who ^mwas unclean in her menstrual impurity.

11 “And one has committed abomination ⁿwith his neighbor’s wife, and ^oanother has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another in you has humbled his sister, his father’s ^pdaughter.

12 “In you ^qthey have taken bribes to shed blood. ^rYou have taken interest and increase, and you have greedily gained from your neighbors by extortion, and ^shave forgotten Me,” says the Lord GOD.

13 ¶ “Behold, therefore, I have ^tsmitten My hand at your dishonest gain that you have made, and at your blood that has been in the midst of you.

14 ^u“Can your heart endure, or can your hands be strong in the days that I will deal with you? ^vI the LORD

^h Ez 16:3 ⁱ Ez 7:8 ^j Ez 22:20,21 ^k Hk 1:6-10 ^l Ez 25:10 **Chapter 22:** ^a Ez 20:4 ^b Na 3:1 ^c Ez 24:6,7 ^d 2 Kg 21:16 ^e Dt 28:37 ^f Is 1:23 ^g Lv 20:9 ^h Ex 22:22 ⁱ Lv 19:30 ^j Lv 19:16 ^k Ez 18:6,11 ^l Lv 18:7,8 ^m Lv 18:19; 20:18 ⁿ Ez 18:11 ^o Lv 18:15 ^p Lv 18:9 ^q Ex 23:8 ^r Ex 22:25 ^s Ez 23:35 ^t Ez 21:17 ^u Ez 21:7 ^v Ez 17:24

have spoken *it* and will do *it*.

15 “And ^wI will scatter you among the nations and disperse you in the lands. And I ^xwill consume your filthiness out of you.

16 “When you have defiled yourself in the sight of the nations, then ^yyou will know that I am the LORD.”’ ”

17 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

18 “Son of man, ^zthe house of Israel has to Me become dross. All of them *are* bronze and tin and iron and lead in the midst of the ^afurnace. They are *even* the dross of silver.

19 “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Because you have all become dross, behold therefore, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

20 ‘As they gather silver and bronze and iron and lead and tin into the midst of the furnace to blow the fire upon it, to ^bmelt *it*, so I will gather you in My anger and in My fury, and I will leave *you there* and melt you.

21 ‘Yes, I will gather you and blow upon you in the fire of My wrath and you will be melted in the midst of it.

22 ‘As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so will you be melted in the midst of it. Then you will know that I the LORD have ^cpoured out My fury upon you.’ ”

23 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

24 “Son of man, say to her, ‘You *are* the land that is ^dnot cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.’

25 “*There is* ^ea conspiracy of her

prophets in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing the prey. They ^fhave devoured souls. ^gThey have taken the treasure and precious things. They have made many widows in her midst.

26 ^h“Her priests have violated My law and have ⁱprofaned My holy things. They have put ^jno difference between the holy and profane, nor have they showed *any difference* between the unclean and the clean. And they have hidden their eyes from My sabbaths so that I am profaned among them.

27 “Her ^kprinces in the midst of her *are* like wolves tearing the prey to shed blood *and* to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.

28 “And ^lher prophets have smeared whitewash for them, ^mseeing false visions and divining ⁿlies to them, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ when the LORD has not spoken.

29 “The people of the land have used oppression and committed robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy. Yes, they have wrongfully ^ooppressed the foreigner.

30 “And ^pI sought for a man among them who would ^qmake up the hedge and ^rstand in the gap before Me for the land, that I would not destroy it. But I found no one.

31 “Therefore, I have ^spoured out My indignation upon them. I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath. ^tTheir own way I have repaid upon their heads,” says the Lord GOD.

w Dt 4:27 x Ez 23:27,48 y Ps 9:16 z Is 1:22 a Pv 17:3 b Is 1:25 c Ez 20:8,33 d Ez 24:13 e Hs 6:9 f Mt 23:14 g Mc 3:11 h Mt 2:8 i 1 Sm 2:29 j Lv 10:10 k Is 1:23 l Ez 13:10 m Ez 13:6,7 n Jr 23:25-32 o Ex 23:9 p Jr 5:1 q Ez 13:5 r Ps 106:23 s Ez 22:22 t Ez 9:10

Chapter 23*The Adulterous Sisters*

1 ¶ The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, there were ^atwo women, the daughters of one mother.

3 “And ^bthey committed harlotry in Egypt. They committed harlotry in ^ctheir youth. Their breasts were embraced there and there their virgin bosom was pressed.

4 “Now their names were Aholah the elder and Aholibah ^dher sister. And ^ethey were Mine and bore sons and daughters. Thus were their names: Samaria is Aholah and Jerusalem is Aholibah.

5 ¶ “Now Aholah played the harlot when she was Mine. And she lusted after her lovers, after the ^fAssyrians, her neighbors,

6 “*who were* clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses.

7 “Therefore, she committed her harlotry with them, with all those *who were* the chosen men of Assyria, and with all after whom she lusted. With all their idols she defiled herself.

8 “She did not forsake her harlotries from *the time* ^gin Egypt, for in her youth they lay with her. They bruised the breasts of her virginity and poured out their lust on her.

9 “Therefore, I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the ^hAssyrians after whom she lusted.

10 “These uncovered her nakedness. They took her sons and her daughters, and slew her with the sword. And she became famous among women, for they executed judgment on her.

11 ¶ “And ⁱwhen her sister Aholibah saw *this*, ^jshe was more corrupt in her lust than she, and more than her sister in her harlotries.

12 “She lusted after the ^kAssyrians, ^lgovernors and officials, the ones near, magnificently dressed, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men.

13 “I saw that she had defiled herself. They both took the same road.

14 “So she increased her harlotries. And she saw men portrayed on the wall, the images of the ^mChaldeans portrayed with vermilion,

15 “girded with belts on their waists, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them looking like princes, like the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity.

16 “And ⁿas soon as she saw them with her eyes, she lusted after them, and sent ^omessengers to them into Chaldea.

17 “And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their harlotry. And she was defiled by them, ^pand she became disgusted with them.

18 “So she uncovered her harlotries and uncovered her nakedness. Then ^qI became disgusted with her as I had become disgusted with her sister.

Chapter 23: a Ez 16:44-46 b Lv 17:7 c Ez 16:22 d Ez 16:8,20 e Jr 3:6,7 f Hs 5:13; 8:9,10 g Ez 23:3,19 h 2 Kg 17:3 i Jr 3:8 j Jr 3:8-11 k 2 Kg 16:7,8 l Ez 23:6,23 m Ez 8:10; 16:29 n 2 Kg 24:1 o Is 57:9 p Ez 23:22,28 q Jr 6:8 r Jr 12:8

19 “But she multiplied her harlotries by calling to remembrance the days of her youth ^swherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

20 “For she lusted after her lovers, whose genitals *were like* those of donkeys, and whose issue *is like* the issue of horses.

21 “Thus you longed for the lewdness of your youth when the Egyptians handled your bosom because of the breasts of your youth.

22 ¶ “Therefore, O Aholibah, thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I will raise up your lovers against you, from whom you were alienated. And I will bring them against you on every side, 23 ‘the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, ^vPekod and Shoa and Koa *and* ^wall the Assyrians with them. All of them *are* desirable young men, captains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding on horses.

24 ‘And they will come against you with chariots, wagons and wheels, and with an assembly of people. *They* will set against you buckler and shield and helmet all around. And I will set judgment before them and they will judge you according to their judgments.

25 ‘And I will set ^xMy jealousy against you, and they will deal furiously with you. They will take away your nose and your ears, and your remnant will fall by the sword. They will take your sons and your daughters, and your survivors will be de-

voured by the fire.

26 ^y“They will also strip off your clothes and take away your beautiful jewels.

27 ‘Thus ^zI will make your lewdness and your ^aharlotry *brought* from the land of Egypt to cease from you, so that you will not lift up your eyes to them, nor remember Egypt anymore.’

28 “For thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I will deliver you into the hand of ^bthose whom you hate, into the hand of *those* ^cfrom whom you were alienated.

29 ‘And ^dthey will deal with you hatefully, and will take away all for which you worked. And they will ^eleave you naked and bare. And the nakedness of your harlotries will be uncovered, both your lewdness and your harlotries.

30 ‘I will do these *things* to you because you ^fhave played the harlot with the nations, *and* because you are defiled with their idols.

31 ‘You have walked in the way of your sister. Therefore, I will give her ^gcup into your hand.’

32 ¶ “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘You will drink of your sister’s cup *that is* deep and wide. ^hYou will be laughed to scorn and held in derision; it contains much.

33 ‘You will be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of your sister Samaria.

34 ‘You will even ⁱdrink it and suck

s Ez 23:2 t Ez 16:26 u Ez 16:37-41; 23:28 v Jr 50:21 w Ez 23:12 x Ex 34:14 y Is 3:18-23 z Ez 16:41; 22:15 a Ez 23:3,19 b Ez 16:37-41 c Ez 23:17 d Dt 28:48 e Ez 16:39 f Ez 6:9 g Jr 7:14,15; 25:15 h Ez 22:4,5 i Is 51:17

it out, and you will break its fragments, and tear your own breasts, for I have spoken it,' says the Lord GOD.

35 "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Because you ^jhave forgotten Me and ^kcast Me behind your back, therefore bear also your lewdness and your harlotries.'"

36 ¶ Furthermore, the LORD said to me, "Son of man, will you ^ljudge Aholah and Aholibah? Yes, ^mdeclare to them their abominations.

37 "They have committed adultery, and ⁿblood is on their hands, and with their idols they have committed adultery. And they have also caused their sons, ^owhom they bore to me, to pass for them through *the fire*, to devour *them*.

38 "Furthermore, this they have done to Me: they have ^pdefiled My sanctuary in the same day and have ^qprofaned 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, ^rthus they did in the midst of My house.

40 "And furthermore, they have sent for men to come from afar, ^sto whom a messenger *was* sent. And behold, they came. And you ^twashed yourself, ^upainted your eyes, and adorned yourself with ornaments.

41 "And you sat on a splendid ^vcouch with a table arranged before it ^won which you had set My incense and My oil.

42 "And the sound of a carefree multitude *was* with her. And with the men of the common sort *were* brought Sabeans from the wilderness who put bracelets on their hands and beautiful crowns on their heads.

43 "Then I said to *her who was* old in adulteries, 'Will they now commit harlotries with her and she *with them*?'

44 "But they went in to her as they go in to a woman who plays the harlot. So they went in to Aholah and to Aholibah, the lewd women.

45 "And they, righteous men, will ^xjudge them with the judgment of adulteresses and with the judgment of women who shed blood, because they are adulteresses and ^yblood is on their hands.

46 ¶ "For thus says the Lord GOD, 'I will ^zbring up a company upon them and will give them over to calamity and plunder.

47 'And ^athe company will stone them with stones and dispatch them with their swords. ^bThey will slay their sons and their daughters and burn their houses with fire.

48 'Thus ^cI will cause lewdness to cease out of the land so ^dthat all the women may be admonished and not commit lewdness as you have done.

49 'And they will repay your lewdness upon you, and you will ^ebear the sins of your idols. ^fThen you will know that I *am* the Lord GOD.'"

j Jr 3:21 k 1 Kg 14:9 l Ez 20:4; 22:2 m Is 58:1 n Ez 16:38 o Ez 16:20,21,36,45; 20:26,31 p 2 Kg 21:4,7 q Ez 22:8 r 2 Kg 21:2-8 s Is 57:9 t Rt 3:3 u Jr 4:30 v Is 57:7 w Pv 7:17 x Ez 16:38 y Ez 23:37 z Ez 16:40 a Ez 16:40 b Ez 24:21 c Ez 22:15 d Dt 13:11 e Ez 23:35 f Ez 20:38,42,44; 25:5

Chapter 24

The Parable of the Pot

1 ¶ Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, write the name of the day, *even* of this same day. The king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem ^athis same day.

3 ^b“Now utter a parable to the rebellious house and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Put on the pot. Put *it* on and also pour water in it.

4 “Gather the pieces into it, *even* every good piece, the thigh and the shoulder. Fill *it* with the choice bones.

5 “Take the choice of the flock and burn also the bones under it. Make it boil well, and let them seethe its bones in it.”

6 ¶ “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “Woe to ^dthe city of blood, to the pot whose scum *is* in it, and whose scum has not gone out of it! Bring it out piece by piece, on which no ^elot has fallen.

7 “For her blood is in the midst of her. She set it on the top of a rock. ^fShe did not pour it on the ground in order to cover it with dust,

8 “so that it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance. ^gI have set her blood on the top of a rock so that it should not be covered.”

9 ¶ “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ^h“Woe to the city of blood! I will make the pile for a fire great.

10 “Heap on wood. Kindle the fire. Consume the flesh and spice it well, and let the bones be burned.

11 “Then set it empty on its coals so that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and *that* ⁱthe filthiness of it may be melted in it, *so that* the scum of it may be consumed.

12 “She has wearied *herself* with lies, and her great scum did not go out of her. *Let* her scum *be* in the fire.

13 “In your ^jfilthiness *is* lewdness. Because I have purged you and you were not purged, you will ^knot be purged from your filthiness anymore, ^luntil I have caused My fury to rest on you.

14 ^m“I the LORD have spoken *it*. ⁿIt will come to pass and I will do *it*. I will not go back, ^onor will I spare, nor will I relent. They will judge you according to your ways and according to your deeds,” says the Lord GOD.”

Death of Ezekiel's Wife

15 ¶ Also the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

16 “Son of man, behold, I take away from you the desire of your eyes with a stroke. But you will ^pneither mourn nor weep, nor will your tears run down.

17 “Groan silently. ^qMake no mourning for the dead. ^rBind on your turban and ^sput your shoes on your feet, and ^tdo not cover the lower part of your face. Do not eat the bread of men.”

Chapter 24: a 2 Kg 25:1 b Ez 17:12 c Jr 1:3 d Ez 22:2,3,27 e Nh 3:10 f Lv 17:13 g Mt 7:2 h Hk 2:12 i Ez 22:15 j Ez 23:36-48 k Jr 6:28-30 l Ez 5:13; 8:18; 16:42 m 1 Sm 15:29 n Is 55:11 o Ez 5:11 p Jr 16:5 q Jr 16:5 r Lv 10:6; 21:10 s 2 Sm 15:30 t Mc 3:7

18 So I spoke to the people in the morning. And at evening my wife died. Then I did in the morning as I was commanded.

19 ¶ Then the people said to me, “Will you not tell us what these things mean to us that you do?”

20 Then I answered them, “The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

21 ‘Speak to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I will profane My sanctuary, the excellency of My strength, the desire of your soul. ^wAnd your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind will fall by the sword.

22 ‘And you will do as I have done. ^xYou will not cover the lower part of your face, nor eat the bread of men.

23 ‘And your turbans *will be* on your heads and your shoes on your feet. ^yYou will not mourn nor weep, but ^zyou will pine away in your iniquities and mourn one toward another.

24 ‘Thus ^aEzekiel is to you a sign. According to all that he has done you will do. ^bAnd when this comes, ^cyou will know that I *am* the Lord GOD.’”

25 ‘Also for you, son of man, *will it not be* in the day when I take from them ^dtheir strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that on which they set their minds, their sons and their daughters,

26 *that* ^ehe who escapes in that day will come to you, to cause you to hear it with your ears?’

