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## Chapter 1

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

2. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord has spoken, I have reared and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

3. The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel does not know, my people does not consider.

4. Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children who are corrupters; they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger, they have turned backwards.

5. Where should you still be stricken that you revolt again? Every head is sick, and every heart is faint.

6. From the sole of the foot to the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and sores;

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they have not been pressed, nor bound up, nor softened with oil.

7. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire; as for your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as if overthrown by strangers.

8. And the daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard, like a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, like a besieged city.

9. If the Lord of hosts had not left us a very small remnant, we should have been like Sodom, and we should have been like Gomorrah.

10. Hear the word of the Lord, rulers of Sodom; give ear to the Torah of our God, people of Gomorrah.

11. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to me? said the Lord; I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of male goats.

12. When you come to appear before me, who has required this at your hand, to trample my courts?

13. Bring no more vain offerings; incense of

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abomination they are to me; as for new moons and sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies, I cannot bear iniquity along with solemn meeting.

14. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they are a trouble to me; I am weary of enduring them.

15. And when you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; and, when you make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood.

16. Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil;

17. Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the orphan, plead for the widow.

18. Come now, and let us reason together, said the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

19. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

20. But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured

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with the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

21. How the faithful city has become a harlot! It was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

22. Your silver has become dross, your wine is mixed with water;

23. Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves; every one loves bribes, and follows after rewards; they judge not the orphans neither does the cause of the widow reach them.

24. Therefore said the Lord, the Lord of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of my adversaries, and avenge me of my enemies;

25. And I will turn my hand upon you, and smelt away your dross as with lye, and take away all your base alloy;

26. And I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counsellors as at the beginning; afterward you shall be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

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27. Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and those who return to her with righteousness.

28. And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and those who forsake the Lord shall be consumed.

29. For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which you have desired, and you shall be confounded because of the gardens that you have chosen.

30. For you shall be like an oak whose leave withers, and like a garden that has no water.

31. And the strong shall be as tow, and his work a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

## Chapter 2

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

2. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on

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the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.

3. And many people shall go and say, 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 of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for from Zion shall go forth Torah, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

4. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall decide for many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more.

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

6. For you have abandoned your people, the house of Jacob, because they are replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.

7. And their land is full of silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures; and their land is full of



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horses, and there is no end to their chariots;

8. And their land is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made;

9. And man is humbled, and man is brought low; forgive them not.

10. Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty.

11. The lofty looks of man shall be brought low, and the arrogance of men shall be brought low, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

12. For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one who is arrogant and lofty, and upon every one who is lifted up and shall be brought low;

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

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

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

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16. And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all delightful craftsmanship.

17. And the haughtiness of man shall be bowed down, and the arrogance of men shall be brought down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

18. And the idols he shall completely abolish.

19. And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he arises to shake terribly the earth.

20. In that day man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made for him to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

21. To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the crevices of the rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he arises to shake terribly the earth.

22. Cease you from man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for in what is he to be accounted for?

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## Chapter 3

1. For, behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water.
2. The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the diviner, and the elder,
3. The captain of fifty, and the honorable man, and the counsellor, and the skilful artisan, and the eloquent orator.
4. And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.
5. And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbor; the child shall behave himself arrogantly against the elder, and the base against the honorable.
6. When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, You have clothing, be you our ruler, and let this ruin be under your hand;

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

8. For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen; because their tongue and their doings are against the Lord, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

9. The show of their countenance does witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe to their soul! for they have rewarded evil to themselves.

10. Say to the righteous, that it shall be well with him; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

11. Woe to the wicked! it shall be ill with him; for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

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

13. The Lord stands up to plead, and stands to judge the people.

14. The Lord will enter into judgment with the elders of

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his people, and its princes; for you have eaten up the vineyard; the plunder of the poor is in your houses.

15. (K) What do you mean beating my people to pieces, and grinding the faces of the poor? said the Lord God of hosts.

16. (K) Moreover the Lord said, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched out necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet;

17. Therefore the Lord will strike with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the Lord will lay bare their secret parts.

18. In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their anklets, and their tiaras, and their necklaces.

19. The ear rings, and the bracelets, and the scarves,

20. The bonnets, and the arm bands, and the belts, and the perfume boxes, and the amulets,

21. The rings, and nose jewels,

22. The cloaks, and the mantles, and the gowns, and

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the handbags,

23. The gauze, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils.

24. And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be a stench; and instead of a girdle a rope; and instead of well set hair, baldness; and instead of a fine dress a girding of sackcloth; and a brand instead of beauty.

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

26. And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground.

## Chapter 4

1. And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by your name, to take away our reproach.

2. In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful

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and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for those of Israel who have escaped.

