



ISAIAH

Chapter 1

1 ¶ The ^avision of Isaiah, the son of Amoz, that he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the ^bdays of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

A Rebellious People

2 ¶ Hear, O heavens and give ear, O earth, for the LORD has spoken, “I have nourished and brought up children and they have rebelled against Me.

3 ^d“The ox knows his owner and the donkey his master’s crib. *But* Israel ^e“does not know. My people do not understand.”

4 Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, ^fa seed of corrupters; children who are evildoers. They have forsaken the LORD. They have provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger. They have gone backward.

5 ¶ ^gWhy should you be stricken anymore? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick and the whole heart faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even to the head *there is* no soundness in it, *only* wounds and bruises and putrifying sores. They have not been closed, nor bandaged, nor soothed with ointment.

7 ^hYour country *is* desolate. Your cities *are* burned with fire—your

land, foreigners devour it in your presence, and *it is* desolate, as overthrown by foreigners.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a shelter in a vineyard, ⁱas a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, ^jas a besieged city.

9 ^kExcept the LORD of armies had left to us a very small remnant, we would have been as ^lSodom. We would have been like Gomorrah.

10 ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers ^mof Sodom. Give ear to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah.

11 “To what purpose *is* the multitude of your ⁿsacrifices to Me?” says the LORD. “I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts. And I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of male goats.

12 “When you come ^oto appear before Me, who has required this at your hand, to tread My courts?

13 “Bring no more ^pvain offerings. Incense is an abomination to Me. The new moon and sabbath, ^qthe calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly.

14 “My soul hates your ^rnew moons and your ^sappointed feasts. They are a trouble to Me. I am weary of bearing *them*.

15 “And ^twhen you spread forth your

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hands, I will hide My eyes from you. ^uYes, when you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.

16 ^vWash yourselves. Make yourselves clean. Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. ^wCease doing evil.

17 ^xLearn to do good. Seek justice. Relieve the oppressed. Defend the fatherless. Plead for the widow.

18 ¶ ^y“Come now and let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins be as scarlet, ^zthey will be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they will be as wool.

19 “If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land.

20 “But if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured with the sword.” ^aFor the mouth of the LORD has spoken *it*.

21 ¶ ^bHow the faithful city has become a harlot! It was full of justice. Righteousness lodged in it, but now ^cmurderers.

22 ^dYour silver has become dross. Your wine *is* mixed with water.

23 ^eYour princes *are* rebellious and ^fcompanions of thieves. ^gEveryone loves bribes and follows after rewards. They ^hdo not defend the fatherless, nor does the cause of the widow come to them.

24 ¶ Therefore says the Lord, the LORD of armies, the Mighty One of Israel, “Ah, ⁱI will relieve Myself of My adversaries and avenge Myself on My enemies.

25 “And I will turn My hand upon you, and ^jthoroughly purge away your dross, and will take away all your sin.

26 “And I will restore your judges ^kas at the first, and your counsellors as at the beginning. Afterward ^lyou will be called, ‘The city of righteousness, the faithful city.’”

27 ¶ Zion will be redeemed with judgment and her repentant ones with righteousness.

28 And the ^mdestruction of the transgressors and of the sinners *will be* together. And those who forsake the LORD will be consumed.

29 For they will be ashamed of the oaks that you have desired, and you will be embarrassed at the gardens that you have chosen.

30 For you will be as an oak whose leaf fades, and as a garden that has no water.

31 And ⁿthe strong will be as tinder, and the maker of it as a spark. And they will both burn together, and no one will ^oquench *them*.

Chapter 2

The Mountain of the Lord

1 ¶ The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

2 And ^pit will come to pass ^qin the last days ^rthat the mountain of the Lord’s house will be established in top of the mountains, and will be exalted above the hills. And all nations will flow to it.

u Mc 3:4 v Jr 4:14 w Rm 12:9 x Is 43:26 y Ps 51:7 z Ti 1:2 a Jr 2:20 b Mc 3:1-3 c Jr 6:28 d Hs 9:15 e Pv 29:24 f Jr 22:17 g Jr 5:28 h Dt 28:63 i Mt 3:3 j Jr 33:7-11 k Zc 8:3 l 2 Th 1:8,9 m Ez 32:21 n Mk 9:43 **Chapter 2:** a Mc 4:1 b Gn 49:1 c Ps 68:15

3 And many people will go and say, ^d“Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us His ways and we will walk in His paths.” ^eFor out of Zion will go forth the law and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 And He will judge among the nations and will rebuke many people. And they will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, nor will they learn war anymore.

The Day of the Lord

5 ¶ O house of Jacob, come and let us ^fwalk in the light of the LORD.

6 For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled ^gwith influences from the east, and are ^hsoothsayers like the Philistines. ⁱAnd they strike *bargains* with the children of foreigners.

7 ^jTheir land also is full of silver and gold. And *there is no* end to their treasures. Their land is also full of horses, and *there is no* end to their chariots.

8 ^kTheir land also is full of idols. They worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made.

9 And the *common* man bows down, and the great man humbles himself. Therefore, do not forgive them.

10 ¶ ^lEnter into the rock and hide yourself in the dust, because of fear of the LORD and the glory of His majesty.

11 The proud look of man will be ^mhumbled and the haughtiness of men will be bowed down, and the LORD alone will be exalted ⁿin that day.

12 ¶ For the day of the LORD of armies *will come* upon everyone *who is* proud and lofty, and upon everyone *who is* lifted up, and he will be brought low;

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

14 and ^pupon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills *that are* lifted up,

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

16 and ^qupon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures.

17 And the loftiness of man will be bowed down and the haughtiness of men will be made low. And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.

18 And He will utterly abolish the idols.

19 And they will go into the ^rholes of the rocks and into the caves of the earth, ^sfor the fear of the LORD and for the glory of His majesty, when He arises ^tto shake terribly the earth.

20 In that day a man will cast away to the moles and to the bats his idols of silver and his idols of gold that they made each for himself to worship,

21 in order to go into the clefts of the rocks and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for the fear of the LORD, and for the glory of His maj-

^d Jr 50:5 ^e Lk 24:47 ^f Ep 5:8 ^g Nm 23:7 ^h Dt 18:14 ⁱ Ps 106:35 ^j Dt 17:16 ^k Jr 2:28 ^l Rv 6:15,16 ^m Pv 16:5 ⁿ Hs 2:16 ^o Zc 11:1,2 ^p Is 30:25 ^q 1 Kg 10:22 ^r Hs 10:8 ^s 2 Th 1:9 ^t Hg 2:6,7

esty when He arises to shake terribly the earth.

22 "Sever yourselves from man, whose ^vbreath *is* in his nostrils; for of what account is he?

Chapter 3

1 ¶ For behold, the Lord, the LORD of armies, ^atakes away from Jerusalem and from Judah ^bthe supply and the support, the whole supply of bread and the whole supply of water.

2 "The mighty man and the man of war, the judge and the prophet and the prudent and the elder,

3 the captain of fifty and the honorable man and the counsellor and the skillful artisan and the eloquent orator.

4 "And I will give ^dchildren *to be* their princes, and babes will rule over them.

5 "And the people will be oppressed, everyone by another, and everyone by his neighbor. The child will behave himself proudly toward the elder and the base toward the honorable."

6 When a man takes hold of his brother in the house of his father, *saying*, "You have clothing, be our ruler and *let* this ruin *be* under your power."

7 In that day he will protest, saying, "I will not be a healer, for in my house *is* neither bread nor clothing. Do not make me a ruler of the people."

8 For ^eJerusalem is ruined and Judah has fallen because their tongue and

their doings *are* against the LORD, defying His glorious presence.

9 The show of their countenance witnesses against them, and they declare their sin as 'Sodom. They do not hide *it*. Woe to their soul, for they have brought evil upon themselves.

10 ¶ "Say to the righteous ^ethat *it will be well with them*, ^bfor they will eat the fruit of their doings.

11 "Woe to the wicked. *It will be ill with him*, for the reward of his hands will be given him.

12 *As for* my people, children *are* their oppressors and women rule over them. O my people, ^jthose who lead you cause *you* to err and to destroy the way of your paths."

13 ¶ The LORD stands up ^bto plead and stands to judge the people.

14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the elders of His people and His princes. "For you have eaten up ^hthe vineyard. The plunder of the poor *is* in your houses.

15 "What do you mean *that* you beat My people to pieces and ^mgrind the faces of the poor?" says the Lord GOD of armies.

16 ¶ Furthermore, the LORD says, "Because the daughters of Zion are arrogant and walk with outstretched necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing *as* they go, and making a jingling with their feet,"

17 therefore, the Lord will smite with ^aa scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will ^odiscover their secret parts.

18 ¶ In that day the Lord will take

u Jr 17:5 v Jb 27:3 Chapter 3: a Jr 37:21 b Lv 26:26 c 2 Kg 24:14 d Ec 10:16 e Mc 3:12 f Gn 13:13 g Ec 8:12 h Ps 128:2 i Ps 11:6 j Is 9:16 k Mc 6:2 l Mt 21:33 m Mc 3:2,3 n Dt 28:27

away the beauty of their anklets and the scarves and the ^pprescents,

19 the chains and the bracelets and the veils,

20 the headdresses and the ornaments of the legs and the sashes and the perfume boxes and the earrings,

21 the rings and nose jewels,

22 the festal apparel and the outer tunics and the cloaks and the money purses,

23 the hand mirrors and the undergarments and the hoods and the robes.

24 ¶ And it will come to pass *that* instead of a sweet smell there will be stench; and instead of a girdle, a rope; and instead of well-set hair, ^qbaldness; and instead of fine clothes, a girding of sackcloth; *and* burning instead of beauty.

25 Your men will fall by the sword and your mighty in the war.

26 And ^hher gates will lament and mourn, and she *being* desolate ^swill sit upon the ground.

Chapter 4

1 ¶ And ^ain that day seven women will take hold of one man, saying, “We will ^beat our own bread and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by your name, to take away our ^creproach.”

2 In that day will ^dthe Branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth *will be* excellent and appealing for those of Israel who have escaped.

3 And it will come to pass *that he who is* left in Zion, and *he who* remains in Jerusalem, ^ewill be called holy, *even* everyone who is ^fwritten among the living in Jerusalem.

4 When ^gthe Lord will have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and will have purged the blood of Jerusalem from its midst by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning,

5 then the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, ^ha cloud and smoke by day, and ⁱthe shining of a flaming fire by night, for over all the glory will be a canopy.

6 And there will be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and ^jfor a place of refuge, and for protection from storm and from rain.

Chapter 5

Song of the Vineyard

1 ¶ Now I will sing to my well-beloved a song of my Beloved ^aconcerning His vineyard. My well-beloved has a vineyard on a very fruitful hill.

2 He fenced it and removed its stones and planted it with the choicest vine. And He built a tower in the middle of it, and also made a winepress in it. ^bAnd He expected that it would bring forth *good* grapes, but it brought forth wild grapes.

3 ¶ “And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, ^cjudge, I ask you, between Me and My vineyard.

o Jr 13:22 p Jg 8:21,26 q Is 22:12 r Jr 14:2 s Lm 2:10 Chapter 4: a Is 2:11,17 b 2Th 3:12 c Lk 1:25 d Jr 23:5 e Is 60:21 f Ph 4:2 g Mt 3:2,3 h Ex 13:21,22 i Zc 2:65 j Is 25:4 Chapter 5: a Mt 21:33 b Dt 32:6 c Rm 3:4

4 “What could have been done more to My vineyard, that I have not done in ^dit? Why, when I expected *it* to produce *good* grapes, did it produce wild ones?

5 “And now let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard. ^eI will take away its hedge and it will be eaten up. I will break down its wall and it will be trodden down.

6 “Then I will lay it ^fwaste. It will not be pruned or hoed, but there will come up briars and ^gthorns. I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain on it.”

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of armies *is* the house of Israel, and the men of Judah His pleasant plant. And He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; for righteousness, but behold, a cry.

Woes and Judgments

8 ¶ Woe to those who join ^hhouse to house, *who* lay field to field until *there is* no place, so that they may be placed alone in the midst of the land!

9 ⁱIn my ears the LORD of armies *said*, “Of a truth many houses will be desolate, *even* great and fair, *and* without occupants.

10 “Yes, ten acres of vineyard will yield one ^jbath, and ten bushels of seed will produce but one bushel.”

11 ¶ ^kWoe to those who rise up early in the morning *so that* they may follow strong drink, who continue until night, *until* wine inflames them!

12 And ^lthe harp and the viol, the

tabret and pipe and wine, are in their feasts. But ^mthey do not regard the work of the LORD, nor consider the operation of His hands.

13 ¶ ⁿTherefore, My people have gone into captivity because *they have* no ^oknowledge. And their honorable men *are* famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

14 Therefore, sheol has enlarged herself and opened her mouth without measure. And their glory and their multitude and their pomp and he who rejoices, will descend into it.

15 And the *common* man will be brought down, and ^pthe mighty man will be humbled. And the eyes of the lofty will be humbled.

16 But the LORD of armies will be ^qexalted in judgment, and God who is holy will be sanctified in righteousness.

17 Then the lambs will graze as in their pasture, and foreigners will eat the waste places of ^rthe fat ones.

18 ¶ Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as if it were with cart ropes;

19 ^swho say, “Let Him make speed, *and* hasten His work, so that we may see *it*. And let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, so that we may know *it!*”

20 ¶ Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

21 ¶ Woe to *those who are* ^twise in

d 2 Ch 36:15,16 e Ps 80:12; 89:40,41 f 2 Ch 36:19-21 g Is 7:19-25 h Mc 2:2 i Is 22:14 j Ez 45:11 k Pv 23:29,30 l Am 6:5 m Jb 34:27 n 2 Kg 24:14-16 o Hs 4:6 p Is 2:9,11 q Is 2:11 r Is 10:16 s Jr 17:15 t Rm 1:22; 12:16

their own eyes and clever in their own sight!

22 ¶ Woe to *those who are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink,

23 who ^ujustify the wicked for reward and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

24 ¶ Therefore, ^vas the fire devours the stubble and the flame consumes the chaff, ^{so} ^wtheir root will be as rottenness and their blossom will go up as dust, because they have cast away the law of the LORD of armies and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

25 ^xTherefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against His people, and He has stretched forth His hand against them, and has smitten them. And ^ythe hills trembled, and their carcasses *were* torn in the middle of the streets. ^zFor all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand *is* still stretched out.

26 ¶ ^aHe will lift up a banner to the nations from afar, and will ^bwhistle to them from ^cthe end of the earth. And behold, ^dthey will come with speed swiftly.

27 No one will be weary or stumble among them. No one will slumber or sleep, nor ^ewill the belt of their loins be loosed, nor the strap of their shoes be broken.

28 ^fWhose arrows *are* sharp and all their bows bent. Their horses' hoofs will be counted like flint and their wheels like a whirlwind.

29 Their roaring *will be* like a lion. They will roar like young lions. Yes, they will roar and lay hold of the prey and will carry *it* away safe, and no one will deliver *it*.

30 And in that day they will roar against them like the roaring of the sea. And if *one* ^glooks to the land, behold, darkness *and* sorrow, and the light is darkened by its clouds.

Chapter 6

Calling of Isaiah

1 ¶ In the year that ^aKing Uzziah died I ^bsaw also the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, and His train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphim, each one had six wings. ^cWith two He covered His face, and with two He covered His feet, and with two He flew.

3 And one cried out to another and said, ^d“Holy, Holy, Holy, *is* the LORD of armies. ^eThe whole earth *is* full of His glory.”

4 And the foundations of the door moved at the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then I said, “Woe *is* me, for I am undone because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell among a people of ^funclean lips, for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of armies.”

6 ¶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having a live coal in his hand *that* he had taken with the tongs from off ^gthe altar.

u Pv 17:15 v Ex 15:7 w Jb 18:16 x 2 Kg 22:13,17 y Jr 4:24 z Is 9:12,17 a Is 11:10,12 b Is 7:18 c MI 1:11 d Jl 2:7 e Dn 5:6 f Jr 5:16 g Is 8:22 Chapter 6: a 2 Kg 15:7 b Jn 12:41 c Ez 1:11 d Rv 4:8 e Nm 14:21 f Ex 6:12,30 g Rv 8:3

7 And he ^hlaid it upon my mouth and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged."

8 ¶ I also heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom will I send and who will go for 'us?'" Then I said, "Here *am* I. Send me."

9 ¶ And He said, "Go and ^jtell this people, 'Keep on listening, but do not perceive. Keep on looking, but do not understand.'

10 "Make ^kthe heart of this people fat and make their ears heavy. And shut their eyes ^llest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart, and return and be healed."

11 ¶ Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He answered, ^m"Until the cities are wasted without inhabitant and the houses without man, and the land is utterly desolate,

12 ⁿ"and the LORD has removed men far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

13 "But if there is yet a tenth in it, it also will in turn be eaten up; as a terebinth and as an oak whose stump remains when they are felled, so ^othe holy seed is its stock."

Chapter 7

Sign of Immanuel

1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the days of ^aAhaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, *that* Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up

toward Jerusalem to war against ^bit. However, they could not prevail against it.

2 Then it was told to the house of David saying, "Syria is camped in Ephraim." And his heart and the heart of his people were moved as the trees of the forest are moved by the wind.

3 ¶ Then the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go forth now to meet Ahaz, you and Shearjashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field.

4 "Then say to him, 'Take heed and be ^cquiet. Do no fear nor be faint-hearted because of the two stubs of these smoking firebrands, on account of the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria and of the son of Remaliah.

5 'Because Syria, Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against you, saying,

6 "Let us go up against Judah and terrorize it. And let us make a breach in *the wall* for us and set a king in the midst of it, *even* the son of Tabeal,"

7 'Thus says the Lord GOD, ^d"It will not stand, nor will it come to pass.

8 ^e"For the head of Syria *is* Damascus and the head of Damascus *is* Rezin. And within 65 years Ephraim will be broken so that it is no longer a people.

9 "And the head of Ephraim *is* Samaria and the head of Samaria *is* Remaliah's son. 'If you will not believe, surely you will not be established.'"^f

h Jr 1:9 i Gn 1:26 j Mt 13:14,15; Mk 4:12; Lk 8:10; Jn 12:40; At 28:26,27; Rm 11:8 k Ps 119:70; Mt 13:14,15; Mk 6:1-6; At 7:51 l Jr 5:21; Mk 4:12; Jn 12:40; Rm 10:1-4; 11:8 m Mc 3:12 n 2 Kg 25:21 o Er 9:2 Chapter 7: a 2 Ch 28 b 2 Kg 16:5,9 c Is 30:15 d Is 8:10 e 2 Sm 8:6 f 2 Ch 20:20

10 ¶ Furthermore, the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

11 ^g“Ask a sign from the LORD your God. Ask it either in the depth or in the height above.”

12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I tempt the LORD.”

13 And he said, “Hear now, O house of David. *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also?”

14 “Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign. ^hBehold, a virgin will conceive and bear ⁱa son, and she will call his name ^jImmanuel.

15 “Curds and honey he will eat so that he may know to refuse the evil and choose the good.

16 ^k“For before the child will know to refuse evil and choose good, the land that you abhor will be forsaken by ^lboth of her kings.

17 ^m“The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people, and upon your father’s house, days that have not come from the day that ⁿEphraim departed from Judah, *even* the king of Assyria.”

18 ¶ And it will come to pass in that day *that* the LORD ^owill whistle for the fly that *is* in the remotest part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that *is* in the land of Assyria.

19 And they will come and settle on the steep ravines, and in ^pthe ledges of the rocks, and upon all thorn bushes, and on all the watering places.

20 In the same day the Lord will

shave with a ^qhired ^rrazor with those beyond the River, by the king of Assyria, the head and the hair of the feet. And it will also consume the beard.

21 And it will come to pass in that day *that* a man will keep alive a young cow and two sheep.

22 And it will come to pass, for the abundance of milk *that* they will give he will eat butter, for butter and honey will everyone eat who is left in the land.

23 ¶ Then it will come to pass in that day that every place where there used to be a thousand vines ^svalued at a thousand *shekels* of silver, ^twill become briars and thorns.

24 With arrows and with bows will ^umen come here, because all the land will become briars and thorns.

25 And *on* all hills that used to be cultivated with the hoe, there you will not go for fear of briars and thorns. But they will become a place for wandering cattle and for sheep to trample.

Chapter 8

Assyria, the Lord’s Instrument

1 ¶ Furthermore, the LORD said to me, “Take for yourself a large tablet and ^vwrite on it with a man’s stylist concerning Mahershalalhashbaz.

2 “And I will take for Myself faithful witnesses to record, ^wUriah, the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.”

3 Then I went into the prophetess and she conceived and bore a son.

g Mt 12:38 h Mt 1:23; Lk 1:31,34,35; Jn 1:45; Rv 12:5 i Is 9:6 j Is 8:8,10 k Is 8:4 l 2 Kg 15:30 m 2 Ch 28:19,20 n 1 Kg 12:16 o Is 5:26 p Jr 16:16 q Is 10:5,15 r 2 Kg 16:7 s Is 5:6 Chapter 8: a Hk 2:2 b 2 Kg 16:20

Then the LORD said to me, "Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz.

4 "For before the child will have knowledge to cry, 'My father and my mother,'^d the riches of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria will be taken away before the king of Assyria."

5 ¶ The LORD spoke also to me again, saying,

6 "Forasmuch as this people refuses the waters of^e Shiloah that flow gently, and rejoice^f in Rezin and Remaliah's son,

7 "now therefore, behold, the Lord brings upon them the waters of the River, strong and many, *even* the king of Assyria, and all his glory. And it will come up over all its channels and go over all its banks.

8 "And it will pass through Judah. It will overflow and pass over.^g It will reach *even* to the neck. And the stretching out of its wings will fill the breadth of your land, O^h Immanuel.

9 "Beⁱ shattered, O you people, and be broken in pieces. And give ear all you from far off countries. Gird yourselves and you will be broken in pieces. Gird yourselves and you will be broken in pieces.

10 ^j"Take counsel together, ^kand it will come to nought. Speak the word, and it will not stand, ^lfor God *is* with us."

The Fear of God

11 ¶ For the LORD spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way

of this people, saying,

12 "Do not say, '*It is a conspiracy,*' concerning all *those* to whom this people will say, 'A conspiracy.' Do not fear their fear or be afraid.

13 "Sanctify the LORD of armies Himself, and *let Him be* your fear, and *let Him be* your dread.

14 ^m"And He will be for a sanctuary, but to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a ⁿrock to stumble over, a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 "And many among them will ^ostumble and fall, and be broken and be snared, and be taken."

16 ¶ Bind up the testimony. Seal the law among My disciples.

17 And I will wait upon the LORD who ^phides His face from the house of Jacob. And I ^qwill look for Him.

18 "Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me, ^rare for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of armies who dwells in Mount Zion.

19 ¶ And when they will say to you, "Consult those who are mediums and wizards, ^swho whisper and mutter," should not a people ^tconsult their God? *Should they consult* the dead on behalf of the living?

20 ^uTo the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, *it is* because ^vthere is no light in them.

21 And they will pass through the land hard-pressed and famished. And it will come to pass that when they

c 2 Kg 17:6; Is 7:16 d 2 Kg 15:29 e Jn 9:7 f Is 7:1,2 g Is 30:28 h Is 7:14 i Jl 3:9 j Is 7:7 k Is 7:14 l Rm 8:31 m Ez 11:16 n Lk 2:34; 20:17; Rm 9:33; 1 Pt 2:8 o Mt 21:44 p Is 54:8 q Hk 2:3 r Hb 2:13 s Ps 71:7 t 1 Sm 28:8 u Is 29:4 v Ps 106:28 w Lk 16:29 x Mc 3:6

are famished they will fret themselves and ^ycurse their king and their God, and look upward.

22 Then they will look to the earth, and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish. And *they will be* driven to darkness.

Chapter 9

A Child is Born

1 ¶ Nevertheless, ^athe dimness will not *be* such as *was* in her anguish, when at the ^bfirst He lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and ^cafterward more grievously afflicted *her by* the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles.

2 ^dThe people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. They who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the light shined.

3 You have multiplied the nation *and* not increased the joy. They rejoice before You according to the joy in harvest, *and* as *men* rejoice ^ewhen they divide the plunder.

4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of ^fMidian.

5 For every battle of the warrior *is* with confused noise and garments rolled in blood, but *this* ^gwill be with burning *and* fuel for fire.

6 ^hFor to us a child is born, to us a ⁱSon is given. And ^jthe government will be upon His shoulder. And His

name will be called ^kWonderful, Counsellor, ^lMighty God, Everlasting Father, ^mPrince of Peace.

7 ⁿThere will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. ^oThe zeal of the LORD of armies will perform this.

God's Anger against Israel

8 ¶ The Lord sent a word against ^pJacob and it has fallen on Israel.

9 And all the people will know, *even* Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who say in the pride and arrogance of *their* heart,

10 “The bricks have fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones. The sycamores are cut down, but we will change *them into* cedars.”

11 Therefore, the LORD will set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and join his enemies together,

12 the Syrians before and the Philistines behind. And they will devour Israel with open mouth. For all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand *is* stretched out still.