27 ^f“In that day your mouth will be opened to him who has escaped and

you will speak, and no longer be speechless. And you will be a sign to them. Then they will know that I *am* the LORD.’”

Chapter 25

Prophecy Against Ammon

1 ¶ The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, ^aset your face ^bagainst the Ammonites and prophesy against them.

3 “And say to the Ammonites, ‘Hear the word of the Lord GOD. Thus says the Lord GOD, ^c“Because you said, ‘Aha,’ against My sanctuary when it was defiled, and against the land of Israel when it was desolated, and against the house of Judah when they went into captivity,

4 “behold therefore, I will deliver you to the men of the east for a possession. And they will set their palaces in you and make their dwellings in you. They will eat your fruit and they will drink your milk.

5 “And I will make ^dRabbah a ^estable for camels, and the Ammonites a resting place for flocks. ^fThen you will know that I *am* the LORD.’”

6 ‘For thus says the Lord GOD, “Because you have ^gclapped your hands and stamped with the feet, and ^hrejoiced in heart with all your despite against the land of Israel,

7 “behold therefore, I will stretch out My hand on you and will deliver you for spoil to the nations. And I will cut you off from the people, and

u Ez 12:9; 37:18 v Jr 7:14 w Ez 23:25,47 x Jr 16:6,7 y Jb 27:15 z Lv 26:39 a Is 20:3 b Jr 17:15 c Ez 6:7; 25:5 d Ez 24:21 e Ez 33:21 f Ez 3:26; 33:22 Chapter 25: a Ez 35:2 b Jr 49:1 c Ez 26:2 d Ez 21:20 e Is 17:2 f Ez 24:24 g Jb 27:23 h Ez 36:5 i Ez 35:3

I will cause you to perish from the countries. I will destroy you, and you will know that I *am* the LORD.”

Prophecy Against Moab

8 ¶ “Thus says the Lord GOD, “Because ³Moab and ⁴Seir say, ‘Behold, the house of Judah *is* like all the nations,’

9 “therefore behold, I will open the flank of Moab, the cities *that are* on its frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon and ¹Kiriathaim,

10 ^m“to the men of the east with the Ammonites, and will give them in possession so that the Ammonites ⁿmay not be remembered among the nations.

11 “And I will execute judgments on Moab and they will know that I *am* the LORD.”

Prophecy Against Edom

12 ¶ “Thus says the Lord GOD, ^o“Because Edom has acted against the house of Judah by taking vengeance and has greatly offended, and revenged itself on them,”

13 ‘therefore thus says the Lord GOD, “I will also stretch out My hand upon Edom. And I will cut off man and beast from it, and I will make it desolate from Teman. And those of Dedan will fall by the sword.

14 “And ^pI will lay My vengeance on Edom by the hand of My people Israel. And they will do in Edom according to My anger and according to My fury. Then they will know My

vengeance,” says the Lord GOD.

Prophecy Against Philistia

15 ¶ “Thus says the Lord GOD, ^q“Because the ^rPhilistines have acted in revenge and have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart to destroy *it* because of the old hatred,”

16 ‘therefore thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, ^sI will stretch out My hand on the Philistines and I will cut off the ^tCherethims and ^udestroy the remnant of the sea coast.

17 “And I will ^vexecute great vengeance on them with furious rebukes. Then ^wthey will know that I *am* the LORD when I lay My vengeance on them.”^x”

Chapter 26

Prophecy Against Tyre

1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, ^abecause Tyre has said against Jerusalem, ^b‘Aha, she is broken *who was* the gateway of the peoples. It has opened to Me. I will be filled *now that* she is laid waste,’

3 “therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I *am* against you, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes its waves to come up.

4 ‘And they will destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers. I will also scrape her dust from her, and ^cmake her like the top of a rock.

5 ‘It will be *a place* for the spread-

j Am 2:1,2 k Ez 35:2,5 l Jr 48:23 m Ez 25:4 n Ez 21:32 o Ob 10-14 p Is 11:14 q Jr 25:20 r 2 Ch 28:18 s Zp 2:4 t 1 Sm 30:14 u Jr 47:4 v Ez 5:15 w Ps 9:16 **Chapter 26:** a Jr 25:22 b Ez 25:3 c Ez 26:14

ing of nets ^din the midst of the sea, for I have spoken *it*,’ says the Lord GOD. ‘And it will become a spoil to the nations.

6 ‘And her daughters who *are* in the field will be slain by the sword. ‘Then they will know that I *am* the LORD.’”

7 For thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I will bring upon Tyre ^fNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, a ^gking of kings, from the north, with horses and with chariots and with horsemen and cavalry and many people.

8 “He will slay with the sword your daughters in the field. And he will ^hmake a fort against you and cast a mount against you, and lift up a large shield against you.

9 “And he will set battering rams of war against your walls, and with his axes he will break down your towers.

10 “Because of the multitude of his horses, their dust will cover you. Your walls will shake at the noise of the horsemen and of the wheels and of the chariots, when he enters into your gates as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach.

11 “With the hoofs of his ⁱhorses he will tread down all your streets. He will slay your people by the sword, and your strong garrisons will go down to the ground.

12 “And they will plunder your riches, and make a prey of your merchandise. And they will break down your walls and destroy your luxuri-

ous houses. And they will lay your stones and your timber and your dust in the ^jmidst of the water.

13 “And ^kI will cause the sound of ^lyour songs to cease, and the sound of your harps will be no longer heard.

14 “And ^mI will make you like the top of a rock. You will be a *place* to spread nets upon. You will be built no more, for I the LORD have spoken *it*,” says the Lord GOD.

15 ¶ Thus says the Lord GOD to Tyre, “Will not the islands ⁿshake at the sound of your fall, when the wounded cry out, when the slaughter is made in the midst of you?

16 “Then all the ^oprinces of the sea will ^pcome down from their thrones and lay away their robes, and put off their embroidered garments. They will clothe themselves with trembling. ^qThey will sit on the ground and will ^rtremble at *every* moment, and ^sbe astonished at you.

17 “And they will take up a ^tlamentation for you, and say to you, ‘How are you destroyed, *you who was* inhabited by seafaring men, the renowned city that was ^ustrong in the sea, she and her inhabitants who imposed her terror on all her inhabitants!

18 ‘Now will ^vthe islands tremble in the day of your fall. Yes, the islands that *are* in the sea will be troubled at your departure.’”

19 ¶ For thus says the Lord GOD, “When I make you a desolate city like the cities that are not inhabited,

^d Ez 27:32 ^e Ez 25:5 ^f Jr 27:3-6 ^g Dn 2:37,47 ^h Ez 21:22 ⁱ Hk 1:8 ^j Ez 27:27,32 ^k Is 14:11; 24:8 ^l Rv 18:22 ^m Ez 26:4,5 ⁿ Jr 49:21 ^o Is 23:8 ^p Jh 3:6 ^q Jb 2:13 ^r Ez 32:10 ^s Ez 27:35 ^t Ez 27:2-36 ^u Is 23:4 ^v Ez 26:15

when I bring up the deep upon you and great waters will cover you,

20 “then I will bring you down ^wwith them who descend into the Pit with the people of old time. And I will set you in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with those who go down to the Pit, so that you not be inhabited. Then I will establish glory ^xin the land of the living.

21 ^y“I will make you a terror, and you *will be no more*. ^zThough you will be sought, yet you will never be found again,” says the Lord GOD.

Chapter 27

Lament for Tyre

1 ¶ The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,

2 “Now, son of man, ^atake up a lamentation for Tyre.

3 “And say to Tyre ^bwho dwells at the entrance to the sea, ^cmerchant of the peoples to many coastlands, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “O Tyre, you have said, ^d‘I am perfect in beauty.’

4 “Your borders *are* in the midst of the seas. Your builders have perfected your beauty.

5 “They have made all your *ship* boards of fir trees from ^eSenir. They have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for you.

6 “^f*Of* the oaks of Bashan they have made your oars. The company of the Ashurites have inlaid our planks *with* ivory from ^gthe islands of Chittim.

7 “Fine linen with embroidered work from Egypt was that which you

spread forth to be your sail. Blue and purple from the islands of Elishah was that which covered you.

8 “The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were your mariners. Your wise *men*, O Tyre, *who* were in you, were your pilots.

9 “The elders of ^hGebal and its wise *men* were in you to caulk your seams. All the ships of the sea with their mariners were in you to occupy your merchandise.

10 ¶ “Those from Persia and Lud and Phut were in your army, your men of war. They hung the shield and helmet in you. They gave splendor to you.

11 “The men of Arvad with your army *were* all around on your walls, and the Gammadims were in your towers. They hung their shields all around on your walls. They have made ⁱyour beauty perfect.

12 ¶ ^j“Tarshish was your merchant because of the multitude of all *kinds of riches*. They gave you silver, iron, tin and lead for your goods.

13 ^kJavan, Tubal and Meshech, they *were* your merchants. They traded with the ^llives of men and vessels of bronze in your market.

14 “Those of the house of ^mTogarmah traded for your goods with horses and horsemen and mules.

15 “The men of ⁿDedan *were* your merchants. Many islands *were* the merchandise of your hand. They brought you horns of ivory and ebony as payment.

w Ez 32:18 x Ez 32:23 y Ez 27:36; 28:19 z Ps 37:10,36 Chapter 27: a Ez 26:17 b Ez 26:17; 28:2 c Is 23:3 d Ez 28:12 e Dt 3:9 f Is 2:12,13 g Jr 2:10 h 1 Kg 5:18 i Ez 27:3 j Gn 10:4 k Gn 10:2 l Rv 18:13 m Gn 10:3 n Gn 10:7

16 “Syria was your merchant because of the abundance of the goods of your making. They gave for your goods emeralds, purple and embroidered work and fine linen and coral and agate.

17 “Judah, and the land of Israel, they were your merchants. They traded in your market wheat of ^oMinnith and Pannag and honey and oil and ^pbalm.

18 “Damascus was your merchant in the multitude of the goods of your making, for the abundance of all riches, in the wine of Helbon and white wool.

19 “Dan also and Javan, going to and fro, traded for your goods. Bright iron, cassia and calamus were in your market.

20 ^q“Dedan was your merchant in precious clothes for chariots.

21 “Arabia and all the princes of ^rKedar, they were your merchants for lambs, rams and goats. For these they were your merchants.

22 “The merchants of ^sSheba and Raamah, they were your merchants. They traded for your goods with the best of all spices, and with all precious stones and gold.

23 “Haran and Canneh and Eden, the merchants of ^tSheba, Asshur and Chilmad, were your merchants.

24 “These were your merchants in all sorts of *things*, in blue clothes and embroidered work, and in carpets of many colors and tightly wound cords that were among your merchandise.

25 “The ^vships of Tarshish were the

carriers for your merchandise. And you were replenished and made very glorious ^win the midst of the seas.

26 “Your rowers have brought you into great waters. ^xThe east wind has broken you in the midst of the seas.

27 ¶ “Your ^yriches and your goods, your merchandise, your mariners and your pilots, your caulkers and the dealers of your merchandise, and all your men of war who are in you, and in all your company that is in the midst of you, will fall into the midst of the seas in the day of your ruin.

28 “The ^zshorelands will shake at the sound of the cry of your pilots.

29 “And all ^awho handle the oar, the mariners, and all the pilots of the sea, will come down from their ships. They will stand on the land,

30 “and will cause their voice to be heard against you. And they will cry out bitterly and will ^bcast dust on their heads. They ^cwill wallow themselves in the ashes.

31 “And they will ^dmake themselves utterly bald for you, and gird themselves with sackcloth. And they will weep for you with bitterness of heart and bitter wailing.

32 “And in their wailing they will ^etake up a lamentation for you and lament over you, saying, ^f“What city is like Tyre, like the destroyed in the midst of the sea?”

33 “When ^gyour goods went forth out of the seas, you filled many people. You enriched the kings of the earth with the multitude of your riches and with your merchandise.

o Jg 11:33 p Jr 8:22 q Gn 25:3 r Is 60:7 s Gn 10:7 t 2 Kg 19:12 u Gn 25:3 v Is 2:16 w Ez 27:4 x Ps 48:7 y Pv 11:4 z Ez 26:15 a Rv 18:17 b Rv 18:19 c Jr 6:26 d Ez 29:18 e Ez 26:17

34 'But ^hyou are broken by the seas in the depths of the waters. ⁱYour merchandise and all your company will fall in your midst.

35 ^j'All the inhabitants of the islands will be astonished at you, and their kings will be greatly afraid. They will be troubled in countenance.

36 'The merchants among the people ^kwill hiss at you. ^lYou will be a terror and *will be* ^m'no more.' ' ' ' "

Chapter 28

Prophecy Against the King of Tyre

1 ¶ The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Because your heart *is* ^alifted up and ^byou have said, 'I *am* a god. I sit in the seat of gods ^cin the midst of the seas,' ^dyou *are* but a man and not a god, though you set your heart as the heart of God.

3 "(Behold, ^eyou *are* wiser than Daniel! There is no secret that can be hidden from you.

4 "With your wisdom and with your understanding you have acquired riches, and have acquired gold and silver into your treasuries.

5 ^f"By your great wisdom *and* by your trade you have increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches.)

6 "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Because you have set your heart as the heart of God,

7 'behold therefore, I will bring ^hforeigners on you, ⁱthe most ruthless of the nations. And they will draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they will defile your brightness.

8 'They will bring you down to the ^jPit and you will die the death of *those who are* slain in the midst of the seas.

9 'Will you still ^ksay before him who slays you, "I *am* a god"? But you *are* a man, and no god, in the hand of him who slays you.

10 'You will die the death of ^lthe uncircumcised by the hand of foreigners, for I have spoken *it*,' says the Lord GOD." ' ' "

11 ¶ Furthermore, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

12 "Son of man, ^mtake up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, ⁿ"You *were* the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 "You were in ^oEden the garden of God. Very precious stone *was* your covering: the sardius, topaz and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald and the carbuncle and gold. The workmanship of ^pyour timbrels and of your pipes was prepared in you in the day that you were created.

14 "You *were* the anointed ^qcherub that covers, and I established you *so*. You were on ^rthe holy mountain of God. You walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

f Rv 18:18 g Rv 18:19 h Ez 26:19 i Ez 27:27 j Ez 26:15,16 k Jr 18:16 l Ez 26:2 m Ps 37:10,36 Chapter 28: a Jr 49:16 b Ez 28:9 c Ez 27:3,4 d Is 31:3 e Dn 1:20; 2:20-23,28; 5:11,12 f Zc 9:1-3 g Ps 62:10 h Ez 26:7 i Ez 7:24; 21:31; 30:11 j Is 14:15 k Ez 28:2 l Ez 31:18; 32:19,21,25,27 m Ez 27:2 n Ez 27:3; 28:3 o Ez 31:8,9; 36:35 p Ez 26:13 q Ex 25:20 r Ez 20:40

15 “You *were* perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until ^siniquity was found in you.

16 “By the multitude of your merchandise they filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned. Therefore, I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of God. And I will destroy you, ^ocovering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 “Your ^hheart was lifted up because of your beauty. You have corrupted your wisdom because of your brightness. I will cast you to the ground. I will lay you before kings so that they may behold you.

18 “You have defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trade. Therefore, I will bring forth a fire from the midst of you. It will devour you, and I will bring you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all those who saw you.