3. And it shall come to pass, that he who is left in Zion, and he who remains in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, every one who has been recorded among the living in Jerusalem;

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

5. And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for upon all the glory shall be a canopy.

6. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

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1. Now will I sing to my well beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My well beloved has a vineyard in a very fruitful hill;
2. And he dug it, and cleared away its stones, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in its midst, and also made there a winepress; and he looked for it to yield grapes, and it yielded wild grapes.
3. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I beg you, between me and my vineyard.
4. What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? Why, when I looked for it to yield grapes, it yielded wild grapes?
5. And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard; I will take away its hedge, and it shall be eaten up; and break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down;
6. And I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned, nor dug; but there shall come up briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds not to rain upon it.



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7. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant; and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

8. Woe to those who join house to house, who lay field to field, till there is no room, and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land!

9. In my ears said the Lord of hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, great and fair, without inhabitant.

10. For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bat, and the seed of an homer shall yield an ephah.

11. Woe to those who rise up early in the morning, that they may go after strong drink; and continue until night, till wine inflames them!

12. And the lyre, and the lute, the tambourine, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts; but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands.

13. Therefore my people are gone to captivity, because they have no knowledge; and their

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honorable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

14. Therefore Sheol has enlarged itself, and opened its mouth without measure; and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he who rejoices, shall descend into it.

15. And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled;

16. But the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God who is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

17. Then shall the lambs feed as in their pasture, and fat ones and strangers shall feed in the ruins.

18. Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope;

19. Who say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it; and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, that we may know it!

20. Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;

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who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;  
who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

22. Woe to those who are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mix strong drink;

23. Who justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

24. Therefore as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; because they have cast away the Torah of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

25. Therefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against his people, and he stretched out his hand against them, and struck them; and the hills trembled, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger was not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

26. And he will lift up a banner to the nations from far,

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and will whistle to them from the end of the earth;  
and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly;

27. None shall be weary nor stumble among them;  
none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle  
of their loins be loosed, nor the strap of their sandals  
be broken;

28. Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent,  
their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and  
their wheels like a stormy wind.

29. (K) Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar  
like young lions; yes, they shall roar, and lay hold of  
the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall  
rescue it.

30. And in that day they shall roar against them like  
the roaring of the sea; and if one looks to the land,  
behold darkness and sorrow, and the light is  
darkened in its heavens.

## Chapter 6

1. In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the

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Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2. Above it stood the seraphim; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he did fly.

3. And one cried to another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

4. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of he who cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

6. Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar;

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

8. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom

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shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

9. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear hear, but do not understand. See see, but do not perceive.

10. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return, and be healed.

11. Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities are destroyed without inhabitants, and the houses without man, and the land is completely desolate,

12. And the Lord has moved men far away, and there is a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

13. And if one tenth remain in it, then that shall again be consumed; but like a terebinth tree, or like an oak, whose stump remains, when they cast their leaves; so the holy seed shall be its stump.

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1. And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Aram, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to fight against it, but could not prevail against it.

2. And it was told the house of David, saying, Aram is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest are moved with the wind.

3. Then said the Lord to Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, you, and Shear-Yashuv your son, at the end of the aqueduct of the upper pool in the highway of the washers' field;

4. And say to him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be faint hearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Aram, and of the son of Remaliah.

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

6. Let us go up against Judah, and harass it, and let us make a breach in it for us, and set a king in its

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midst, the son of Tabeal;

7. Thus said the Lord God, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.

8. For the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within sixty five years shall Ephraim be broken, and it will not be 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 shall not be established.

10. Moreover the Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

11. Ask a sign of the Lord your God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

12. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither 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 shall give you a sign; Behold, the young woman is with child, and she will bear a son, and shall call his name Immanu-El.



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15. Butter and honey shall he eat, when he shall know how to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

16. For before the child shall know how to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread shall be deserted.

17. The Lord shall bring upon you, and upon your people, and upon your father's house, days that have not come since the day when Ephraim departed from Judah: the king of Assyria.

18. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall whistle to the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.

19. And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes.

20. In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor which is hired, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the legs; and it shall also sweep away the beard.

21. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man

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shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep;

22. And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give he shall eat butter; for butter and honey shall every one eat who is left in the land.

23. And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place where there were a thousand vines worth a thousand silver shekels, will become briers and thorns.

24. With arrows and with bows shall men come there; because all the land shall become briers and thorns.

25. And on all hills that shall be hoed with a hoe, you shall not come there for fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be for the sending forth of bulls, and for the treading of sheep.

## Chapter 8

1. Moreover the Lord said to me, Take a great roll, and write on it with common characters, "The spoil speeds, the prey hastens".

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2. And I took to myself faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.

3. And I went to the prophetess; and she conceived, and bore a son. Then said the Lord to me, Call his name Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz (The spoil speeds, the prey hastens).

4. For before the child shall know how to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

5. The Lord spoke also to me again, saying,

6. Because this people refuse the waters of Shiloah that flow gently, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son;

7. Now therefore, behold, the Lord brings upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory; and it will rise over all its channels, and go over all its banks;

8. And it shall pass through Judah; it shall overflow and go over, it shall reach even to the neck; and the

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stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of your land, O Immanu-El.