13 ¶ For the people do not turn to Him who smites them, nor do they seek the LORD of armies.

14 Therefore, the LORD will cut off from Israel ^qin one day head and tail, branch and rush.

15 The head is the elder and honorable man. And the prophet who

y Rv 16:11 **Chapter 9:** a Is 8:22 b 2 Kg 15:29 c Mt 4:13-16 d Mt 4:16; Lk 1:79; 2 Co 4:6; Ep 5:8 e Jg 5:30 f Jg 7:22 g Is 66:15 h Lk 2:11; Jn 1:45 i Lk 2:7; Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 4:9 j Mt 28:18; 1 Co 15:25; Rv 12:5 k Jg 13:18 l Ti 2:13 m Ep 2:14 n Dn 2:44; Mt 1:1,6; Lk 1:32,33; Jn 7:42 o Is 37:32 p Gn 32:28 q Rv 18:8

teaches lies, he *is* the tail.

16 For ^tthe leaders of this people cause *them* to err, and *they who are* led by them *are* destroyed.

17 Therefore, the Lord ^swill have no joy in their young men, nor will He have mercy on their fatherless and widows. For everyone *is* a hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. ^fFor all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand *is* stretched out still.

18 ¶ For wickedness ^uburns as the fire. It will devour the briars and thorns, and will kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they roll upward in a column of smoke.

19 Through the wrath of the LORD of armies is ^vthe land darkened, and the people will be as the fuel of the fire. ^wNo man will spare his brother.

20 And he will slice off the right hand, and be hungry. And he will eat on the left hand, ^xand they will not be satisfied. ^yEvery man will eat the flesh of his own arm.

21 Manasseh *will devour* Ephraim and Ephraim *will devour* Manasseh. Together they *will be* ^zagainst Judah. ^aFor all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand *is* stretched out still.

Chapter 10

1 ¶ Woe to those who ^aenact unrighteous decrees, and who write misfortune *that* they have prescribed,

2 in order to turn aside the needy from justice and to take away the

right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey and *that* they may rob the fatherless!

3 And ^bwhat will you do in ^cthe day of visitation and in the desolation *that* will come from ^dafar? To whom will you flee for help? And where will you leave your glory?

4 Without Me they will bow down among the ^eprisoners and they will fall among the slain. ^fFor all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand *is* still stretched out.

5 ¶ O Assyria, ^gthe rod of My anger. And the staff in their hand is My indignation.

6 I will send him against ^han ungodly nation. And against the people of My wrath I will ⁱgive him a charge, to take the plunder and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

7 ^jYet he does not so intend, nor does his heart think so. But *it is* in his heart to destroy and cut off many nations.

8 ^kFor he says, “*Are* not my princes all kings?”

9 “*Is* not ^lCalno ^mas Carchemish? *Is* not Hamath as Arpad? *Is* not Samaria ⁿas Damascus?”

10 “As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel those of Jerusalem and of Samaria,

11 “will I not, as I have done to Samaria and her idols, do so to Jerusalem and her idols?”

12 ¶ Therefore, it will come to pass *that* when the Lord has performed all

r Is 3:12 s Ps 147:10 t Is 5:25 u Mt 4:1 v Is 8:22 w Mc 7:2,6 x Lv 26:26 y Jr 19:9 z 2 Ch 28:6,8 a Is 9:12,17 **Chapter 10:** a Ps 58:2 b Jb 31:14; c Hs 9:7 d Is 5:26 e Is 24:22 f Is 5:25 g Jr 51:20 h Is 9:17 i Jr 34:22 j Gn 50:20 k 2 Kg 19:10 l Am 6:2 m 2 Ch 35:20 n 2 Kg 16:9

His work °on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, °“I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and the pomp of his haughtiness.”

13 °For he says, “By the strength of my hand I have done *it*, and by my wisdom, for I am wise. And I have removed the bounds of the people and have robbed their treasures. And I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant *man*.

14 “And °my hand reached to the riches of the peoples as *to* a nest. And as one gathers eggs *that are* left, I have gathered all the earth. And there was no one who moved the wing or opened the mouth or chirped.”

15 ¶ Will °the ax boast itself over the one who hews with it? *Or* will the saw magnify itself over the one who saws with it? *That would be* like a club wielding those who lift it, *or* like a rod lifting *him who* is not wood.

16 Therefore will the Lord, the Lord of armies, send among His fat ones leanness, and under his glory He will kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

17 And the light of Israel will be for a fire and his Holy One for a flame. And °it will burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day.

18 And He will consume the glory of his forest and °his fruitful field, both soul and body. And they will be as when a sick man wastes away.

19 And the rest of the trees of his forest will be few, that a child could write them down.

Remnant of Israel

20 ¶ And it will come to pass in that day *that* the remnant of Israel, and those of the house of Jacob who have escaped, °will never again rely on the one who smote them. But in truth they will rely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel.

21 The remnant will return, *even* the remnant of Jacob, to the °mighty God.

22 °For though your people Israel are as the sand of the sea, *yet* °a remnant of them will return. The destruction determined will overflow with righteousness.

23 °For the Lord GOD of armies will make a determined end in the midst of all the land.

24 ¶ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD of armies, “O My people who dwell in Zion, °do not be afraid of the Assyrian. He will smite you with a rod and will lift up his staff against you after the manner of °Egypt.

25 “For in a very little while °My indignation will cease, and My anger directed to their destruction.”

26 And the LORD of armies will stir up °a scourge for him according to the slaughter of °Midian at the rock of Oreb. And °as his rod *was* upon the sea, so will he lift it up after the manner of Egypt.

27 And it will come to pass in that day *that* his burden will be taken away from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your neck. And the yoke will be destroyed because of °the anointing.

o 2 Kg 19:31 p Jr 50:18 q Is 37:24-27 r Jb 31:25 s Jr 51:20 t Is 9:18 u 2 Kg 19:23 v 2 Kg 16:7 w Is 9:6 x Rm 9:27,28 y Is 6:13 z Dn 9:27 a Is 7:4; 12:2 b Ex 14 c Dn 11:36 d 2 Kg 19:35 e Is 9:4 f Ex 14:26,27 g Ps 105:15

28 ¶ He has come to Aiath. He has passed to Migron. At Michmash he has laid up his carriages.

29 They have gone over ^hthe passage. They have taken up their lodging at Geba. Ramah is afraid. ⁱGibeah of Saul has fled.

30 Lift up your voice, O daughter ^jof Gallim. Cause it to be heard as far as ^kLaish, O poor Anathoth.

31 ^lMadmenah is removed. The inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.

32 Yet today he will remain ^mat Nob. He will ⁿshake his hand *against* the mount of ^othe daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33 ¶ Behold, the Lord, the LORD of armies, will lop off the bough with terror. And ^pthe high ones of stature *will be* hewn down, and the arrogant will be humbled.

34 And He will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon will fall by a Mighty One.

Chapter 11

A Branch from Jesse

1 ¶ And ^athere will come forth a rod out of the stem of ^bJesse, and a ^cBranch will grow out of his roots.

2 And the ^dSpirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

3 And He will delight in the fear of the LORD. ^eAnd He will not judge after the sight of His eyes, nor re-

prove after the hearing of His ears.

4 But ^fwith righteousness He will judge the poor and reprove with equity for the afflicted of the earth. And He will ^gsmite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness will be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.

6 ¶ The ^hwolf also will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together. And a little child will lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear will feed. Their young ones will lie down together. And the lion will eat straw like the ox.

8 And the nursing child will play on the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

9 ⁱThey will not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain. For ^jthe earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

10 ¶ And ^kin that day ^lthere will be a root of Jesse that will stand as a ^mbanner for the people. The ⁿGentiles will seek Him, and His rest will be glorious.

11 And it will come to pass in that day *that* the Lord will set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people, that will be left ^ofrom Assyria and from Egypt and from Pathros and from Cush and from Elam and from Shinar and from

h 1 Sm 13:23 i 1 Sm 11:4 j 1 Sm 25:44 k Jg 18:7 l Ja 15:31 m 1 Sm 21:1 n Is 13:2 o Is 37:22 p Am 2:9 **Chapter 11:** a Zc 6:12; Rv 5:5 b Mt 1:5; At 13:23 c Is 4:2 d Mt 3:16; Mk 1:10; Lk 3:22; Jn 1:32 e Jn 2:25 f Rv 19:11 g Jb 4:9; 2 Th 2:8 h Is 2:18 i Jb 5:23 j Hk 2:14 k Is 2:11 l Rm 15:12 m Is 27:12,13 n Rm 15:10 o Zc 10:10

Hamath and from the coastlands of the sea.

12 And He will set up a banner for the nations and will assemble the outcasts of Israel. And He will gather together ^athe dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

13 ^aThe envy also of Ephraim will depart, and the adversaries of Judah will be cut off. Ephraim will not envy Judah and Judah will not harass Ephraim.

14 But they will fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west. They will together plunder those of the east. ^aThey will lay their hand upon Edom and Moab, and the children of Ammon will obey them.

15 And the LORD ^awill utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt. And with His mighty wind He will shake His hand over the River and will smite it in the seven streams, and make *men* go over dry-shod.

16 And ^athere will be a highway for the remnant of His people that will be left from Assyria, ^alike it was for Israel in the day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.

Chapter 12

Songs of Praise

1 ¶ And ^ain that day you will say, “O LORD, I will praise You. Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away and You comforted me.

2 “Behold, God *is* my salvation. I will trust and not be afraid, ^bfor the ^cLORD GOD *is* my strength and my

song. He also has become my salvation.”

3 Therefore with joy you will draw ^dwater out of the wells of salvation.

4 ¶ And in that day you will say, “Praise the LORD. Call upon His name. ^dDeclare His works among the people. Make *them* remember that His ^ename is exalted.”

5 ^bSing to the LORD for He has done excellent things. Let this *be* known in all the earth.

6 ⁱCry out and shout you inhabitant of Zion, for great *is* ^jthe Holy One of Israel in your midst.

Chapter 13

Prophecy Against Babylon

1 ¶ The ^aburden of Babylon that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw:

2 Lift ^bup a banner ^con the high mountain. Exalt your voice to them. ^dShake the hand so that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

3 I have commanded My sanctified ones. I have also called ^eMy mighty ones for My anger, *even* those who ^frejoice in My exaltation.

4 The ^gnoise of a multitude in the mountains like a great people, the uproar of the kingdoms of nations gathered together. The LORD of armies musters the armies for the battle.

5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, *even* the ^hLORD and His weapons of indignation, to destroy the whole ⁱland.

6 ¶ Wail, ^jfor the day of the LORD *is*

p Jn 7:35 q Jr 3:18 r Dn 11:41 s Zc 10:10,11 t Is 19:23 u Ex 14:29 **Chapter 12:** a Is 2:11 b Ps 83:18 c Ex 15:2 d Jn 4:10,14; 7:37,38 e 1 Ch 16:8 f Ps 145:4-6 g Ps 34:3 h Ex 15:1 i Zp 3:14,15 j Ps 89:18 **Chapter 13:** a Jr 50:51 b Is 18:3 c Jr 51:25 d Is 10:32 e Jl 3:11 f Ps 149:2 g Is 17:12 h Is 42:13 i Is 24:1; 34:2

at hand. ^kIt will come as destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore, all hands will be faint, and every man's heart will melt.

8 And they will be afraid. ^lPangs and sorrows will take hold of them. They will be in pain as a woman who is in labor. They will be amazed at one another. Their faces *will be as* flames.

9 Behold, ^mthe day of the LORD comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger in order to lay the land desolate. And He will destroy ⁿits sinners out of it.

10 For the stars of heaven and its constellations will not give their light. The sun will be ^odarkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine.

11 And I will ^ppunish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity. And ^qI will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold, even mankind than the golden wedge of Ophir.

13 ^rTherefore, I will shake the heavens and the earth will move out of its place at the wrath of the LORD of armies, and in ^sthe day of His fierce anger.

14 And it will be as the hunted gazelle and as a sheep that no man takes up. ^tEvery man will turn to his own people and everyone will flee into his own land.

15 Everyone who is found will be thrust through, and everyone who is

joined *to them* will fall by the sword.

16 Their children also will be ^udashed to pieces before their eyes. Their houses will be plundered and their wives ^vravished.

17 ¶ Behold, ^wI will stir up the Medes against them who will not value silver. And *as for* gold, they will not delight in it.

18 *Their* bows also will dash the young men to pieces. And they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb. Their eye will not spare children.

19 ^xAnd Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, will be as when God overthrew ^ySodom and Gomorrah.

20 ^zIt will never be inhabited, nor will it be dwelt in from generation to generation. Nor will the Arabian pitch tent there. Neither will the shepherds make their fold there.

21 ^aBut wild beasts of the desert will lie there, and their houses will be full of owls. And ostriches will dwell there, and wild goats will dance there.

22 And the wild beasts will howl in their desolate houses, and jackals in *their* luxurious palaces. And ^bher time *is* coming soon, and her days will not be prolonged.

Chapter 14

1 ¶ For the LORD ^cwill have mercy on Jacob and ^dwill again choose Israel, and set them in their own land. And ^ethe foreigners will be joined with them and they will cleave to the house of Jacob.

j Zp 1:7 k Jl 1:15 l Ps 48:6 m Mt 4:1 n Pv 2:22 o Jl 2:31 p Is 26:21 q Is 2:17 r Hg 2:6 s Lm 1:12 t Jr 50:16; 51:9 u Nh 3:10 v Zc 14:2 w Dn 5:28,31 x Is 14:4 y Gn 19:24 z Jr 50:3 a Is 34:11-15 b Jr 51:33
Chapter 14: a Ps 102:13 b Zc 1:17; 2:12 c Is 60:4,5,10

2 And the people will take them and ^dbring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them as an inheritance in the land of the LORD as male servants and female servants. And they will take their captors captive and ^ewill rule over their oppressors.

3 ¶ And it will come to pass in the day that the LORD will give you rest from your sorrow and from your fear, and from the hard bondage wherein you were made to serve,

4 so that you ^fwill take up this proverb against the king of Babylon and say, "How has the oppressor ceased! *And how* the ^ggolden city has ceased!

5 "The LORD has broken ^hthe staff of the wicked *and* the sceptre of the rulers.

6 "He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he who ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted *and* no one interfers.

7 "The whole earth is at rest *and* is quiet. They break forth into singing.

8 ⁱ"Yes, the fir trees rejoice over you *and* the cedars of Lebanon, *saying*, 'Since you were laid down, no *tree* cutter comes up against us.'

9 "Sheol ^jfrom beneath is moved for you to meet *you* at your coming. It stirs up the dead for you, *even* all the chief ones of the earth. It has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

10 "All will ^kspeak and say to you, 'Have you also become weak as we? Have you become like us?'

11 'Your pomp is brought down to

the grave *and* the noise of your stringed instruments. The worm is spread under you and the worms cover you.'

12 ¶ "How have ^lyou fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the morning! *How* have you been cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!

13 "For you said in your heart, ^m'I will ascend into heaven. ⁿI will exalt my throne above the stars of God. I will sit also upon the ^omount of the assembly ^pin the recesses of the north.

14 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds. ^qI will be like the Most High.'

15 "However, ^ryou will be brought down to sheol, to the recesses of the pit.

16 "Those who see you will gaze at you *and* consider you, *saying*, 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble *and* who shook kingdoms,

17 'who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, *who* did not open the house of his prisoners?'

18 "All the kings of the nations, *even* all of them, lie in glory, everyone in his own house.

19 "But you are cast out of your grave like an abominable branch *and* as the garment of those who are slain, thrust through with a sword, who go down to the stones of the pit as a carcass trodden under feet.

20 "You will not be joined with them in burial because you have destroyed your land *and* slain your people. May

d Is 49:22; 60:9; 66:20 e Is 60:14 f Hk 2:6 g Rv 18:16 h Ps 125:3 i Ez 31:16 j Ez 32:21 k Ez 32:21 l Is 34:4 m Ez 28:2 n Dn 8:10 o Ez 28:14 p Ps 48:2 q 2 Th 2:4 r Mt 11:23

^sthe seed of evildoers never be renowned.

21 “Prepare slaughter for his children ^tfor the iniquity of their fathers, so that they do not rise nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.”

22 ¶ “For I will rise up against them,” says the LORD of armies. “And I will cut off from Babylon ^uthe name and ^vremnant ^wand son and nephew,” says the LORD.

23 “I will also make it a possession for ^xthe hedgehog and pools of water. And I will sweep it with the broom of destruction,” says the LORD of armies.

Prophecy Against Assyria

24 ¶ The LORD of armies has sworn, saying, “Surely as I have thought, so will it come to pass. And as I have purposed, *so* will it ^ystand,

25 “that I will break the ^zAssyrian in my land and upon My mountains tread him under foot. Then ^ahis yoke will depart from off them and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

26 “This *is* ^bthe purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth. And this *is* the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

27 “For the LORD of armies has ^cpurposed, and who will disannul *it*? And his hand *is* stretched out, and who will turn it back?”

Prophecy Against the Philistines

28 ¶ In the year that ^dKing Ahaz died was this burden:

29 “Do not rejoice all of you of Philistia ^ebecause the rod of him who smote you is broken. For out of the serpent’s root will come forth a viper, and ^fhis fruit *will be* a flying serpent.

30 “And the firstborn of the poor will feed, and the needy will lie down in safety. And I will kill your root with famine and he will slay your remnant.

31 “Wail, O gate. Cry, O city. Melt away, O Philistia, all of you. For there will come from the north a smoke and no one *will be* alone in his appointed ranks.”

32 ¶ What will *one* then answer the messengers of the nation? That ^gthe LORD has founded Zion, and ^hthe poor of his people will seek refuge in it.

Chapter 15

Prophecy Against Moab

1 ¶ The ^aburden of Moab: Because in the night ^bAr of ^cMoab is laid waste *and* brought to silence, because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste *and* brought to silence,

2 he has gone up to Bajith and to Dibon, the high places, to weep. Moab will wail over Nebo and over Medeba. ^dOn all their heads *will be* baldness *and* every beard cut off.

3 In their streets they will gird themselves with sackcloth. On the tops of their houses and in their streets, *ev-*

s Ps 21:10; 109:13 t Ex 20:5 u Pv 10:7 v 1 Kg 14:10 w Jb 18:19 x Zp 2:14 y Is 43:13 z Mc 5:5,6 a Is 10:27 b Is 23:9 c Dn 4:31,35 d 2 Kg 16:20 e 2 Ch 26:6 f 2 Kg 18:8 g Ps 87:1,5 h Zc 11:11 **Chapter 15:** a 2 Kg 3:4 b Dt 2:9 c Am 2:1-3 d Lv 21:5

everyone will wail, ^eweeping abundantly.

4 And Heshbon and Elealeh will cry out. Their voice will be heard *even* to ^fJahaz. Therefore, the armed soldiers of Moab will cry out. His life will be grievous to him.

5 My ^gheart will cry out for Moab. His fugitives *will flee* to Zoar, *as far as* Eglath Shelishiyah. For ^hby the mounting up of Luhith with weeping they will go up to it, for in the way of Horonaim they will raise up a cry of destruction.

6 For the waters ⁱof Nimrim will be desolate. For the hay is withered away, the grass fails, *and* there is nothing green.

7 Therefore, the abundance they have gained and that which they have stored up they will carry away to the Brook of the Willows.

8 For the cry has gone throughout the borders of Moab, its wailing to Eglaim and its lamentation to Beerelim.

9 For the waters of Dimon will be full of blood. For I will bring more upon Dimon, ^jlions upon him who escapes from Moab and upon the remnant of the land.

Chapter 16

1 ¶ Send ^kthe lamb to the ruler of the land ^lfrom Sela across the wilderness to the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2 For it will be *that* as a ^mwandering bird casts out of the nest, *so* the daughters of Moab will be at the

fords of ⁿdArnon.

3 Take counsel. Execute judgment. Make your shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday. Hide the outcasts. Do not betray the fugitive.

4 Let my outcast Moabites dwell with you. Be a shelter to them from the face of the destroyer. For the extortioner is at an end *and* destruction ceases. The oppressors are consumed out of the land.

5 And in mercy ^othe throne will be established. And He will sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, ^pjudging and seeking judgment, and hastening ^qrighteousness.

6 ¶ We have heard of the ^rpride of Moab. *He is very proud, even* of his haughtiness and his pride, and his wrath. ^sBut his lies *will not be* so.

7 Therefore, Moab will ^twail for Moab. Everyone will wail. For the foundations of ^uKirhareseth, you will mourn. Surely *they are* stricken.

8 For ^vthe fields of Heshbon languish, *and* ^wthe vine of Sibmah. The lords of the heathen have broken down its principal plants. They have come *even* to Jazer. They wandered *through* the wilderness. Her branches are stretched out. They went out over the ^xsea.

9 Therefore, I will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sibmah. I will water you with my tears, ^yO Heshbon and Elealeh, for the shouting for your summer fruits and your harvest has fallen.

10 For ^zgladness is taken away, and

e Jr 48:38 f Jr 48:34 g Jr 48:31 h Jr 48:5 i Nm 32:36 j 2 Kg 17:25 **Chapter 16:** a 2 Kg 3:4 b 2 Kg 14:7 c Pv 27:8 d Nm 21:13 e Dn 7:14 f Ps 72:2 g Is 9:7 h Jr 48:29 i Is 28:15 j Jr 48:20 k 2 Kg 3:25 l Is 24:7 m Is 16:9 n Jr 48:32 o Is 15:4 p Is 24:8

joy out of the plentiful field. And in the vineyards there will be no singing, nor will there be shouting. The treaders will tread out no wine in *their* presses. I have made *their vintage* shouting to cease.

11 Therefore, ^amy heart will sound like a harp for Moab and my inward feelings for Kirharesh.

12 Then it will come to pass when it is seen that Moab is weary on ^tthe high place, that he will come to his sanctuary to pray. But he will not prevail.

13 ¶ This *is* the word that the LORD has spoken concerning Moab since that time.

14 But now the LORD has spoken, saying, “Within three years, ^aas the years of a hireling, the glory of Moab will be degraded with all that great multitude. And the remnant *will be* very small *and* feeble.

Chapter 17

Prophecy Against Damascus

1 ¶ The ^aburden of Damascus: Behold, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it will be a ruinous heap.

2 The cities of ^bAroer *are* forsaken. They will be for flocks that will lie down, and ^cno one will make *them* afraid.

3 ^dThe fortress also will cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria. They will be as the glory of the children of Israel, says the LORD of armies.

4 ¶ And in that day it will come to pass *that* the glory of Jacob will be made thin, and ^ethe fatness of his flesh will wax lean.

5 And ^fit will be as when the reaper gathers the grain and reaps the grain with his arm. And it will be as he who gathers grain in the valley of Rephaim.

6 ^gYet gleaning grapes will be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two *or* three olives on the topmost bough, four *or* five on its outmost fruitful branches, says the LORD God of Israel.

7 ¶ At that day will a man ^hlook to his Maker and his eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel.

8 And he will not look to the altars, the work of his hands, nor will he respect *that* which his ⁱfingers have made, nor the *Asherah* groves, nor the images.

9 ¶ In that day his strong cities will be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, that they left because of the children of Israel. And there will be desolation.

10 Because you have forgotten ^jthe God of your salvation, and have not been mindful of the rock of your strength, therefore you will plant pleasant plants and will set them with vine slips of a foreign *god*.

11 In the day you will make your plant to grow, and in the morning you will make your seed to flourish. *But* the harvest *will be* a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

12 ¶ Woe to the multitude of many

people *who* make a noise ^klike the noise of the seas, and to the rushing of nations *that* make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!

13 The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters. But *God* will rebuke them and they will flee afar off, and will ^mbe chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

14 And behold, at evening time, trouble. Before the morning he *is* no more. This *is* the portion of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us.

Chapter 18

Prophecy Against Ethiopia

1 ¶ Woe ^ato the land shadowing with wings that *is* beyond the rivers of Ethiopia,

2 who sends ambassadors by the sea, even in papyrus vessels upon the waters. Go, you swift messengers, to a tall and bronze nation, to a people terrible from their beginning unto now, a powerful and oppressive nation whose land the rivers divide.

3 All you inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, ^bwhen he lifts up a banner on the mountains, see *it*. And when he blows a trumpet, hear.

4 ¶ For so the LORD said to me, “I will take My rest and I will consider in My dwelling place like a dazzling heat upon herbs *and* like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.”

5 For before the harvest when the

bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he will both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks and take away *and* cut down the branches.

6 ¶ They will be left together to the birds of the mountains and to the beasts of the earth. And the birds will spend the summer *feeding* on them, and all the beasts of the earth will spend harvest time on them.

7 ¶ In that time ^cthe gift of homage will be brought to the LORD of armies from a tall and bronze people, and from a people terrible from their beginning unto now, a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of the LORD of armies, *even* Mount Zion.

Chapter 19

Prophecy Against Egypt

1 ¶ The ^aburden of Egypt: Behold, the LORD ^brides on a swift cloud and will come into Egypt. And ^cthe idols of Egypt will tremble at His presence, and the heart of Egypt will melt in the midst of it.