19 “All those who know you among the people will be astonished at you. ^vYou will be a horror, and you will be no ^wmore.” ’ ’

Prophecy Against Sidon

20 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

21 “Son of man, ^xset your face ^yagainst Sidon and prophesy against it.

22 “And say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, ^z“Behold, I *am* against you, O Sidon, and I will be glorified in the midst of you. Then ^athey will know

that I *am* the LORD when I have executed judgments in her, and will be ^bsanctified in her.

23 ““For I will send to her pestilence and blood into her streets. And the wounded will be judged in the midst of her by the sword on her on every side. Then they will know that I *am* the LORD.

24 ¶ “And there will be no more for the house of Israel a prickling brier or ^{da}a painful thorn from any around them who ^escorned them. Then they will know that I am the Lord GOD.”

25 ¶ “Thus says the Lord GOD, “When I have ^fgathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and be ^gsanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then they will dwell in their land that I have given to My servant Jacob.

26 “And they will ^hdwell safely in it and will ⁱbuild houses and ^jplant vineyards. Yes, they will dwell with confidence when I have executed judgments on all those around them who despise them. Then they will know that I *am* the LORD their God.” ’ ’

Chapter 29

Prophecy Against Egypt

1 ¶ In the tenth year, in the tenth *month*, in the twelfth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, ^aset your face against Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and prophesy against him and ^bagainst all Egypt.

s Is 14:12 t Ez 28:14 u Ez 28:2,5 v Ez 26:21 w Ez 27:36 x Ez 6:2; 25:2; 29:2 y Is 23:2,4,12 z Ex 14:4,17 a Ps 9:16 b Ez 28:25 c Ez 38:22 d Ja 23:13 e Ez 16:57; 25:6,7 f Is 11:12,13 g Ez 28:22 h Jr 23:6 i Am 9:13,14 j Jr 31:5 **Chapter 29:** a Ez 28:21 b Is 19:1

3 “Speak and say, “Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I *am* against you, Pharaoh, king of Egypt, the great ^dmonster that lies in the midst of his rivers, ^ewho has said, ‘My river *is* my own and I have made *it* for myself.’

4 “But ^fI will put hooks in your jaws and I will cause the fish of your rivers to cling to your scales. And I will bring you up out of the midst of your rivers and all the fish of your rivers will cling to your scales.

5 “And I will abandon you in the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers. You will fall upon the open ^gfields. ^hYou will not be gathered and buried. ⁱI have given you for food to the beasts of the field and to the birds of the heaven.

6 “Then all the inhabitants of Egypt will know that I *am* the LORD because they have been *only* a ^jstaff made of reed to the house of Israel.

7 ^k“When they took hold of you by your hand, you broke and tore all their hands. And when they leaned on you, you broke and made all their loins quake.”

8 ¶ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I will bring ^la sword upon you and cut you off from man and beast.

9 “Then the land of Egypt will be ^mdesolate and waste. Then they will know that I *am* the LORD, because he has said, ‘The river *is* mine and I have made *it*.’

10 “Behold therefore, I *am* against

you and against your rivers. ⁿAnd I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste *and* desolate, ^ofrom Migdol to Syene, even to the border of Ethiopia.

11 ^p“No foot of man will pass through it, nor foot of beast will pass through it. Neither will it be inhabited forty years.

12 “And ^qI will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries *that are* desolate. And her cities among the cities *that are* laid waste will be desolate forty years. And I will ^rscatter the Egyptians among the nations and will disperse them through the countries.”

13 ¶ ‘Yet thus says the Lord GOD, “At the ^send of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the people where they were scattered.

14 “And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt and will cause them to return *to* the land of Pathros, to the land of their habitation. And they will be there a ^tlowly kingdom.

15 “It will be the lowliest of the kingdoms. Neither will it exalt itself anymore above the nations, for I will diminish them so that they will no longer rule over the nations.

16 “And it will no longer be ^uthe confidence of the house of Israel, bringing to mind the iniquity of their having turned to Egypt. But they will know that I *am* the Lord GOD.” ’

17 ¶ Now it came to pass in the twenty-seventh year, in the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month,

c Jr 44:30 d Ps 74:13,14 e Ez 28:2 f Ez 38:4 g Ez 32:4-6 h Jr 8:2; 16:4; 25:33 i Jr 7:33; 34:20 j Is 36:6 k Ez 17:17 l Ez 14:17; 32:11-13 m Ez 30:7,8 n Ez 30:12 o Ez 30:6 p Ez 32:13 q Ez 30:7,26 r Ez 30:23,26 s Jr 46:26 t Ez 17:6,14 u Is 30:2,3; 36:4,6

the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

18 “Son of man, ^vNebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, made his army labor hard against Tyre. Every head *was* made ^wbald and every shoulder *was* peeled. But he and his army had no wages from Tyre for the labor that he had performed against it.”

19 “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I will give the land of Egypt to ^xNebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and he will take her wealth and carry off her spoil and seize her plunder. And it will be the wages for his army.

20 “I have given him the land of Egypt *for* his labor that he performed, because they ^yacted for Me,” says the Lord GOD.

21 ¶ “In that day ^zI will cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth and I will ^aopen your mouth in their midst. Then they will know that *I am* the LORD.”

Chapter 30

Lament for Egypt

1 ¶ The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, prophesy and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, ^a“Wail! Alas for the day!

3 “For the ^bday *is* near, even the day of the LORD *is* near, a cloudy day. It will be the time of the nations.

4 “And the sword will come upon Egypt and great pain will be in Ethiopia when the slain will fall in Egypt.

And they will ^ctake away her multitude and ^dher foundations will be broken down.

5 “Ethiopia and Libya and Lydia, and ^eall the mixed people and Chub, and the men of the land that is in alliance will fall with them by the sword.”

6 ¶ “Thus says the LORD, “They also who hold up Egypt will fall. And the pride of her power will come down. ^fFrom Migdol to Syene those within her will fall by the sword,” says the Lord GOD.

7 “And they ^gwill be desolate in the midst of the countries *that are* desolate, and her cities will be in the midst of the cities *that are* wasted.

8 “Then they will know that *I am* the LORD when I have set a fire in Egypt and *when* all her helpers are destroyed.

9 “In that day ^hmessengers will go out from me in ships to make the secure Ethiopians afraid. And great pain will come upon them as in the day of Egypt, for behold, it comes.”

10 ¶ “Thus says the Lord GOD, ⁱ“I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

11 “He and his people with him, ^jthe most ruthless of the nations, will be brought to destroy the land. And they will draw their swords against Egypt and fill the land with the slain.

12 “And ^kI will make the rivers dry, and ^lsell the land into the hand of the wicked. And I will make the land

v Jr 25:9; 27:6 w Ez 27:31 x Jr 43:10-13 y Jr 25:9 z Ps 92:10; 132:17 a Ez 24:27 Chapter 30: a Is 13:6; 15:2 b Jl 2:1 c Ez 29:19 d Jr 50:15 e Jr 25:20,24 f Ez 29:10 g Ez 29:12 h Is 18:1,2 i Ez 29:19 j Ez 28:7; 31:12 k Is 19:5,6 l Is 19:4

waste, and all that is in it by the hand of foreigners. I the LORD have spoken it.”

13 ¶ “Thus says the Lord GOD, “I will also ^mdestroy the idols, and I will cause *their* images to cease out of Memphis. And ⁿthere will no longer be a prince of the land of Egypt. And ^oI will put fear in the land of Egypt.

14 “And I will make ^pPathros desolate, and will set fire in ^qZoan and ^rwill execute judgments in No.

15 “And I will pour My fury on Sin, the strength of Egypt. And ^sI will cut off the multitude of No.

16 “And ^tI will set fire in Egypt. Sin will have great pain and No will be torn asunder, and Noph *will have* distresses daily.

17 “The young men of Aven and of Pi-beseth will fall by the sword. And these *cities* will go into captivity.

18 ““At Tehaphnehes also the day will be darkened when I break there the yokes of Egypt. And the pomp of her strength will cease in her. As for her, a cloud will cover her and her daughters will go into captivity.

19 “Thus I will ^vexecute judgments on Egypt. Then they will know that I *am* the LORD.””

20 ¶ Now it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *month*, in the seventh *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

21 “Son of man, I have ^wbroken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And behold, ^xit will not be bound up to be

healed, or wrapped with a bandage to make it strong to hold the sword.

22 “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I *am* ^yagainst Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will ^zbreak his arms, both the strong and that which was broken. And I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.

23 ‘And ^{aa}I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and will disperse them throughout the countries.

24 ‘And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put My sword in his hand. But I will break Pharaoh’s arms and he will groan before him with the groanings of a wounded man.

25 ‘But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh will fall down. Then ^{bb}they will know that I *am* the LORD when I will put My sword into the hand of the king of Babylon and he will stretch it out over the land of Egypt.

26 ‘And ^{cc}I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the countries. Then they will know that I *am* the LORD.””

Chapter 31

A Cedar in Lebanon

1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the ^{ee}eleventh year, in the third *month*, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude, ^{ff}‘Who can be compared with you in majesty?’

m Is 19:1 n Zc 10:11 o Is 19:16 p Ez 29:14 q Ps 78:12,43 r Nh 3:8-10 s Jr 46:25 t Ez 30:8 u Jr 2:16 v Ps 9:16 w Jr 48:25 x Jr 46:11 y Jr 46:25 z Ps 37:17 a Ez 29:12; 30:17,18,26 b Ps 9:16 c Ez 29:12
Chapter 31: a Ez 30:20; 32:1 b Ez 31:18

3 ^cBehold, the Assyrian *was* a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches that shaded the forest, and *was* of a high stature. And its top was among the thick boughs.

4 ^dThe waters made it great. The deep springs set it up on high with its rivers running all around its base. And it sent out its channels to all the trees of the field.

5 ^eTherefore, ^eits height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and its boughs were multiplied. And its branches became long because of the abundance of waters when it shot forth.

6 ^fAll the ^fbirds of heaven made their nests in its boughs. And under its branches all the beasts of the field brought forth their young. And all great nations lived under its shade.

7 ^gThus it was beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its branches, for its root was by great waters.

8 ^hThe cedars in the ^ggarden of God could not hide it. The fir trees were not like its boughs. And the chestnut trees were not like its branches, nor any tree in the garden of God was like it in its beauty.

9 ⁱI made it beautiful by the abundance of its branches. So all the trees of Eden that *were* in the garden of God, envied it.

10 ¶ ^jTherefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ^j“Because it is high in stature and has set its top among the clouds, and ^kits heart is haughty in its loftiness,

11 ^k“I have therefore delivered it into the hand of the ^mmighty one of the nations. He will surely deal with it. According to its wickedness I have driven it away.

12 ^l“And foreigners, ^lthe most ruthless of the nations, have cut it off and have left it. ^lUpon the mountains and in all the valleys its branches have fallen. And its boughs are ^lbroken by all the rivers of the land. And all the people of the earth have gone down from its shadow and have left it.

13 ^m“Upon its ^mruin will all the birds of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field will be upon its branches,

14 ⁿ“so that all the trees by the waters may not be exalted in their stature, nor set their top among the clouds, nor their well-watered mighty ones stand *erect* in their height. For ⁿthey are all delivered to death, ^oto the depths of the earth, among the children of men who go down to the Pit.”

15 ¶ ^pThus says the Lord GOD, ^p“In the day when it ^pwent down to the grave I caused a mourning. I covered the deep because of it. I restrained its rivers and the great waters were stayed. And I caused Lebanon to mourn for it, and all the trees of the field fainted for it.

16 ^q“I made the nations ^qshake at the sound of its fall, when I ^rcast it down to Sheol with those who descend into the Pit. And ^sall the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all

^c Dn 4:10,20-23 ^d Jr 51:36 ^e Dn 4:11 ^f Dn 4:12,21 ^g Gn 2:8,9; 13:10 ^h Dn 5:20 ⁱ Ez 30:10 ^j Ez 28:7; 30:11; 32:12 ^k Ez 32:5; 35:8 ^l Ez 30:24,25 ^m Is 18:6 ⁿ Ps 82:7 ^o Ez 32:18 ^p Ez 32:22,23 ^q Ez 26:15 ^r Is 14:15 ^s Is 14:8

who drink water, ¹will be comforted in the depths of the earth.

17 “They also went down into Sheol with it to *those who are* slain with the sword, and *those who were* his arm, *who* ²dwelt under its shadow in the midst of the nations.

18 ³“To which are you thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the depths of the earth. ⁴“You will lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with *those who are* slain by the sword. This *is* Pharaoh and all his multitude,” says the Lord GOD.”

Chapter 32

Lament for Pharaoh

1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the ^atwelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, ^btake up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him, ^c“You are like a young lion of the nations, and ^dyou *are* as a monster in the seas. And you ^ecame forth with your rivers and troubled the waters with your feet, and ^ffouling their rivers.”

3 Thus says the Lord GOD, “I will therefore ^gspread out My net over you with a company of many people. And they will bring you up in My net.

4 “Then ^hI will leave you on the land.

I will cast you out on the open field, and ⁱwill cause all the birds of the heaven to settle on you. And I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with you.

5 “And I will lay your flesh ^jupon the mountains, and fill the valleys with your carcass.

6 “I will also water with your blood the land in which you swim, *even* to the mountains. And the rivers will be full of you.

7 “And when I put you out, ^kI will cover the heavens and make its stars dark. I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon will not give her light.

8 “All the bright lights of heaven I will make dark over you, and set darkness upon your land,” says the Lord GOD.

9 “I will also trouble the hearts of many people when I bring your destruction among the nations, into the countries that you have not known.

10 “Yes, I will make many people amazed at you, and their kings will be horribly afraid for you when I brandish My sword before them. And ^lthey will tremble at *every* moment, every man for his own life, in the day of your fall.”

11 ¶ ^mFor thus says the Lord GOD, “The sword of the king of Babylon will come upon you.

12 “By the swords of the mighty I will cause your multitude to fall, ⁿthe terrible of the nations, all of them. And ^othey will plunder the pomp of

^t Ez 32:31 ^u Lm 4:20 ^v Ez 32:19 ^w Ez 28:10; 32:19,21 **Chapter 32:** ^a Ez 31:1; 33:21 ^b Ez 27:2 ^c Ez 19:2-6 ^d Ez 29:3 ^e Jr 46:7,8 ^f Ez 34:18 ^g Ez 12:13; 17:20 ^h Ez 29:5 ⁱ Is 18:6; Ez 31:13 ^j Ez 31:12 ^k Rv 6:12,13; 8:12 ^l Ez 26:16 ^m Jr 46:26 ⁿ Ez 28:7; 30:11; 31:12 ^o Ez 29:19

Egypt, and all its multitude will be destroyed.

13 “I will destroy also all its beasts from beside the great waters. Neither will ^pthe foot of man trouble them anymore, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them.

14 “Then I will make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to run like oil,” says the Lord GOD.

15 “When I will make the land of Egypt desolate, and the land is destitute of that which filled it, when I strike all those who live in it, ^athen they will know that I am the LORD.

16 “This *is* the ^llamentation by which they will lament her. The daughters of the nations will lament her. They will lament for her, *even* for Egypt and for all her multitude,” says the Lord GOD.

17 ¶ It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth *day* of the month, ^sthat the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

18 “Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt and ^tcast them down, *even* her and the daughters of the famous nations, to the depths of the earth, with those who go down into the Pit.

19 “Whom ^udo you surpass in beauty? ^vGo down and be laid with the uncircumcised.