9. Be broken up, O you people, and be dismayed; and give ear, all you of far countries; gird yourselves, and you shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and you shall be broken in pieces.

10. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nothing; speak the word, and it shall not stand; for God is with us.

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, to all that this people shall call a conspiracy; neither fear their fear, nor be afraid.

13. Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

14. And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a trap to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

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15. And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be trapped, and be taken.

16. Bind up the testimony, seal the Torah among my disciples.

17. And I will wait upon the Lord, who hides his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

18. Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells in mount Zion.

19. And when they shall say to you, Consult mediums and wizards who peep and mutter; Should not a people consult their God? Why seek the living among the dead,

20. For Torah and for testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

21. And they shall pass through it, greatly distressed and hungry; and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they will be enraged, and curse their king and their God, and look upward.

22. And they shall look to the earth; and behold

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trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness.

23. For there is no weariness to him who is set against her; at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali, and afterwards he afflicted her more grievously by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

## Chapter 9

1. The people who 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.

2. (K) You have multiplied the nation, and increased the joy; they joy before you according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the plunder.

3. For you have broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the days of Midian.

4. For every shoe of the stormy warrior, and every

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garment rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel of fire.

5. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government is upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called "Wonderful counsellor of the mighty God, of the everlasting Father, of the Prince of peace".

6. (K) For the increase of the realm and for peace there without end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from now and forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts performs this.

7. The Lord sent a word to Jacob, and it will descend upon Israel.

8. And all the people shall know, Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, who say in the pride and arrogance of heart,

9. The bricks have fallen down, but we will build with cut stones; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will change them into cedars.

10. Therefore the Lord shall set up the adversaries of

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Rezin against him, and stirs up their enemies;

11. The Arameans before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is still stretched out.

12. For the people turns not to him who strikes them, neither do they seek the Lord of hosts.

13. Therefore the Lord will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day.

14. The elder and honorable, he is the head; and the prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail.

15. For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and those who are led by them are destroyed.

16. Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their orphans and widows; for every one is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is still stretched out.

17. For wickedness burns as the fire; it shall devour the briars and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets



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of the forest, and they shall mount up in a billow of smoke.

18. Through the anger of the Lord of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire; no man shall spare his brother.

19. And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied; they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm;

20. Manasseh against Ephraim; and Ephraim against Manasseh; and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is still stretched out.

## Chapter 10

1. Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, and to the writers who prescribe oppression;

2. To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the

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orphan!

3. And what will you do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will you flee for help? and where will you leave your glory?

4. There is nothing to be done but to crouch among the prisoners, and fall among the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is still stretched out.

5. O Assyrian, the rod of my anger, for the staff in their hand is my indignation.

6. (K) I will send him against a hypocritical nation, and against the people of my anger will I give him a charge, to take the plunder, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

7. But he means not so, neither does his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off not a few nations.

8. For he said, Are not my princes all of them kings?

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

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10. As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols, whose carved idols exceeded those of Jerusalem and of Samaria;

11. Shall I not, as I have done to Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

12. And it shall come to pass, that when the Lord has performed his whole work upon Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.

13. (K) For he said, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent; and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the mighty number of their inhabitants;

14. And my hand has found as a nest the riches of the people; and as one gathers eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none who moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or chirped.

15. Shall the ax boast itself against he who cuts with it? or shall the saw magnify itself against he who wields it? as if the rod should shake itself against

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those who lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up them who are not wood.

16. Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

17. And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;

18. And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body; and they shall be like when a sick person wastes away.

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

20. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such of the house of Jacob who have escaped, shall no more again rely upon him who struck them; but shall rely upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

21. The remnant shall return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.

22. For though your people Israel be as the sand of

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the sea, still a remnant of them shall return; the destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

23. For the Lord God of hosts shall make a destruction, as decreed, in the midst of all the land.

24. Therefore thus said the Lord God of hosts, O my people who live in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian; he shall strike you with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against you, as Egypt did.

25. But yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and my anger in their destruction.

26. And the Lord of hosts shall 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 shall he lift it up as he did in Egypt.

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

28. He has come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron; at Michmash he has laid up his baggage;

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29. They are gone over the passage; they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeah of Saul has fled.

30. Lift up your voice, O daughter of Gallim; cause it to be heard to Laish, O poor Anathoth.

31. Madmenah is removed; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.

32. (K) This very day he will halt at Nob; he shall shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33. Behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror; and the high ones of stature shall be cut down, and the haughty shall be humbled.

34. And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

## Chapter 11

1. And there shall come forth a rod from the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow from his roots;

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2. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

3. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord; and he shall not judge by what his eyes see, nor decide by what his ears hear.

4. But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and decide with equity for the humble of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

6. The wolf also shall live with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

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8. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.

9. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

10. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, who shall stand for a banner of the people; to it shall the nations seek; and his resting place shall be glorious.

11. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, who shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Kush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

12. And he shall set up a banner for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

13. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall



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not envy Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

14. But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall plunder together those of the east; they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the Ammonites shall obey them.