2 “I will ^dset the Egyptians against the Egyptians. And everyone will fight against his brother, and everyone against his neighbor, city against city *and* kingdom against kingdom.

3 “And the spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst. And I will destroy its counsel. And they will ^econsult the idols and the charmers, the mediums and the sorcerers.

4 “And I will give the Egyptians over

k Jr 6:23 l Ps 9:5 m Hs 13:3 **Chapter 18:** a Zp 2:12; 3:10 b Is 5:26 c Zp 3:10 **Chapter 19:** a Jl 3:19 b Ps 18:10; 104:3 c Jr 43:12 d Jg 7:22 e Is 8:19; 47:12

into the hand of a cruel lord. And a fierce king will rule over them," says the Lord, the LORD of armies.

5 ¶ And ^ethe waters will fail from the sea, and the River will be wasted and dried up.

6 And they will turn foul. The brooks ^hof defence will be emptied and dried up. The reeds and rushes will wither.

7 The papyrus reeds by the River, by the mouth of the River, and everything sown by the River, will wither, be driven away and be no *more*.

8 The fishermen also will mourn, and all those who cast a line into the River will lament. And those who spread nets upon the waters will pine away.

9 Furthermore, those who work in ⁱfine flax, and those who weave networks, will be confounded.

10 And the pillars *of Egypt* will be broken in pieces. All those who work for hire *will be* grieved in soul.

11 ¶ Surely the princes of ^jZoan are fools. The counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh has become brutish. ^kHow can you say to Pharaoh, "I *am* the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?"

12 ^lWhere *are* they? Where *are* your wise *men*? And let them tell you now, and let them understand what the LORD of armies has ^mpurposed against Egypt.

13 The princes of Zoan have become fools. ⁿThe princes of Noph are deceived. They have also seduced Egypt, *even those who are* the main-

stay of its tribes.

14 The LORD has mingled ^oa perverse spirit in its midst. And they have caused Egypt to err in all their work as a drunken *man* staggers in his vomit.

15 Neither will there be *any* work for Egypt that ^pthe head or tail, branch or rush, may do.

16 ¶ In that day Egypt will ^qbe like to women. And it will be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of armies, ^rthat He shakes over it.

17 And the land of Judah will be a terror to Egypt. Everyone who makes mention of it will be afraid in himself because of the counsel of the LORD of armies, that He has ^sdetermined against it.

18 ¶ In that day five cities in the land of Egypt will ^tspeak the language of Canaan and ^uswear to the LORD of armies. One will be called The City of Righteousness.

19 ¶ In that day ^vthere will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the ^wLORD at its border.

20 And ^xit will be for a sign and for a witness to the LORD of armies in the land of Egypt. For they will cry out to the LORD because of the oppressors, and He will send them a ^ysavior and a great one. And He will deliver them.

21 And the LORD will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will ^zknow the LORD in that day. And they ^awill

f Ez 29:19 g Jr 51:36 h 2 Kg 19:24 i Pv 7:16 j Nm 13:22 k 1 Kg 4:29,30 l 1 Co 1:20 m Ps 33:11 n Jr 2:16 o Is 29:10 p Is 9:14-16 q Nh 3:13 r Is 11:15 s Dn 4:35 t Zp 3:9 u Is 45:23 v Ex 24:4 w Ps 68:31 x Ja 4:20; 22:27 y Is 43:11 z Is 2:3,4; 11:9 a Mt 1:11

make sacrifice and oblation. Yes, they will vow a vow to the LORD and perform *it*.

22 And the LORD will smite Egypt. He will smite and ^bheal *it*. And they will return *even* to the LORD, and He will respond to them and will heal them.

23 ¶ In that day ^cthere will be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria. And the Egyptians will ^dserve with the Assyrians.

24 ¶ In that day Israel will be the third *party* with Egypt and with Assyria, *even* a blessing in the midst of the land,

25 whom the LORD of armies will bless, saying, “Blessed *is* Egypt My people, and Assyria the ^ework of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.”

Chapter 20

Prophecy Against Egypt and Ethiopia

1 ¶ In the year that ^aTartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and fought against Ashdod and took it.

2 At the same time the LORD spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, “Go and loosen ^bthe sackcloth from off your loins and take off your sandals from your feet.” And he did so, ^cwalking naked and barefoot.

3 And the LORD said, “Even as my servant Isaiah has ^cwalked naked and barefoot three years ^dfor a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia,

4 “so will the ^eking of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even ^fwith *their* buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

5 ^g“Then they will be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their hope and of Egypt their glory.

6 “And the inhabitants of this coastland will say in that day, ‘Behold, such *is* our hope, where we fled for ^hhelp to be delivered from the king of Assyria. And how will we escape?’”

Chapter 21

Prophecy Against Babylon

1 ¶ The burden of the Wilderness of the Sea: As ^awhirlwinds in the south pass through, *so* it comes from the desert, from a terrible land.

2 A grievous vision is declared to me. ^bThe treacherous dealer deals treacherously and the plunderer *still* plunders. ^cGo up, O Elam. Besiege, O Media. All its sighing I have caused to cease.

3 Therefore, ^dmy loins are filled with pain. ^ePains have taken hold of me as the pains of a woman in labor. I was bowed down at the hearing *of it*. I was dismayed at the seeing *of it*.

4 My heart panted. Fearfulness terrified me. ^fThe night of my pleasure he has turned into fear for me.

5 ^gPrepare the table. Watch in the watchtower. Eat. Drink. Arise you princes *and* anoint the shield.

b Dt 32:39 **c** Is 11:16; 35:8; 49:11; 62:10 **d** Is 27:13 **e** Is 29:23 **Chapter 20:** **a** 2 Kg 18:17 **b** Zc 13:4 **c** 1 Sm 19:24 **d** Is 8:18 **e** Is 19:4 **f** Jr 13:22 **g** 2 Kg 18:21 **h** Is 30:5,7 **Chapter 21:** **a** Zc 9:14 **b** Is 33:1 **c** Jr 49:34 **d** Is 15:5; 16:11 **e** Is 13:8 **f** Dt 28:67 **g** Dn 5:5

6 ¶ For thus has the Lord said to me, “Go, set a watchman. Let him declare what he sees.”

7 And he saw a chariot *with* a pair of horsemen, a chariot of donkeys *and* a chariot of camels. And he listened diligently with great care.

8 And he cried, “A lion, My lord! I stand continually upon the ^hwatchtower in the daytime and I am stationed every night at my guard post.

9 “And behold, here comes a chariot of men *with* a pair of horsemen.” And he answered and said, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen. And ^jall the graven images of her gods He has broken to the ground.”

10 ^kOh my threshing and the grain of my floor. That which I have heard from the LORD of armies, the God of Israel, I have declared to you.

Prophecy Against Edom

11 ¶ ^lThe burden of Dumah: He calls to me out of ^mSeir, “Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?”

12 The watchman said, “The morning comes and also the night. If you will inquire, inquire. Return. Come again.”

Prophecy Against Arabia

13 ¶ ⁿThe burden upon Arabia: In the forest in Arabia you will lodge, O you caravans of ^oDedan.

14 The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him who was thirsty. They met the fugitive with bread.

15 For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow and from the grievousness of war.

16 ¶ For thus has the Lord said to me, “Within a year, ^paccording to the years of a hireling, all the glory of ^qKedar will fail.

17 “And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, will be diminished, for the LORD God of Israel has spoken *it*.”

Chapter 22

Prophecy Against Jerusalem

1 ¶ The burden of the Valley of Vision: What ails you now that you have all gone up to the housetops?

2 You who are full of noise, a tumultuous city, ^aa joyous city. Your slain *men are* not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle.

3 All your rulers have fled together. They are captured by the archers. All who are found in you are captured together. They have fled from afar.

4 Therefore I said, “Look away from me. ^bI will weep bitterly. Do not labor to comfort me because of the plundering of the daughter of my people.”

5 ^cFor *it is* a day of trouble and of treading down, and of perplexity ^dby the Lord GOD of armies in the Valley of Vision, breaking down the walls and of crying out to the mountains.

6 And ^eElam bore the quiver with chariots of men *and* horsemen, and

^fKir uncovered the shield.

7 And it will come to pass *that* your choicest valleys will be full of chariots and the horsemen will set themselves in array at the gate.

8 ¶ And ^ghe discovered the covering of Judah and you looked in that day to the armor ^hof the house of the forest.

9 ⁱYou have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many. And you gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

10 And you have numbered the houses of Jerusalem and the houses you have broken down to fortify the wall.

11 ^jYou made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old ^kpool. But you have not looked to its Maker, nor had respect for Him who fashioned it long ago.

12 ¶ And in that day the Lord GOD of armies ^lcalled to weeping and to mourning and ^mto baldness, and to girding with sackcloth.

13 And behold, joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating meat and ⁿdrinking wine. ^oLet us eat and drink, for tomorrow we will die.

14 And ^pit was revealed in my ears by the LORD of armies, “Surely this iniquity ^qwill not be purged from you until you die,” says the Lord GOD of armies.

15 Thus says the Lord GOD of armies, “Go. Proceed to this steward, *even* to ^rShebna, who *is* over the house, *and say*,

16 ‘What have you here, and whom have you here, that you have hewed out your sepulchre here, *as he* ^swho hews himself out a sepulchre on high *and* who carves a habitation for himself in a rock?’

17 ‘Behold, the LORD will carry you away with a mighty captivity ^tand will surely seize you.

18 ‘He will surely violently turn and toss you *like* a ball into a vast country. There you will die and there ^uthe chariots of your glory *will be* the shame of your lord’s house.’

19 “And I will drive you from your office, and from your state he will pull you down.

20 “And it will come to pass in that day that I will call My servant ^vEliakim the son of Hilkiah.

21 “And I will clothe him with your robe and strengthen him with your girdle. And I will commit your government into his hand. And he will be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

22 “Then the key of the house of David I will lay upon his ^wshoulder so that he will ^xopen and none will shut. And he will shut and none will open.

23 “And I will fasten him *as* ^ya nail in a sure place, and he will be for a glorious throne to his father’s house.

24 “And they will hang upon him all the glory of his father’s house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of pitchers.

^f Is 15:1 ^g 2 Kg 18:15,16 ^h 1 Kg 7:2; 10:17 ⁱ 2 Kg 20:20 ^j Ne 3:16 ^k 2 Ch 32:3,4 ^l Jl 1:13; 2:17 ^m Mc 1:16 ⁿ Lk 17:26-29 ^o 1 Co 15:32 ^p Is 5:9 ^q Ez 24:13 ^r Is 36:3 ^s Mt 27:60 ^t Et 7:8 ^u Is 2:7 ^v 2 Kg 18:18 ^w Is 9:6 ^x Jb 12:14; Rv 3:7 ^y Er 9:8

25 “In that day,” says the LORD of armies, “will the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed and be cut down, and fall. And the burden that *was* upon it will be cut off, for the LORD has spoken *it*.”

Chapter 23

Prophesy Against Tyre

1 ¶ The ^aburden of Tyre: Wail, you ships of Tarshish, for it is laid waste so that there is no house, no harbor. From the land of Chittim, it is revealed to them.

2 Be still you inhabitants of the coastland, you merchants of Sidon. Your messengers crossed the sea

3 and *were* on many waters. The grain of the River, the harvest of the River was her revenue. And ^bshe was the market of nations.

4 Be ashamed, O Sidon, for the sea has spoken, *even* the strength of the sea, saying, “I do not travail, nor bring forth children, nor have I brought up young men, *nor* bring up virgins.”

5 ^cAs at the report concerning Egypt, *so* will they sorely anguish at the report of Tyre.

6 Pass over to Tarshish. Wail, you inhabitants of the coastland.

7 *Is* this your ^djoyous city, whose antiquity *is* from ancient days, whose feet used to carry her far off to dwell?

8 ¶ Who has taken this counsel against Tyre, ^ethe crowning city, whose merchants *are* princes, whose traders *are* the honorable of the earth?

9 The LORD of armies has ^fpurposed it, to defile the ^gpride of all glory *and* to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth.

10 Pass through your land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish. *There is* no more restraint.

11 He stretched out his hand over the sea. He shook the kingdoms. The LORD has given a commandment ^hagainst the merchant city, to destroy its strongholds.

12 And He said, “You will no more rejoice, O you oppressed virgin, daughter of Sidon. Arise, ⁱpass over to Chittim. There also you will have no rest.”

13 Behold the land of the ^jChaldeans. This people was not *until* the Assyrian appointed it for those who dwell in ^kthe wilderness. They set up its towers. They raised up its palaces. He *then* brought it to ruin.

14 ^lWail, you ships of Tarshish, for your strength is laid waste.

15 ¶ And it will come to pass in that day that Tyre will be forgotten *for* 70 years, according to the days of one king. After the end of 70 years Tyre will sing as a harlot.

16 “Take a harp. Go about the city, you harlot who was forgotten. Make sweet melody. Sing many songs so that you may be remembered.”

17 Then it will come to pass after the end of 70 years that the LORD will visit Tyre and she will return to her hire. And she will ^mcommit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

Chapter 23: a Zc 9:2,4 b Ex 27:3-23 c Is 19:16 d Is 22:2; 32:13 e Ez 28:2,12 f Is 14:26 g Dn 4:37 h Zc 9:2-4 i Rv 18:22 j Is 47:1 k Ps 72:9 l Ez 27:25-30 m Rv 17:2

18 And her merchandise and her hire ^awill be holiness to the LORD. It will not be treasured nor laid up, for her merchandise will be for those who dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently and for choice clothing.

Chapter 24

God's Devastation of the Earth

1 ¶ Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty and waste. And He turns it upside down and scatters abroad its inhabitants.

2 And it will be *that* as with the people, so with the ^apriest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; ^bas with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor.

3 The earth will be utterly emptied and utterly plundered, for the LORD has spoken this word.

4 The earth mourns *and* fades away. The world languishes *and* fades away. The ^carrogant people of the earth languish.

5 ^dThe earth also is defiled by its inhabitants, because they have ^etransgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, *and* broken the ^feverlasting covenant.

6 Therefore, ^gthe curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell on it are desolate. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are ^hburned and few men *are* left.

7 ¶ ⁱThe new wine fails. The vine languishes. All the merry-hearted sigh.

8 The mirth ^jof the tambourine ceases. The sound of those who rejoice ends. The joy of the harp ceases.

9 They will not drink wine with a song. Strong drink will be bitter to those who drink it.

10 The city of confusion is broken down. Every house is shut up so that no man may come in.

11 *There is* a lamentation for wine in the fields. All joy is darkened. The mirth of the land is gone.

12 In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction.

13 For so it will be in the midst of the land among the people. ^k*It will be* as the shaking of an olive tree, *and* as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done.

14 ¶ They will lift up their voice. They will sing for the majesty of the LORD. They will cry aloud from the sea.

15 Therefore, ^lglorify the LORD in the dawning light, *even* ^mthe name of the LORD God of Israel in the coastlands of the sea.

16 From the ends of the earth we have heard songs, *even* glory to the righteous. But I said, "My leanness. My leanness. Woe to me!" ⁿThe treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously. Yes, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously."

17 ^oFear and the pit and the snare *are* upon you, Oh inhabitant of the earth.

18 And it will come to pass *that* he who flees from the noise of the fear

n Zc 14:20,21 **Chapter 24:** a Hs 4:9 b Ez 7:12,13 c Is 25:11 d Nm 35:33 e Is 59:12 f 1 Ch 16:14-19 g MI 4:6 h Is 9:19 i Jl 1:10,12 j Ez 26:13 k Is 17:5,6; 27:12 l Is 25:3 m MI 1:11 n Jr 3:20; 5:11 o Jr 48:43

will fall into the pit. And he who comes up out of the midst of the pit will be taken in the snare. For ^pthe windows from on high are open and ^qthe foundations of the earth shake.

19 ^rThe earth is utterly broken assunder. The earth is split open. The earth is shaken.

20 The earth will ^sreel to and fro like a drunkard, and will be removed like a cottage. And its transgression will be heavy upon it. And it will fall and not rise again.

21 ¶ And it will come to pass in that day *that* the LORD will punish the host of the exalted ones *who are* on high, and ^tthe kings of the earth upon the earth.

22 And they will be gathered together *as* prisoners are gathered in the pit. And they will be shut up in the prison. Then after many days they will be visited.

23 Then the ^umoon will be disgraced and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of armies ^vreigns gloriously on ^wMount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before His elders.

Chapter 25

Praise the Lord

1 ¶ O LORD, you *are* my God. ^aI will exalt You. I will praise Your name, ^bfor You have done wonderful *things*. ^cYour plans of old *are* faithfulness and truth.

2 For You have made a heap of ^da city, a ruin *of* a fortified city, a palace of foreigners to be no city. It will

never be rebuilt.

3 Therefore, the strong people will ^eglorify You. The city of the terrible nations will fear You.

4 For You have been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, ^fa refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, for the breath of the ruthless is like a *rain* storm *against* a wall.

5 You will bring down the noise of foreigners as the heat in a dry place, *even* the heat with the shadow of a cloud. The branch of the ruthless ones will be brought low.

6 ¶ And in ^gthis mountain ^hthe LORD of armies will make ⁱall people a feast of choice pieces, a feast of aged wines, of fat things full of marrow, of aged wines well refined.

7 And He will destroy in this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and ^jthe veil that is spread over all nations.

8 He will ^kswallow up death in victory, and the Lord GOD will ^lwipe away tears from off all faces. And the rebuke of His people He will take away from off all the earth, for the LORD has spoken *it*.

9 ¶ And it will be said in that day, “Lo, this *is* our God. We have waited for Him and He will save us. This *is* the LORD. ^mWe have waited for Him. ⁿWe will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

10 For in this mountain the hand of the LORD will rest, and ^oMoab will be trodden down under him, even as

p Gn 7:11 q Ps 18:7; 46:2 r Jr 4:23 s Is 19:14; 24:1; 28:7 t Ps 76:12 u Is 13:10; 60:19 v Rv 19:4,6 w Hb 12:22 **Chapter 25:** a Ex 15:2 b Ps 98:1 c Nm 23:19 d Jr 51:37 e Is 24:15 f Is 4:6 g Is 2:2-4; 56:7 h Pv 9:2 i Dn 7:14 j Ep 4:18 k Hs 13:14 l Rv 7:17; 21:4 m Gn 49:18 n Ps 20:5 o Am 2:1-3

straw is trodden down for the dung-hill.

11 And He will spread forth His hands in the midst of them, as he who swims spreads forth *his hands* to swim. And He will bring down their ^ppride together with the plunder of their hands.

12 And the ^qfortress of the high fort of your walls He will bring down, lay low *and* bring to the ground, *even* to the dust.

Chapter 26

Song of Praise

1 ¶^aIn that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: “We have a strong city. ^bGod will appoint salvation *for* walls and bulwarks.

2 “Open the gates so that the righteous nation that keeps the truth may enter in.

3 “You will keep *him* in perfect ^dpeace, *whose* mind *is* focused *on* You, because he trusts in You.

4 “Trust in the LORD forever, ^efor in GOD the LORD *is* everlasting strength.

5 “For He brings down those who dwell on high. ^fThe lofty city He lays low. He lays it low, *even* to the ground. He brings it *even* to the dust.

6 “The foot will tread it down, *even* the feet of the poor *and* the steps of the needy.”

7 ¶ The way of the righteous is level, ^gO Most Upright. You weight the path of the just.

8 Yes, ^hin the way of Your judgments,

O LORD, we have ⁱwaited for You. The desire of *our* soul *is* to Your name and to Your remembrance.

9 ^jWith my soul I have desired You in the night. Yes, with my spirit within me I will seek You early. For when Your judgments *are* on the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

10 ^kLet grace be shown to the wicked, *and still* he will not learn righteousness. In ^lthe land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.

11 LORD, *when* Your hand is lifted up, ^mthey will not see. *But* they will see to their shame Your jealousy for Your people. Yes, the fire will devour Your adversaries.

12 ¶ LORD, You will ordain peace for us, since You have also performed for us all our works.

13 O LORD our God, *other* ⁿlords beside You have had dominion over us. *But* by You only will we make mention of Your name.

14 *They are* dead. They will not live. *They are* deceased. They will not rise. Therefore, You have visited and destroyed them and made all their memory ^operish.

15 You have increased the nation, O LORD. You have ^pincreased the nation. You are glorified. You have extended all the borders of the land.

16 LORD, ^qin trouble they have visited You. They poured out a whispered prayer *when* Your chastening *was* upon them.

p Is 24:4; 26:5 q Is 26:5 Chapter 26: a Is 2:11; 12:1 b Is 60:18 c Ps 118:19,20 d Is 57:19 e Is 12:2; 45:17 f Is 25:11,12 g Ps 37:23 h Is 64:5 i Is 25:9; 33:2 j Ps 63:6 k Rm 2:4 l Ps 143:10 m Is 5:12 n 2Ch 12:8 o Ec 9:5 p Is 9:3 q Hs 5:15

17 Like ^aa woman with child *who* draws near to the time of her delivery is in pain *and* cries out in her pain, so we have been in Your sight, O LORD.

18 We have been with child. We have been in pain. We gave birth, as it seems, *only* of wind. We have not worked any deliverance on the earth, nor have ^sthe inhabitants of the world fallen.

19 ^vYour dead will live. *Together with* my dead body they will arise. ^uAwake and sing you who dwell in dust, for your dew *is as* the dew of herbs and the earth will cast out the dead.

20 ¶ Come, My people. ^vEnter into your chambers and shut your doors behind you. Hide yourself as if it were ^wfor a little moment, until the indignation is past.

21 For behold, the LORD ^xcomes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. The earth also will disclose her blood and will no longer cover her slain.

Chapter 27

Deliverance of Israel

1 ¶ In that day the LORD with His sore and great and strong sword will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, even ^aLeviathan that twisted serpent. And he will slay ^bthe reptile that *lives* in the sea.

2 In that day ^csing to her, ^d“A vineyard of red wine.

3 “I the LORD keep it. I will water it every moment. Lest *any* hurt it, I

will keep it night and day.

4 “Fury *is* not in Me. Who would set the ^bbriers *and* thorns against Me in battle? I would go through them. I would burn them together.

5 “Or let him take hold ^eof My strength *so that* he may ^hmake peace with Me. He will make peace with Me.”

6 He will cause those who come from Jacob ⁱto take root. Israel will blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

7 ¶ ^jHas He struck him as He struck those who struck him? Has He been slain according to the slaughter of those who were slain by Him?

8 ^kYou contended with them by banishing them, by driving them away. With His fierce wind ^lHe has removed *them* on the day of the east wind.

9 By this, therefore, the iniquity of Jacob will be purged. And this *is* all the fruit of taking away his sin, when he makes all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten to dust. The groves and images will not stand up.

10 Yet the fortified city *will be* ^mdesolate *and* the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness. There the calf will feed, and there he will lie down and consume its branches.

11 When its boughs are withered, they will be broken off. The women come *and* set them on fire. For ⁿit *is* a people of no understanding, there-

r Jn 16:21 s Ps 17:14 t Ez 37:1-14 u Dn 12:2 v Ex 12:22,23 w Ps 30:5 x Mc 1:3 **Chapter 27:** a Ps 74:13,14 b Is 51:9 c Is 5:1 d Is 5:7 e Is 31:5 f 2 Sm 23:6 g Is 25:4 h Jb 22:21 i Is 37:31 j Is 10:12,17; 30:30-33 k Jb 23:6 l Ps 78:38 m Is 5:6,17; 32:14 n Dt 32:28

fore He who made them will ^onot have mercy on them, and ^pHe who formed them will show them no favor.

12 ¶ And it will come to pass in that day *that* the LORD will thresh from the flowing stream of the River to the Brook of Egypt, and you will be ^qgathered one by one, O you children of Israel.

13 ^rAnd it will come to pass in that day *that* ^sthe great trumpet will be blown, and they will come who were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of ^tEgypt, and will ^uworship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Chapter 28

Woe to Ephraim

1 ¶ Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty *is* a fading flower, who *are* on the head of the fertile valleys of those who *are* overcome with wine!

2 Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one, *who* ^aas a tempest of hail *and* a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, will cast down to the earth with the hand.

3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, will be trodden underfoot.

4 And the glorious beauty that *is* on the head of the fertile valley will be a fading flower, as the first fruit before the summer that an observer sees. While it is yet in his hand he eats it up.

5 ¶ In that day the LORD of armies

will be for a crown of glory and for a diadem of beauty to the remnant of His people,

6 and for a spirit of judgment to him who sits in judgment, and for strength to those who turn the battle at the gate.

7 ¶ But they also ^bhave erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way. ^cThe priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink. They are swallowed up by wine. They are out of the way through strong drink. They err in vision. They stumble *in* judgment.

8 For all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness, *so that there is* no place *clean*.

9 ¶ Whom ^dwill he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? *Those who are* weaned from the milk *and* drawn from the breasts.

10 ^eFor precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little *and* there a little.

11 ¶ For with ^fstammering lips and a foreign language He will speak to this people.