20 “They will fall in the midst of *those who are* slain by the sword. She is delivered to the sword. ^wDraw her and all her multitudes.

21 ^x“The strong among the mighty

will speak to him out of the midst of Sheol with those who help him. They have ^ygone down. They lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

22 ¶ “Asshur ^zis there and all her company. His graves *are* all around her. All of them *are* slain, fallen by the sword,

23 ^a“whose graves are set in the remotest parts of the Pit, and her company is all around her grave. All of them slain, *are* fallen by the sword, who ^bcaused terror in the land of the living.

24 ¶ “There *is* ^cElam and all her multitude all around her grave. All of them *are* slain, fallen by the sword, who have ^dgone down uncircumcised into the depths of the earth, ^ewho caused their terror in the land of the living. Yet they have borne their shame with those who go down to the Pit.

25 “They have made her a ^fbed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude. Her graves *are* all around it. All of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword. Though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet they have borne their shame with those who go down to the Pit. It is put in the midst of *those who are* slain.

26 ¶ “There *is* ^gMeshech, Tubal and all her multitude. Her graves *are* all around it. All of them *are* ^huncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living.

p Ez 29:11 q Ps 9:16 r Ez 26:17 s Ez 32:1; 33:21 t Ez 26:20; 31:14 u Ez 31:2,18 v Ez 28:10 w Ps 28:3 x Is 1:31; 14:9,10 y Ez 32:19,25 z Ez 31:3,16 a Is 14:15 b Ez 32:24-27,32 c Jr 25:25; 49:34-39 d Ez 32:21 e Ez 32:23 f Ps 139:8 g Gn 10:2

27 “And they will not lie with the mighty *who have* fallen of the uncircumcised, who have gone down to Sheol with their weapons of war. And they have laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities will be upon their bones, though *they were* the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

28 “Yes, you will be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and will lie with *those who are* slain with the sword.

29 ¶ “There *is* Edom, her kings and all her princes, who with their might are laid by *those who were* slain by the sword. They will lie with the uncircumcised, and with those who go down to the Pit.

30 ^k“There *are* the princes of the north, all of them and all the Sidonians, who have gone down with the slain. With their terror they are ashamed of their might. And they lie uncircumcised with *those who are* slain by the sword. And they bear their shame with those who go down to the Pit.

31 ¶ “Pharaoh will see them and will be ^mcomforted over all his multitude, *even* Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword,” says the Lord GOD.

32 “For I have caused My terror in the land of the living. And he will be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with *those who are* slain with the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his multitude,” says the Lord GOD.

Chapter 33

Ezekiel, the Watchman

1 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, speak to ^athe children of your people and say to them, ^b“When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man from their territory and set him for their ^cwatchman,

3 ‘and he sees the sword coming upon the land, he blows the trumpet and warns the people.

4 ‘Now whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and ^ddoes not take heed, if the sword comes and takes him away, ^ehis blood will be upon his own head.

5 ‘He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take heed. His blood will be upon him. But he who takes heed will deliver his soul.

6 ‘But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, if the sword comes and takes *any* person from among them, ^fhe is taken away in his iniquity. But his blood I will require at the watchman’s hand.’

7 ^g“So you, O son of man, I have set you *as* a watchman to the house of Israel. Therefore, you will hear the word at My mouth and warn them for Me.

8 “When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked *man*, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked of his way, that wicked *man* will die in his iniquity. But his blood I will require from your hand.

9 “However, if you warn the wicked

h Ez 32:19 i Is 14:18,19 j Ez 25:12-14 k Jr 1:15; 25:26 l Ez 28:21-23 m Ez 14:22; 31:16 **Chapter 33:** a Ez 3:11 b Ez 14:17 c 2 Sm 18:24,25 d Zc 1:4 e At 18:6 f Ez 33:8 g Is 62:6

of his way to turn from it, if he does not turn from his way he will die in his iniquity. But you have delivered your soul.

10 ¶ “Therefore, O son of man, speak to the house of Israel. ‘Thus you say, ‘If our transgressions and our sins *are* on us, and we ^hpine away in them, ⁱhow should we then live?’”

11 “Say to them, ‘As I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ^j‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked ^kturn from his way and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways, for ^lwhy will you die, O house of Israel?’”

12 ¶ “Therefore, son of man, say to the children of your people, ‘The ^mrighteousness of the righteous will not deliver him in the day of his transgression. As for the wickedness of the wicked, ⁿhe will not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness. Neither will the righteous be able to live because of his *righteousness* in the day that he sins.’”

13 “When I say to the righteous *that* he will surely live, ^oif he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, all his righteousnesses will not be remembered. But because of his iniquity that he has committed, he will die for it.

14 “Again, ^pwhen I say to the wicked, ‘You will surely die,’ if he turns from his sin and does that which is lawful and right,

15 “*if* the wicked ^qrestores the pledge, ^rrestores what he had robbed, walks in ^sthe statutes of life without

committing iniquity, he will surely live. He will not die.

16 “None of his sins that he has committed will be mentioned to him. He has done that which is lawful and right. He will surely live.

17 ¶ “‘Yet the children of your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’ But as for them, their way is not fair.

18 “‘When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he will die in *his iniquity*.

19 “But if the wicked turn from his wickedness and does that which is lawful and right, he will live in it.

20 “Yet you say, ^w‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’ O you house of Israel, I will judge each one after his ways.”

The Fall of Jerusalem

21 ¶ Now it came to pass in the twelfth year ^xof our captivity, in the tenth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, ^ythat one who had escaped from Jerusalem came to me, saying, ^z“The city has been captured.”

22 Now ^athe hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening, before he who had escaped came. And He ^bopened my mouth at the time *they* came to me in the morning. So my mouth was opened and I was no longer speechless.

23 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

24 “Son of man, ^cthey who inhabit those ^druins of the land of Israel are saying, ^e“Abraham was only one and

h Ez 24:23 i Is 49:14 j 2 Sm 14:14 k At 3:19 l Ez 18:30,31 m Ez 3:20; 18:24,26 n 2 Ch 7:14 o Ez 3:20; 18:24 p Ez 3:18,19; 18:27 q Ez 18:7 r Lv 6:2,4,5 s Ez 20:11,13,21 t Is 1:18; 43:25 u Ez 18:25,29 v Ez 18:26 w Ez 18:25,29 x Ez 1:2 y Ez 24:26 z 2 Kg 25:4 a Ez 1:3; 8:1; 37:1 b Ez 24:27 c Ez 34:2 d Ez 36:4 e Is 51:2

he inherited the land. ^fBut we *are* many *and* the land is given to us for an ^ginheritance.’

25 “Therefore, say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, ^h“You eat with the blood and ⁱlift up your eyes toward your idols and ^jshed blood. And will you possess the ^kland?’

26 “You stand upon your sword. You work abomination and each one of you ^ldefiles his neighbor’s wife. And will you possess the land?’”

27 “Say thus to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “As I live, surely ^mthose who *are* in the ruins will fall by the sword. And he who *is* in the open field ⁿI will give to the beasts to be devoured. And those who *are* in the forts and in the ^ocaves will die from pestilence.

28 ^p“For I will make the land desolate, and the ^qpomp of her strength will cease. And ^rthe mountains of Israel will be desolate so that no one will pass through.

29 “Then they will know that I *am* the LORD when I make the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations that they have committed.”

30 ¶ “Also, son of man, the children of your people are still talking about you by the walls and in the doors of the houses. And they ^sspeak one to another, each one to his brother, saying, ‘Please come and hear what the word is that comes from the LORD.’

31 “So ^tthey come to you as the

people do. And they ^usit before you as My people and they ^vhear your words, but they will not do them.

^wFor with their mouth they show much love, *but* ^xtheir heart goes after their covetousness.

32 “And behold, you *are* to them as a sensual song of one who has a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument. For they hear your words, but they do ^ynot do them.

33 ^z“And when this comes to pass—behold, it will come—then ^athey will know that a prophet has been among them.”

Chapter 34

Leadership of the Flock

1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds, ^a“Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?’

3 ^b“You eat the fat and you clothe yourselves with the wool. You ^ckill those who are fed. *But* you do not feed the flock.

4 ^d“The sickly you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick. Neither have you bound up *those who were* broken, nor have you brought again those who were driven away. Neither have you ^esought those who were lost, but with

f Mt 3:9 g Ez 11:15 h Lv 3:17; 7:26; 17:10-14; 19:26 i Ez 18:6 j Ez 22:6,9 k Dt 29:28 l Ez 18:6; 22:1 m Ez 33:24 n Ez 39:4 o 1 Sm 13:6 p Jr 44:2,6,22 q Ez 7:24; 24:21 r Ez 6:2,3,6 s Is 29:13 t Ez 14:1 u Ez 8:1 v Is 58:2 w Ps 78:36,37 x Mt 13:22 y Mt 7:21-28 z 1 Sm 3:20 a Ez 2:5 **Chapter 34:** a Zc 11:17 b Zc 11:16 c Ez 33:25-26 d Zc 11:16 e Lk 15:4 f 1 Pt 5:3 g Ez 33:21 h Mt 9:36 i Is 56:9 j 1 Pt 2:25 k Ez

^fforce and with severity you have dominated them.

5 “And ^gthey were ^hscattered because *there was* no shepherd. ⁱAnd they became food to all the beasts of the field when they were scattered.

6 “My sheep ^jwandered through all the mountains and upon every high hill. Yes, My flock was scattered over all the face of the earth and no one searched or sought *for them.*” ’ ’ ”

7 ¶ Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD.

8 “As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “surely because My flock ^kbecame a prey and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because *there was* no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, ^lbut the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock,

9 “therefore, O you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

10 “Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I *am* ^magainst the shepherds. And ⁿI will require My flock at their hand and cause them to cease from feeding the flock. Neither will the shepherds ^ofeed themselves anymore, for I will ^pdeliver My flock from their mouth so that they may not be food for them.” ’ ’ ”

11 ¶ For thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I Myself will both search *for* My sheep and seek them out.

12 “As a ^qshepherd seeks out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep *that are* scattered, so I will seek out My sheep. And I will deliver them out of all places where they have

been scattered in ^rthe cloudy and dark day.

13 “And ^sI will bring them out from the people and gather them from the countries. And I will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14 “I will feed them in a good pasture, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. ^tThere they will lie in a good grazing ground, and *in* a fat pasture they will feed on the mountains of Israel.

15 “I will feed My flock and I will cause them to lie down,” says the Lord GOD.

16 ^v“I will seek that which was lost and bring again that which was driven away. And I will bind up *that which was* broken, and will strengthen that which was sick. But I will destroy ^wthe fat and the strong. I will feed them ^xwith judgment.

17 ¶ “And *as for* you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD, ^y“Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between the rams and the male goats.

18 *‘Is it* a small thing to you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pastures? Or that you should drink of the clear waters, that you must foul the rest with your feet?

19 *‘And as for* My flock, they must eat that which you have trodden with your feet. And they drink that which you have fouled with your feet.” ’ ’ ”

20 ¶ Therefore, thus says the Lord

34:5,6 I Ez 34:2,10 m Jr 21:13; 52:24-27 n Hb 13:17 o Ez 34:2,8 p Ez 13:23 q Jr 31:10 r Ez 30:3 s Jr 23:3 t Jn 10:9 u Jr 33:12 v Mc 4:6 w Is 10:16 x Jr 10:24 y Mt 25:32

GOD to them, ^z“Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and between the lean sheep.

21 “Because you have pushed with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the sickly with your horns, until you have scattered them abroad,

22 “therefore, I will save My flock, and they will no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 ¶ “Then I will set up one ^ashepherd over them. And He will feed them, *even* ^bMy servant David. He will feed them and He will be their shepherd.

24 “And ^cI the LORD will be their God, and My servant David ^da prince among them. I the LORD have spoken *it*.

25 “And ^eI will make with them a covenant of peace, and will ^fcause the evil beasts to cease out of the land. And they ^gwill dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the forest.

26 “And I will make them and the places all around ^hMy hill ⁱa blessing. And I will ^jcause the showers to come down in its season. There will be ^kshowers of blessing.

27 “And ^lthe tree of the field will yield her fruit, and the earth will yield her increase. And they will be safe in their land, and will know that I *am* the LORD when I have ^mbroken the bonds of their yoke, and delivered them from the hand of those who ⁿenslaved them.

28 “And they will no longer be a prey to the nations, nor will the beast of the land devour them. But ^othey will dwell safely, and no one will make *them* afraid.

29 “And I will raise up for them a ^pplant of renown, and they will ^qno longer be consumed with hunger in the land, ^rnor bear the shame of the nations anymore.

30 “Thus will they know that ^sI the LORD their God *am* with them, and *that* they, *even* the house of Israel, *are* ^tMy people,” says the Lord GOD.

31 “As for you, My ^uflock, the flock of My pasture, you are men, and I am your God,” declares the Lord GOD.

Chapter 35

Prophecy Against Edom

1 ¶ Furthermore, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, set your face against ^aMount Seir and ^bprophesy against it.

3 “And say to it, ^cThus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, O Mount Seir, I *am* against you, and ^dI will stretch out My hand against you and make you desolate and waste.

4 “I will lay your cities waste and you will be desolate. Then you will know that I *am* the LORD.

5 ^d“Because you have had a perpetual hatred and have shed *the blood of* the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, ^ein the time of their final doom,

z Ez 34:17 a Is 40:11 b Jr 30:9 c Ex 29:45 d Ez 37:24,25 e Ez 37:26 f Is 11:6-9 g Jr 23:6 h Is 56:7 i Zc 8:13 j Lv 26:4 k Ps 68:9 l Is 4:2 m Jr 2:20 n Jr 25:14 o Jr 30:10 p Is 11:1 q Ez 36:29 r Ez 36:3,6,15 s Ez 34:24 t Ez 14:11; 36:28 u Ps 100:3 **Chapter 35:** a Ez 24:12-14 b Am 1:11 c Ez 6:14 d Ez 25:12 e Ps 137:7

6 “therefore, *as I live*,” says the Lord GOD, “I will prepare you for ^fbloodshed, and bloodshed will pursue you. ^gSince you have not hated bloodshed, therefore bloodshed will pursue you.

7 “Thus I will make Mount Seir most desolate, and I will cut off from it the ^hone who passes through and returns.

8 “And I will fill his mountains with his slain. On your hills and in your valleys, and in all your rivers, they will fall who are slain with the sword.

9 “I will make you an everlasting desolation and your cities will not return. ⁱThen you will know that I *am* the LORD.

10 ¶ “Because you have said, ‘These two nations and these two countries will be mine, and we will ^kpossess them,’ whereas ^lthe LORD was there,

11 “therefore, *as I live*,” says the Lord GOD, “I will do ^maccording to your anger, and according to your envy that you have used out of your hatred against them. And I will make Myself known among them when I have judged you.

12 ⁿ“Then you will know that I *am* the LORD, *and that I* have ^oheard all your ^pblasphemies that you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, ‘They are laid desolate. They are given *to us* to consume.’

13 “Thus ^qwith your mouth you have boasted against Me and have multiplied your ^rwords against Me. I have heard *them*.”

14 “Thus says the Lord GOD, “As all ^sthe earth rejoices, I will make you desolate.

15 “As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel because it was desolate, ^tso will I do to you. You will be desolate, O Mount Seir, and all Idumea, *even* all of it. Then they will know that I *am* the LORD.”