15. And the Lord shall completely destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his scorching wind shall shake his hand over the river, and shall strike it in the seven streams, and make men go over dry.

16. And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, who shall be left, from Assyria; like it was for Israel in the day when he came up out of the land of Egypt.

## Chapter 12

1. And in that day you shall say, O Lord, I will praise you; though you were angry with me, your anger is turned away, and you comforted me.

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2. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song; he also has become my salvation.
3. Therefore with joy shall you draw water from the wells of salvation.
4. And in that day shall you say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.
5. (K) Sing to the Lord; for he has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth.
6. Cry out and shout, you inhabitant of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst.

## Chapter 13

1. The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.
2. Lift up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice to them, wave the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

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3. I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for my anger, my proudly exalting ones.
4. The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like that of a great crowd; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together; the Lord of hosts prepares his war troops.
5. They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, the Lord, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.
6. Howl; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.
7. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt;
8. And they shall be afraid; pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman in labor; they shall be amazed at one another; their faces shall be as flames.
9. Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and he shall destroy its sinners from out of it.

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10. For the stars of heaven and their constellations shall not give their light; the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

11. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the tyrants.

12. I will make men more rare than fine gold; and mankind than the pure gold of Ophir.

13. Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall be removed from her place, in the anger of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

14. And it shall be like the outcast gazelle, and like a sheep that no man takes up; they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one to his own land.

15. Every one who is found shall be thrust through; and every one who is joined to them shall fall by the sword.

16. (K) Their children also shall be dashed to pieces

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before their eyes; their houses shall be looted, and their wives raped.

17. Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it.

18. Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

19. And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation; neither shall the Arab pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their flock lie there.

21. But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of owls; and ostriches shall live there, and wild goats shall prance there.

22. And jackals shall cry in their castles, and wild dogs in their pleasant palaces; and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

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## Chapter 14

1. For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land; and foreigners shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

2. And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place; and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and maidservants; and they shall take them captive, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

3. And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear, and from the hard slavery in which you were made to serve.

4. That you shall take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How has the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

5. The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked, and

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the scepter of the rulers.

6. Who struck the people in anger with a continual stroke, who ruled the nations in anger with unrelenting persecution.

7. The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet; they break forth into singing.

8. Also the cypress trees rejoice at you, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since you are laid down, no one has come to cut us down.

9. Sheol from beneath is stirred up to meet you when you come; it stirs up the shades for you, all the rulers of the earth; it has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

10. All they shall speak and say to you, Are you also become weak as we? Are you become like to us?

11. Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the noise of your lutes; worms are spread under you, and worms cover you.

12. How are you fallen from heaven, O bright star, son of the morning! how are you cut down to the ground, you who ruled the nations!

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13. For you have said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the farthest north;

14. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

15. Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the sides of the pit.

16. Those who see you shall narrowly look upon you, and consider you, saying, Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms;

17. Who made the world a wilderness, and destroyed its cities; who did not open the house of his prisoners?

18. All the kings of the nations, all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

19. But you are cast out from your grave like an abominable branch, dressed in the garment of those who are slain, thrust through with a sword; like those who go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trampled under feet.



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20. You shall not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land, and slain your people; the seed of evildoers shall never more be named.

21. Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, for the face of the world would be filled with enemies.

22. For I will rise up against them, said the Lord of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and offspring and posterity, said the Lord.

23. I will also make it a possession for wild birds, and pools of water; and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction, said the Lord of hosts.

24. The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand;

25. That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains trample him under foot; then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

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26. This is the 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 hosts has purposed, and who shall annul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

28. In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden.

29. Do not rejoice, O Philistia, because the rod of him who struck you is broken; for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a viper, and his fruit shall be a venomous flying serpent.

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

31. Howl, O gate; cry, O city; you, the entire Philistia, melt in fear; for there shall come from the north a smoke, and there shall be no straggler in his ranks.

32. What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the Lord has founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall shelter in it.

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## Chapter 15

1. The burden of Moab. Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste, and ruined; because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and ruined.

2. He is gone up to the shrine, and to Dibon, the high places, to weep; Moab shall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba; on all their heads shall be baldness, and every beard will be cut off.

3. In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth; on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, every one shall howl, weeping abundantly.

4. And Heshbon shall cry, and Elealeh; their voice shall be heard as far as Jahaz; therefore the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry out; his soul trembles.

5. My heart shall cry out for Moab; his fugitives shall flee to Zoar, a heifer of three years old; for by the ascent of Luhith with weeping shall they go up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of destruction.

6. For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate; for the

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hay is withered away, the grass fails, there is no green thing.

7. Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away past the brook of the willows.

8. For the cry is gone around the borders of Moab; its howling as far as Eglaim, and its roaring to Beer-Elim.

9. For the waters of Dimon shall be full of blood; for I will bring more upon Dimon, lions upon him who escapes of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.