12 To whom He said, “This *is* the ^grest *with which* you may cause the weary to rest, and this *is* the refreshing.” *And yet, they would not hear.*

13 But the word of the LORD was to them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little *and* there a little; so that they might go and fall backward and be broken and snared and taken.

o Is 9:17 p Dt 32:18 q Is 11:11; 56:8 r Is 2:11 s Rv 11:15 t Is 19:21,22 u Zc 14:16 Chapter 28: a Ez 13:11 b Hs 4:11 c Is 56:10,12 d Jr 6:10 e 2 Ch 36:15 f 1 Co 14:21 g Is 30:15

14 ¶ Therefore, hear the word of the LORD you scornful men who rule this people who *are* in Jerusalem.

15 Because you have said, “We have made a covenant with death, and with sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge will pass through, it will not come to us, ^bfor we have made lies our refuge and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves”

16 ¶ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation ^aa stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation. He who believes will not act hastily.

17 “I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plummet. And the hail will sweep away the refuge of lies and the waters will overflow the hiding place.

18 “And your covenant with death will be disannulled, and your agreement with sheol will not stand. When the overflowing scourge passes through, then you will be trodden down by it.

19 “From the time that it goes forth it will take you. For morning by morning it will pass over by day and by night. And it will be a vexation only *to* understand the report.”

20 ¶ For the bed is too short for *a man* to stretch himself *on it*, and the covering is too narrow to wrap oneself in.

21 For the LORD will rise up as *in* Mount ^jPerazim. He will be stirred up as *in* the Valley of ^kGibeon, so that

He may do His work, ^lHis awesome work, and bring to pass His act, His extraordinary act.

22 Now therefore do not be mockers, lest your bonds be made strong. For I have heard from the Lord GOD of armies of ^mdecisive destruction on all the earth.

23 ¶ Give ear and hear my voice. Hearken and hear my speech.

24 Does the plowman plow all day in order to sow? Does he open and break the clods of his ground?

25 Does he not level its surface and sow dill and scatter cummin, and plant wheat in rows, barley in its place and rye within its area?

26 For his God instructs him in right judgment *and* teaches him.

27 For the dill is not threshed with a threshing instrument, nor is a cart wheel rolled upon the cummin. But the dill is beaten out with a staff and the cummin with a rod.

28 Bread *floor* is crushed. He does not continue to thresh it forever. Because the wheel of *his* cart and his horses *eventually* damage *it*, he does not thresh too long.

29 This also comes forth from the LORD of armies, ⁿ*who* is wonderful in counsel *and* excellent in working.

Chapter 29

Woe to Jerusalem

1 ¶ Woe ^ato Ariel, to Ariel, the city ^b*where* David dwelt! Add year to year. Let them kill sacrifices.

2 Yet I will distress Ariel, and there will be heaviness and sorrow. And it

^h Is 9:15 ⁱ Mt 21:42; ^m Mk 12:10; ^k Lk 20:17; ^l At 4:11; ⁿ Rm 9:33; 10:11; ^o Ep 2:20; ^p 1 Pt 2:6-8 ^q 2 Sm 5:20 ^r Ja 10:10, 12 ^s Lm 3:33 ^t Is 10:22 ^u Ps 92:5 **Chapter 29:** ^v a Ez 24:6,9 ^w b 2 Sm 5:9

will be to Me as Ariel.

3 And I will camp against you all around and will lay siege against you with a mound. And I will raise forts against you.

4 So you will be brought down *and* will speak ^cout of the ground. And your voice will be low out of the dust. Your voice will also be like that of a spirit from the ground. And your speech will whisper from the dust.

5 ¶ Furthermore, the multitude of your ^denemies will become like fine dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones *will be* as ^echaff that passes away. Yes, it will be ^fin an instant, suddenly.

6 ^gYou will be visited from the LORD of armies with thunder and with ^hearthquake and great noise, with storm and tempest and the flame of a devouring fire.

7 And ⁱthe multitude of all the nations who fight against Ariel, even all who fight against her and her stronghold, and who distress her, will be ^jas a dream of a night vision.

8 ^kIt will even be as when a hungry *man* dreams, and behold, he eats. But he awakens *and* his hunger is not satisfied. Or as when a thirsty man dreams, and behold, he drinks. But he awakens, and behold, *he is* faint and his thirst is not quenched. So will the multitude of all the nations be who fight against Mount Zion.

9 ¶ Pause and wonder. Blind yourselves and be blind. ^lThey are drunken, ^mbut not with wine. They

stagger, but not with strong drink.

10 For ⁿthe LORD has poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep. He has ^oshut your eyes, the prophets. And He has covered your heads, ^pthe seers.

11 ¶ And the vision of all has become to you as the words of a scroll ^qthat is sealed, that *men* deliver to one who is learned, saying, "Please, read this." ^rAnd he says, "I cannot, for it *is* sealed."

12 And the scroll is delivered to him who is not literate, saying, "Please, read this." And he says, "I am not literate."

13 ¶ Therefore, the Lord said, ^s"Forasmuch as this people draw near *Me* with their mouth, and ^twith their lips do honor Me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,

14 ^u"therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, *even* a marvellous work and a wonder. ^vFor the wisdom of their wise *men* will perish and the understanding of their prudent *men* will be hidden."

15 ¶ ^wWoe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the LORD, and their works are in the dark. ^xAnd they say, "Who sees us?" and, "Who knows us?"

16 Surely your turning of things upside down will be esteemed as the potter's clay. Will the thing made say to him who made it, "He did not

c Is 8:19 d Is 25:5 e Jb 21:18 f Is 30:13; 47:11 g Is 28:2; 30:30 h Rv 16:18,19 i Mc 4:11,12 j Jb 20:8 k Ps 73:20 l Is 28:7,8 m Is 51:21 n Rm 11:8 o Ps 69:23 p Is 44:18 q Is 8:16 r Dn 12:4,9 s Ez 33:31; Mt 15:8,9; Mk 7:6,7 t Cl 2:22 u Hk 1:5 v Jr 49:7 w Is 30:1 x Ps 10:11; 94:7

make me?" Or will the ^ything framed say of him who framed it, "He had no understanding?"

17 ¶ *Is* it not yet a very little time until ^zLebanon will be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field will be esteemed as a forest?

18 And ^ain that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and the eyes of the blind will see out of obscurity and out of darkness.

19 ^bThe meek also will increase *their* joy in the LORD, and ^cthe poor among men will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

20 For the terrible one is brought to nought and ^dthe scorner is consumed. And all who ^ehave intent to do evil are cut off,

21 who cause a person to be indicted by a word, and ^flay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and turn aside the just ^gwith empty words.

22 ¶ Therefore, thus says the LORD ^hwho redeemed Abraham concerning the house of Jacob, "Jacob will not now be ⁱashamed, nor will his face now wax pale.

23 "But when he sees his children, ^jthe work of My hands in the midst of him, they will sanctify My name and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob. And they will fear the God of Israel.

24 They also who ^kerred in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmured will accept instruction."

Chapter 30

Alliance with Egypt

1 ¶ "Woe to the rebellious children," says the LORD, ^a"who take counsel, but not from Me; and who cover with a covering, but not from My Spirit, so ^bthat they may add sin to sin;

2 ^c"who walk to go down into Egypt, and ^dhave not asked at My mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

3 ^e"Therefore, the strength of Pharaoh will be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt *your* confusion.

4 "For his princes were at ^fZoan and his ambassadors came to Hanes.

5 ^g"They were all ashamed of a people *who* could not profit them, nor be a help or profit, but a shame and also a reproach."

6 ¶ ^hThe burden of the beasts of the Negev: Into the land of trouble and anguish, from where the young and old lion *come*, ⁱthe viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young donkeys and their treasures upon the humps of camels to a people *who* will not profit *them*.

7 ^jFor the Egyptians will help in vain and for no purpose. Therefore, I have cried out concerning this, "Rahab who does nothing."

A Rebellious People

8 ¶ Now go. ^kWrite it before them on a tablet, and note it on a scroll, that it may be for the time to come forever and ever.

9 This ^lis a rebellious people, lying children, children *who* will not hear

y Is 45:9 z Is 32:15 a Is 35:5 b Is 11:4; 61:1 c Js 2:5 d Is 28:14 e Mc 2:1 f Am 5:10,12 g Pv 28:21 h Ja 24:3 i Is 45:17 j Is 45:11; 49:20-26 k Is 28:7 Chapter 30: a Is 29:15 b Dt 29:19 c Is 31:1 d Ja 9:14 e Is 20:5 f Is 19:11 g Jr 2:36 h Is 57:9 i Dt 8:15 j Jr 37:7 k Hk 2:2 l Is 1:2,4; 65:2

the law of the LORD.

10 ^mThey say to the seers, "Do not see," and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things. ⁿSpeak to us smooth things. Prophecy deceits.

11 "Get out of the way. Turn aside out of the path. Cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us."

12 ¶ Therefore, thus says the Holy One of Israel, "Because you ^odespise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and have relied on them,

13 "therefore this iniquity will be to you ^pas a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking ^qcomes suddenly at an instant.

14 "And ^rHe will break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces. He will not spare, so that there will not be found in the shattering of it a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water *with it* out of the pit."

15 ¶ For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, ^s"By returning and remaining quiet you will be saved. In stillness and in confidence your strength will lie." ^tBut you were not willing.

16 But you said, "No, for we will flee upon horses." Therefore, you will flee. And, "We will ride upon swift horses." Therefore, those who pursue you will be swift.

17 ^uOne thousand will *flee* at the rebuke of one. At the rebuke of five you will flee, until you are left as a

beacon upon the top of a mountain and as a banner on a hill.

18 ¶ Therefore, the LORD will wait so that He may be ^vgracious to you. Therefore, He will be exalted so that He may have mercy on you, for the LORD *is* a God of justice. ^wBlessed *are* all those who ^xwait for Him.

19 For the people ^ywill dwell in Zion at Jerusalem. You will ^zweep no more. He will be very gracious to you at the voice of your cry. When He will hear it, He will ^aanswer you.

20 And *though* the Lord gives you ^bthe bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet ^cyour Teacher will not hide in a corner anymore, but your eyes will see your Teacher.

21 And your ears will hear a word behind you, saying, "This *is* the way. Walk in it," whenever you ^dturn to the right hand and when you turn to the left.

22 ^eYou will defile also the covering of your graven images of silver and the ornament of your molten images of gold. You will cast them away as an unclean thing. ^fYou will say to it, "Get away."

23 ¶ ^gThen He will give the rain for your seed so that you will sow the ground with it, and bread from the increase of the earth. And it will be fat and plenteous. In that day your cattle will feed in large pastures.

24 The oxen likewise and the young donkeys that plow the ground will eat savory fodder that has been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan.

^m Jr 11:21 ⁿ 1 Kg 22:8,13 ^o Is 5:24 ^p Ps 62:3,4 ^q Is 29:5 ^r Jr 19:11 ^s Is 7:4; 28:12 ^t Mt 23:37 ^u Ja 23:10 ^v Is 33:2 ^w Jr 17:7 ^x Is 26:8 ^y Is 65:9 ^z Is 25:8 ^a Is 65:24 ^b 1 Kg 22:27 ^c Am 8:11 ^d Ja 1:7 ^e Is 2:20; 31:7 ^f Hs 14:8 ^g Mt 6:33

25 And there will be ^hupon every high mountain and upon every high hill, rivers *and* streams of waters in the day of the ⁱgreat slaughter, when the towers fall.

26 Furthermore, ^jthe light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD binds up the breach of His people and heals the stroke of their wound.

27 ¶ Behold, the name of the LORD comes from afar, burning *with* His anger and its burden *is* heavy. His lips are full of indignation and His tongue *is* as a devouring fire.

28 And ^kHis breath, as an overflowing stream, ^lwill reach to the middle of the neck to sift the nations with the sieve of futility. And *there will be* ^ma bridle in the jaws of the people, causing *them* to err.

29 You will have a song as in the night *when* a holy festival is kept, and gladness of heart as when one goes with a flute to come into ⁿthe mountain of the LORD, to the Mighty One of Israel.

30 And ^othe LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard. And He will show the descending of His arm with the indignation of *His* anger, and *with* the flame of a devouring fire, *with* scattering and tempest ^pand hailstones.

31 For ^qthrough the voice of the LORD will the Assyrian be beaten down *who* smote with a ^rrod.

32 And *in* every place where the staff of punishment will pass that the LORD lays upon him, *it* will be with tambourines and harps. And in battles, ^sbrandishing weapons, He will fight them.

33 ^tFor Tophet *is* ordained from old. Yes, for the king it is prepared. He has made *it* deep *and* large, with an abundance of fire and wood. The breath of the LORD kindles it like a stream of brimstone.

Chapter 31

Woe to Alliances with Egypt

1 ¶ Woe to those ^awho go down to Egypt for help, and ^brely on horses and trust in chariots because *they are* many, and in horsemen because they are very strong, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel, ^cnor seek the LORD!

2 Yet He also *is* wise and will bring evil, and ^dwill not take back His words. But He will arise against the house of the evildoers and against the help of those who work iniquity.

3 Now the Egyptians *are* men and not God, and their horses flesh and not spirit. When the LORD will stretch out His hand, both he who helps will fall and he who is helped will fall down. And they will all fail ^etogether.

4 ¶ For thus has the LORD spoken to me, ^f“Like the lion and the young lion roaring over his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, *he* will not be afraid of

h Is 2:14,15 **i** Is 2:10-21; 34:2 **j** Is 60:19,20 **k** Is 11:4 **l** Is 8:8 **m** Is 37:29 **n** Is 2:3 **o** Is 29:6 **p** Is 28:2 **q** Is 14:25; 37:36 **r** Is 10:5,24 **s** Is 11:15 **t** Jr 7:31 **Chapter 31:** **a** Is 30:1,2 **b** Ps 20:7 **c** Dn 9:13 **d** Nm 23:19 **e** Is 20:6 **f** Hs 11:10

their voice, nor disturb himself because of their noise. So will the LORD of armies come down to fight for Mount Zion and for its hill.

5 ^sAs birds flying, so will the LORD of armies defend Jerusalem, *and* defending He will also deliver *it*. *And* passing over, He will preserve it.

6 ¶ Turn to *Him* from whom the children of Israel have ^hdeeply revolted.

7 For in that day every man will ⁱcast away his idols of silver and his idols of gold that your ^jsinful hands have made for you as a sin.

8 “Then the Assyrian will ^kfall by a sword not of man, and a sword not of man will ^ldevour him. But he will flee from the sword, and his young men will become forced laborers.

9 ^m“And he will pass over to his stronghold for fear, and his princes will be afraid of the banner,” says the LORD, whose fire *is* in Zion and His furnace in Jerusalem.

Chapter 32

Kingdom of Righteousness

1 ¶ Behold, ^aa king will reign in righteousness and princes will rule in judgment.

2 And a man will be as a refuge from the wind and ^ba shelter from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

3 And ^cthe eyes of those who see will not be dim and the ears of those who hear will listen.

4 The heart also of the rash will ^dun-

derstand knowledge and the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak clearly.

5 The fool will no longer be called noble, nor the rogue said *to be* generous.

6 For the fool will speak nonsense and his heart will work ^einiquity to practice ungodliness and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry. And he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

7 The instruments also of the fool *are* evil. He devises wicked devices to destroy the poor with ^fflying words, even when the needy speak right.

8 But the noble devises noble things, and by noble things he will stand.

The Women of Jerusalem

9 ¶ Rise up you women ^swho are at ease. Hear my voice you complacent daughters. Give ear to my speech.

10 You will be troubled many days and years, you complacent women, for the vintage will fail *and* the gathering will not come.

11 Tremble, you women who are at ease. Be troubled you careless ones. Strip and make yourselves bare, and gird *sackcloth* upon *your* loins.

12 Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

13 ^hOn the land of my people will come up thorns *and* briers, yes, on all the houses of joy *in* ⁱthe joyous city,

14 ^jbecause the palaces will be forsaken. The bustling city will be deserted. The forts and towers will be

g Dt 32:11 h Hs 9:9 i Is 2:20; 30:22 j 1 Kg 12:30 k 2 Kg 19:35,36 l Is 37:36 m Is 37:37 **Chapter 32:** a Ps 45:1 b Is 4:6 c Is 29:18; 35:5 d Is 29:24 e Pv 24:7-9 f Jr 5:26-28 g Am 6:1 h Hs 9:6 i Is 22:2 j Is 27:10

for dens forever, a joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks,

15 until ^kthe Spirit is poured upon us from on high and ^lthe wilderness is a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is counted for a forest.

16 ¶ Then judgment will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

17 And ^mthe work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever.

18 And My people will dwell in a peaceable habitation and in secure dwellings, and in quiet ⁿresting places,

19 ^othough hail comes down ^pon the forest and the city brought low in humiliation.

20 Blessed *are* you who sow beside all waters, who let out freely ^qthe ox and the donkey.

Chapter 33

Distress and Help

1 ¶ Woe to you ^awho plunder but *are* not plundered, and those who deal treacherously but are not dealt with treacherously! When you cease to ^bplunder, you will be ^cplundered. When you stop dealing treacherously, they will deal treacherously with you.

2 ¶ Oh LORD be gracious to us. ^dWe have waited for You. Be their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

3 At the noise of the tumult the

people ^efled. At the lifting up of Yourself the nations were scattered.

4 And Your plunder will be gathered *like* the gathering of the caterpillar. As the running to and fro of locusts, He will run upon them.

5 ^fThe LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high. He has filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

6 And wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, *and* strength of salvation. The fear of the LORD *is* his treasure.

7 ¶ Behold, their valiant ones will cry outside. ^gThe ambassadors of peace will weep bitterly.

8 ^hThe highways lie waste *and* the wayfaring man ceases. ⁱHe has broken the covenant. He has despised the cities. He regards no man.

9 ^jThe earth mourns *and* languishes. Lebanon is ashamed *and* cut down. Sharon is like a wilderness, and Bashan and Carmel shake off *their* fruits.

10 “Now ^kI will rise,” says the LORD. “Now I will be exalted. Now I will exalt Myself.

11 ^l“You will conceive chaff. You will bring forth stubble. Your breath, *as* fire, will devour you.

12 “And the people will be *as* the burnings of lime. ^mAs thorns cut up, they will be burned in the fire.

13 “Hear, ⁿyou *who are* afar off, what I have done. And you *who are* near, acknowledge My might.”

14 ¶ The sinners in Zion are afraid. Fearfulness has surprised the hypo-

k JI 2:28 l Is 29:17 m Js 3:18 n Zc 2:5; 3:10 o Is 30:30 p Zc 11:2 q Is 30:23,24 Chapter 33: a Hk 2:8 b Rv 13:10 c Is 10:12; 14:25; 31:8 d Is 25:9; 26:8 e Is 17:13 f Ps 97:9 g 2 Kg 18:18,37 h Jg 5:6 i 2 Kg 18:13-17 j Is 24:4 k Ps 12:5 l Ps 7:14 m Is 9:18 n Is 49:1

crites. Who among us will dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us will dwell with everlasting ^oburnings?

15 He who ^pwalks righteously and speaks uprightly. He who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands from holding of bribes, who stops his ears from hearing of blood, and ^qshuts his eyes from seeing evil.

16 He will dwell on high. His place of defence *will be* the fortress of rocks. Bread will be given him. His waters *will be* sure.

17 ¶ Your eyes will see the king in ^rhis beauty. They will behold the land that is very far off.

18 Your heart will meditate on terror. ^sWhere *is* the scribe? Where *is* the receiver? Where *is* he who counted the towers?

19 ^tYou will not see a fierce people, ^ua people of a deeper speech than you can perceive, of an obscure language *that you cannot understand.*

20 ^vLook upon Zion, the city of our solemn feasts. Your eyes will see ^wJerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle *that will not be taken down.* ^xNot one of ^yits stakes will ever be removed, nor will any of its ropes be broken.

21 But there the glorious LORD *will be* to us a place of broad rivers *and* streams, wherein will go no boat with oars, nor on which any mighty ship will pass.

22 For the LORD *is* our ^zjudge. The

LORD *is* our ^alawgiver. ^bThe LORD *is* our king. He will save us.

23 Your tackle hangs slack. It cannot hold the base of its mast firmly, nor spread out the sail. Then the prey of a great plunder is divided. The lame take the plunder.

24 And the inhabitant will not say, "I am sick." ^cThe people who dwell in it *will be* forgiven *their* iniquity.

Chapter 34

Judgment Against the Nations

1 ¶ Come ^dnear you nations to hear, and hearken you people. ^eLet the earth hear and all who are in it, the world and all things that come forth from it.

2 For the indignation of the LORD *is* upon all nations and *His* fury upon all their armies. He has utterly destroyed them. He has delivered them to the ^fslaughter.

3 Their slain also will be cast out and ^gtheir stench will come up from their carcasses. And the mountains will be melted with their blood.

4 And ^hall the hosts of heaven will be dissolved and the heavens will be rolled together as a scroll. And ⁱall their host will fall down, as the leaf falls off from the vine and as a falling ^jfig from the fig tree.

5 ¶ For ^kmy sword will be bathed in heaven. Behold, it ^lwill come down for judgment upon Idumea and upon the people of My curse.

6 The ^msword of the LORD is filled with blood. It is made fat with fat-

o Hb 12:29 p Ps 15:2; 24:3,4 q Ps 119:37 r Ps 27:4 s 1 Co 1:20 t 2 Kg 19:32 u Jr 5:15 v Ps 48:12 w Ps 46:5; 125:1 x Is 37:33 y Is 54:2 z At 10:42 a Js 4:12 b Ps 89:18 c Is 40:2 Chapter 34: a Ps 49:1 b Dt 32:1 c Is 13:5 d Jl 2:20 e Is 13:13 f Is 14:12 g Rv 6:12-14 h Jr 46:10 i Mt 1:4 j Is 66:16

ness *and* with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For ^kthe LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

7 And the wild oxen will come down with them and the young bulls with the bulls. And their land will be soaked with blood and their dust made fat with fatness.

8 ¶ For *it is* the day of the Lord's vengeance *and* the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion.

9 And ^mits streams will be turned into pitch and its dust into brimstone, and its land will become burning pitch.

10 It will not be quenched night or day. ⁿIts smoke will go up forever. ^oFrom generation to generation it will lie waste. No one will pass through it forever and ever.

11 ^pBut the pelican and hedgehog will possess it. The owl also and the raven will dwell in it. And ^qHe will stretch out upon it the line of confusion and the plumb line of chaos.

12 They will call its nobles to the kingdom, but no one *will be* there. And all its princes will be nothing.

13 And ^rthorns will come up in its palaces, nettles and brambles in its fortresses. And ^sit will be a habitation of jackals *and* a courtyard for owls.

14 The wild beasts of the desert will also meet with the wild beasts of the desert, and the hairy goat will cry out to his companion. The screech owl also will rest there, and find for her-

self a place of rest.

15 There the great owl will make her nest. And she will lay and hatch and gather under her shadow. There the vultures also will be gathered, everyone with her mate.

16 ¶ Seek out ^tthe scroll of the LORD and read. Not one of these will fail. Not one will lack her mate, for My mouth has commanded and His Spirit has gathered them.

17 And He has cast the lot for them, and His hand has divided it to them by a measuring line. They will possess it forever. From generation to generation they will dwell in it.

Chapter 35

Joy of the Redeemed

1 ¶ The ^awilderness and the solitary place will be glad for them. And the ^bdesert will rejoice and blossom as the rose.

2 ^cIt will blossom abundantly and rejoice even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it. The excellence of Carmel and Sharon, they will see the ^dglory of the LORD *and* the excellency of our God.

3 ¶ ^eStrengthen the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees.

4 Say to those who *are* of a fearful heart, "Be strong. Do not fear. Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* vengeance. He will come and ^fsave you."

5 Then the ^geyes of the blind will be opened and ^hthe ears of the deaf will be unstopped.

k Zp 1:7 l Is 63:4 m Dt 29:23 n Rv 14:11; 18:18; 19:3 o Mt 1:3,4 p Zp 2:14 q Lm 2:8 r Is 32:13 s Is 13:21 t Mt 3:16 **Chapter 35:** a Is 32:15; 55:12 b Is 41:19; 51:3 c Is 32:15 d Is 40:5 e Hb 12:12 f Is 34:8 g Is 33:22 h Is 29:18; Mt 9:27-30; Jn 9:6,7 i Mt 11:5

6 Then the lame man will leap like a deer and the tongue of the dumb will sing. For in the wilderness waters will break out, and streams in the desert.

7 And the parched ground will become a pool and the thirsty land springs of water. In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, there will be grass with reeds and rushes.

8 ¶ And a highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The impure person will not travel on it. But it will be for him who walks that way. Neither will fools wander about on it.

9 No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast will go up on it. It will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk there.

10 And the ransomed of the LORD will return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. They will obtain joy and gladness. And sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Chapter 36

Sennacherib Threatens Jerusalem

1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah that Sennacherib, king of Assyria, came up against all the fortified cities of Judah. And he took them.

2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field.

3 Then Eliakim, Hilkiah's son, who was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, Asaph's son, the recorder, came out to him.

4 ¶ And Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What confidence is this in which you trust?"

5 "I say, 'Your counsel and strength for the war are only vain words.' Now on whom do you rely, that you have rebelled against me?"

6 "Behold, you trust in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt. If a man lean on it, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him.