Chapter 36

Prophecy to the Mountains

1 ¶ “Also, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, ‘You ^umountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD.

2 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Because ^vthe enemy has said against you, ‘Aha,’ and, ^w“The ancient high places ^xhave become our possession,’

3 “therefore prophesy and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “For good reason they have made *you* desolate and swallowed you up on every side so that you might be a possession to the rest of the nations, ^yand you have been taken up in the ^ztalk and the whispering of the people.” ’ ”

4 ‘Therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD. Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains and to the hills, to the rivers and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the cities that are forsaken, that ^{aa}became a prey and ^{ab}derision to the rest of the nations that *are* all around,

5 ‘therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ^{ac}“Surely in the fire of My jealousy I have spoken against the rest

f Is 63:1-6 g Ps 109:17 h Jg 5:6 i Jr 49:13 j Ez 36:11 k Ps 83:4-12 l Ps 48:1-3; 132:13,14 m Js 2:13 n Ps 9:16 o Zp 2:8 p Is 52:5 q 1 Sm 2:3 r Ez 36:3 s Is 65:13,14 t Ob 12; 15 u Lm 4:21 **Chapter 36:** a Ez 6:2,3 b Ez 25:3; 26:2 c Dt 32:13 d Ez 35:10 e Dt 28:37 f Ez 35:13 g Ez 34:8,28 h Ps 79:4 i Dt 4:24

of the nations and against all Idumea ¹who have appointed My land into their possession with the joy of all *their* heart, with spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country.”

6 ‘Prophecy, therefore, concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the rivers and to the valleys, “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My fury because you have ^hborne the shame of the nations.’”

7 “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘I have ^lifted up My hand. Surely the nations that *are* around you will ^mbear their *own* shame.

8 ¶ ‘But you, O mountains of Israel, you will shoot out your branches and yield your fruit for My people of Israel, for they will soon come.

9 ‘For behold, I *am* for you and I will turn to you, and you will be cultivated and sown.

10 ‘And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, *even* all of it. And the cities will be inhabited and ⁿthe ruins will be rebuilt.

11 ‘And ^oI will multiply upon you man and beast, and they will increase and bring fruit. And I will settle you after your old estates and will do ^pbetter *to you* than at your beginnings. ^qThen you will know that I *am* the LORD.

12 ‘Yes, I will cause men to walk on you—My people Israel—and ^rthey will take possession of you and you will be their inheritance. And you will no longer from now on ^sbereave them

of children.’

13 “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Because they say to you, “You are a devourer of men and have bereaved your nation of children,”

14 ‘therefore, you will devour men no more, nor bereave your nation anymore,’ says the Lord GOD.

15 “‘Neither will I cause *men* to hear in you the shame of the nation anymore. Neither will you bear the reproach of the people anymore. Neither will you cause your nation to fall anymore,” says the Lord GOD.’”

16 ¶ Furthermore, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

17 “Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, ^vthey defiled it by their own way and by their deeds. Their way was before Me as ^wthe uncleanness of a woman in her impurity.

18 “Therefore, I poured My fury on them ^xfor the blood that they had shed on the land, and for their idols *with which* they had defiled it.

19 “Then I ^yscattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries. ^zAccording to their way and according to their deeds I judged them.

20 “And when they came to the nations where they went, they ^aprofaned My holy name when they said to them, ‘These *are* the people of the LORD, and *yet* they have gone out of His land.’”

21 “But I had concern ^bfor My holy name that the house of Israel had pro-

j Ez 35:10,12 k Ps 74:10; 123:3,4 l Ez 20:5 m Jr 25:9,15,29 n Am 9:14 o Jr 31:27; 33:12 p Is 51:3 q Ez 35:9; 37:6,13 r Ob 17 s Jr 15:7 t Nm 13:32 u Ez 34:29 v Jr 2:7 w Lv 15:19 x Ez 16:36,38; 23:37 y Dt 28:64 z Rm 2:6 a Rm 2:24 b Ez 20:9,14

faned among the nations where they went.

22 “Therefore, say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “I do not *this* for your sakes, O house of Israel, ^cbut for My holy name’s sake, that you have profaned among the nations where you went.

23 “And I will sanctify My great name that was profaned among the nations, that you have profaned in the midst of them. Then the nations will know that I *am* the LORD,” says the Lord GOD, “when I am ^dsanctified in you before their eyes.

24 “For ^eI will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all countries. And I will bring you into your own land.

25 ^f“Then I will sprinkle clean water on you and you will be clean. ^gFrom all your filthiness and from all your idols, I will cleanse you.

26 ¶ ^h“A new heart also I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and I will give you a heart of flesh.

27 “And I will put My ⁱSpirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes. And you will keep My judgments and do *them*.

28 ^j“Then you will dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers. And ^kyou will be My people and I will be your God.

29 “I will also ^lsave you from all your uncleannesses. And ^mI will call for the grain and will increase it, and

ⁿbring no famine on you.

30 “And ^oI will multiply the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field so that you will receive no more reproach of famine among the nations.

31 “Then ^pyou will remember your own evil ways and your deeds that *were* not good. And you ^qwill loathe yourselves in your own sight because of your iniquities and your abominations.

32 ^r“Let it be known to you *that* I am not doing *this* for your sake,” says the Lord GOD. “Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.”

33 ¶ “Thus says the Lord GOD, “In the day that I will have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause *you* to dwell in the cities, ^sand the ruins will be rebuilt.

34 “And the desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by.

35 “And they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of ^tEden. And the waste and desolate and ruined cities *have become* fenced *and* are inhabited.’

36 “Then the nations that are left all around you will know that I the LORD built the ruined *places and* planted that which was desolate. ^uI the LORD have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*.”

37 ¶ “Thus says the Lord GOD, “This also ^vI will let the house of Israel ask Me to do for them: I will ^wincrease their men like a flock.

c Ps 106:8 d Ez 20:41; 28:22 e Ez 34:13; 37:21 f Hb 9:13,19; 10:22 g Jr 33:8 h Ez 11:19 i Ez 11:19; 37:14 j Ez 28:25; 37:25 k Jr 30:22 l Rm 11:26 m Ps 105:16 n Ez 34:27,29 o Ez 34:27 p Ez 16:61,63 q Ez 6:9; 20:43 r Dt 9:5 s Ez 36:10 t Jl 2:3 u Ez 17:24; 22:14; 37:14 v Ez 14:3; 20:3,31 w Ez 36:10

38 “As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts, so will the waste cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they will know that I *am* the LORD.” ’ ’ ”

Chapter 37

Valley of Dry Bones

1 ¶ The ^ahand of the LORD was upon me and carried me out ^bin the Spirit of the LORD. And He set me down in the middle of the valley that *was* full of bones.

2 Then He caused me to pass by them all around. And behold, *there were* many in the open valley. And behold, *they were* very dry.

3 Then He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, ^cyou know.”

4 Again He said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, ‘O you dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.’”

5 “Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, ‘Behold, I will ^dcause breath to enter into you and you will live.

6 ‘And I will lay sinews upon you and will bring up flesh on you and cover you with skin. And I will put breath in you and you will live. ^eThen you will know that I *am* the LORD.’”

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to bone.

8 Then I looked, and behold, the sinews and the flesh came up on them and the skin covered over them. But

there was no breath in them.

9 Then He said to me, “Prophesy to the wind. Prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, ^f“Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain so that they may live.” ’ ’ ”

10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and ^gthe breath came into them and they lived. And they stood up on their feet, an exceeding great army.

11 ¶ Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the ^hwhole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ⁱ“Our bones are dried up and our hope is lost. We are cut off from our parts.’”

12 “Therefore, prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, ^jO My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves. And I will ^kbring you into the land of Israel.

13 “Then you will know that I *am* the LORD when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up out of your graves.

14 “And I ^lwill put My Spirit in you and you will live. And I will place you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken *it* and performed *it*,” says the LORD.””

Restoration under the King

15 ¶ The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,

16 “Furthermore, son of man, ^mtake one stick and write on it, ‘For Judah and for ⁿthe children of Israel his

Chapter 37: a Ez 1:3 b Ez 3:14; 8:3; 11:24 c 1 Sm 2:6 d Ps 104:29,30 e Jl 2:27; 3:17 f Ps 104:30 g Rv 11:11 h Ez 36:10 i Ps 141:7 j Is 26:29; 66:14 k Ez 36:24 l Ez 36:27 m Nm 17:2,3 n 2 Ch 11:12,13,16; 15:9; 30:11,18

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 “Then ^ojoin them one to another into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.

18 ¶ “And when the children of your people will speak to you, saying, ^p‘Will you not show us what you *mean* by these?’

19 ^q“say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I will take ^rthe stick of Joseph that *is* in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, *even* with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick. And they will be one in My hand.”’

20 “And the sticks on which you wrote will be in your hand ^sbefore their eyes.

21 “Then say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, ^tI will take the children of Israel from among the nations where they have gone and will gather them on every side and bring them into their own land.

22 “And ^uI will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel. And ^vone king will be king for all of them. And they will no longer be two nations, nor will they be divided into two kingdoms.

23 ^w“Neither will they defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions. But ^xI will

deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they will be My people and I will be their God.

24 ¶ ^y“Then David My servant *will be* king over them, and ^zthey will all have one shepherd. ^aThey will also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes and do them.

25 “And ^bthey will dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt. And they will dwell in it, *even* they and their children and their children’s children ^cforever. And ^dMy servant David *will be* their prince forever.

26 “Furthermore, I will make ^ea covenant of peace with them. It will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and ^fmultiply them, and will establish My ^gsanctuary in the midst of them forevermore.

27 ^h“My tabernacle will also be with them. Yes, I will be ⁱtheir God and they will be My people.

28 ^j“Then the nations will know that I the LORD ^ksanctifies Israel when My sanctuary will be in the midst of them forever.” ’ ”

Chapter 38

Prophecy Against Gog

1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 ^a“Son of man, ^bset your face against ^cGog, the land of ^dMagog, the prince

o Hs 1:11 p Ez 12:9; 24:19 q Zc 10:6 r Ez 37:16,17 s Ez 12:3 t Ez 36:24 u Jr 3:18 v Ez 34:23 w Ez 36:25 x Ez 36:28,29 y Is 40:11; Lk 1:32; 1 Pt 2:25 z Jn 10:16 a Ez 36:27 b Ez 36:38; Rv 21:3; 22:3 c Is 60:21 d Jn 12:34 e Is 55:3 f Ez 36:10 g 2 Co 6:16 h Jn 1:14 i Ez 11:20 j Ez 36:23 k Ez 20:12 **Chapter 38:** a Ez 39:1 b Ez 35: 2,3 c Rv 20:8 d Gn 10:2

of Rosh, ^eMeshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

3 “and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal.

4 “And ^fI will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws. And I will ^gbring you out and all your army, horses and horsemen, ^hall of them splendidly attired, a great company *with* buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords;

5 “Persia, Ethiopia and Libya with them, all of them with shield and helmet;

6 “Gomer and all his troops, the house of ⁱTogarmah of the north quarters, and all his troops, *and* many people with you.

7 ¶ ^k“Be prepared and prepare for yourself, you and all your company who are assembled around you, and be a guard to them.

8 ^l“After many days ^myou will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land *that is* brought back from the sword ⁿand *is* gathered from many nations to ^othe mountains of Israel that had been a continual waste. But its people were brought out of the nations and they are ^pliving securely, all of them.

9 “You will ascend and come ^qlike a storm. You will be like a ^rcloud to cover the land, you and all your troops, and many people with you.”

10 ¶ “Thus says the Lord GOD, “It will also come to pass at the same

time *that* things will come into your mind and you will devise an evil plan.

11 “And you will say, ‘I will go up to the land of ^sunwalled villages. I will ^tgo to those who are at rest, ^uwho dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls and having neither bars nor gates’—

12 “in order to take spoil and to sieze plunder, to turn your hand on the desolate places *that are now* inhabited, ^vand on the people *who are* gathered out of the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land.

13 ^w“Sheba and ^xDedan, and the merchants ^yof Tarshish with all ^zits villages will say to you, ‘Have you come to take spoil? Have you gathered your company to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?’”

14 ¶ “Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, ^a“In that day when My people of Israel ^bdwell safely, will you not know *it*?

15 ^c“And you will come from your place out of the north parts, you and many people with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army.

16 “And you will come up against My people of Israel as a cloud to cover the land. It will be in the latter days and I will bring you against My land so that the nations may ^dknow Me when I am ^esanctified through

e Ez 32:26 f 2 Kg 19:28 g Is 43:17 h Ez 23:12 i Gn 10:2 j Ez 27:14 k Is 8:9,10 l Is 24:22 m Is 29:6 n Ez 34:13 o Ez 36:1,4 p Ez 34:25; 39:26 q Is 28:2 r Jr 4:13 s Zc 2:4 t Jr 49:31 u Ez 38:8 v Ez 38:8 w Ez 27:22 x Ez 27:15,20 y Ez 27:12 z Ez 19:3,5 a Is 4:1 b Ez 38:11 c Ez 39:2 d Ez 35:11 e Ez 28:22

you before their eyes, O Gog.”

17 “Thus says the Lord GOD, “Are you he of whom I have spoken in old time by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days *many* years that I would bring you against them?”

18 ¶ “Now it will come to pass at the same time when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” says the Lord GOD, “*that* My fury will mount up in My anger.

19 “For ^fin My jealousy *and* ^gin the fire of My wrath I declare *that* on that day there will ^hsurely be a great earthquake in the land of Israel.

20 ⁱ“The fish of the sea and the birds of the heaven, and the beasts of the field and all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men who *are* on the face of the earth, will shake at My presence. And ^jthe mountains will be thrown down and the steep places will fall, and every wall will fall to the ground.

21 “And ^kI will call for ^la sword against him throughout all My mountains,” says the Lord GOD. ^m“Every man’s sword will be against his brother.

22 “And I will ⁿbring against him judgment with ^opestilence and with blood. And ^pI will rain on him and on his troops, and on the many people who *are* with him, an overflowing rain and ^qgreat hailstones, fire and brimstone.

23 “Thus I will magnify Myself and ^rsanctify Myself. ^sThen I will be

known in the eyes of many nations and they will know that I *am* the Lord.”

Chapter 39

1 ¶ “Therefore, ^ason of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal.

2 “And I will ^bturn you about and leave only the sixth part of you. And I ^cwill cause you to come up from the north and will bring you upon the mountains of Israel.

3 “Then I will strike your bow out of your left hand and cause your arrows to fall out of your right hand.

4 ^d“You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops, and the people who *are* with you. ^eI will give you to the ravenous birds of every kind and *to* the beasts of the field to be devoured.

5 “You will fall on the open field, for I have spoken *it*,” says the Lord GOD.

6 “Then ^fI will send a fire on Magog and among those who live in security in ^gthe coastlands. Then they will know that I *am* the LORD.