## Chapter 16

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

2. For it shall be, that, like a wandering bird, like scattered nestlings, the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon.

3. (K) Take counsel, execute judgment; make your

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shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday;  
hide the outcasts; betray not the wanderer.

4. Let my outcasts, the outcasts of Moab live with you; be a refuge to them from the face of the plunderer; for the extortioner is at an end, the plunderer ceases, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.

5. And in mercy a throne was established; and he sat upon it in truthfulness in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and quick to do righteousness.

6. We have heard of the pride of Moab, he is very proud, of his arrogance, and his pride, and his anger; but his boasts are false.

7. Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab, every one shall howl; for the foundations of Kir-Hareeth shall you mourn; surely they are stricken.

8. For the fields of Heshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah; the lords of the nations have broken down its choice branches, they have come even to Jazer, they wandered through the wilderness; her branches

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are stretched out, they went over the sea.

9. Therefore I will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sibmah; I will water you with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh; for on your summer fruits and on your harvest the battle cry has fallen.

10. And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting; the men who trample grapes shall no more make wine in their presses; I have made their vintage shouting cease.

11. Therefore my heart shall moan like a harp for Moab, and my inward parts for Kir-Haresh.

12. And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail.

13. This is the word that the Lord has spoken concerning Moab long ago.

14. But now the Lord has spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of a hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be brought into contempt, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and

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feeble.

## Chapter 17

1. The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.
2. The cities of Aroer are forsaken; they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.
3. The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Aram; they shall be as the glory of the people of Israel, said the Lord of hosts.
4. And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall become lean.
5. And it shall be as when the reaper gathers the grain, and reaps the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he who gathers ears in the valley of Rephaim.

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6. And gleanings shall be left of him, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in its fruitful branches, said the Lord God of Israel.

7. At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have regard to the Holy One of Israel.

8. And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, nor shall he regard that which his fingers have made, either the Asherim or the sun images.

9. In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken portion of the thicket and the uppermost branch, which they left because of the people of Israel; and there shall be desolation.

10. Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not been mindful of the rock of your strength, therefore shall you plant pleasant plants, and shall set it slips of a strange god;

11. Though in the day of your planting you make it grow, and in the morning you make your seed flourish; yet the harvest shall disappear in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.



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12. Woe to the multitude of many people, who make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!

13. The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters; but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like whirling dust before the storm.

14. And behold at evening, trouble; and before the morning they are no more. This is the portion of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us.

## Chapter 18

1. Woe to the land of buzzing wings, which is beyond the rivers of Kush;

2. That sends ambassadors by the sea, in vessels of papyrus upon the waters, saying, Go, you swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people

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terrible from their beginning onward; a nation mighty and conquering, whose land the rivers divide!

3. All you inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see when he lifts up a banner on the mountains; and when he blows a shofar, hear!

4. (K) For so the Lord said to me, I will take my rest, and I will consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat in sunlight, and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.

5. For before the harvest, when the blossom is past, and the bud is ripening into young grapes, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and cut down the branches.

6. They shall be left together to the birds of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth; and the birds shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

7. In that time shall a gift be brought to the Lord of hosts, by a people tall and smooth, and from a people terrible from their beginning onward; a nation mighty and conquering, whose land the rivers divide,

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to the place of the name of the Lord of hosts, the Mount Zion.

## Chapter 19

1. The burden of Egypt. Behold, the Lord rides upon a swift cloud, and shall come to Egypt; and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

2. And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians; and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbor; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom.

3. And the spirit of Egypt shall be emptied in its midst; and I will destroy its counsel; and they shall consult the idols, and the enchanters, and the mediums, and the wizards.

4. And the Egyptians will I give over to the hand of a cruel Lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, said the Lord, the Lord of hosts.

5. And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river

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shall be wasted and dried up.

6. And the rivers shall become foul, and the canals of Mazor shall be emptied and dried up; the reeds and flags shall wither.

7. The meadows by the river, by the mouth of the river, and every thing sown by the river, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more.

8. The fishers also shall mourn, and all those who cast angle into the river shall lament, and those who spread nets upon the waters shall languish.

9. Moreover those who work in fine flax, and those who weave white cotton shall be confounded.

10. And its foundations shall be broken, all who make dams shall be sad in their soul.

11. Surely the princes of Zoan are fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh has become stupid; How can you say to Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?

12. Where are they? Where are your wise men? and let them tell you now, and let them know what the Lord of hosts intends concerning Egypt.

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13. The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also made Egypt go astray, even those who are the stay of its tribes.

14. The Lord has mingled within her a spirit of confusion; and they have caused Egypt to err in all its work, as a drunken man staggers in his vomit.

15. Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do.

16. In that day shall Egypt be like women; and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the Lord of hosts, which he shakes over it.

17. And the land of Judah shall be a terror to Egypt, every one who makes mention of that shall be afraid, because of the counsel of the Lord of hosts, which he has determined against it.

18. In that day five cities in the land of Egypt shall speak the language of Canaan, and swear by the Lord of hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction.