7 "But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' is it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You will worship before this altar'?"

8 "Now therefore, make a bargain with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you 2,000 horses, if indeed you are able on your part to set riders upon them.

9 "How then will you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust in Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?"

10 "I have now come up without the LORD against this land to destroy it? The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land and destroy it.' "

11 ¶ Then Eliakim and Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh, "Speak now

j Mt 11:5; 15:30; Jn 5:8,9; At 8:7 k Is 32:4; Mt 9:32,33; 12:22 l Jn 7:38 m Is 34:13 n Is 19:23 o Jl 3:17 p Lv 26:6 q Is 51:11 r Rv 7:17; 21:4 Chapter 36: a 2 Ch 32:1 b Is 22:20 c Is 22:15 d 2 Kg 18:19 e Ez 29:6 f Ps 146:3

to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand *it*. Do not speak to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people who *are* on the wall."

12 But Rabshakeh said, "Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words? *Has he* not *sent me* to the men who sit upon the wall in order that they may eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?"

13 ¶ Then Rabshakeh stood and cried out with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

14 "Thus says the king, 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you.

15 'Do not let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely deliver us. This city will not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria."

16 'Do not hearken to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria, "Make *an agreement* with me *with* a gift and come out to me, and eat ^eeach of his vine and each of his fig tree and drink each of the waters of his own cistern,

17 'until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

18 '*Beware* lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, "The LORD will deliver us." Have any of the ^hgods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

19 'Where *are* the gods of Hamath and Arphad? Where *are* the gods of

Sepharvaim? Have they delivered ⁱSamaria out of my hand?

20 'Who *are they* among all the gods of these lands that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?"

21 ¶ But they held their peace and did not answer him a word, for the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him."

22 Then Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with *their* clothes torn and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

Chapter 37

Prophecy of Jerusalem's Deliverance

1 ¶ Now ^{it} came to pass when King Hezekiah heard *this* that he tore his clothes. And he covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

2 Then he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, covered with sackcloth.

3 And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day *is* a day of ^btrouble and of rebuke and of blasphemy, for the children have come to the birth and *there is* no strength to bring forth.

4 'It may be the LORD your God will hear ^{the} words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to ^creproach the living God, and will rebuke the words that the

LORD your God has heard. Therefore, lift up *your* prayer for the remnant that is left.”

5 ¶ So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 Then Isaiah said to them, “Thus you will say to your master, “Thus says the LORD, “Do not be afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.

7 “Behold, I will send a blast upon him and he will hear a rumor, and he will return to his own land. And I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.””

8 ¶ So Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he had heard that he had departed from Lachish.

9 And he heard concerning Tirhakah, king of Ethiopia, “He has come forth to make war with you.” And when he heard *it*, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10 “Thus you will speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, ‘Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, “Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.”

11 ‘Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by utterly destroying them. So will you be delivered?’

12 ‘Have the ^dgods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed, *as* Gozan and Haran and Rezep and the children of Eden who *were* in Telassar?’

13 ‘Where *is* the king of ^eHamath and the king of Arphad and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena and Ivah?’”

Prayer of Hezekiah

14 ¶ And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it. Then Hezekiah went up to the house of the LORD and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD, saying,

16 “O LORD of armies, God of Israel, who dwells *between* the cherubim. You *are* the God, *even* You ^falone of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

17 ^g“Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear. Open Your eyes, O LORD, and see. ^hHear all the words of Sennacherib who has sent to reproach the living God.

18 “Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their ⁱlands.

19 “And they have cast their gods into the fire, for they *were* ^jnot gods, but the work of men’s hands, wood and stone. Therefore, they have destroyed them.

20 “Now therefore, O LORD our God, ^ksave us from his hand so that all the kingdoms of the earth may ^lknow that You *are* the LORD, *even* You only.”

Fall of Sennacherib

21 ¶ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz

d Is 36:18,19 **e** Is 49:23 **f** Is 43:10,11 **g** Dn 9:18 **h** Ps 74:22 **i** 2 Kg 15:29; 16:9; 17:6,24 **j** Is 40:19,20 **k** Is 33:22 **l** Ps 83:18

sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria,

22 'this is the word that the LORD has spoken concerning him: "The virgin, the daughter of Zion, has despised you *and* laughed you to scorn. The daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you.

23 "Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? And against whom have you exalted *your* voice and lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel.

24 "By your servants you have reproached the Lord and have said, 'By the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon. And I will cut down its tall cedars *and* its choice fir trees. And I will enter into the height of his border *and* the forest of his Carmel.

25 'I have digged and drunk water, and with the sole of my feet. I have dried up all the rivers of the besieged places.'

26 "Have you not heard ^mlong ago *how* I have done it, *and* from ancient times that I have formed it? Now I have brought it to pass so that you should exist in order to lay waste fortified cities *into* ruinous heaps.

27 "Therefore, their inhabitants *were* of little power. They were dismayed and confounded. They were *as* the grass of the field and *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the housetops and *as* grain blasted before it is grown up.

28 "But I know your dwelling, and your going out and your coming in, and your rage against Me.

29 "Because your rage against Me and your tumult have come up into My ears, therefore, "I will put My hook in your nose and My bridle in your lips. And I will ^oturn you back by the way by which you came.

30 ¶ "And this *will be* a sign to you: You will eat *this* year that which grows by itself, and the second year what springs from the same, and in the third year sow, reap, plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

31 "And the remnant that has escaped from the house of Judah will again take root downward and bear fruit upward.

32 "For out of Jerusalem will go forth a remnant, and those who escape out of Mount Zion. The ^rzeal of the LORD of armies will do this."

33 ¶ "Therefore, thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, 'He will not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it.

34 'By the way that he came, by the same he will return, and will not come into this city,' says the LORD.

35 'For I will ^sdefend this city to save it for My own sake and for My servant 'David's sake.'"

36 ¶ Then the ^tAngel of the LORD went forth and smote in the camp of the Assyrians 185,000. And when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses.

37 So Sennacherib, king of Assyria,

departed and went and returned. And he dwelt at Nineveh.

38 Now it came to pass as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons, smote him with the sword. Then they escaped into the land of Armenia. And 'Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 38

Sickness of Hezekiah

1 ¶ In ^athose days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, ^b"Set your house in order, for you will die and not live."

2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall and prayed to the LORD.

3 And he said, "Remember now, O LORD, I beseech you, how I have walked before You in truth and with a perfect heart. And I have done *what is good* in Your ^dsight." And Hezekiah cried bitterly.

4 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah, saying,

5 "Go and say to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father. I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Behold, I will add to your days fifteen years.'

6 'And I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria. And ^eI will defend this city.

7 'And this *will be* ^fa sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that He has spoken.

8 'Behold, I will cause the shadow on the stairway, that has gone down with the sun on the stairway of Ahaz, to go back ten steps.'" So the sun's *shadow* went back ten steps on the stairway on which it had gone down.

9 ¶ The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness:

10 "I said, 'In the middle of my life I am to enter the gates of Sheol. I am deprived of the rest of my years.'

11 "I said, 'I will not see the LORD, *even* the LORD ^gin the land of the living. I will behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.'

12 ^h"My life span is gone and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent. I have cut off my life like a weaver. He cuts me off from the loom. From day until night You make an end of me.

13 "I have considered until morning, *that* as a lion, so will He break all my bones. From day *even* to night You will make an end of me.

14 "Like a crane *or* a swallow, so did I chatter. ⁱI mourned as a dove. My eyes fail *with looking* upward. O LORD, I am oppressed. Be my security.

15 ¶ "What will I say? He has both spoken to me and He Himself has done *it*. I will walk carefully all my years ^jin the bitterness of my soul.

16 "Oh Lord, by these *things men* live and in all these *things is* the life of my spirit. Oh restore me to health and let me live.

17 "Behold, *it was* for my own peace

t Er 4:2 Chapter 38: a 2 Ch 32:24 b 2 Sm 17:23 c Ne 13:14 d 2 Kg 18:5,6 e Is 31:5; 37:35 f Is 7:11 g Ps 27:13; 116:9 h Jb 7:6 i Is 59:11 j Jb 7:11; 10:1

that I had great bitterness. But You have in love of my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption. For You have cast all my sins behind Your back.

18 “For the ^kgrave cannot praise You. Death cannot celebrate You. Those who go down into the pit cannot hope for Your truth.

19 “It is the living who give thanks to You as I do today. ^lA father will tell his sons about Your faithfulness.

20 “The LORD *was ready* to save me. Therefore, we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.”

21 ¶ Now ^mIsaiah had said, “Let them take a lump of figs and lay *it* for a plaster upon the boil, and he will recover.”

22 ⁿHezekiah also had said, “What *is* the sign that I will go up to the house of the LORD?”

Chapter 39

Delegation from Babylon

1 ¶ At ^athat time Merodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah, for he had heard that he had been sick and had recovered.

2 ^bAnd Hezekiah was pleased with them. Then he showed them the house of his precious things, the silver and the gold and the spices and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures. There was nothing in his house, or in all his do-

minion, that Hezekiah did not show them.

3 ¶ Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, “What did these men say, and from where did they come to you?” And Hezekiah said, “They came to me from ^ca far country, *even* from Babylon.”

4 Then he said, “What have they seen in your house?” And Hezekiah answered, “They have seen all that *is* in my house. There is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them.”

5 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of the LORD of armies,

6 ‘Behold, the days are coming ^dthat all that *is* in your house and *that* which your fathers have laid up in store until this day, will be carried to Babylon. Nothing will be left,’ says the LORD.

7 ‘And of your ^esons who will issue from you, whom you will beget, they will take away. And they will be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’”

8 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “Good *is* ^fthe word of the LORD that you have spoken.” He also said, “For there will be peace and truth in my days.”

Chapter 40

Comfort for God's People

1 ¶ “Comfort. Oh comfort My people,” says your God.

2 “Speak comfortably to Jerusalem

k Ps 6:5; 30:9; 88:11; 115:17 l Dt 4:9; 6:7 m 2 Kg 20:7 n 2 Kg 20:8 **Chapter 39:** a 2 Kg 20:12-19 b 2 Ch 32:25,31 c Dt 28:49 d Jr 20:5 e Dn 1:1-7 f 1 Sm 3:18

and cry to her, that her forced labor has ended, that her iniquity is pardoned. ^aFor she has received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins."

3 ¶ ^bThe voice of him who cries out in the wilderness, ^c"Prepare the way of the LORD. ^dMake straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 "Every valley will be exalted and every mountain and hill will be made low. And ^ethe crooked places will be made straight and the rough places smooth.

5 "And the ^fglory of the LORD will be revealed and all flesh will see *it* together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

6 ¶ The voice said, "Cry out!" And I said, "What will I cry out?" ^gAll flesh *is* grass and all its goodness *is* as the flower of the field.

7 The grass withers. The flower fades because the breath of the LORD blows upon it. Surely the people *are* grass.

8 The grass withers. The flower fades. But ^hthe word of our God will stand forever.

9 ¶ Oh Zion who brings good news, get up into the high mountain. Oh Jerusalem who brings good news, lift up your voice with strength. Lift *it* up. Do not be afraid. Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come as a Mighty One, and ⁱHis arm will rule for Him. Behold, ^jHis reward *is* with Him and His work before Him.

11 He will ^kfeed His flock like a

shepherd. He will gather the lambs with His arm and carry *them* in His bosom. *And* He will gently lead those who are with young.

12 ¶ ^lWho has ever measured the waters in the hollow of His hand and measured out heaven with a span, and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

13 ^mWho has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or as His counselor has instructed Him?

14 With whom did He take counsel, and *who* instructed Him, and ⁿtaught Him in the path of judgment, and taught Him knowledge, and showed to Him the way of understanding?

15 Behold, the nations *are* as a drop from a rain cloud and are counted as the small dust of the balance. Behold, He takes up the islands as a very little thing.

16 And Lebanon *is* not sufficient to burn, nor its animals sufficient for a burnt offering.

17 All nations before Him *are* as ^onothing, and ^pthey are counted to Him less than nothing and useless.

18 ¶ To whom then will you ^qliken God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him?

19 ^rThe workman melts a graven image and the goldsmith spreads it over with gold and casts silver chains.

20 He who *is* so impoverished that he has no oblation chooses a tree *that*

Chapter 40: a Is 61:7 b Mt 3:3; Mk 1:3; Lk 3:4-6; Jn 1:23 c MI 3:1; 4:5,6 d Ps 68:4 e Is 45:2 f Is 35:2 g Jb 14:2 h Jn 12:34 i Is 59:16,18 j Is 62:11 k Jn 10:11,14-16; Hb 13:20; 1 Pt 2:25 l Pv 30:4 m 1 Co 2:16 n Jb 36:22,23 o Dn 4:35 p Ps 62:9 q Is 46:5 r Is 41:7; 44:10

will not rot. He seeks for himself a cunning craftsman ^sto prepare a graven image *that* will not be moved.

21 ¶ ^tHave you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 *It is* He who sits upon the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants *are* as grasshoppers, who ^ustretches out the heavens as a curtain and spreads them out as a ^vtent in which to dwell, **23** who brings the ^wprinces to nothing. He makes the judges of the earth useless.

24 Yes, they will not be planted. Yes, they will not be sown. Yes, their stock will not take root in the earth. And He will also blow upon them and they will wither, and the whirlwind will take them away as stubble.

25 ¶ ^x“To ^ywhom then will you liken Me? Or, *to whom* will I be equal?” says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high and behold who has created these *things*. The One who leads forth their host by number, ^zHe calls them all by name. Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of *His* power, not one *of them* is missing.

27 ¶ ^aWhy do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD and the justice due me escapes the notice of my God”?

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends

of the earth, does not faint, nor is *He* weary? *There is* no searching of ^aHis understanding.

29 He gives power to the faint. And to *those who have* no might, He increases strength.

30 Even the youths will faint and be weary, and the young men will utterly fall.

31 But those who ^bwait on the LORD will renew *their* strength. They ^cwill mount up with wings as eagles. They will run and not be weary. They will walk and not faint.

Chapter 41

Help for Israel

1 ¶ ^d“Keep ^esilence before Me, O coastland. And let the people renew *their* strength. Let them ^fcome near, then let them speak. Let us come near together for judgment.

2 ^g“Who raised up the righteous *man* ^hfrom the east, called Him to his feet, gave the nations before Him, and made *Him* rule over kings? He ⁱgave *them* as the dust to his sword *and* as driven stubble to his bow.

3 ^j“He pursued them *and* passed safely, *even* by the way *that* he had not gone with his feet.

4 ^k“Who has worked and accomplished *it*, calling the generations from the beginning? ‘I the LORD, *am* ^lthe first, and with the last I *am* ^mHe.’”

5 ¶ ⁿThe coastlands saw *it* and feared. The ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came.

s Is 41:7; 46:7 **t** Rm 1:19 **u** Jr 10:12 **v** Ps 19:4 **w** Ps 107:40 **x** Is 40:18 **y** Ps 147:4 **z** Is 54:7,8 **a** Rm 11:33 **b** Is 30:15; 49:23 **c** Ps 103:5 **Chapter 41:** **a** Zc 2:13 **b** Is 1:18 **c** Is 46:11 **d** Is 45:1,13 **e** Is 41:26 **f** Rv 1:8,17; 22:13 **g** Is 43:10; 44:6

6 ^hEveryone helped his neighbor and *everyone* said to his brother, “Be strong!”

7 ⁱSo the carpenter encouraged the ^jsmelter. *And he who smooths metal with the hammer encouraged him who beats the anvil, saying of the soldering, “It is good.” And he fastened it with pegs ^kso that it will not be moved.*

8 ¶ “But you, Israel, *are* My servant, Jacob whom I have ^lchosen, the seed of Abraham My ^mfriend.

9 “You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth and called you from its farthest regions, and said to you, ‘You *are* My servant. I have chosen you and not cast you away.

10 ⁿ“Do not fear, ^ofor I *am* with you. Do not be dismayed, for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. Yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness.’

11 “Behold, all those who were incensed against you will be ^pashamed and confounded. They will be as nothing. And those who strive with you will perish.

12 “You will seek them and will not find them, *even* those who contended with you. Those who war against you will be as nothing, and as a nonexistent thing.

13 “For I the LORD your God will hold your right hand, saying to you, ‘Do not fear. I will help you.’

14 ¶ “Do not fear you ^qworm Jacob, *and* you men of Israel. I will help you,” says the LORD your redeemer,

the Holy One of Israel.

15 “Behold, ^rI will make you a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth. You will thresh the mountains and beat *them* small, and will make the hills as chaff.

16 “You will ^sfan them, and the wind will carry them away, and the whirlwind will scatter them. And you will rejoice in the LORD *and* will ^tglory in the Holy One of Israel.

17 ¶ “When the poor and needy seek water, and *there is* none, *and* their tongue fails because of thirst, I, the LORD, will hear them. I, the God of Israel, will not ^uforsake them.

18 “I will open ^vrivers in high places and fountains in the middle of the valleys. I will make the ^wwilderness a pool of water and the dry land springs of water.

19 “I will plant the cedar in the wilderness, the acacia and the myrtle and the olive tree. I will set in the ^xdesert the cypress tree *and* the pine, and the box tree together,

20 ^y“so that they may see and know and consider and understand together, that the hand of the LORD has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it.

21 ¶ “Present your case,” says the LORD. “Bring forth your strong *reasons*,” says the ^zKing of Jacob.

22 “Let ^athem bring *them* forth and show us what will happen. Let them show the ^bformer things, what they *are* so that we may consider them and know the latter end of them. Or de-

h Is 40:19 **i** Is 44:13 **j** Is 40:19 **k** Is 40:20 **l** Dt 7:6; 10:15 **m** Js 2:23 **n** Is 41:13,14; 43:5 **o** Dt 31:6 **p** Zc 12:3 **q** Jb 25:6 **r** Mc 4:13 **s** Jr 51:2 **t** Is 45:25 **u** Rm 11:2 **v** Is 35:6,7; 43:19; 44:3 **w** Ps 107:35 **x** Is 35:1 **y** Jb 12:9 **z** Is 43:15 **a** Is 45:21 **b** Is 43:9

clare to us things that are to come.

23 ^c“Show the things that are to come hereafter so that we may know that you *are* gods. Yes, ^ddo good or do evil so that we may fear and see *it* together.

24 “Behold, ^eyou *are* nothing and your work nothing. He who chooses you is an abomination.

25 ¶ “I have raised up *one* from the north and he will come. From the rising of the sun ^hhe will call upon My name. ^gAnd he will come upon princes as *upon* mortar, and as the potter treads clay.

26 ^h“Who has declared from the beginning so that we may know, and beforetime, so that we may say, ‘*He is righteous?*’ Yes, *there is* no one who shows. Yes, *there is* no one who declares. Yes, *there is* no one who hears your words.

27 ⁱ“The first ^jwill say to Zion, ‘Behold, here they are.’ And I will give to Jerusalem a messenger of good news.

28 ^k“For I beheld and *there was* no man, even among them. And *there was* no counsellor, that when I asked of them, could answer a word.

29 ^l“Behold, they *are* all worthless. Their works *are* nothing. Their molten images *are* wind and confusion.

Chapter 42

The Servant of the Lord

1 ¶ “Behold ^aMy servant whom I uphold. My elect *in whom* My soul ^bdelights. ^cI have put My Spirit upon Him. He will bring forth judgment

to the Gentiles.

2 ^dHe will not cry out or lift up, or cause His voice to be heard in the street.

3 A bruised reed He will not break, and the glimmering flax He will not quench. He will bring forth right with truth.

4 “He will not fail nor be discouraged until He has set judgment on the earth. ^eAnd the coastlands will wait for His law.”

5 Thus says God the LORD ^fwho created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and that which comes out of it, ^gwho gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk on it,

6 “I ^hthe LORD have called you in righteousness and will hold your hand. And I ⁱwill appoint you as a covenant to the people, as ^ja light to the nations,

7 ^k“to open the blind eyes, to ^lbring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* those who sit in ^mdarkness out of the prison house.

8 “I *am* the LORD. That *is* My name. And My ⁿglory I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven images.

9 “Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare. Before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Song of Praise

10 ¶ ^oSing to the LORD a new song *and* His praise from the end of the

c Jn 13:19 d Jr 10:5 e 1 Co 8:4 f Er 1:2 g Is 41:2 h Is 43:9 i Is 41:4 j Is 40:9 k Is 63:5 l Is 41:24 **Chapter 42:** a Mt 12:18; Ph 2:7 b Mt 3:17; 17:5; Mk 1:11; Lk 3:22; Ep 1:6 c Is 11:2; Mt 3:16; Lk 4:18,19,21; Jn 3:34 d Mt 12:19 e Gn 49:10 f Zc 12:1 g At 17:25 h Is 43:1 i Is 49:8 j Lk 2:32; At 10:45; 13:47; Gl 3:14 k Is 35:5 l Lk 4:18; Hb 2:14 m Is 9:2 n Is 48:11 o Ps 33:3; 40:3; 98:1

earth, ^pyou who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, the coastlands and its inhabitants.

11 Let the wilderness and its cities lift up *their voice*, the settlements where Kedar inhabits. Let the inhabitants of the rock sing. Let them shout from the top of the mountains.

12 Let them give glory to the LORD and declare His praise in the coastlands.

13 The LORD will go forth as a mighty man. He will stir up jealousy like a man of war. He will cry out, ^qyes, roar. He will prevail against His enemies.

14 ¶ ^r“I have a long time held My peace. I have been still *and* restrained Myself. *Now* I will cry out like a woman in labor. I will both gasp and pant.

15 “I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs. And I will make the rivers coastlands, and I will dry up the pools.

16 “And I will bring the blind by a way *that* they did not know. I will lead them in paths *that* they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things I will do to them and not forsake them.”

17 They will be ^sturned back. They will be greatly ashamed who trust in graven images, who say to the molten images, “*You are our gods.*”

Blind and Deaf Israel

18 ¶ Hear, you deaf. And look you blind, so that you may see.

19 ^tWho is blind but My servant,

and deaf like the messenger I send. Who is blind like the one committed to Me, blind like the servant of the LORD?

20 You have seen many things, ^ubut you do not observe *them*. *Your ears* are open, but no one hears.

21 ¶ The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness' sake. He will magnify the law and make *it* honorable.

22 But this *is* a people robbed and plundered. All of them *are* snared in holes, and they are hidden in prison houses. They are for a prey and no one delivers *them*; for a plunder, and no one says, “Restore.”

23 ¶ Who among you will give ear to this? *Who* will hearken and hear for the time to come?

24 Who gave Jacob for a plunder and Israel to the robbers? Did not the LORD, He against whom we have sinned? ^vFor they would not walk in His ways, nor were they obedient to His law.

25 Therefore, He has poured upon him the fury of His anger and the strength of battle. And ^wit set him aflame all around, ^xyet he did not recognize *it*. And it burned him, but he did not take *it* to ^yheart.

Chapter 43

Israel's Savior

1 ¶ But now thus says the LORD who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel, “Do not fear, ^zfor I have redeemed you. ^{aa}I have called *you* by your name. You *are* Mine.

2 “When you pass through the waters, ^dI will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you ^ewalk through the fire, you will not be burned, nor the flames set you ablaze.

3 “For I *am* the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. ^fI gave Egypt *for* your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

4 “Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honored. So I have ^gloved you. Therefore, I will give men for you and people for your life.

5 ^h“Do not fear, for I *am* with you. I will bring your seed from the east and ⁱgather you from the west.

6 “I will say to the ^jnorth, ‘Give them up,’ and to the south, ‘Do not keep back.’ Bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the ends of the earth.

7 “*Bring* everyone who is ^kcalled by My name. For I have created him for My glory. I have formed him. Yes, I have made him.”

8 ¶ ^mBring forth the blind people who have eyes and the ⁿdeaf who have ears.

9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled. ^oWho among them can declare this and show us the former things? Let them bring forth their witnesses so that they may be proved right. Or, let them hear and say, “*It is true.*”

10 “You ^pare My witnesses,” says the LORD, ^q“and My servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and ^rbelieve Me and understand that I *am* He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor will there be after Me.

11 “I, *even* I, ^s*am* the LORD, and besides Me *there is* no savior.

12 “I have declared and I have saved. And I have proclaimed when *there was* no ^tforeign god among you. “Therefore, you *are* My witnesses,” says the LORD, “that I *am* God.

13 ^v“Yes, before the day *was*, I *am* He. And *there is* no one who can deliver out of My hand. I will work, and who will ^wreverse it?”

Mercy for Unfaithfulness

14 ¶ Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, “For your sake I have sent to Babylon and have brought down all their nobles and the Chaldeans who rejoice in their ships.

15 “I *am* the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your ^xKing.”

16 ¶ Thus says the LORD who ^ymakes a way in the sea and a ^zpath in the mighty waters,

17 who ^abrings forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power. (They will lie down together. They will not rise. They are extinct. They are quenched as a wick.)