7 ^h“So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel. And I will not *let them* ⁱprofane My holy name anymore. Then ^jthe nations will know that I *am* the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

8 ^k“Behold, it is coming, and it is done,” says the Lord GOD. “This *is*

f Ez 36:5,6 g Ps 89:46 h Rv 16:18 i Hs 4:3 j Jr 4:24 k Ps 105:16 l Ez 14:17 m 1 Sm 14:20 n Is 66:16 o Ez 5:17 p Ps 11:6 q Rv 16:21 r Ez 36:23 s Ez 37:28; 38:16 Chapter 39: a Ez 38:2,3 b Ez 38:8 c Ez 38:15 d Ez 38:4,21 e Ez 33:27 f Am 1:4,7,10 g Ps 72:10 h Ez 39:25 i Lv 18:21 j Ez 38:16 k Rv 16:17; 21:6

the day ^lof which I have spoken.

9 ¶ “Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go forth, and will set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the war clubs and the spears, and they will burn them with fire for seven years.

10 “They will not take wood from the field, nor cut down *any* from the forests, for they will burn the weapons with fire. And ^mthey will take the spoil of those who despoiled them and seize the plunder of those who plundered them,” declares the Lord GOD.

11 ¶ “Then it will come to pass in that day *that* I will give to Gog a burial place in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea. And it will block off those who would pass by. So they will bury Gog there with all his horde, and they will call *it* the valley of Hamon-gog.

12 “For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them ⁿin order that they might cleanse the land.

13 “Yes, all the people of the land will bury *them*. And it will be to their ^orenown *on* the day that ^pI glorify Myself,” says the Lord GOD.

14 “And they will set apart men regularly employed, to pass through the land to bury those bodies that remain on the surface of the ground in order ^qto cleanse it. After the end of seven months they will make a search.

15 “As those who pass through the

land pass through and anyone sees a man’s bone, then he will set up a marker by it until the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog.

16 “And also the name of the city *will be* Hamonah. In this manner they will ^rcleanse the land.

17 ¶ “And, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, “Speak to every kind of bird and to every beast of the field, “Assemble yourselves and come. Gather yourselves on every side to My ^ssacrifice that I sacrifice for you, *even* a great sacrifice ^ton the mountains of Israel so that you may eat flesh and drink blood.

18 ^u“You will 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 ^vfatlings of Bashan.

19 “And you will eat fat until you are full, and drink blood until you are drunken, of My sacrifice that I have sacrificed for you.

20 ^w“Thus you will be filled at My table with horses and chariots, ^xwith mighty men and with all men of war,” says the Lord GOD.

21 “And ^yI will set My glory among the nations and all the nations will see My judgment that I have executed, and ^zMy hand that I have laid upon them.

22 ^a“So the house of Israel will know that I *am* the LORD their God from that day and forward.

23 “And ^bthe nations will know that the house of Israel went into captivity

l Ez 38:17 m Is 14:2; 33:1 n Dt 21:23 o Zp 3:19,20 p Ez 28:22 q Ez 39:12 r Ez 39:12 s Rv 19:17,18 t Is 18:6 u Zp 1:7 v Ez 39:4 w Rv 19:18 x Dt 32:14 y Ps 76:5,6 z Rv 19:18 a Ez 36:23; 38:23 b Ex 7:4 c Ex 39:7,28 d Ez 36:18-20,23

because of their iniquity. Because they trespassed against Me, therefore, ^eI hid My face from them and ^fgave them into the hand of their enemies. And all of them fell by the sword.

24 ^g“According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I have done to them, and hidden My face from them.” ’ ’

25 ¶ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ^h“Now I will bring again the captivity of Jacob and have mercy upon the ⁱwhole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for My holy name,

26 ^j“after they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses by which they have trespassed against Me, when they ^kdwelt safely in their land with no one to make *them* afraid.

27 ^l“When I have brought them again from the people and gathered them out of their enemies’ lands, and am ^msanctified through them in the sight of many nations,

28 ⁿ“then they will know that I *am* the LORD their God who caused them to be led into captivity among the nations. But I have gathered them to their own land, and I will leave none of them there any longer.

29 ^o“Neither will I hide My face anymore from them. For I have ^ppoured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,” says the Lord GOD.

Chapter 40

The New Temple

1 ¶ In the twenty-fifth year of our

captivity, at the beginning of the year, in the tenth *day* of the month, in the fourteenth year after ^athe city was captured, in the same day ^bthe hand of the LORD was on me and He took me there.

2 ^cIn the visions of God He took me into the land of Israel and ^dset me on a very high mountain. And on it to the south *there was* a structure like a city.

3 And he took me there, and behold, *there was* a man whose appearance *was* ^elike the appearance of bronze, ^fwith a line of flax in his hand, and ^ga measuring rod. And he stood in the gate.

4 And the man said to me, ^h“Son of man, behold with your eyes and hear with your ears, and set your heart on all that I will show you, for the purpose that I might show *them* to you *were* you brought here. ⁱDeclare all that you see to the house of Israel.”

East Gate to the Outer Court

5 ¶ And behold, ^aa wall all around on the outside of the temple, and in the man’s hand a measuring rod six cubits *long* by the cubit and a hand’s width. So he measured the width of the building, one rod; and the height, one rod.

6 Then he came to the gate that faces toward the ^beast, and went up its stairs. And he measured the threshold of the gate *which was* one rod wide. And the other threshold *of the*

e Is 1:15; 59:2 f Lv 26:25 g Ez 36:19 h Ez 34:13; 36:24 i Hs 1:11 j Dn 9:16 k Lv 26:5,6 l Ez 28:25,26 m Ez 36:23,24; 38:16 n Ez 34:30 o Is 54:8,9 p Jl 2:28 **Chapter 40:** a Ez 33:21 b Ez 1:3; 3:14,22; 37:1 c Ez 1:1; 3:14; 8:3; 37:1 d Rv 21:10 e Dn 10:6 f Ez 47:3 g Rv 11:1; 21:15 h Ez 44:5 i Ez 43:10 j Ez 42:20 k Ez 43:1

gate was one rod wide.

7 And every little room was one rod long and one rod wide. And between the little rooms were five cubits, and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate facing inward was one rod.

8 He measured also the porch of the gate facing inward, one rod.

9 Then he measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits and its posts, two cubits. And the porch of the gate was facing inward.

10 And the little rooms of the gate eastward were three on this side and three on that side. The three were the same measure. And the pillars had the same measure on this side and on that side.

11 And he measured the width of the entrance of the gate, ten cubits. The length of the gate was thirteen cubits.

12 The space also before the little rooms was one cubit on this side; and the space was one cubit on that side. And the little rooms were six cubits on this side and six cubits on that side.

13 Then he measured the gate from the roof of one little room to the roof of another. The width was twenty-five cubits, as door faces door.

14 He measured also pillars of sixty cubits, even to the pillar of the court all around the gate.

15 And from the face of the gate of the entrance to the face of the porch of the inner gate was fifty cubits.

16 And there were narrow windows

to the little rooms, and to their pillars within the gate all around, and likewise for the porches. And there were windows all around inside. And on each side pillar were palm tree ornaments.

The Outer Court

17 ¶ Then he brought me into the outer court, and behold, there were rooms and a pavement made for the court all around. Thirty rooms faced the pavement.

18 And the pavement by the side of the gates over against the length of the gates was the lower pavement.

19 Then he measured the width from the front of the lower gate to the front of the inner court exterior, one hundred cubits eastward and northward.

The North Gate

20 ¶ And the gate of the outer court that faced toward the north, he measured its length and its width.

21 And its little rooms were three on this side and three on that side. And its pillars and the its porches were the same as the measure of the first gate. Its length was fifty cubits and the width twenty-five cubits.

22 And their windows and their porches and their palm trees were the same measure as the gate that faces toward the east. And they ascended to it by seven steps, and its porches were before them.

23 And the gate of the inner court was opposite the gate toward the north, and toward the east. And he

measured from gate to gate one hundred cubits.

The South Gate

24 ¶ After that he brought me toward the south, and behold, a gate facing the south. And he measured its posts and its porches according to these same measures.

25 And *there were* windows in it and in its porches all around, like those windows. The length *was* fifty cubits and the width twenty-five cubits.

26 And *there were* seven steps to ascend to it, and its porches *were* before them. And it had palm trees, one on this side and another on that side, upon its pillars.

27 And *there was* a gate in the inner court facing the south. And he measured from gate to gate facing the south, one hundred cubits.

Gates to the Inner Court

28 ¶ Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate. And he measured the south gate according to these same measures.

29 And its little rooms and its pillars and its porches *were* according to these same measures. And *there were* windows in it and in its porches all around. *It was* fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

30 And the porches all around *were* [¶]twenty-five cubits long and five cubits wide.

31 And its porches *faced* toward the outer court. And palm trees *were* on its pillars. And the ascent to it *had*

eight steps.

32 ¶ And he brought me into the inner court facing the east. And he measured the gate according to these same measures.

33 And its little rooms and its pillars and its porches *were* according to these same measures. And *there were* windows in it and in its porches all around. *It was* fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

34 And its porches *were* facing the outward court. And palm trees *were* on its pillars, on this side and on that side. And the ascent to it *had* eight steps.

35 ¶ And he brought me to the north gate and measured *it* according to these same measures,

36 *also* its little rooms, its pillars and its porches, and the windows to it all around. The length *was* fifty cubits and the width twenty-five cubits.

37 And its pillars *were* facing the outer court. And palm trees *were* on its pillars, on this side and on that side. And the ascent to it *had* eight steps.

Rooms for Preparing Sacrifices

38 ¶ And the rooms and the their entrances *were* by the pillars of the gates where they [¶]washed the burnt offering.

39 And in the porch of the gate *were* two tables on this side and two tables on that side, to slay on them the burnt offering and [¶]the sin offering and [¶]the trespass offering.

40 And at the outer side, as one ascends to the entrance from the north gate, *were* two tables. And on the

other side, that *was* at 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 *were* eight tables on which they slew *their sacrifices*.

42 And the four tables *were* of cut stone for the burnt offering, a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half wide, and one cubit thick. On this also they laid the instruments with which they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 And fastened all around within *were* hooks a handbreadth wide. And on the tables *was* the flesh of the offering.

Rooms for the Priests

44 ¶ And outside the inner gate *were* the rooms for ^uthe singers in the inner court that *was* at the side of the north gate. And their front *was* facing the south. One *was* at the side of the east gate *with* the front facing the north.

45 And he said to me, “This room whose front *is* facing the south *is* for ^vthe priests, the keepers in charge of the house.

46 “And the room whose front *is* facing the north *is* for the priests, ^wthe keepers in charge of the altar. These *are* the sons of ^xZadok among the sons of Levi, who come near to the LORD to minister to Him.”

47 ¶ So he measured the court, one hundred cubits long and one hundred cubits wide, foursquare. And the altar *was* before the temple.

The Temple

48 ¶ Then he brought me to the ^yporch of the temple and measured *each* pillar 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 ^zThe length of the porch *was* twenty cubits and the width eleven cubits. And *he brought me* by the steps by which they went up to it. And *there were* ^apillars by the doorposts, one on this side and another on that side.

Chapter 41

1 ¶ Afterward he ^abrought me to the temple and measured the pillars, six cubits wide on the one side and six cubits wide on the other side, *which was* the width of the tabernacle.

2 And the width of the door *was* ten cubits. And the sides of the door *were* five cubits on the one side and five cubits on the other side. And he measured its length, forty cubits. And the width *was* twenty cubits.

3 Then he went inside and measured the pillar of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits. And the width of the door *was* seven cubits.

4 Then ^bhe measured its length, twenty cubits; and the width, twenty cubits, beyond the sanctuary. Then he said to me, “This *is* the most holy *place*.”

5 Afterward he measured the wall of the temple, six cubits. And the width of *every* side room *was* four

t Lv 5:6; 6:6; 7:1 u 1 Ch 6:31,32; 16:41-43; 25:1-7 v Lv 8:35 w Nm 18:5 x 1 Kg 2:35 y 1 Kg 6:3 z 1 Kg 6:3 a 1 Kg 7:15-22 Chapter 41: a Ez 40:2,3,17 b 1 Kg 6:20

cubits, all around the temple on every side.

6 And ^cthe side rooms *were* three, one above another, and thirty in order. And they rested on ledges that were for the side rooms all around so that they might be supported, but ^anot fastened to the wall of the temple.

7 The side rooms surrounding the temple ^cwere wider at each successive story. Because the structure surrounding the temple went upward by stages on all sides of the temple, therefore, the width of the temple *increased* as it went higher. And thus one went up from the lowest *story* to the highest by way of the second *story*.

8 I saw also the height of the temple all around. The foundations of the side rooms *were* ^fa full rod, *that is*, six cubits *high*.

9 The thickness of the wall that *was* for the side room outside *was* five cubits. And *that* which *was* left *was* the place of the side rooms that *were* inside.

10 And between the rooms *was* the width of twenty cubits all around the temple on every side.

11 And the doors of the side rooms faced *the place that was* left, one door faced the north and another door faced the south. And the width of the place that *was* left *was* five cubits all around.

12 ¶ Now the building that *was* before the separating courtyard at the end faced the west *was* seventy cubits wide. And the wall of the build-

ing *was* five cubits thick all around, and its length ninety cubits.

13 ¶ So he measured the house, ^gone hundred cubits long; and the separating courtyard and the building, with its walls, one hundred cubits long;

14 also the width of the face of the temple and the separating courtyard faced the east, one hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the building opposite the separating courtyard that *was* behind it, and its ^hgalleries on one side and on the other side, one hundred cubits, with the inner temple and the porches of the court;

16 The door pillars and the ⁱnarrow windows and the galleries all around on their three stories, opposite the door, paneled with ^jwood all around, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows *were* covered—

17 to that above the door, even to the inner house and outside, and by all the wall all around inside and outside, by measure.

18 ¶ And *it was* made ^kwith cherubim and ^lpalm trees, so that a palm tree *was* between each cherub. And every cherub had two faces,

19 ^mso that the face of a man *was* facing the palm tree on the one side and the face of a young lion facing the palm tree on the other side. *It was* made throughout all the house all around.

20 From the ground to above the door *were* cherubim and palm trees

c 1 Kg 6:5-10 d 1 Kg 6:6,10 e 1 Kg 6:8 f Ez 40:5 g Ez 40:47 h Ez 42:3,5 i Ez 40:16,25 j 1 Kg 6:15 k 1 Kg 6:29 l Ez 40:16 m Ez 1:10; 10:14

made, and *on* the wall of the temple.

21 ¶ The ^apillars of the temple *were* squared, *also* the face of the sanctuary. The appearance *of the one* was as the appearance *of the other*.

22 °The altar of wood *was* 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* ^pthe table that *is* ^qbefore the LORD.”

23 And ^rthe temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

24 And the doors had two ^sleaves *apiece*, two turning leaves, two *leaves* for the one door and two leaves for the other *door*.

25 And *there* *was* carved on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm trees as *were* carved on the walls. And *there* *were* thick planks on the face of the porch outside.

26 And *there* *were* ^tnarrow windows and palm trees on one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch and *on* the side rooms of the temple, and thick planks.

Chapter 42

Rooms for the Priests

1 ¶ Then he ^abrought me out into the outer court, the way facing the ^bnorth. And he brought me into ^cthe room that *was* opposite the separating courtyard that *was* before the building toward the north.

2 Before the length of one hundred cubits *was* the north door, and the width *was* fifty cubits.

3 Opposite the twenty *cubits* that

were for the inner court, and opposite the ^dpavement that *was* for the outer court, *was* a ^egallery corresponding to a gallery in three *stories*.

4 And before the rooms *was* a walk of ten cubits wide inside, a way of one cubit, and their doors facing the north.

5 Now the upper rooms *were* smaller because the galleries took more *space* away from them than from the lower and middle ones in the building.