19. In that day there shall be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at its border to

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the Lord.

20. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they shall cry to the Lord because of the oppressors, and he shall send them one who shall save them and plead for them, and he shall save them.

21. And the Lord shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the Lord in that day, and shall do sacrifice and meal offering; and they shall vow a vow to the Lord, and perform it.

22. And the Lord shall strike Egypt; he shall strike and heal it; and they shall return to the Lord, and he shall be entreated of them, and shall heal them.

23. In that day there shall be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come to Egypt, and the Egyptian to Assyria, and the Egyptians shall worship with the Assyrians.

24. In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the land;

25. Whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work

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of my hands, and Israel my inheritance.

## Chapter 20

1. In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and fought against Ashdod, and took it;
2. At the same time spoke the Lord by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off your loins, and take off your shoe from your foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.
3. And the Lord said, Like my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Kush;
4. So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Kushites captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.
5. And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Kush their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.

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6. And the inhabitant of this coast land shall say on that day, Behold, such is our expectation, where we flee for help to be saved from the king of Assyria; and how shall we escape?

## Chapter 21

1. The burden of the desert of the sea. As storms in the south sweep through; so it comes from the desert, from a terrible land.

2. A grievous vision is declared to me; he who desires to be treacherous may be treacherous, and he who desires to plunder may plunder. Go up, O Elam; besiege O Media; all its sighing have I made to cease.

3. Therefore are my loins filled with anguish; pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman in labor; I was bowed down so that I could not hear; I was dismayed so that I could not see.

4. My heart reeled, fearfulness terrified me; the night of my pleasure has he turned into fear for me.



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5. Prepare the table, lay out the carpet, eat, drink; arise, you princes, and anoint the shield.
6. For thus has the Lord said to me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he sees.
7. And if he should see riders, pairs of horsemen, riders on asses, and riders on camels; he should listen diligently with much heed;
8. And he cried like a lion; My Lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am stand on guard whole nights;
9. And, behold, here comes men riding, pairs of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon has fallen, has fallen; and all the carved images of her gods he has broken to the ground.
10. O my trampled one, and child of my threshing floor; that which I have heard from the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared to you.
11. The burden of Dumah. One calls to me from Seir: Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?
12. The watchman said, The morning comes, and also

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the night; if you will inquire, inquire; return, come.

13. The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall you lodge, O you travelling companies of Dedanim.

14. O inhabitants of the land of Tema bring water to him who is thirsty, meet 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, according to the years of a hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail;

17. And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the people of Kedar, shall be diminished; for the Lord God of Israel has spoken it.

## Chapter 22

1. The burden of the Valley of Vision. What ails you now, that you are wholly gone up to the housetops?

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2. You who are full of uproar, a tumultuous city, a joyous city; your slain men are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle.

3. All your rulers have fled together, they are bound by the archers; all of you who were found are bound together, who have fled from far.

4. Therefore said I, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly, do not try to comfort me, because of the destruction of the daughter of my people.

5. For it is a day of trouble, and of trampling, and of confusion by the Lord God of hosts in the Valley of Vision, a breaking down of walls, and a crying to the mountains.

6. And Elam bore the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield.

7. And it came to pass, when your choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen set themselves in array at the gate.

8. And he stripped the covering of Judah, and you did look in that day to the armor of the house of the forest.

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9. You 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 counted the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses that you have broken down to fortify the wall.

11. You made also a pond between the two walls for the water of the old pool; but you have not looked to him who made it, nor did you see him who fashioned it long ago.

12. And in that day the Lord God of hosts called to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth;

13. And behold joy and gladness, slaying bulls, and killing sheep, eating meat, and drinking wine; let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we shall die.

14. And it was revealed in my ears by the Lord of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till you die, said the Lord God of hosts.

15. Thus said the Lord God of hosts, Go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the house, and say,

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16. What have you here? and whom have you here, that you have cut out for yourself a sepulcher here, as he who cuts out for himself a sepulcher on the height, carving a habitation for himself in a rock?

17. Behold, the Lord will hurl you away with a mighty throw, and will seize you firmly.

18. He will violently turn and toss you like a ball into a wide land; there shall you die, and there the chariots of your glory shall be the shame of your Lord's house.

19. And I will drive you from your station, and from your state shall he pull you down.

20. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim 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 to his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

22. And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall close;

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and he shall close, and none shall open.

23. And I will fasten him as a tent peg in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.

24. And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all utensils of small quantity, from the utensils of cups, even to all the utensils of flagons.

25. In that day, said the Lord of hosts, shall the tent peg that is in the sure place be removed and be cut down, and fall; and the fastened burden that was upon it shall be cut off; for the Lord has spoken it.

## Chapter 23

1. The burden of Tyre. Howl, you ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in; from the land of Kittim it is revealed to them.

2. Be still, you inhabitants of the island; you whom the merchants of Sidon, who pass over the sea, have

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replenished.