18 “Do ^bnot remember the former things, nor consider the things of old.

c Ps 66:12; 91:3 d Dt 31:6 e Dn 3:25 f Pv 11:8; 21:18 g Is 63:9 h Is 41:10; 44:2 i Is 54:7 j Is 49:12 k Js 2:7 l 2 Co 5:17 m Ez 12:2 n Is 29:18 o Is 41:21,22,26 p Is 44:8 q Is 55:4 r Is 41:4; 44:6 s Hs 13:4 t Dt 32:16 u Is 44:8 v Ps 90:2 w Jb 9:12 x Is 41:20,21 y Ex 14:16,21,22 z Js 3:13 a Ex 14:4-9,25 b Jr 16:14

19 “Behold, I will do a ^cnew thing. Now it will spring forth. Will you not know it? ^dI will even make a way in the wilderness *and* rivers in the desert.

20 “The beast of the field will honor Me, the dragons and the owls, because ^eI give waters in the wilderness *and* rivers in the desert in order to give drink to My people, My chosen.

21 ^f“This people I have formed for Myself. They will show forth My ^gpraise.

22 ¶ “But you have not called upon Me, O Jacob. Instead, you ^hhave been weary of Me, O Israel.

23 ⁱ“You have not brought Me the small cattle of your burnt offerings, nor have you honored Me with your sacrifices. I have not caused you to serve with an offering, nor wearied you with incense.

24 “You have bought Me no sweet cane, nor have you filled Me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have made Me serve with your sins. You have ^jwearied Me with your iniquities.

25 ¶ “I, *even I, am He* who ^kblots out your transgressions ^lfor My own sake, ^mand will not remember your sins.

26 “Put Me in remembrance. Let us argue our case together. State your *case* so that you may be proved right.

27 “Your first father has sinned, and your teachers have transgressed against Me.

28 “Therefore, I have profaned the

princes of the sanctuary and ⁿhave given Jacob to the curse and Israel to reproaches.”

Chapter 44

The Chosen Israel

1 ¶ “Yet hear now, O Jacob My servant, and Israel whom I have chosen.

2 “Thus says the LORD who made you and formed you from the womb, *who* will help you, ‘Do not fear, O Jacob, My servant, and you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

3 ‘For I will pour water upon him who is thirsty and floods upon the dry ground. I will pour My Spirit upon your seed and My blessing upon your offspring.

4 ‘And they will spring up *as* among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

5 ‘One will say, “I *am* the Lord’s,” and another will call *himself* by the name of Jacob, and another will write *on* his hand, ‘Belonging to the LORD,’ and will name Israel’s name with honor.

6 ¶ “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and His Redeemer, the LORD of armies, ^a“I *am* the first and I *am* the last, and besides Me *there is* no God.

7 ‘And ^bwho as I, will call and will declare it, and set it in order for Me, since I appointed the ancient people? And the things that are coming, and will come, let them show these to them.

8 ‘Do not fear, nor be afraid. ^cHave

I not told you from that time, and have declared *it*? ^dYou *are* even My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Yes, ^e*there is* no *other* Rock. I know not *one*. ”

Idolatry

9 ¶ ^fThose who make a graven image *are* all of them useless. And their precious things will not profit. They *are* their own witnesses. ^gThey do not see, nor know, so that they may be ashamed.

10 Who has fashioned a god, or cast a graven image ^h*that is* to no profit?

11 Behold, all his fellows will be ⁱashamed. And the workmen, they *are* of men. Let them all be gathered together. Let them stand up. Let them tremble. They will be ashamed together.

12 ^jThe smith with the tongs both works in the coals and fashions it with hammers. And he works it with the strength of his arms. Yes, he is hungry and his strength fails. He drinks no water and is faint.

13 The carpenter stretches out *his* rule. He marks it out with a line. He fits it with a plane, and he marks it out with the compass. And he makes it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man, that it may remain in the house.

14 He hews down for himself cedars and takes the cypress and the oak so that he secures it for himself among the trees of the forest. He plants an ash and the rain nourishes *it*.

15 Then it will be for a man to burn, for he will take some of it and warm himself. Yes, he kindles *it* and bakes bread. Yes, he makes a god and worships *it*. He makes it a graven image and falls down before it.

16 He burns part of it in the fire. With part of it he eats meat. He roasts a roast and is satisfied. Yes, he warms *himself* and says, “Ah! I am warm. I have seen the fire.”

17 And with the rest of it he makes a god, *even* his graven image. He falls down to it and worships *it*. And he prays to it and says, “Deliver me, for you *are* my god.”

18 ¶ ^kThey have not known nor understood. For ^lHe has shut their eyes so that they cannot see, *and* their hearts so that they cannot ^munderstand.

19 And no one ⁿconsiders in his heart, nor *is there* knowledge or understanding to say, “I have burned part of it in the fire. Yes, I have also baked bread upon its coals. I have roasted meat and eaten *it*. And I will make the rest of it an abomination? I will fall down to a block of wood?”

20 He feeds on ashes. ^oA deceived heart has turned him aside so that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, “*Is there* not a ^plie in my right hand?”

21 ¶ “Remember these, O Jacob and Israel, for you *are* My servant. I have formed you. You *are* My servant. O Israel, you will not be ^qforgotten by Me.

22 ^r“I have blotted out as a thick cloud your transgressions, and as a

cloud your sins. Return to Me, for ^sI have redeemed you.”

23 ^lSing, O you heavens, for the LORD has done *it*. Shout you lower parts of the earth. Break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest and every tree in it. For the LORD has redeemed Jacob and ^uglorified Himself in Israel.

Habitation of Jerusalem

24 ¶ Thus says the LORD, ^vyour Redeemer, and ^wHe who formed you from the womb, “I *am* the LORD who makes all *things*, ^xwho stretches forth the heavens alone, who spreads abroad the earth by Myself,

25 “who ^yfrustrates the tokens ^zof the liars and makes diviners mad, who turns wise *men* backward ^aand makes their knowledge foolish,

26 ^b“who confirms the word of His servant and performs the counsel of His messengers, who says to Jerusalem, ‘You will be inhabited,’ and to the cities of Judah, ‘You will be built and I will raise up its decayed places,’

27 “who says to the deep, ‘Be dry and I will dry up your rivers,’

28 “who says of ^dCyrus, ‘*He is My shepherd and will perform all My pleasure,*’ even saying to Jerusalem, ‘You will be built, and to the temple, ‘Your foundation will be laid.’”

Chapter 45

1 ¶ “Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to ^aCyrus, whose ^bbright

hand I have taken ^cto subdue nations before him. And I will ^dloose the armor of kings in order to open before him the double gates, and the gates will not be shut:

2 “I will go before you ^eand make the crooked places straight. ^fI will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut through the bars of iron.

3 “And I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places so ^gthat you may know that I, the LORD, who ^hcalls *you* by your name, *am* the God of Israel.

4 “For ⁱJacob My servant’s sake and Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name. I have surnamed you though you have not known Me.

5 ^j“I *am* the LORD and ^kthere is no one else. *There is* no God besides Me. ^lI girded you, though you have not known Me,

6 “so that ^mthey may ⁿknow from the rising of the sun and from the west that *there is* no one besides Me. I *am* the LORD and *there is* no one else.

7 “I form the light and create darkness. I make peace and ^ocreate calamity. I, the LORD, do all these *things*.”

8 ¶ Drop ^pdown you heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. Let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation. And let righteousness spring up together. I the LORD have created it.

9 ¶ Woe to him who strives with ^qhis Maker! *Let* the potsherd *strive* with

s 1 Co 6:20 t Ps 69:34 u Is 49:3; 60:21 v Is 43:14 w Is 43:1 x Jb 9:8 y Is 47:13 z Jr 50:36 a 1 Co 1:20,27 b Zc 1:6 c Jr 50:38; 51:36 d Er 1:1 e Er 6:7 Chapter 45: a Is 44:28 b Is 41:13 c Dn 5:30 d Jb 12:21 e Is 40:4 f Ps 107:16 g Is 41:23 h Ex 33:12 i Is 44:1 j Dt 4:35; 32:39 k Is 45:14,18 l Ps 18:32 m Mt 1:11 n Is 11:9; 52:10 o Am 3:6 p Ps 85:11 q Is 64:8

the potsherd of the earth. ^rWill the clay say to him who fashions it, "What are you doing?", or will the handiwork say, "He has no hands?"

10 Woe to him who says to *his* father, "What are you begetting?", or to the woman, "What have you brought forth?"

11 ¶ Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, ^s"Ask Me about things to come concerning ^tMy sons, and you will commit to Me ^uthe work of My hands.

12 ^v"I have made the earth and ^wcreated man upon it. I, *even* My hands, have stretched out the heavens and ^xall their host I have commanded.

13 ^y"I have raised him up in righteousness and I will direct all his ways. He will ^zbuild My city and he will let My captives go, *and* ^anot for a price or a reward," says the LORD of armies.

14 ¶ Thus says the LORD, ^b"The labor of Egypt and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, will come over to you and will be yours. They will walk behind you. They will come over ^cin chains and will bow down to you. They will make supplication to you, *saying*, ^d"Surely God *is* in you, and *there is* no one else. ^e*There is no other God.*"

15 Truly, You *are* a God of ^fhidden ways, O God of Israel, the Savior.

16 All of them will be ^gashamed and also confused. They will go to confusion together *who are* makers of

idols.

17 ^h*But* Israel will be saved in the LORD with an ⁱeverlasting salvation. You will not be ashamed or ^jdisgraced forever and ever.

18 ¶ For thus says the LORD ^kwho created the heavens, God Himself who formed the earth and made it. He has established it. He did not create it without purpose, but formed it to be ^linhabited: ^m"I *am* the LORD and *there is* no one else.

19 "I have not spoken in ⁿsecret, or in a dark recess of the earth. I did not say to the seed of Jacob, 'Seek Me in vain.' ^oI am the Lord, faithful to My promises, truthful in all I proclaim.

20 ¶ "Assemble yourselves and come. Draw near together you *who have* escaped from the nations. ^pThey have no knowledge who set up the wood of their graven image and pray to a god *that* cannot save.

21 "Declare and bring *them* near. Yes, let them take counsel together. ^qWho has declared this from ancient time? *Who* has told it from that time? *Have* not I the LORD? ^r*So there is* no God besides Me, a just God and a Savior. *There is* no one besides Me.

22 "Look to Me and be saved ^sall the ends of the earth, for I *am* God and *there is* no one else.

23 "I have sworn by Myself. The word has gone out of My mouth *in* righteousness and will not return so that to Me every ^tknee will bow *and*

r Jr 18:6 s Is 8:19 t Jr 31:9 u Is 29:23; 60:21; 64:8 v Is 42:5 w Gn 1:26 x Gn 2:1 y Is 41:2 z 2 Ch 36:22 a Rm 3:24 b Zc 8:22,23 c Ps 149:8 d 1 Co 14:25 e Is 45:5 f Ps 44:24 g Is 44:11 h Is 26:4 i Is 51:6 j Is 29:22 k Is 42:5 l Ps 115:16 m Is 45:5 n Dt 30:11 o Ps 19:8 p Is 44:9; 46:7 q Is 41:22; 43:9 r Is 44:8 s Ps 22:27; 65:5 t Hb 6:13 u Rm 14:11; Ph 2:10

every tongue will swear.

24 “Surely *they* will say, ‘In the LORD I have ^wrighteousness and strength.’ Men will come to Him, and all who were angry at Him ^xwill be put to shame.

25 ^y“In the LORD all the seed of Israel will be justified and ^zwill glory.”

Chapter 46

The Idols of Babylon

1 ¶ Bel ^abows down. Nebo stoops. Their idols were upon the beasts and upon the cattle. Your carriages *were* heavily loaded. *They are* ^ba burden to the weary *beast*.

2 They stoop. They bow down together. They could not deliver the burden, ^cbut themselves have gone into captivity.

3 ¶ “Hearken to me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel who were upheld by *Me* from birth, ^dwho have been carried from the womb.

4 “And *even* to your old age ^eI am He. And *even* to gray hairs ^fI will carry you. I have made and I will bear, even I will carry and will deliver you.

5 ¶ “To ^gwhom will you liken Me and make *Me* equal and compare Me so that we should be alike?

6 ^h“They lavish gold out of the bag and weigh silver in the balance. *Then* they hire a ⁱgoldsmith and he makes it a god. They fall down. Yes, they

worship.

7 ^j“They bear him upon the shoulder. They carry him and set him in his place and he stands. From his place he will not move. Yes, ^kone will cry out to him, *and* yet he cannot answer, or save him out of his trouble.

8 ¶ “Remember this and show yourselves men. ^lBring it again to mind, O you transgressors.

9 ^m“Remember the former things of old. For I *am* God and *there is* no one else. *I am* God and ⁿ*there is* no one like Me,

10 ^o“declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that have not yet happened, saying, ^p‘My counsel will stand and I will do all My pleasure,’

11 “calling a ravenous bird ^qfrom the east, the man ^rwho executes My counsel, from a far country. Yes, ^sI have spoken *it*. I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed *it*. I will also do it.

12 ¶ “Hearken to Me, you ^tstout-hearted ^uwho *are* far from righteousness.

13 ^v“I bring near My righteousness. It ^wwill not be far off, and My ^xsalvation will not tarry. And I will place salvation in Zion for Israel My glory.”

Chapter 47

The Fall of Babylon

1 ¶ “Come ^adown and ^bsit in the dust, O virgin daughter of ^cBabylon. Sit on

v Dt 6:13 w 1 Co 1:30 x Is 41:11 y Is 45:17 z 1 Co 1:31 **Chapter 46:** a Jr 50:2 b Jr 10:5 c Jr 48:7 d Ps 71:6 e Mt 3:6 f Ps 48:14 g Is 40:18,25 h Is 40:19; 41:6 i Is 44:12 j Jr 10:5 k Is 45:20 l Is 44:19 m Dt 32:7 n Is 45:5,21 o Is 45:21; 48:3 p Ps 33:11 q Is 41:2,25 r Is 44:28 s Nm 23:19 t Ps 76:5 u Rm 10:3 v Rm 1:17 w Hk 2:3 x Is 62:1 **Chapter 47:** a Jr 48:18 b Is 3:26 c Jr 25:12; 50:1 – 51:64

the ground. *There is* no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans, for you will no longer be called tender and delicate.

2 ^d“Take the millstones and grind meal. Uncover your locks. Make bare the leg. Uncover the thigh. Pass over the rivers.

3 ^e“Your nakedness will be uncovered. Yes, your shame will be seen. ^fI will take vengeance and will not spare a man.”

4 ¶ *As for* ^gour Redeemer, the LORD of armies *is* His name, the Holy One of Israel.

5 ¶ ^h“Sit in ⁱsilence and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans, ^jfor you will no longer be called, ‘The Lady of Kingdoms.’

6 ^k“I was angry with My people. ^lI have profaned My inheritance and given them into your hand. You did not show them any mercy. ^mOn the aged you made your yoke very heavy.

7 ⁿ“And you said, ‘I will be ^oa lady forever.’ ^pThese things you did not consider ^qnor remember the outcome of them.

8 ¶ ^r“Therefore, hear this *you who are* given to pleasures, who dwell carelessly, who say in your heart, ‘I *am* and there is no one besides me. I will not sit *as* a widow, nor will I know the loss of children.’

9 ^s“But these two *things* will come to you ^tin a moment in one day: the loss of children and widowhood. They will come upon you in full

measure for the multitude of your sorceries *and* for the great abundance of your enchantments.

10 ^u“For you have trusted in your wickedness. You have said, ‘No one ^vsees me.’ Your wisdom and your knowledge have perverted you, and you have said in your heart, ‘I *am*, and there is no one besides me.’

11 ^w“Therefore, evil will come upon you. You will not know from where it rises. And mischief will fall upon you. You will not be able to put it off. And ^xdesolation *that* you will not know will come upon you ^ysuddenly.

12 ¶ ^z“Stand now with your enchantments and with the multitude of your sorceries in which you have labored from your youth. Perhaps you will be able to profit. Perhaps you may cause trembling.

13 ^{aa}“You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels. Let now ^{ab}the astrologers, the star gazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up and save you from *these things* that will come upon you.

14 ^{ac}“Behold, they will be ^{ad}as stubble. The fire will ^{ae}burn them. They will not deliver themselves from the power of the flame. *There will be* no coal to warm by *or* a fire to sit before.

15 ^{af}“Thus they will be to you with whom you have labored, *even* ^{ag}your merchants from your youth. Each one will wander to his quarter. No one will save you.”

d Ex 11:5 e Is 3:17; 20:4 f Rm 12:19 g Jr 50:34 h 1 Sm 2:9 i Dn 2:37 j 2 Sm 24:14 k Is 43:28 l Dt 28:49,50 m Rv 18:7 n Is 42:25; 46:8 o Dt 32:29 p 1 Th 5:3 q Is 29:15 r 1 Th 4:3 s Is 29:5 t Is 57:10 u Dn 2:2,10 v Nh 1:10 w Jr 51:58 x Rv 18:11

Chapter 48

The Rebellion of Israel

1 ¶ Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel and have come forth out of the waters of Judah, who swear by the name of the LORD and make mention of the God of Israel, *but* ^anot in truth, nor in righteousness.

2 For they call themselves ^bafter the holy city and ^clean themselves upon the God of Israel. The LORD of armies *is* His name.

3 ¶ “I have ^ddeclared the former things from the beginning. And they went forth out of My mouth and I proclaimed them. I did *them* suddenly ^eand they came to pass.

4 “Because I knew that you *are* obstinate and ^fyour neck *is* an iron sinew, and your brow bronze,

5 “I have even from the beginning declared *it* to you. Before it came to pass I showed *it* to you, lest you should say, ‘My idol has done them and my graven image, and my molten image has commanded them.’

6 “You have heard. Look at all this. And will you not declare *it*? I have proclaimed your new things from this time, even hidden things, and you did not know them.

7 “They are created now and not from the beginning, even before this day you had not heard, lest you should say, ‘Behold, I knew them.’

8 “Yes, you did not hear. Yes, you did not know. Yes, from that time *that* your ear was not opened, because I

knew that you would deal very treacherously and was called ^ga rebel from the womb.

9 “For ^hMy name’s sake ⁱI will defer My anger, and *for* My praise I restrain *it* for you in order not to cut you off.

10 “Behold, ^jI have refined you, but not with silver. I have tested you in the ^kfurnace of affliction.

11 “For My own sake, *even* for My own sake, I will do *it*. For ^lhow should My name be profaned? And ^mI will not give My glory to another.

Freedom

12 ¶ “Hearken to me, O Jacob and Israel, My called. ⁿI *am* He. I *am* the ^ofirst. I also *am* the last.

13 ^p“My hand also has laid the foundation of the earth and My right hand has spanned the heavens. *When* ^qI call to them, they stand up together.

14 “All of you assemble yourselves and hear. Who among them has declared these *things*? ^rThe LORD has loved him. ^sHe will do His pleasure on Babylon and His arm *will be on* the Chaldeans.

15 “I, *even* I, have spoken. Yes, ^tI have called him. I have brought him, and He will make his way prosperous.

16 “Come near to Me. Hear this. ^uI have not spoken in secret from the beginning. From the time it took place, I was there. And now ^vthe Lord GOD and His Spirit have sent Me.”

17 ¶ Thus says ^wthe LORD, your

Chapter 48: a Jr 4:2; 5:2 b Is 52:1; 64:10 c Mc 3:11 d Is 44:7,8; 46:10 e Ja 21:45 f Dt 31:27 g Ps 58:3 h Ez 20:9,14,22,44 i Ps 78:38 j Ps 66:10 k Dt 4:20 l Ez 20:9 m Is 42:8 n Dt 32:39 o Rv 22:13 p Ps 102:25 q Is 40:26 r Is 45:1 s Is 44:28; 47:1-15 t Is 45:1,2 u Is 45:19 v Zc 2:8,9,11 w Is 43:14

Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. “I *am* the LORD your God who teaches you to profit, ^xwho leads you by the way *that* you should go.

18 ^y“O that you had hearkened to My commandments! ^zThen your peace would have been as a river and your righteousness as the waves of the sea.

19 ^a“Your seed also would have been as the sand, and the offspring of your body like its gravel. His name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before Me.

20 ¶ ^b“Go forth from Babylon. Flee from the Chaldeans. With a voice of singing declare *and* tell this. Utter it *even* to the end of the earth. Say, ‘The LORD has ^credeemed his servant Jacob.’

21 “And they ^ddid not thirst *when* He led them through the deserts. He ^ecaused the waters to flow out of the rock for them. He split the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

22 “*There* ^fis no peace for the wicked,” says the LORD.

Chapter 49

The Servant of the Lord

1 ¶ “Listen to Me, ^aO coastlands, and hearken you people from afar. ^bThe LORD has called Me from the womb, from My birth He has made mention of My name.

2 And He has made ^cMy mouth like a sharp sword. ^dIn the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me and made Me ^ea polished shaft. In His quiver

He has hidden Me.

3 “And He said to Me, ^f“You *are* My servant, O Israel, ^gin whom I will be glorified.’

4 ^h“Then I said, ‘I have labored in vain. I have spent My strength for nothing and in vanity. *Yet* surely My justice *is* with the LORD and My work with My God.’”

5 ¶ “And now,” says the LORD who formed Me from the womb *to be* His servant to bring Jacob back to Him so that Israel ⁱmight be gathered to Him (for I am honored in the sight of the LORD and My God is My strength),

6 “Indeed He says, ‘It is a small thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved of Israel. I will also give You as a ^jlight to the Gentiles so that You may be My salvation to the end of the earth.’”

7 ¶ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, *and* His Holy One, ^kto Him whom man despises, to Him whom the nation abhors, to the Servant of rulers, ^l“Kings will see and arise. Princes also will worship because of the LORD that is faithful *and* the Holy One of Israel. And He will choose You.”

Restoration of Israel

8 ¶ Thus says the LORD, “In an ^macceptable time I have answered You, and in a day of salvation I have helped You. And I will preserve You ⁿand give You for a covenant of the

x Ps 32:8 y Ps 81:13 z Ps 119:165 a Gn 22:17 b Zc 2:6,7 c Ex 19:4-6 d Is 41:17,18 e Ex 17:6 f Is 57:21 **Chapter 49:** a Is 41:1 b Jr 1:5 c Rv 1:16; 2:12 d Is 51:16 e Ps 45:5 f Zc 3:8 g Is 44:23 h Ez 3:19 i Mt 23:37; Rm 11:25-29 j Lk 2:32; At 13:47; Gl 3:14 k Is 53:3; Mt 26:67; 27:41; Mk 15:29; Lk 23:35 l Is 52:15 m 2 Co 6:2 n Is 42:6

people, to establish the earth, to make *them* inherit the desolate heritages,
9 “so that You may say ^oto the prisoners, ‘Go forth,’ *and* to those who *are* in darkness, ‘Show yourselves.’ They will feed along the road and their pastures *will be* in all high places.

10 “They will not ^phunger or thirst, ^qnor will the heat or sun smite them. For He who has mercy on them ^rwill lead them, even by the springs of water He will guide them.

11 ^s“And I will make all My mountains a road and My highways will be exalted.

12 “Behold, ^tthese will come from afar. And behold, these *will come* from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Sinim.”

13 ^uSing, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth. And break forth into singing, O mountains, for the LORD has comforted His people and will have mercy upon His afflicted.

14 ¶ ^vBut Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me and my Lord has forgotten me.”

15 “Can ^wa woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb? ^xYes, they may forget, but I will not forget you.

16 “Behold, ^yI have graven you upon the palms of My hands. Your walls *are* continually before me.

17 “Your children will make haste. Your destroyers and those who made you waste will go forth from you.

18 ^z“Lift up your eyes all around and

behold. All these gather themselves together *and* come to you. *As I live,*” says the LORD, “You will surely put on all of them ^aas jewels and bind them on as a bride.

19 “For your waste and your desolate places, and the land of your destruction, ^bwill even now be too narrow because of the inhabitants. And those who swallowed you up will be far away.

20 ^c“The children of whom ^dyou were bereaved will yet say in your ears, ‘The place *is* too cramped for me. Give a place for me where I may dwell.’

21 “Then you will say in your heart, ‘Who has begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children and am desolate, a captive and wandering to and fro? And who has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone. But these, from where *did* they come?’”

22 ¶ ^eThus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I will lift up My hand to the Gentiles and set up My standard for the people. And they will bring your sons in *their* arms and your daughters will be carried upon *their* shoulders.

23 “And ^fkings will be your nursing fathers and their queens your nursing mothers. They will bow down to you with *their* face toward the earth and ^glick up the dust of your feet. And you will know that *I am* the LORD, ^hfor they will not be ashamed who wait for Me.

24 ¶ ⁱ“Will the prey be taken from

o Is 61:1; Lk 4:18 p Rv 7:16,17 q Ps 121:6 r Ps 23:2 s Is 40:4 t Is 43:5,6 u Is 44:23 v Is 40:27 w Ps 103:13 x Rm 11:29 y Ss 8:6 z Is 60:4 a Pv 17:6 b Zc 10:10 c Is 60:4 d Rm 11:11 e Is 60:4 f Is 52:15 g Ps 72:9 h Rm 5:5 i Lk 11:21,22

the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?"

25 ¶ But thus says the LORD, "Even the captives of the mighty will be taken away, and the prey of the terrible will be delivered. For I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children.