6 For they *were* in three *stories*, but had no pillars as the pillars of the courts. Therefore, *the building* was shortened more than the lowest and the middle stories from the ground.

7 And the wall that *was* outside opposite the rooms facing the outer court on the front of the rooms, its length *was* fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the rooms that *were* in the outer court *was* fifty cubits. That facing the temple *was* ^fone hundred cubits.

9 And from under these chambers *was* the entry on the east side, as one goes into them from the outer court.

10 ¶ The rooms *were* in the thickness of the wall of the court facing the east, opposite the separating courtyard, and opposite the building.

11 And ^gthe way before them *was* like the appearance of the rooms that *were* facing the north, as long as *and* as wide as they *were*. And all their exits and entrances *were* according to their plans.

12 And according to the doors of the rooms that *were* facing the south

n 1 Kg 6:33 o Ex 30:1-3 p Ex 25:23,30 q Ex 30:8 r 1 Kg 6:31-35 s 1 Kg 6:34 t Ez 40:16 Chapter 42: a Ez 41:1 b Ez 40:20 c Ez 41:12,15 d Ez 40:17 e Ez 41:15,16; 42:5 f Ez 41:13,14 g Ez 42:4

was a door at the head of the way, *even* the way directly before the wall facing the east, as one enters into them.

13 ¶ Then he said to me, “The north rooms *and* the south rooms that *are* before the separating courtyard, they *are* holy rooms where the priests who approach to the LORD ^hwill eat the most holy things. There they will lay the most holy things and ⁱthe grain offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering, for the place *is* holy.

14 ^j“When the priests enter into it, then they will not go out of the holy place into the outer court, but there they will lay their garments where they minister. For they *are* holy, and will put on other garments and will approach *those things* that *are* for the people.”

15 ¶ Now when he had ended measuring the inner house, he brought me out toward the gate that faces the ^keast. And he measured it all around.

16 He measured the east side with the measuring rod, five hundred rods with the measuring rod all around.

17 He measured the north side, five hundred rods with the measuring rod all around.

18 He measured the south side, five hundred rods with the measuring rod.

19 He came around to the west side *and* measured five hundred rods with the measuring rod.

20 He measured it by the four sides. ^lIt had a wall all around, ^mfive hundred rods long and five hundred

wide, to make a separation between that which was holy and that which was common.

Chapter 43

Glory Returns to the Temple

1 ¶ Afterward he brought me to the gate, *even* the gate ^athat faces toward the east.

2 ^bAnd behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. And ^cHis voice *was* like a noise of many waters. And ^dthe earth radiated with His glory.

3 Now *it was* ^eaccording to the appearance of the vision that I saw, *even* according to the vision that I saw when I came ^fto destroy the city. And the visions *were* like the vision that I saw ^gby the River Chebar. Then I fell on my face.

4 ^hThen the glory of the LORD came into the temple by the way of the gate facing toward the east.

5 Then ⁱthe Spirit took me up and brought me into the inner court. And behold, ^jthe glory of the LORD filled the temple.

6 ¶ Then I heard *him* speaking to me out of the temple, and ^kthe man stood by me.

7 And He said to me, “Son of man, ^lthe place of My throne, and ^mthe place of the soles of My feet ⁿwhere I will dwell among the sons of Israel forever. And ^othe house of Israel will never again defile My holy name, *neither* they nor their kings, by their harlotry and by ^pthe carcasses of their

h Lv 6:16,26; 24:9 i Lv 2:3,10; 6:14,17,25 j Ez 44:19 k Ez 40:6; 43:1 l Ez 40:5 m Ez 45:2 **Chapter 43:** a Ez 10:19; 46:1 b Ez 11:23 c Rv 1:15; 14:2 d Rv 18:1 e Ez 1:4-28 f Jr 1:10 g Ez 1:28; 3:23 h Ez 10:19; 11:23 i Ez 3:12,14; 8:3 j 1 Kg 8:10,11 k Ez 1:26; 40:3 l Ps 99:1 m 1 Ch 28:2 n Jl 3:17 o Ez 39:7 p Lv 26:30

kings when they die.

8 ^q“When they set their threshold by My threshold, and their door post by My door post, and the wall between Me and them, they defiled My holy name by their abominations that they committed. Therefore, I have consumed them in My anger.

9 “Now let them put far from Me their harlotry and the carcasses of their kings. Then I will dwell in the midst of them forever.

10 ¶ “You son of man, ^rshow the temple to the house of Israel so that they may be ashamed of their iniquities. And let them measure the plan.

11 “And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, show them the design of the temple, its structure, its exits, its entrances, all its designs, all its ^sstatutes, and all its laws. And write *it* in their sight so that they may observe its whole design and all its statutes and ^tdo them.

12 “This *is* the law of the temple. On ^uthe top of the mountain its whole area all around *will be* most holy. Behold, this *is* the law of the temple.

The Altar

13 ¶ “And these *are* the measurements of the ^valtar according to cubits ^w(the cubit *is* a cubit and a hand width). The bottom *will be* a cubit and the width a cubit, and its border by its edge all around *will be* a span. And this *will be* the higher place of the altar.

14 “And from the bottom *on* the ground *even* to the lower ledge *will*

be two cubits, and the width one cubit. And from the lesser ledge *even* to the greater ledge *will be* four cubits, and the width *one* cubit.

15 “So the altar *will be* four cubits. And from the altar and upward *will be* four ^yhorns.

16 “And the altar *will be* twelve *cubits* long, twelve wide, ^zsquare on its four sides.

17 “And the ledge *will be* fourteen *cubits* long and fourteen wide in its four squares. And the border around it *will be* half a cubit. And its bottom *will be* a cubit all around, and ^aits stairs will face the east.”

18 ¶ And He said to me, “Son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, “These *are* the ordinances of the altar in the day when they will make it, to offer ^bburnt offerings on it and to ^bsprinkle blood on it.

19 ‘Now you will give to ‘the priests the Levites who are of the seed of ^dZadok, who approach to Me to minister to Me,’ says the Lord GOD, ^e‘a young bull for a sin offering.

20 ‘And you will take of its blood and put *it* on its four horns and on the four corners of the ledge and on the border all around. Thus you will cleanse and purge it.

21 ‘You will take the bull also of the sin offering and he will ^fburn it in the appointed place of the temple, ^goutside the sanctuary.

22 ‘And on the second day you will offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering. And they will cleanse the altar as they cleansed *it*

q Ez 8:3; 23:39; 44:7 r Ez 40:4 s Ez 44:5 t Ez 11:20 u Ez 40:2 v Ex 27:1-8 w Ez 41:8 x Ex 27:2 y Ex 27:1 z Ex 20:26 a Ex 40:29 b Lv 1:5,11 c Ez 44:15,16 d Ez 40:46 e Lv 8:14 f Ex 29:14

with the bull.

23 ‘When you have cleansed *it*, you will offer a young bull without blemish and a ram out of the flock without blemish.

24 ‘And you will offer them before the LORD, and ^bthe priests will cast salt on them. And they will offer them up *for* a burnt offering to the LORD.

25 ‘For ⁱseven days you will prepare every day a goat *for* a sin offering. They will also prepare a young bull and a ram out of the flock without blemish.

26 ‘For seven days they will purge the altar and purify it, and they will consecrate themselves.

27 ‘Now ^jwhen these days are completed, it will be on the eighth day and onward *that* the priests will make your burnt offerings on the altar and your peace offerings. Then I will ^kaccept you,’ says the Lord GOD.”

Chapter 44

Prince, Levites and Priests

1 ¶ Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outside sanctuary ^athat faces toward the east. And it *was* shut.

2 Then the LORD said to me, “This gate will be shut. It will not be opened, and no man will enter in by it. ^bBecause the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered in by it, therefore, it will be shut.

3 “*It is* for the ^cprince. The prince, he will sit in it to ^deat bread before the LORD. He will enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate and will go

out by the same way.”

4 ¶ Then he brought me by the way of the north gate in front of the temple. And I looked, and ^ebehold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple of the LORD. ^fAnd I fell on my face.

5 Then the LORD said to me, ^g“Son of man, mark well, and behold with your eyes and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the ^hordinances of the house of the LORD, and all its laws. Mark well the entrance of the temple, with every exit from the sanctuary.

6 “And you will say to the ⁱrebellious, *even* to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, ^j“Enough of all your abominations, O house of Israel,

7 ^k“in that you have brought *into My sanctuary* ^lforeigners, ^muncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary, to defile it, *even* My house, when you offer ⁿMy bread, ^othe fat and the blood, and they have broken My covenant because of all your abominations.

8 “And you have not ^pkept charge of My holy things. But you have set *foreigners* to keep charge of My sanctuary.”

9 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, ^q“No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart nor uncircumcised in flesh, will enter into My sanctuary, of any foreigner who *is* among the children of Israel.

10 ¶ “But ^rthe Levites who went far from Me when Israel went astray, who went astray from Me after their

g Hb 13:11 h Lv 2:13 i Ex 29:35 j Lv 9:1-4 k Ez 20:40,41 Chapter 44: a Ez 43:1 b Ez 43:2-4 c Gn 31:54 d Ez 46:2,8 e Ez 3:23; 43:5 f Ez 1:28; 43:3 g Ez 40:4 h Ez 43:10,11 i Ez 2:5 j 1 Pt 4:3 k At 21:28 l Lv 22:25 m Lv 26:41 n Lv 21:17 o Lv 3:16 p Lv 22:2 q Ez 44:7 r 2 Kg 23:8

idols, they will bear their iniquity.

11 “So they will be ministers in My sanctuary, ^aas gatekeepers of the gates of the house and ministering to the house. ^tThey will slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people. And ^uthey will stand before them to minister to them.

12 “Because they ministered to them before their idols, and ^vcaused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity, therefore, I have ^wlifted up My hand against them,” says the Lord GOD, “and they will bear their iniquity.

13 ^x“So they will not come near to Me to do the office of a priest to Me, nor come near to any of My holy things in the most holy *place*. But they will ^ybear their shame and their abominations that they have committed.

14 “But I will make them ^zkeepers in charge of the house for all its service, and for all that will be done in it.

15 ¶ ^a“But the priests, the Levites, ^bthe sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of My sanctuary ^cwhen the children of Israel went astray from Me, they ^dwill come near to Me to minister to Me. And they will stand before Me to offer to Me the ^efat and the blood,” says the Lord GOD.

16 “They will ^fenter into My sanctuary and they will come near to ^gMy table to minister to Me. And they will keep My charge.

17 “And it will come to pass when

they enter in at the gates of the inner court, ^hthey will be clothed with linen garments. And no wool will come on them while they minister in the gates of the inner court, or in the house.

18 “They will have linen turbans on their heads and will have linen undergarments on their loins. They will not gird *themselves* with anything that makes them sweat.

19 “And when they go out into the outer court, *even* into the outer court to the people, ⁱthey will put off their garments in which they ministered and lay them in the holy chambers. Then they will put on other garments. And in their holy garments they will ^knot sanctify the people.

20 ^l“Neither will they shave their heads, nor allow their locks to grow ^mlong. They will keep their hair trimmed

21 ⁿ“Neither will any priest drink wine when they enter into the inner court.

22 “Neither will they take for their wives a ^owidow, nor she who has been put away. But they will take virgins from the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow who before had a priest.

23 “And ^pthey will teach My people *the difference* between the holy and profane. And they will cause them to ^qdiscern between the unclean and the clean.

24 “And ^rin a dispute they will stand in judgment. They will judge accord-

s 1 Ch 26:1-19 t 2 Ch 29:34; 30:17 u Nm 16:9 v Is 9:16 w Ps 106:26 x 2 Kg 23:9 y Ez 32:30 z Nm 18:4 a Ez 40:46 b 1 Sm 2:35 c Ez 44:10 d Dt 10:8 e Ez 44:7 f Nm 18:5,7,8 g Ez 41:22 h Ex 28:39-43; 39:27-29 i Ex 28:40; 39:28 j Ez 42:14 k Lv 6:27 l Lv 21:5 m Nm 6:5 n Lv 10:9 o Lv 21:7,13,14 p Mt 2:6-8 q Lv 20:25 r Dt 17:8,9

ing to My judgments. And they will keep My laws and My statutes in all My assemblies. ^sAnd they will sanctify My sabbaths.

25 “And they will not come near a dead person to defile themselves. But for father or for mother, or for son or daughter, for brother or sister who has had no husband, they may defile themselves.

26 “Then after he is cleansed, they will number to him seven days.

27 “And in the day that he goes into the sanctuary, to ^uthe inner court, in order to minister in the sanctuary, ^vhe will offer his sin offering,” says the Lord GOD.

28 ¶ “And it will be to them for an inheritance. I ^wam their inheritance. And you will give them no ^xpossession in Israel. I am their possession.

29 ^y“They will eat the grain offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering. And ^zevery dedicated thing in Israel will be theirs.

30 “And ^athe first of all the firstfruits of all *things*, and every contribution of every kind, from all your contributions, ^bwill be for the priests. You will also give to the priest the first of your dough so that he ^cmay cause a blessing to rest on your house.

31 “The priests will not eat any bird or beast that has ^ddied a natural death or has been torn to pieces.

1 ¶ “Furthermore, when you ^adivide by allotment the land for inheritance, you will ^boffer an allotment to the LORD, a holy portion of the land. The length will be the length of 25,000 *cubits* and the width will be 10,000 *cubits*. It will be holy within all its boundary all around.

2 “Out of this there will be for the holy place a square ^cfive hundred by five hundred *cubits* all around, and fifty cubits for its open space all around.

3 “And of this measure you will measure the length of 25,000 *cubits*, and the width of 10,000 *cubits*. And in ^dit will be the sanctuary *and* the most holy *place*.

4 “The ^eholy *portion* of the land will be for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary who come near to minister to the LORD. And it will be a place for their houses and a holy place for the sanctuary.

5 “And ^fthe 25,000 *cubits* in length and the 10,000 *cubits* width *will belong* to the Levites, the ministers of the temple. They will have ^gtwenty houses as a possession.

6 ¶ “And ^hyou will appoint the possession of the city 5,000 *cubits* wide and 25,000 *cubits* long, adjacent to the allotment of the holy *portion*. It will be for the whole house of Israel.

7 ¶ ⁱ“And a *portion will be* for the prince on one side and on the other side of the allotment of the holy *portion*, and of the possession of the city, before the allotment of the holy *por-*

Chapter 45

Division of the Land

s Ez 22:26 t Nm 6:10; 19:11,13-19 u Ez 44:17 v Lv 5:3,6 w Nm 18:20 x Ez 45:4 y Lv 7:6 z Lv 27:21,28 a Nm 3:13; 18:12 b Ne 10:37 c MI 3:10 d Lv 22:8 Chapter 45: a Ez 47:22 b Ez 48:8,9 c Ez 42:20 d Ez 48:10 e Ez 48:10,11 f Ez 48:13 g Ez 40:17 h Ez 48:15 i Ez 48:21

tion, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward and from the east side eastward. And the length *will be* side by side with one of the *tribal* portions, from the west border to the east border.

8 “In the land will be his possession in Israel. And ³My princes will no longer oppress My people. And *the rest of* the land they will give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.”