3. And by great waters the grain of Sihor, the harvest of the river, is her revenue; and she is the merchant of nations.

4. Be you ashamed, O Sidon; for the sea has spoken, even the strength of the sea, saying, I labored not, nor brought forth children, nor did I nourish up young men, nor brought up virgins.

5. When the report comes to Egypt, so shall they tremble at the report of Tyre.

6. Pass over to Tarshish; howl, you inhabitants of the coast land

7. Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her far off to sojourn.

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

9. The Lord of hosts has purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth.

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10. Overflow your land like the 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 against the merchant city, to destroy its fortresses.

12. (K) And he said, You shall no more rejoice, O you oppressed virgin, daughter of Sidon; arise, pass over to Kittim; also there you shall have no rest.

13. (K) Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not, till the Assyrian founded it for desert dwellers; they set up its towers, they destroyed its palaces; they have brought it to ruin.

14. Howl, you ships of Tarshish; for your strength is laid waste.

15. And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king; after the end of seventy years it shall be Tyre as in the harlot's song.

16. Take a lyre, go about the city, you harlot that have been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that you may be remembered.



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17. And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the Lord will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall play the harlot with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

18. And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the Lord; it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for those who dwell before the Lord, to eat sufficiently, and for fine clothing.

## Chapter 24

1. Behold, the Lord makes the earth empty, and makes it waste, and turns it upside down, and scatters abroad its inhabitants.

2. And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as 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 land shall be completely emptied, and

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completely ruined; for the Lord has spoken this word.

4. The earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and fades away, the haughty people of the earth languish.

5. The earth also is defiled under its inhabitants; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

6. Therefore has a curse devoured the earth, and those who dwell in it have been found guilty; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are parched, and few men left.

7. The new wine mourns, the vine languishes, all the merry hearted sigh.

8. The mirth of tambourines ceases, the noise of those who rejoice ends, the joy of the lyre ceases.

9. They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to those who drink it.

10. The city of confusion is broken down; every house is shut up, and no man may come in.

11. There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is

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darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.

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

13. When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, there shall be as the shaking of an olive tree, and as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done.

14. They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the Lord, they shall cry aloud from the sea.

15. Therefore glorify the Lord in the fires, the name of the Lord God of Israel in the islands of the sea.

16. From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, glory to the righteous. But I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe to me! traitors have dealt treacherously; traitors have dealt very treacherously.

17. Fear, and the pit, and the trap, are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth.

18. And it shall come to pass, that he who flees from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he who

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comes up from the midst of the pit shall be taken in the trap; for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth shake.

19. The earth is completely broken down, the earth crumbles away, the earth is violently shaken.

20. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall sway like a hut; and its transgression shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

21. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones who are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

22. And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be punished.

23. Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his elders gloriously.

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1. O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things; your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.
2. For you have made of a city a heap; of a fortified city a ruin; a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be rebuilt.
3. Therefore shall the strong people glorify you, the city of the terrible nations shall fear you.
4. For you have been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of tyrants was like a storm against the wall.
5. You shall bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; as the heat is removed by the shadow of a cloud; so the song of tyrants shall be brought low.
6. And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make to all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

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7. And he will destroy in this mountain the covering that is cast over all the people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.

8. He will destroy death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the insult of his people shall he take away from off all the earth; for the Lord has spoken it.

9. And it shall be said on that day, Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us; this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

10. (K) For in this mountain shall the hand of the Lord rest, and Moab shall be trampled down in his own place, like straw is trampled down in the dunghill.

11. And he shall spread out his hands in the midst of them, as he who swims spreads out his hands to swim; and he shall bring down their pride together with the plunder of their hands.

12. And the high fortifications of your walls shall he bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.

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## Chapter 26

1. On that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.
2. Open the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in.
3. You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you; because he trusts in you.
4. Trust you in the Lord forever; for the Lord God is an eternal Rock;
5. For he brings down those who dwell on high; the lofty city, he lays low; he lays it low, even to the ground; he brings it even to the dust.
6. The foot shall trample it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.
7. The way of the just is uprightness; you, most upright, do make level the path of the just.
8. Indeed, in the way of your judgments, O Lord, have

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we waited for you; the desire of our soul is to your name, and to the remembrance of you.

9. With my soul have I desired you in the night; yes, with my spirit within me I seek you; for when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

10. Let favor be shown to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord.

11. Lord, when your hand is lifted up, they will not see; but they shall see with shame your zeal for the people, the fire which shall devour your enemies.

12. Lord, you will ordain peace for us; for you also have performed all our works for us.

13. O Lord our God, other masters beside you have had dominion over us; but by you only will we make mention of your name.

14. They are dead, they shall not live; they are shades, they shall not rise; therefore have you visited and destroyed them, and made all their



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memory to perish.

15. You have increased the nation, O Lord, you have increased the nation; you are glorified; you have enlarged all the borders of the land.

16. Lord, when in trouble they sought you, they prayed to you a silent prayer when your chastening was upon them.

17. Like a woman with child, who draws near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and cries out in her pangs; so have we been in your sight, O Lord.