26 "And I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh. And they will be drunken with their own blood as with sweet wine. And all flesh will know that I the LORD am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

Chapter 50

Sin and Obedience

1 ¶ Thus says the LORD, "Where is the certificate of your mother's divorce, whom I have put away? Or to whom of My creditors did I sell you? Behold, for your iniquities you have sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

2 "Therefore, when I came, was there no man? When I called, was there no one to answer? Is My hand shortened that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Behold, at My rebuke I dry up the sea. I make the rivers a wilderness. Their fish stink because there is no water, and die because of thirst.

3 "I clothe the heavens with blackness and I make sackcloth their covering."

4 ¶ The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of the learned so that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning. He awakens My ear to hear as the learned.

5 The Lord GOD has opened My ear and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn back.

6 I gave My back to those who struck Me and My cheeks to those who plucked off the hair. I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

7 ¶ For the Lord GOD will help Me. Therefore, I will not be disgraced. Therefore, I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed.

8 He is near who justifies Me. Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near to Me.

9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help Me. Who is he who will condemn Me? Behold, they all will wax old as a garment. The moth will eat them up.

10 ¶ Who is among you who fears the LORD, who obeys the voice of His Servant, who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD and lean upon his God.

11 Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who encircle yourselves with firebrands. Walk in the light of your fire and in the firebrands that you have

j Is 9:20 k Rv 14:20 l Ps 9:16 Chapter 50: a Dt 24:1 b Dt 32:30; 2 Kg 4:1 c Is 52:3 d Nh 1:4 e Ex 10:21 f Rv 6:12 g Ex 4:11 h Mt 11:28 i Ps 40:6 j Mt 26:39; Mk 14:36; Lk 22:42; Jn 8:29; 14:31; 15:10; Ph 2:8; Hb 5:8; 10:7 k Mt 27:26; Jn 18:22 l Mt 26:67; 27:30; Mk 14:65; 15:19 m Lm 3:30 n Ez 3:8,9; Lk 9:51 o Rm 8:32-34 p Jb 13:28; At 2:24; Hb 1:11 q Is 51:6,8 r Ps 23:4 s 2 Ch 20:20

kindled. ^tThis you will have from My hand. You will lie down ^uin torment.

Chapter 51

Salvation for Zion

1 ¶ [¶]“Hearken to me ^ayou who follow after righteousness, you who seek the LORD. Look to the rock ^{from where} you were hewn and to the hole of the pit ^{from where} you were dug.

2 ^bLook to Abraham your father and to Sarah ^{who bore} you. ^cFor I called him alone and ^dblessed him, and increased him.”

3 ¶ For the LORD will ^ecomfort Zion. He will comfort all her waste places. And he will make her wilderness like Eden and her desert ^flike the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody.

4 ¶ [¶]“Hearken to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, O My nation. ^gFor a law will proceed from Me and I will make My justice rest, ^has a light of the people.

5 ⁱ“My righteousness *is* near. My salvation has gone forth ^jand My arms will judge the people. ^kThe coastlands will wait upon Me and ^lon My arm they will trust.

6 ^m“Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look upon the earth beneath. For ⁿthe heavens will vanish away like smoke and ^othe earth will wax old like a garment. And those who dwell on it will die in like manner. But My

salvation will be ^pforever and My righteousness will not be abolished.

7 ¶ [¶]“Hearken to Me you who know righteousness, the people ^qin whose heart *is* My law. ^rDo not fear the reproach of men, nor be afraid of their revilings.

8 ^s“For ^tthe moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool. But My righteousness will be forever and My salvation from generation to generation.”

9 ¶ [¶]“Awake! Awake! ^uPut on strength, O arm of the LORD. Awake ^vas in the ancient days, in the generations of old. ^wWas it not You who cut ^xRahab in pieces *and* who pierced the ^ydragon?

10 *Was* it not You who ^zdried up the sea *and* the waters of the great deep, who has made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?

11 Therefore, ^athe redeemed of the LORD will return and come with singing to Zion. And everlasting joy *will be* upon their head. They will obtain gladness and joy. Sorrow and mourning will flee away.

12 ¶ [¶]“I, *even* I, *am* He ^bwho comforts you. Who *are* you that you should be afraid ^cof a man *who* will die, and of the son of man *who* will be made ^das grass,

13 ^e“and ^fforgets the LORD your maker ^gwho has stretched forth the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, and has feared continually every day because of the fury of the

t Jn 9:39 u Ps 16:4 Chapter 51: a Rm 9:30-32 b Hb 11:11 c Gn 12:1 d Gn 24:35 e Is 40:1; 52:9 f Gn 13:10 g Is 2:3 h Is 42:6 i Is 46:13 j Ps 67:4 k Is 60:9 l Rm 1:16 m Is 40:26 n Mt 24:35 o Is 24:19,20; 50:9 p Is 45:17 q Ps 37:31 r Mt 5:11,12; 10:28 s Is 50:9 t Ps 44:23 u Ps 93:1 v Ps 44:1 w Jb 26:12 x Ps 87:4 y Ps 74:13 z Ex 14:21 a Is 35:10 b 2 Co 1:3 c Ps 118:6 d Is 40:6,7 e Is 17:10 f Ps 104:2

oppressor as if he were ready to destroy? ^gAnd where *is* the fury of the oppressor?

14 “The captive exile hastens that he may be loosed, and ^hthat he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.

15 “But I *am* the LORD your God who ⁱdivided the sea, whose waves roared. The LORD of armies *is* His name.

16 “And ^jI have put My words in your mouth, and ^kI have covered you in the shadow of My hand so ^lthat I may plant the heavens and lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, ‘You *are* My people.’”

The Lord's Wrath

17 ¶ ^mAwake! Awake! Stand up, O Jerusalem who ⁿhas drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of His fury. You have drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling *and* wrung *them* out.

18 *There is* no one to guide her among all the sons *whom* she has brought forth. Neither *is there any* who takes her by the hand of all the sons *that* she has brought up.

19 ^oThese two *things* have come to you. Who will be sorry for you? The devastation and destruction, famine and sword. ^pHow will I comfort you?

20 ^qYour sons have fainted. They lie at the head of all the streets as a wild bull in a net. They are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of your God.

21 ¶ Therefore, now hear this you

afflicted and drunken, ^rbut not with wine.

22 Thus says your Lord the LORD and your God *who* ^spleads the cause of His people, “Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of trembling, *even* the dregs of the cup of My fury. You will no longer drink it again.

23 “But I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you, who have said to your soul, ‘Bow down so that we may walk over *you*.’ And you have laid your body as the ground and as the street for those who went over.”

Chapter 52

1 ¶ Awake! Awake! Put on your strength, O Zion. Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city. From henceforth there will no longer come into you the uncircumcised ^aand the unclean.

2 ^bShake yourself from the dust. Arise *and* sit down, O Jerusalem. ^cLoose yourself from the bands of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

3 ¶ For thus says the LORD, ^d“You have sold yourselves for nothing, and you will be redeemed ^ewithout money.”

4 For thus says the Lord GOD, “At first My people went down into ^fEgypt to sojourn there. And the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

5 “Now, therefore, what do I have here,” says the LORD, “seeing that My people have been taken away without cause?” *Again* the LORD

g Jb 20:7 h Zc 9:11 i Jb 26:12 j Dt 18:18 k Is 49:2 l Is 65:17 m Is 52:1 n Jb 21:20 o Is 47:9 p Am 7:2 q Lm 2:11 r Lm 3:15 s Jr 50:34 t Zc 12:2 **Chapter 52:** a Rv 21:2-27 b Is 3:26 c Zc 2:7 d Ps 44:12 e Is 45:13 f Gn 46:6

declares, “Those who rule over them wail and My name is continually ^gblasphemed all day long.

6 “Therefore, My people will know My name. Therefore, *they will know* in that day that I *am* He who speaks, ‘Behold, *it is I*.’”

7 ¶ ^hHow beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

8 Your watchmen will lift up the voice, with the voice together they will sing. For they will see eye to eye when the LORD will bring again Zion.

9 Break forth into joy. Sing together you waste places of Jerusalem. For the LORD has comforted His people. He has redeemed Jerusalem.

10 ^jThe LORD has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of ^kall the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

11 ¶ ^lDepart! Depart! Go out from there. Touch no unclean *thing*. Go out of the midst of her. ^mBe clean *you* who bear the vessels of the LORD.

12 For ⁿyou will not go out with haste, nor go by flight. ^oFor the LORD will go before you, ^pand the God of Israel *will be* your reward.

The Suffering Servant

13 ¶ Behold, ^qMy Servant will deal wisely. ^rHe will be exalted and ex-

tolled, and be very high.

14 Just as many were astonished at you, *My people*, so His ^sappearance was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men.

15 ^tSo He will sprinkle many nations. The kings will shut their mouths at Him. ^uFor *that* which had not been told them they will see. And *that* which they had not heard they will consider.

Chapter 53

1 ¶ Who ^vhas believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

2 For He grew up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground. He has no form or comeliness. And when we see Him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire Him.

3 ^wHe is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and ^xacquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him. He was despised and ^ywe did not esteem Him.

4 ¶ Assuredly, ^zHe has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.

5 But He *was* ^{aa}wounded for our transgressions. *He was* bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace *was* upon Him. And with His ^{ab}stripes we are healed.

6 ^{ac}All we like sheep have gone astray.

g Ez 36:20,23 h Rm 10:15 i Ps 93:1 j Ps 98:1-3 k Lk 3:6 l Is 48:20 m Lv 22:2 n Ex 12:11,33 o Mc 2:13 p Ex 14:19,20 q Is 42:1 r Ph 2:9 s Ps 22:6,7; Mt 26:67; 27:30; Jn 19:3 t Ez 36:25 u Rm 15:21; Ep 3:5,9; 1 Pt 1:2 Chapter 53: a Jn 12:38; Rm 10:16 b Ps 22:6; Mt 27:30,31; Lk 18:31-33; 23:18 c Hb 4:15 d Jn 1:10,11 e Mt 8:17; Hb 9:28; 1 Pt 2:24 f Rm 4:25; 1 Co 15:3,4 g 1 Pt 2:24,25 h Hb 9:28; 1 Pt 2:24,25

We have turned every one to his own way. And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

7 ¶ He was oppressed and was afflicted, *and* yet ¹He did not open His mouth. ²He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He did not open His mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment He was ³taken away. And who will declare His generation? For ⁴He was cut off from the land of the living. For the transgression of My people He was stricken.

9 And ⁵He made His grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor *was any* ⁶deceit in His mouth.

10 ¶ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him. He has put *Him* to grief. When You will make His life ⁷an offering for sin, He will see *His* seed. He will prolong *His* days and the pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

11 He will see the labor of His life *and* will be satisfied. By His knowledge ⁸My righteous ⁹servant will ¹⁰justify many, for He will bear their iniquities.

12 ¹¹Therefore, I will divide Him *a portion* with the great and ¹²He will divide the plunder with the strong, because He has ¹³poured out His life to death, and He was ¹⁴numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin

of many, and ¹⁵made intercession for the transgressors.

Chapter 54

Future Glory of Zion

1 ¶ “Sing, O ¹barren one, you who have borne no *child*. Break forth into singing and cry aloud you *who* did not labor with child. For more *are* the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman,” says the LORD.

2 “Enlarge ²the place of your tent and let them stretch forth the curtains of your dwelling. Do not spare. Lengthen your ropes and strengthen your stakes.

3 “For you will break forth on the right hand and on the left, and your seed will ³inherit the Gentiles and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

4 ¶ “Do ⁴not fear, for you will not be ashamed. Do not be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame. For you will forget the shame of your youth and will no longer remember the reproach of your widowhood.

5 “For your Maker *is* your husband. The LORD of armies *is* His name, and your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. He will be called ⁵the God of the whole earth.

6 “For the LORD ⁶has called you as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth when you were refused,” says your God.

7 “For ⁷a brief moment I have for-

i Mt 26:63; 27:12-14; Mk 14:61; 15:45; Lk 23:9; Jn 19:9 j At 8:32,33; Rv 5:6 k Mt 27:11-26; Lk 23:1-25; 1 Co 15:3 l Dn 9:26 m Mt 27:57-60; Lk 23:33 n 1 Pt 2:22; 1 Jn 3:5 o Jn 1:29; At 2:24; 2 Co 5:21 p 1 Jn 2:1 q Is 42:1 r At 13:38,39; Rm 5:15-19 s Ps 2:8 t Cl 2:15 u Is 50:6; Rm 3:25 v Mt 27:38; Mk 15:28; Lk 22:37; 23:34; 2 Co 5:21 w Lk 23:34 **Chapter 54:** a Gl 4:27 b Is 49:19,20 c Is 14:2; 49:22,23; 60:9 d Is 41:10 e Jr 3:14 f At 14:9 g Is 62:4 h Is 26:20; 60:10

saken you. But with great mercies ⁱI will gather you.

8 “With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment. ^jBut with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you,” says the LORD your Redeemer.

9 ¶ “For this *is like* the waters of ^kNoah to Me. For *as* I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no longer go over the earth, so I have sworn that I would not be angry with ^lyou, nor rebuke you.

10 “For ^mthe mountains will depart and the hills be removed, ⁿbut My kindness will not depart from you, nor will the covenant of My peace be removed,” says the LORD who has mercy on you.

11 ¶ “O you afflicted, tossed with tempest *and* not comforted. Behold, I will lay your stones with ^ocolorful gems and lay your foundations with sapphires.

12 “And I will make your windows of rubies and your gates of crystal, and all your borders of precious stones.

13 “And all your children *will be* ^ptaught by the LORD. And ^qgreat *will be* the peace of your children.

14 “You will be established in righteousness. You will be far from oppression, for you will not fear; and from terror, for it will not come near you.

15 “Behold, if anyone fiercely assails *you* it will not be from Me. Whoever gathers together against

you will ^rfall for your sake.

16 “Behold, I have created the smith who blows the coals in the fire, and who brings forth an instrument for his work. And I have created the destroyer to destroy.

17 “No weapon that is formed against you will ^sprosper. And every tongue *that* will rise against you in judgment you will condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, ^tand their righteousness *is* from Me,” says the LORD.

Chapter 55

Invitation to the Thirsty

1 ¶ “Ho! ^uEveryone who thirsts come to the waters. And he who has no money, come *and* buy and eat. Yes, ^vcome! Buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 “Why do you spend money for *that which is* not bread and labor for *that which* does not satisfy? Hearken diligently to Me and eat *that which is* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3 “Incline your ear and ^wcome to Me. Hear, and your soul will live, ^xand I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the ^ysure mercies of David.

4 “Behold, I have given him *for* ^za witness to the people, ^{aa}a leader and commander for the people.

5 ^{ab}“Behold, you will call a nation *that* you did not know. ^{ac}And nations who do not know you will run to you because of the LORD your God and

i Is 43:5; 56:8 j Jr 31:3 k Gn 8:21; 9:11 l Ez 39:29 m Is 51:6 n Ps 89:33,34 o Rv 21:18,19 p Jn 6:45 q Ps 119:165 r Is 41:11-16 s Is 17:12-14; 29:8 t Is 45:24,25; 54:14 Chapter 55: a Jn 4:14; 7:37 b Rv 3:18 c Mt 11:28 d Jr 32:40 e 2 Sm 7:8 f Rv 1:5 g Dn 9:25 h Ep 2:11-13 i Is 60:5

for the Holy One of Israel, ^jfor He has glorified you.”

6 ¶ ^kSeek the LORD while He may be ^lfound. Call upon Him while He is near.

7 ^mLet the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man ⁿhis thoughts. And let him return to the LORD ^oand He will have mercy upon him, and to our God for He will abundantly pardon.

8 ¶ “For ^pMy thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the LORD.

9 “For ^qas the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

10 “For ^ras the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud so that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

11 ^s“so will My word be that goes forth out of My mouth. It will not return to Me void. But it will accomplish that which I please, and it will ^tprosper *in the thing* to which I sent it.

12 “For ^uyou will go out with joy and be led forth with peace. The mountains and the hills will ^vbreak forth before you into singing and ^wall the trees of the field will clap *their* hands.

13 ^x“Instead of ^ythe thorn, will come up the fir tree. And instead of the brier, will come up the myrtle tree.

And it will be to the LORD ^zfor a name, for an everlasting sign *that* will not be cut off.”

Chapter 56

Salvation for All

1 ¶ Thus says the LORD, “Keep justice and do righteousness, for ^aMy salvation is about to come and My righteousness to be revealed.

2 “Blessed *is* the man *who* does this, and the son of man *who* lays hold on it, ^bwho keeps the Sabbath from polluting it and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

3 ¶ Do not let ^cthe son of the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, “The LORD has utterly separated me from His people.” Do not let the ^deunuch say, “Behold, I *am* a dry tree.”

4 For thus says the LORD, “To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths and choose *the things* that please Me, and take hold of My covenant,

5 “even to them I will give in ^eMy house and within My walls a memorial and ^fa name better than of sons and of daughters. I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off.

6 ¶ “Also the sons of the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD in order to serve Him, and to love the name of the LORD in order to be His servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath from polluting it and takes hold of My covenant,

7 “even them I will ^gbring to My holy

j Is 60:9 k Hb 3:13 l Ps 32:6 m Is 1:16 n Zc 8:17 o Jr 3:12 p 2 Sm 7:19 q Ps 103:11 r Dt 32:2 s Is 45:23 t Is 46:9-11 u Is 35:10 v Ps 98:8 w 1 Ch 16:33 x Is 41:19 y Mc 7:4 z Jr 13:11 Chapter 56: a Mt 3:2; 4:17 b Is 58:13 c Ep 2:12-19 d At 8:27 e 1 Tm 3:15 f 1 Jn 3:1,2 g Is 2:2,3; 60:11

mountain and make them joyful in My ^hhouse of prayer. ⁱTheir burnt offerings and their sacrifices *will be* ^jaccepted upon My altar, for ^kMy house will be called a house of prayer ^lfor all people.”

8 The Lord GOD ^mwho gathers the outcasts of Israel says, ⁿ“Yet I will gather *others* to them, besides those *already* gathered.”

Judgment for the Wicked

9 ¶ Come to eat ^oall you beasts of the field *and* all you beasts in the forest.

10 His watchmen *are* ^pblind. They are all ignorant. ^qThey *are* all mute dogs. They cannot bark. *They are* dreamers lying down who love to slumber.

11 Yes, *they are* ^rgreedy dogs *who* can ^snever have enough. And *they are* ^tshepherds *who* cannot understand. To the last one they all look to their own way, everyone for his gain.

12 “Come,” *one says*, “I will fetch wine and we will fill ourselves with strong ^udrink, and ^vtomorrow will be ^wlike today, only more so.”

Chapter 57

1 ¶ The righteous perishes and no man takes *it* to heart. And ^amerciful men *are* taken away, ^bwhile no one considers that the righteous is taken away from evil.

2 He will enter into peace. They will rest in ^ctheir beds, *each one* walking *in his* uprightness.

3 “But draw near ^dyou sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the harlot.

4 “Against whom do you ridicule? Against whom do you make a wide mouth *and* draw out the tongue? *Are* you not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood,

5 “enflaming yourselves with idols ^eunder every green tree, ^fslaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks?

6 “Among the smooth ^gstones of the stream *is* your portion. *They are* your lot. Even to them you have poured a drink offering. You have offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in ^hthese?

7 “Upon ⁱa lofty and high mountain you have set ^jyour bed. Even there you went up to offer sacrifice.

8 “Behind the door and the doorpost you have set up your sign. Indeed, far removed from Me you have uncovered yourself. And you have gone up and made your bed wide. And you have made an agreement for yourself with them. ^kYou have loved their bed. You have looked on *their* manhood.

9 ^l“And you went to the king with ointment and increased your perfumes. And you sent your ^mmessengers afar off and debased *yourself* *even* to sheol.

10 “You are wearied in the greatness of your way. ⁿ*And yet* you did not say, ^o‘There is no hope.’ You have found the life of your hand, there-

h Mk 11:17 i Rm 12:11 j Is 60:7 k Mt 21:13 l Mt 1:11 m Is 11:12; 27:12; 54:7 n Jn 10:16 o Jr 12:9 p Mt 15:14 q Ph 3:2 r Mc 3:5,11 s Ez 34:2-10 t Is 28:7 u Lk 12:19 v 2 Pt 3:4 Chapter 57: a Ps 12:1 b 1 Kg 14:13 c 2 Ch 16:14 d Mt 16:4 e 2 Kg 16:4 f Jr 7:31 g Jr 3:9 h Jr 5:9, 29; 9:9 i Ez 16:16 j Ez 23:41 k Ez 16:26 l Hs 7:11 m Ez 23:16,40 n Jr 2:25; 18:12

fore you were not grieved.

11 ¶ “And °of whom have you been worried or feared that you have lied and have not remembered Me, nor taken *it* to your heart? ^pHave I not held My peace even of old, and you do not fear Me?”

12 “I will expose your righteousness and your works, for they will not profit you.

13 “When you cry out, let your collection *of idols* deliver you. But the wind will carry them all away. Vanity will take *them*. But he who puts his trust in Me will possess the land and will inherit My holy mountain.”

Comfort for the Humble

14 ¶ And one will say, ^q“Build up! Build up! Prepare the way. Remove *every* obstacle out of the way of My people.”

15 ¶ For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, ^rwhose name *is* Holy, ^s“I dwell in the high and holy *place* ^twith him also *who is* of a contrite and humble spirit in order ^uto revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

16 ^v“For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry. For the spirit would fail before Me and the souls ^w*that* I have made.

17 “Because of the iniquity of ^xhis unjust gain I was angry and smote him. ^yI hid Myself and was angry. ^zAnd he went on turning away in the way of his heart.

18 “I have seen his ways and ^awill heal him. I will lead him also and restore comforts to him and to ^bhis mourners.

19 “I create ^cthe fruit of the lips. Peace, peace ^dto *him who is* afar off and to *him who is* near,” says the LORD. “And I will heal him.

20 ^e“But the wicked *are* like the troubled sea when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 “*There is* no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked.”

Chapter 58

Sincere Service

1 ¶ “Cry aloud! Do not hold back. Lift up your voice like a trumpet and ^ashow My people their transgression and the house of Jacob their sins.

2 “Day after day they beseige Me and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me the ordinances of justice. They take delight in approaching unto God.

3 ‘Why ^bhave we fasted,’ *they say*, ‘and You do not see? *Why* have we ^cafflicted our soul and You do not acknowledge it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you find pleasure and exploit all your laborers.

4 ^d“Behold, you fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness. You will not fast as *you do this* day, to make your voice to be heard on high.

5 “Is ^eit such a fast that I have cho-

o Is 51:12,13 p Ps 50:21 q Is 40:3; 62:10 r Jb 6:10 s Zc 2:13 t Ps 34:18; 51:17 u Is 61:1-3 v Mc 7:18 w Nm 16:22 x Jr 6:13 y Is 8:17; 45:15; 59:2 z Is 9:13 a Jr 3:22 b Is 61:2 c Hb 13:25 d Ep 2:17 e Jb 15:20 f Is 48:22 **Chapter 58:** a Mc 3:8 b Mt 3:13-18 c Lv 16:29; 23:27 d 1 Kg 21:9 e Zc 7:5

sen, ^fa day for a man to afflict his soul? *Is it* to bow down his head as a bulrush and ^gto spread sackcloth and ashes *under him*? Will you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?

6 ¶ “*Is not this the fast that I have chosen, ^hto loose the bonds of wickedness, ⁱto undo the heavy burdens, and ^jto let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?*

7 “*Is it not ^kto divide your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out? ^lWhen you see the naked, that you cover him, and that you do not hide yourself from ^myour own flesh?*

8 ⁿ“Then your light will break out like the dawn and your health will speedily spring forth. And your righteousness will go before you. ^oThe glory of the LORD will be your reward.

9 “Then you will call and the LORD will answer. You will cry out and He will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the pointing of the finger and ^pspeaking vanity,

10 “and *if* you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light will rise in darkness and your gloom *be* as midday.

11 “And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your soul in drought. And He will make fat your bones. And you will be like a watered garden and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.

12 “And your sons ^qwill build the

old waste places. You will raise up the foundations of many generations. And you will be called, ‘The repairer of the breach. The restorer of paths in which to dwell.’

13 ¶ “If because of the Sabbath ^ryou turn your foot from doing your *own* pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy *day* of the LORD honorable, and will honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking *your own* words,

14 ^s“then you will delight yourself in the LORD. And I will cause you to ^tride upon the high places of the earth and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. For ^uthe mouth of the LORD has spoken *it*.”

Chapter 59

Confession and Redemption

1 ¶ Behold, the LORD’S hand is not ^vshortened that it cannot save. Nor is His ear heavy that it cannot hear.

2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God and your sins have hidden *His* face from you so that He will ^wnot hear.

3 For ^xyour hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity. Your lips have spoken lies. Your tongue has muttered perversity.

4 No one calls for justice, nor *does any* plead for truth. They trust in ^yvanity and speak lies. ^zThey conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity.