9 ¶ “Thus says the Lord GOD, ^k“Enough, O princes of Israel. ^lRemove violence and plunder, and execute righteousness and justice. Take away your expropriations from My people,” says the Lord GOD.

10 “You will have ^mjust balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath.

11 “The ephah and the bath will be the same quantity, that the bath may contain the tenth part of a homer and the ephah the tenth part of a homer. Its measure will be after the homer.

12 “And the ⁿshekel *will be* twenty gerahs. Twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, fifteen shekels will be your maneh.

Offerings and Holy Days

13 ¶ “This *is* the oblation that you will offer: the sixth part of an ephah of a homer of wheat, and you will give the sixth part of an ephah of a homer of barley.

14 “Concerning the ordinance of oil, the bath of oil, *you will offer* the tenth part of a bath out of the kor *that is* a homer of ten baths, for ten baths *are*

a homer.

15 “And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel, for a grain offering and for a burnt offering and for peace offerings, ^oto make reconciliation for them,” says the Lord GOD.

16 “All the people of the land will give this oblation for the prince in Israel.

17 “And it will be the ^pprince’s part *to give* burnt offerings and grain offerings and drink offerings at the feasts, and on the new moons, and on the sabbaths, on all appointed feasts of the house of Israel. He will prepare the sin offering and the grain offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.”

18 ¶ “Thus says the Lord GOD, “In the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, you will take a young bull without blemish and ^qcleanse the sanctuary.

19 “And ^rthe priest will 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 door posts of the gate of the inner court.

20 “And so you will do the seventh *day* of the month ^sfor everyone who errs unintentionally and for *him who is* in ignorance. So will you make atonement for the temple.

21 ¶ “In the first *month*, in the fourteenth day of the month, you will have the Passover, a feast of seven days. Unleavened bread will be eaten.

j Ez 22:27 k Ez 44:6 l Jr 22:3 m Lv 19:36 n Ex 30:13 o Lv 1:4; 6:30 p Ez 46:4-12 q Lv 16:16,33 r Ez 43:20 s Lv 4:27 t Ex 12:18

22 “And on that day the prince will prepare for himself and for all the people of the land ^ua bull *for* a sin offering.

23 “And ^vseven days of the feast he will prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven bulls and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days. ^wAnd a kid of the goats daily *for* a sin offering.

24 ^x“And he will prepare a grain offering of an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil for an ephah.

25 “In the seventh *month*, in the fifteenth day of the month, he will do the same in the ^yfeast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering and according to the grain offering and the oil.”

Chapter 46

1 ¶ “Thus says the Lord GOD, “The gate of the inner court that faces toward the east will be shut the six ^aworking days, but on the Sabbath it will be opened. And on the day of the new moon it will be opened.

2 “And ^bthe prince will enter by way of the vestibule of *that* gate from outside, and will stand by the door post of the gate. And the priests will prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he will worship at the threshold of the gate. Then he will go out, but the gate will not be shut until the evening.

3 “Likewise, the people of the land

will worship at the door of this gate before the LORD on the sabbaths and on the new moons.

4 “And the burnt offering that ^cthe prince will offer to the LORD on the ^dSabbath Day *will be* six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

5 ^e“And the grain offering *will be* an ephah for a ram, and the grain offering for the lambs as he will be able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

6 “And on the day of the new moon *it will be* a young bull without blemish, and six lambs and a ram. They will be without blemish.

7 “And he will prepare a grain offering, an ephah for a bull and an ephah for a ram, and with the lambs as much as he is able, and a hin of oil with an ephah.

8 “And ^fwhen the prince enters, he will go in by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and he will go out by its way.

9 ¶ “But when the people of the land ^gcome before the LORD in the solemn feasts, he who enters in by the way of the north ^hgate to worship will go out by the way of the south gate. And he who enters by the way of the south gate will go out by the way of the north gate. He will not return by the way of the gate by which he came in, but will go out opposite it.

10 “And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, will go in. And when they go out, he will go out.

11 “And at the feasts and at the ap-

u Lv 4:14 v Lv 23:8 w Nm 28:15,22,30; 29:5,11,16,19 x Ez 46:5,7 y Nm 29:12 **Chapter 46:** a Ex 20:9 b Ex 44:3 c Ez 45:17 d Nm 28:9,10 e Ez 45:24; 46:7,11 f Ez 44:3; 46:2 g Ex 23:14-17; 34:23 h Ez 48:31,33

pointed feasts, ⁱthe grain offering will be an ephah to a bull and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

12 ¶ “Now when the prince prepares a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily to the LORD, ^{one} will then open *for* him the gate that faces toward the east. And he will prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he did on the Sabbath Day. Then he will go out, and after he goes out, ^{one} will shut the gate.

13 “And ^kyou will provide daily a lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering to the LORD. You will prepare it every morning.

14 “And you will prepare a grain offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah and the third part of a hin of oil, to moisten with the fine flour, *and* a grain offering continually by a perpetual ordinance to the LORD.

15 “Thus they will prepare the lamb and the grain offering and the oil, every morning *for* a ^lcontinual burnt offering.”

16 ¶ “Thus says the Lord GOD, “If the prince gives a gift *out of* his inheritance to any of his sons, it will belong to his sons. It is their possession by inheritance.

17 “But if he gives a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it will be his to ^mthe year of liberty. Afterward, it will return to the prince. But his inheritance will belong to his

sons. It will become theirs.

18 “Furthermore, ⁿthe prince will not take of the people’s inheritance by oppression, to throw them out of their possession. He will give his sons inheritance out of his own possession, so that My people not be scattered any man from his possession.””

19 ¶ Afterward, He brought me through the entry that *was* at the side of the gate, into the holy ^orooms of the priests that faced toward the north. And behold, there *was* a place on the two sides westward.

20 Then he said to me, “This *is* the place where the priests will ^pboil the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they will ^qbake the grain offering so that they may not bring *them* out into the outer court ^rto transmit holiness to 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 *were* enclosed courts forty *cubits* long and thirty wide. These four corners *were* the same size.

23 And *there was* a row of *building stones* all around them, all around the four of them. And *it was* made with boiling places under the rows all around.

24 Then he said to me, “These *are* the places for those who boil, where the ministers of the temple will ^sboil the sacrifices of the people.”

i Ez 46:5,7 j Ez 44:3; 46:1,2,8 k Nm 28:3-5 l Ex 29:42 m Lv 25:10 n Ez 45:8 o Ez 42:13 p 2 Ch 35:13 q Lv 2:4,5,7 r Ez 44:19 s Ez 46:20

Chapter 47

River from the Temple

1 ¶ Afterward, He brought me again to the door of the temple. And behold, ^awaters flowed eastward out from under the threshold of the temple. And the water was flowing down from under, from the right side of the temple, from south of the altar.

2 Then He brought me out by the way of the gate northward and led me around the outside to the outer gate by the way that faces ^beastward. And behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

3 ¶ And when ^cthe man who had the line in his hand went out eastward, he measured a thousand cubits. Then he brought me through the waters. The waters *were* to the ankles.

4 Again he measured a thousand *cubits*, and brought me through the waters. The waters *were* to the knees. Again he measured a thousand *cubits* and brought me through. The waters *were* to the waist.

5 Afterward he measured a thousand, *and it was* a river that I could not pass over, for the waters had risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

6 ¶ Then He said to me, “Son of man, have you seen *this*?” Then he brought me and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

7 Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river *were* many ^dtrees on the one side and on the other.

8 Then he said to me, “These waters go out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, then into the sea. *And being* brought out into the sea, the waters will be healed.

9 “And it will come to pass *that* everything that lives, that moves, wherever the rivers will go, will live. And there will be a great multitude of fish because these waters will go there. For they will be healed, and everything will live where the river goes.

10 “And it will come to pass *that* the fishermen will stand on it from Engedi even to Eneglaim. There will be *places* to spread forth nets. Their fish will be according to their kinds, as the fish ^eof the Great Sea, very many.

11 “But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh. They will be given to salt.

12 “And ^fby the river on its bank, on this side and on that side, will grow all trees for food, ^gwhose leaf will not fade, nor will their fruit be consumed. They will bring forth new fruit according to their months, because their waters flowed out of the sanctuary. And their fruit will be for food and their leaf for ^hmedicine.”

Boundaries of the Land

13 ¶ Thus says the Lord GOD, “This *will be* the ⁱborder by which you will inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ^jJoseph *will have two* portions.

14 “You will divide it for an inheritance, each one equally with the other,

Chapter 47: a Jl 3:18 b Ez 44:1,2 c Ez 40:3 d Rv 22:2 e Nm 34:3 f Ez 47:7 g Jr 17:8 h Rv 22:2 i Nm 34:1-29 j Gn 48:5

for ^kI swore to give it to your forefathers. And this land will ^lfall to you as an inheritance.

15 “And this *will be* the border of the land toward the north side, from the Great Sea, by ^mthe way of Hethlon, as men go to ⁿZedad;

16 ^o“Hamath, ^pBerothah, Sibraim, that *is* between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath, to Hazar Hatticon, that *is* by the coast of Hauran.

17 “And the border from the sea will be ^qHazar Enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And *this is* the north side.

18 “And the east side will measure from Hauran and from Damascus and from Gilead and from the land of Israel *by* the Jordan, from the border to the east sea. And *this is* the east side.

19 “And the south side southward, from Tamar *even* to ^rthe waters of strife *in* Kadesh, the river to the Great Sea. And *this is* the south side southward.

20 “The west side also *will be* the great sea from the border, until a man comes opposite Hamath. This *is* the west side.

21 ¶ “So you will ^sdivide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.

22 “And it will come to pass *that* you will divide it by ^tlot for an inheritance to you, ^uand to the foreigners who sojourn among you, who will

beget children among you. And ^vthey will be to you as born in the country among the children of Israel. They will have an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

23 “And it will come to pass *that* in what tribe the foreigner sojourns, there you will give *him* his inheritance,” says the Lord GOD.

Chapter 48

Division of the Land

1 ¶ “Now these *are* the names of the tribes. ^aFrom the north end to the coast along the way to Hethlon, as one goes to Hamath, Hazarenan, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath, running from east to west, ^bDan, one *portion*.

2 “And by the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, a *portion* for ^cAsher.

3 “And by the border of Asher, from the east side even to the west side, a *portion* for ^dNaphtali.

4 “And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, a *portion* for ^eManasseh.

5 “And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, a *portion* for ^fEphraim.

6 “And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even to the west side, a *portion* for ^gReuben.

7 “And by the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, a *portion* for ^hJudah.

8 ¶ “And by the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side,

k Ez 20:5-6,28,42 l Ez 48:29 m Ez 48:1 n Nm 34:7,8 o Nm 34:8 p 2 Sm 8:8 q Nm 34:9 r Ps 81:7 s Ez 45:1 t Nm 26:55,56 u Ep 3:6 v Cl 3:11 **Chapter 48:** a Ez 47:15 b Ja 19:40-48 c Ja 19:24-31 d Ja 19:32-39 e Ja 13:29-31; 17:1-11,17,18 f Ja 16:5-10; 17:8-10,14-18 g Ja 13:15-23 h Ja 15:1-63; 19:9

will be ⁱthe district that you will set apart, 25,000 *cubits* in width, and in length as one of the *other* parts, from the east side to the west side. And the ^jsanctuary will be in the middle of it.

9 ¶ “The district that you will set apart to the LORD *will be* of 25,000 *cubits* in length and of 10,000 *cubits* in width.

10 “The holy allotment will be for these, *namely* for the priests, toward the north 25,000 *cubits* in length, toward the west 10,000 in width, toward the east 10,000 in width, and toward the south 25,000 in length. And the sanctuary of the LORD will be in the middle of it.

11 ^k“*It will be* for the priests who are sanctified of the sons of Zadok, who have kept My charge, who did not go astray when the children of Israel went astray, ^las the Levites went astray.

12 “And *this* district of the land that is set apart will be to them a thing most ^mholy by the border of the Levites.

13 ¶ “And opposite the border of the priests the ⁿLevites *will have* 25,000 *cubits* in length and 10,000 in width. The whole length *will be* 25,000 *cubits* and the width 10,000.

14 ^o“And they will not sell it, nor exchange, nor alienate the firstfruits of the land, *for it is* holy to the LORD.

15 ¶ ^p“The remainder, 5,000 *cubits* in width and 25,000 in length, will be ^qfor common use for the city, for dwellings and for open spaces. And

the city will be in its middle.

16 “These *will be* its measurements: the north side 4,500 *cubits*, the south side 4,500 *cubits*, the east side 4,500 *cubits*, and the west side 4,500 *cubits*.

17 “The city will have open spaces: on the north 250 *cubits*, on the south 250 *cubits*, on the east 250 *cubits*, and on the west 250 *cubits*.

18 “And the remainder in length alongside the district of the holy *portion will be* 10,000 *cubits* eastward and 10,000 westward. And it will be alongside the district of the holy *portion*. And its increase will be for food for those who serve the city.

19 ^r“The workers of the city, out of all the tribes of Israel, will cultivate it.

20 “The whole district *will be* 25,000 by 25,000 *cubits*. You will set apart the holy allotment, a square, with the property of the city.

21 ¶ ^s“The remainder *will be* for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy allotment and of the property of the city. In front of the 25,000 *cubits* of the allotment toward the east border and westward in front of the 25,000 toward the west border, alongside the portions, *it will be* for the prince. And the holy allotment and ^tthe sanctuary of the house will be in the middle of it.

22 “Furthermore, from the possession of the Levites and from the possession of the city, *being* in the middle *of that* which belongs to the prince, between the border of Judah

ⁱ Ez 45:1-6 ^j Is 12:6; 33:20-22 ^k Ez 40:46; 44:15 ^l Ez 44:10,12 ^m Ez 45:4 ⁿ Ez 45:5 ^o Lv 27:10,28,33 ^p Ez 45:6 ^q Ez 42:20 ^r Ez 45:6 ^s Ez 34:24; 45:7; 48:22

and the border of ^uBenjamin, will be for the prince.

23 “As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side to the west side, Benjamin *will have a portion*.

24 “And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, ^vSimeon *will have a portion*.

25 “And by the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, ^wIssachar *a portion*.

26 “And by the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, ^xZebulun *a portion*.

27 “And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, ^yGad *a portion*.

28 “And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border will be even from Tamar *to* ^zthe waters of strife *in* Kadesh, *and* to the river toward the ^aGreat Sea.

29 ^b“This *is* the land that you will divide by allotment to the tribes of Israel for an inheritance, and these *are* their portions,” says the Lord GOD.

Gates of the City

30 ¶ “And these *are* the exits from the city on the north side, 4,500 *cu-bits* by measurement.

31 And ^cthe gates of the city *will be* after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward, one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.

32 “And on the east side, 4,500 *cu-bits*; and three gates, and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.

33 “And at the south side, 4,500 by measurement; and three gates, one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun.

34 At the west side, 4,500, *with* their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.

35 “*The city will be* 18,000 *cubits* all around. ^dAnd the name of the city from *that day will be*, ^e“The LORD is there.””

t Ez 48:8,10 u Ja 18:21-28 v Ja 19:1-9 w Ja 19:17-23 x Ja 19:10-16 y Ja 13:24-28 z Ez 47:19 a Ez 47:10,15,19,20; 19:10-16 b Ez 47:14,21,22 c Rv 21:10-14 d Jr 23:6; 33:16 e Jl 3:21