5 They hatch vipers’ eggs and weave

f Lv 16:29 g Et 4:3 h Lk 4:18,19 i Ne 5:10-12 j Jr 34:9 k Ez 18:7 l Jb 31:19-22 m Ne 5:5 n Jb 11:17 o Ex 14:19 p Ps 12:2 q Is 61:4 r Is 56:2,4,6 s Jb 22:26 t Dt 32:13; 33:29 u Is 1:20; 40:5 **Chapter 59:** a Nm 11:23 b Is 1:15 c Ez 7:23 d Jr 7:4 e Jb 15:35

the spider's web. He who eats of their eggs dies, and that which is crushed breaks out into a viper.

6 ^fTheir webs will not become clothing, nor will they cover themselves with their works. Their works *are* works of iniquity and the act of violence *is* in their hands.

7 ^gTheir feet run to evil and they make haste to shed ^hinnocent blood. ⁱTheir thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity. Wasting and ^jdestruction *are* in their paths.

8 They do not know the way of ^kpeace, and *there is* no judgment in their ways. ^lThey have made for themselves crooked paths. Whoever goes thereon will not know peace.

9 ¶ Therefore, justice is far from us, nor does righteousness overtake us. ^mWe wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, *but* we walk in darkness.

10 ⁿWe grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if *we had* no eyes. We stumble at midday as in the night. *We are* in desolate places as dead *men*.

11 We all roar like bears and ^omourn grievously like doves. We look for justice, but *there is* none; for salvation, *but* it is far from us.

12 For our ^ptransgressions are multiplied before You and our sins testify against us. For our transgressions *are* with us. And *as for* our iniquities, we know them:

13 in transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from

our God, speaking oppression and rebellion, conceiving and uttering ^qfrom the heart words of falsehood.

14 And judgment is turned back, and justice stands afar off. For truth has fallen in the street and equity cannot enter.

15 Yes, truth fails, and he *who* departs from evil makes himself a ^rprey. And the LORD saw *it* and it displeased Him that *there was* no justice.

16 And ^sHe saw that *there was* no man, and ^twas astonished that *there was* no intercessor. ^uTherefore, His arm brought salvation to him and His righteousness sustained him.

17 ^vFor He put on righteousness as a breastplate and a helmet of salvation upon His head. And He put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

18 ^wAccording to *their* deeds, so He will repay wrath to His adversaries *and* recompense to His enemies. To the coastlands He will fully repay.

19 ^xSo they will fear the name of the LORD from the west and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy comes in ^ylike a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a banner against him.

20 ¶ “And the ^zRedeemer will come to Zion and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,” says the LORD.

21 “As ^afor Me, this *is* My covenant with them,” says the LORD. “My Spirit that *is* upon you, and My words

f Jb 8:14 g Rm 3:15 h Pv 6:17 i Is 55:7 j Rm 3:16,17 k Is 57:20,21 l Pv 2:15 m Jr 8:15 n Jb 5:14 o Ez 7:16 p Is 24:5; 58:1 q Mt 12:34 r Is 5:23; 10:2; 29:21; 32:7 s Ez 22:30 t Mk 6:6 u Ps 98:1 v Ep 6:14,17 w Is 63:6 x Mt 1:11 y Rv 12:15 z Rm 11:26 a Hb 8:10; 10:16

that I have put in your mouth will not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed's seed," says the LORD, "from henceforth and forever."

Chapter 60

Glory of Zion

1 ¶ "Arise! ^aShine! For your light has come and ^bthe glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

2 "For behold, the darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the people. But the LORD will arise upon you and His glory will be seen upon you.

3 "And ^cthe Gentiles will come to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising.

4 ¶ "Lift ^dup your eyes all around and see. They all gather together. ^eThey come to you. Your sons will come from afar and your daughters will be nursed at *your* side.

5 "Then you will see and flow together, and your heart will swell with joy because ^fthe abundance of the sea will be converted to you. The wealth of the Gentiles will come to you.

6 "The multitude of camels will cover you, *with* the dromedaries of Midian and ^gEphah. All those from ^hSheba will come. They will bring ⁱgold and incense, and they will show forth the praises of the LORD.

7 "All the flocks of ^jKedar will be gathered together to you. The rams

of Nebaioth will minister to you. They will come up with ^kacceptance on My altar and ^lI will glorify the house of My glory.

8 "Who *are* these *who* fly as a cloud and as the doves to their lattices?

9 ^m"Surely the coastlands will wait for Me. And the ships of Tarshish *will come* first ⁿto bring your sons from afar, ^otheir silver and their gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God and for the Holy One of Israel ^pbecause He has glorified you.

10 ¶ "And ^qthe sons of foreigners will build up your walls ^rand their kings will minister to you. For ^sin My wrath I smote you, ^tbut in My favor I have had mercy on you.

11 "Therefore, your gates ^uwill be open continually. They will not be shut day or night so that *men* may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, and their kings in procession.

12 ^v"For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you will perish. Yes, *those* nations will be utterly wasted.

13 "The ^wglory of Lebanon will come to you, the juniper tree, together *with* the box tree and the cypress, to beautify the place of My sanctuary. And I will make the ^xplace of My feet glorious.

14 "The sons of those who afflicted you will come ^ybowing to you. And all those who despised you will ^zbow themselves down at the soles of your feet. And they will call you, 'The city of the LORD. The ^aZion of the Holy

Chapter 60: a Ep 5:14 b Mt 4:2 c Is 49:6,23; Jn 8:12; 12:46; At 13:47,48; 26:17,18; Rv 21:24 d Is 49:18 e Is 49:20-22 f Rm 11:25-27 g Gn 25:4 h Ps 72:10 i Mt 2:11 j Gn 25:13 k Is 56:7 l Hg 2:7,9 m Ps 72:10 n Gl 4:26 o Jr 3:17 p Is 55:5 q Zc 6:15 r Rv 21:24 s Is 57:17 t Is 54:7,8 u Rv 21:25,26 v Zc 14:17 w Is 35:2 x 1 Ch 28:2 y Is 45:14 z Rv 3:9 a Hb 12:22

One of Israel.’

15 ¶ “Whereas you have been forsaken and hated so that no man went through you, I will make you an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.

16 “You will also drink the milk of the Gentiles, ^band will milk the breast of kings. And you will know that ^cI, the LORD *am* your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

17 ¶ “For I will bring bronze and gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood bronze, and for stones iron. I will make peace your administrators and righteousness your overseers.

18 “Violence will no longer be heard in your land, *neither* wasting nor destruction within your borders. But you will call ^dyour walls ‘Salvation,’ and your gates ‘Praise.’

19 ¶ “The ^esun will no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness will the moon give light to you. But the LORD will be to you an everlasting light and ^fyour God your glory.

20 ^g“Your sun will no longer go down, nor will your moon withdraw itself. For the LORD will be your everlasting light and the days of your mourning will be ended.

21 ^h“Your people also *will be* all righteous. ⁱThey will inherit the land forever, ^jthe branch of My planting, ^kthe work of My hands, so that I may be glorified.

22 ^l“A little one will become a thou-

sand, and a small one a strong nation. I the LORD will hasten it in its time.”

Chapter 61

Time of the Lord's Grace

1 ¶ The ^aspirit of the Lord GOD ^bis upon Me because the LORD ^bhas anointed Me to preach good news to the meek. He has sent Me ^cto bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim ^dliberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *those who are bound*;

2 ^eto proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD and ^fthe day of vengeance of our God, ^gto comfort all who mourn,

3 to console those who mourn in Zion, ^hto give to them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, so that they might be called trees of righteousness *and* ⁱthe planting of the LORD in order that ^jHe might be glorified.

4 ¶ And they will ^krebuild the old ruins. They will raise up the former desolations. They will repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.

5 And ^lforeigners will stand and feed your flocks. And the sons of the alien *will be* your plowmen and your vinedressers.

6 ^mBut you will be named the priests of the LORD. *Men* will call you the ministers of our God. ⁿYou will eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their

b Is 49:23 c Is 43:3 d Is 26:1 e Rv 21:23; 22:5 f Zc 2:5 g Am 8:9 h Rv 21:27 i Ps 37:11 j Is 61:3 k Ep 2:10 l Mt 13:31,32 Chapter 61: a Mt 3:16,17; Lk 4:18,19; Jn 1:32; 3:34 b Mt 11:5; Lk 7:22 c Ps 147:3 d Is 42:7 e Lv 25:9 f Is 34:8 g Mt 5:4 h Ps 30:11 i Is 60:21 j Jn 15:8 k Ez 36:33 l Ep 2:12 m Ex 19:6 n Is 60:5,11

glory you will boast.

7 ^oInstead of your shame, *you will have a double honor*. And *instead of humiliation*, they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore, in their land they will possess a double *portion*. Everlasting joy will be theirs.

8 “For ^pI the LORD love justice. ^qI hate villainous robbery for burnt offering. And I will direct their work in truth ^rand I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 “And their seed will be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people. All who see them will acknowledge them, ^sthat they *are* the seed *that* the LORD has blessed.”

10 ¶ ^tI will greatly rejoice in the LORD. My soul will be joyful in my God, for ^uHe has clothed me with the garments of salvation. He has covered me with the robe of righteousness ^vas a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments and as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels.

11 For as the earth brings forth her bud, and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord GOD will cause ^wrighteousness and ^xpraise to spring forth before all the nations.

Chapter 62

The New Name

1 ¶ For Zion’s sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest until its righteousness goes forth as brightness and its sal-

vation as a lamp *that* burns.

2 And ^athe Gentiles will see your righteousness and all ^bkings your glory. And ^cyou will be called by a new name which the mouth of the LORD will name.

3 You will also be ^da crown of glory in the hand of the LORD and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

4 “You will no longer be called ^e“Forsaken,” nor will your land any longer be called ^f“Desolate.” But you will be called ^g“Hephzibah,” and your land “Beulah.” For the LORD delights in you, and your land will be married.

5 For *as* a young man marries a virgin, *so* will your sons marry you. And *as* the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, ^h*so* will your God rejoice over you.

6 ¶ ⁱI have set watchmen upon your walls, O Jerusalem, *who* will never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent.

7 And give him no rest until He establishes and He makes Jerusalem ^{ja}praise on the earth.

8 The LORD has sworn by His right hand and by the arm of His strength, “Surely I will no longer ^kgive your grain *to be* food for your enemies. And the sons of the foreigners will not drink your wine for which you have labored.”

9 But those who have gathered it will eat it and praise the LORD. And those who have brought it together

o Zc 9:12 p Ps 11:7 q Is 1:11,13 r Is 55:3 s Is 65:23 t Hk 3:18 u Ps 132:9,16 v Is 49:18 w Ps 72:3; 85:11 x Is 60:18; 62:7 **Chapter 62:** a Is 60:3 b Ps 102:15,16; 138:4,5; 148:11,13 c Is 62:4,12; 65:15 d Zc 9:16 e Hs 1:10 f Is 49:14; 54:6,7 g Is 54:1 h Is 65:19 i Ez 3:17; 33:7 j Zp 3:19,20 k Dt 28:31,33

will drink it in the courts of My holiness.

10 ¶ Go through. Go through the gates. ^mPrepare the way for the people. Build up! Build up the highway! Remove the stones! ⁿLift up a banner over the people!

11 Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the world, ^o“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your salvation comes. Behold, His ^preward is with Him, and His work before Him.’”

12 And they will call them, “The Holy People. The Redeemed of the LORD.” And you will be called, “Sought Out, a City not Forsaken.”

Chapter 63

Day of Vengeance and Redemption

1 ¶ Who is this who comes from Edom with dyed garments from Bozrah, this *One who is* glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength? *“It is I who speak in righteousness and mighty to save.”*

2 ¶ Why ^ais Your apparel red and Your garments like the one who treads in the wine press?

3 “I have ^btrodden the wine trough alone, and from the people there was no one with Me. For I will tread them in My anger and trample them in My fury. And their blood will be sprinkled upon My garments. And I will stain all My robes.

4 “For the ^cday of vengeance is in My heart and the year of My redemption has come.

5 “And ^dI looked and ^ethere was no one to help. And I wondered that *there was* no one to uphold. Therefore, My own ^farm brought salvation to Me and My fury upheld Me.

6 “And I will tread down the people in My anger and make them drunk in My fury. And I will bring down their strength to the earth.”

Praise and Prayer

7 ¶ I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD *and* the praises of the LORD according to all that the LORD has bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel that he has bestowed on them according to His mercies and according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.

8 For He said, “Surely they *are* My people, children *who* will not lie.” So He was their Savior.

9 ^eIn all their affliction He was afflicted, ^band the Angel of His presence saved them. ⁱIn His love and in His pity He redeemed them. And ^jHe bore them and carried them all the days of old.

10 But they ^krebelled and ^lvexed His Holy Spirit. ^mTherefore, He was turned to be their enemy, *and thus* He fought against them.

11 ¶ Then they ⁿremembered the days of old, Moses *and* his people, *saying*, “Where is He who ^obrought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of His flock? ^pWhere is He who put His Holy Spirit within them?

I Dt 12:12; 14:23,26 m Is 40:3; 57:14 n Is 11:12 o Zc 9:9; Mt 21:5; Jn 12:15 p Rv 22:12 **Chapter 63:** a Rv 19:13,15 b Rv 14:19,20; 19:15 c Is 34:8; 35:4; 61:2 d Is 41:28; 59:16 e Jn 16:32 f Ps 98:1 g Jg 10:16 h Ex 14:19 i Dt 7:7 j Ex 19:4 k Ex 15:24 l Ps 78:40 m Ex 23:21 n Ps 106:44,45 o Ex 14:30 p Nm 11:17,25,29

12 “Who led *them* by the right hand of Moses ^qwith His glorious arm, ^rdividing the water before them in order to make Himself an everlasting name?”

13 ^s“Who led them through the deep as a horse in the wilderness *that* they should not stumble?”

14 As a beast goes down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest. So You led Your people ^tto make Yourself a glorious name.

15 ¶ ^uLook down from heaven and behold ^vfrom the habitation of Your holiness and of Your glory. Where *is* Your zeal and Your strength, the yearning ^wof Your heart and of Your mercies toward me? Are they restrained?”

16 ^xDoubtless You *are* our Father, though Abraham ^ywas ignorant of us and Israel did not recognize us. You, O LORD, *are* our Father, our redeemer. Our redeemer from everlasting is Your name.

17 O LORD, why have You ^zmade us stray from Your ways *and* hardened our heart from Your fear? Return for Your servants’ sake, the tribes of Your inheritance.

18 ^aThe people of Your holiness have possessed *it* but a little while. ^bOur adversaries have trodden down Your sanctuary.

19 We have become *like* those over whom You have never ruled, *like* those who were not called by Your name.

Chapter 64

1 ¶ Oh that You would split the heavens, that You would come down, that the mountains might flow down at Your ^apresence.

2 As *when* the melting fire burns, the fire causes the waters to boil, to make Your name known to Your adversaries, *so that* the nations may tremble at Your presence!

3 When ^bYou did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down *and* the mountains quaked at Your presence.

4 For since the beginning of the world ^c*men* have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen a God besides You who acts on behalf of the one who waits for Him.

5 You meet him who rejoices and works righteousness, *who* remembers You in Your ways. Behold, You were angry, for we have sinned. *We continued* ^din these ways a long time, and we need to be saved.

6 But we have all become like one who is unclean, and all ^eour righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags. And we all ^ffade as a leaf. And our iniquities like the wind, have taken us away.

7 And *there is* no one who calls on Your name, who stirs up himself to take hold of You. For You have hidden Your face from us and have consumed us because of our iniquities.

8 ¶ But now, O LORD, You *are* our Father. *We are* the clay and You our

q Ex 15:6 r Ex 14:21,22 s Ps 106:9 t 2 Sm 7:23 u Dt 26:15 v Ps 33:14 w Jr 31:20 x Dt 32:6 y Jb 14:21 z Jn 12:40 a Dt 7:6 b Ps 74:3-7 Chapter 64: a Mc 1:3,4 b Ex 34:10 c Ps 31:19 d Mt 3:6 e Ph 3:9 f Ps 90:5,6

^epotter. So we all *are* the work of Your hand.

9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, nor remember iniquity forever. Behold, look, we beseech You. We *are* all Your people.

10 Your holy cities are a wilderness. Zion is a wilderness. Jerusalem *is* a desolation.

11 Our holy and our beautiful house where our fathers praised You is burned up with fire. And all ^hour pleasant things are laid waste.

12 ⁱWill You restrain Yourself at these *things*, O LORD? ^jWill You hold Your peace and afflict us beyond measure?

Chapter 65

Judgment and Salvation

1 ¶ “I am ^asought by *those who* do not ask *for Me*. I am found by *those who* did not seek Me. I said, ‘Here am I. Here am I,’ to a nation *that* ^bwas not called by My name.

2 “I have spread out My hands all day long to a ^drebellious people who ^ewalk in a way *that is* not good, following their own thoughts,

3 “a people ^fwho provoke Me to anger continually to My face, ^gwho sacrifice in gardens and burn incense upon altars of brick,

4 ^h“who remain among the graves and lodge in the monuments, ⁱwho eat swine’s flesh and the broth of abominable *things* in their vessels,

5 ^j“who say, ‘Keep to yourself. Do

not come near me, for I am holier than you!’ These *are* smoke in My nose, a fire that burns all day long.

6 “Behold, ^k*it is* written before Me. ^lI will not keep silence. ^mBut I will repay, even repay into their bosom, **7** “your iniquities and ⁿthe iniquities of their fathers together,” says the LORD. “Because ^othey have burned incense upon the mountains ^pand blasphemed Me upon the hills, therefore, I will measure their former work into their bosom.”

8 ¶ Thus says the LORD, “As the new wine is found in the cluster, and *one* says, ‘Do not destroy it, ^qfor a blessing *is* in it,’ so I will do for My servants’ sakes so that I may not destroy them ^rall.

9 “And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and from Judah an heir of My mountains. And My ^select will inherit it and My servants will dwell there.

10 “And ^tSharon will be a fold of flocks, and ^uthe valley of Achor a resting place for herds for My people who ^vseek Me.

11 “But you *are* those who forsake the LORD, who forget ^wMy holy mountain, who prepare ^xa table for Fortune, and who furnish the drink offering for Destiny.

12 “Therefore, I will destine you to the sword and you will all bow down to the slaughter, ^ybecause I called but you did not answer. I spoke, but you did not hear. And you did evil in My

g Is 29:16; 45:9 h Ez 24:21 i Is 42:14 j Ps 83:1 Chapter 65: a Rm 9:24; 10:20 b Is 63:19 c Rm 10:21 d Is 1:2,23 e Is 42:24 f Dt 32:21 g Is 1:29 h Dt 18:11 i Is 66:17 j Mt 9:11 k Dt 32:34 l Ps 50:3 m Ps 79:12 n Ex 20:5 o Ez 18:6 p Ez 20:27,28 q Jl 2:14 r Is 1:9 s Mt 24:22 t Is 33:9 u Ja 7:24 v Is 55:6 w Is 56:7 x Ez 23:41 y Pv 1:24

sight and chose that in which I did not delight.”

13 ¶ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, My servants will eat, but you will be hungry. Behold, My servants will drink, but you will be thirsty. Behold, My servants will rejoice, but you will be ashamed.

14 “Behold, My servants will sing for joy of heart, but you will cry out for sorrow of heart and will wail with a broken spirit.

15 “And you will leave your name ^afor a curse to ^bMy chosen. For the Lord GOD will slay you and ^ccall His servants by another name.

16 ^d“Because he who is blessed in the earth will be blessed by the God of truth. And ^ehe who swears in the earth will swear by the God of truth, because the former troubles are forgotten and because they are hidden from My eyes.

New Heavens and a New Earth

17 ¶ “For behold, I create ^fnew heavens and a new earth. And the former *things* will not be remembered, nor come into mind.

18 “But be glad and rejoice forever *in that* which I create. For behold, I create Jerusalem *for* rejoicing and her people *for* gladness.

19 ^g“And I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people. And ^hthe voice of weeping will no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20 ¶ “No longer will there be in her an infant *who lives but a few days*,

nor an old man who does not live out his days. For the child will die a hundred years old, ⁱbut the sinner *being* a hundred years old will be accursed.

21 ^j“And they will build houses and inhabit *them*. And they will plant vineyards and eat the fruit from them.

22 “They will not build and another inhabit. They will not plant and ^kanother eat. For ^las the days of a tree *so will be* the days of My people, and ^mMy elect will long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 “They will not labor in vain, ⁿnor bring forth for trouble, for ^othey *are* the seed of the blessed of the LORD and their offspring with them.

24 ¶ “And it will come to pass that ^pbefore they call I will answer, and while they are still speaking I will ^qhear.

25 “The ^rwolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, ^sand dust *will be* the serpent’s food. They will not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,” says the LORD.

Chapter 66

Judgment and Hope

1 ¶ Thus says the LORD, “The ^aheaven *is* My throne and the earth *is* My footstool. Where *is* the house that you could build for Me? And where *is* the place of My rest?”

2 “For My hand made all these things, therefore, all these things came into existence,” says the LORD. ^b“But to this *person* I will

z Mt 8:12 a Jr 29:22 b Is 65:9,22 c At 11:26 d Jr 4:2 e Zp 1:5 f Rv 21:1 g Is 62:4,5 h Rv 7:17; 21:4 i Ec 8:12,13 j Am 9:14 k Is 62:8,9 l Ps 92:12 m Is 65:9,15 n Hs 9:12 o Is 61:9 p Is 55:9 q Dn 9:20-23 r Is 11:6-9 s Gn 3:14 **Chapter 66:** a 1 Kg 8:27 b Is 57:15; 61:1

look, ^ceven to him who is humble and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at My word.

3 ¶ “He ^dwho kills an ox *is as if he* slew a man. He who sacrifices a lamb *as if he* ^ebreaks a dog’s neck. He who offers an oblation *as if he offered* swine’s blood. He who burns incense *as if he* blessed an idol. Yes, they have chosen their own ways and their soul delights in their abominations.

4 “I also will choose their delusions and will bring their fears upon them, ^fbecause when I called, no one answered. When I spoke, they did not hear. But they did evil before My eyes and chose that in which I did not delight.”

5 ¶ Hear the word of the LORD you who tremble at His word. “Your brethren who ^ghated you, who cast you out for My name’s sake, said, ^h‘Let the LORD be glorified so that ⁱwe may see your joy.’ But they will be put to shame.

6 “A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice from the LORD that renders repayment to His enemies.

7 “Before she was in labor, she brought forth. Before her pain came, she gave birth to a boy.

8 “Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Will the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Will a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

9 “Will I bring to the point of birth

and not give delivery?” says the LORD. “Will I cause to bring forth, and shut *the womb?*” says your God.

10 ¶ “Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad with her all you who love her. Rejoice for joy with her all you who mourn for her,

11 “so that you may nurse and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations, so that you may suck and be delighted with her bountiful bosom.”

12 ¶ For thus says the LORD, “Behold, ^jI will extend peace to her like a river and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you will ^knurse. You will be ^lcarried on the hip and fondled on the knees.

13 “As one whom his mother comforts, so will I ^mcomfort you. And you will be comforted in Jerusalem.”

14 And when you see *this*, your heart will rejoice and ⁿyour bones will flourish like a herb. And the hand of the LORD will be known toward His servants and *His* indignation toward His enemies.

15 ¶ ^oFor behold, the LORD will come with fire and with His chariots like a whirlwind in order to render His anger with fury and His rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For by fire and by ^pHis sword the LORD will plead with all flesh. And the slain of the LORD will be ^qmany.

17 “Those ^rwho sanctify and purify themselves *to go* to the gardens, following *the* one in the center, who eat swine’s flesh, abominable things and

c Ps 34:18; 51:17 d Is 1:10-17; 58:1-7 e Dt 23:18 f Is 65:12 g Is 60:15 h Is 5:19 i Ti 2:13 j Is 48:18; 60:5 k Is 60:16 l Is 49:22; 60:4 m Is 51:3 n Ez 37:1 o Is 9:5 p Is 27:1 q Is 34:6 r Is 65:3-8

mice, will come to an end altogether,” declares the LORD.

The Great Commission

18 ¶ “For I *know* their works and their ^sthoughts. It will come that I will ^gather all nations and tongues. And they will come and see My glory.

19 “And ^uI will set a sign among them and I will send those who are delivered to the nations, *to* Tarshish, Put, Lud, Meshech, Rosh, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. ^vAnd they will declare My glory among the Gentiles.

20 “And they will ^wbring all your brethren *for* an offering to the LORD out of all nations on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on swift beasts, to My holy mountain Jerusalem,” says the

LORD, “as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.

21 “And I will also take from them for ^ypriests *and* for Levites,” says the LORD.

22 ¶ “For as ^zthe new heavens and the new earth that I will make will endure before Me,” says the LORD, “so will your seed and your name remain.

23 “And ^ait will come to pass *that* from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, ^ball flesh will come to worship before Me,” says the LORD.

24 “And they will go forth and look upon the carcasses of the men who have transgressed against Me. For their ^cworm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched. And they will be an abhorring to all flesh.”

s Is 59:7 t Jr 3:17 u Lk 2:34 v Mt 1:11 w Is 49:22 x Rm 15:16 y Ex 19:6 z Rv 21:1 a Zc 14:16 b Zc 14:17-21 c Mk 9:44,46,48