18. We were child, we were pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

19. Your dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; for your dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the shades of the dead.

20. (K) Come, my people, enter into your chambers, and close your doors behind you; hide yourself for a little while, until the wrath has passed.

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21. For, behold, the Lord comes from his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

## Chapter 27

1. On that day the Lord with his hard, great and strong sword shall punish Leviathan the flying serpent, Leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the crocodile that is in the sea.

2. In that day sing to her, A vineyard of pleasant wine.

3. I the Lord do 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 briers and thorns against me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together.

5. Or let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me.

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6. In days to come Jacob shall take root; Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

7. Did he strike him, as he struck those who struck him? or is he slain according to the slaughter of those who are slain by him?

8. By measure, by exile, you contended with them; he removed her by his rough blast in the day of the east wind.

9. By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be atoned; and this is all the fruit to take away his sin; when he makes all the stones of the altar as chalk stones crushed to pieces, the Asherim and the sun images shall not remain standing.

10. Yet the fortified city shall be desolate, and the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness; there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume its branches.

11. When its boughs are withered, they shall be broken off; the women shall come, and set them on fire; for it is a people of no understanding; therefore

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he who made them will not have mercy on them, and he who formed them will show them no favor.

12. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall beat out his harvest from the strongly flowing river to the brook of Egypt, and you shall be gathered one by one, O you people of Israel.

13. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great shofar shall be blown, and those shall come who were lost in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

## Chapter 28

1. Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which is at the head of the rich valleys of those who are overcome with wine!

2. Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one, who as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down

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to the earth with might.

3. The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trampled under feet;

4. And the fading flower of the glorious beauty, which is at the head of the rich valley, shall be as the first ripe fig before the summer; which he who sees it, while it is yet in his hand, eats it up.

5. In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, to the residue 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 to the gate.

7. But they also reel through wine, and stagger through strong drink; the priest and the prophet reel through strong drink, they are confused by wine; they stagger 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. To whom shall one teach knowledge? and whom

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shall one make understand doctrine? Those who are weaned from the milk, and removed from the breasts.

10. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little;

11. For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

12. To whom he said, This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear.

13. Therefore 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; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and trapped, and taken.

14. Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scornful men, who rule this people who is in Jerusalem.

15. (K) Because you have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass

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through, it shall not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hidden ourselves;

16. Therefore thus said the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation; he who believes shall not make haste.

17. Judgment also will I lay by a line, and righteousness by a plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

18. And your covenant with death shall be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then you shall be trampled down by it.

19. As often as it goes forth it shall take you; for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night; and it shall be a terror just 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 for him

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to wrap himself in it.

21. For the Lord shall rise up as in Mount Perazim, he shall be angry as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to do his act, his strange act.

22. Now therefore do not be mockers, lest your bands be made strong; for I have heard from the Lord God of hosts that a destruction is decreed upon the whole land.

23. Give ear, and hear my voice; listen, and hear my speech.

24. Does the plowman plow all day to sow? Does he open and harrow his ground?

25. When he has prepared a smooth surface, does he not scatter the black seeds, and scatter the cumin, and throw in wheat by rows, and the barley in the marked spot, and spelt along its border?

26. For he is instructed properly; his God instructs him.

27. For the black seeds are not threshed with a threshing instrument, nor is a cart wheel rolled over



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cumin; but the black seeds are beaten with a staff, and the cumin with a rod.

28. Does one crush bread grain? No, he will not thresh it ever, and when he drives the wheel of his cart and his horses over it, he does not crush it.

29. This also comes forth from the Lord of hosts, who is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.

## Chapter 29

1. Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David encamped! Add year to year; let the feasts come round.

2. Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow; and it shall be to me as an Ariel.

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

4. And you shall be brought down, and shall speak

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from the ground, and your speech shall be low from the dust, and your voice shall be, as of a medium, from the ground, and your speech shall whisper from the dust.

5. And the multitude of your strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passes away; and it shall be in an instant suddenly.

6. You shall be visited by the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

7. And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, all who fight against her and her fortress, and who distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.

8. It shall be as when a hungry man dreams, and, behold, he eats; but he awakes, and his soul is empty; or as when a thirsty man dreams, and, behold, he drinks; but he awakes, and, behold, he is weak, and his soul longs for water; so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against

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Mount Zion.

9. Amaze yourselves, and be amazed; blind yourselves and be blind; be drunk but not with wine; stagger, but not with strong drink.

10. For the Lord has poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes, the prophets; and has covered your heads, the seers.

11. (K) And the vision of all has become to you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is learned, saying, Read this, I beseech you; and he says, I cannot; for it is sealed;

12. And the book is delivered to him who is not learned, saying, Read this, I beseech you; and he says, I am not learned.

13. And the Lord said, Since this people draw near me, and with their mouth, and with their lips honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men learned by rote;

14. Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, marvelous and wonderful;

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and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden.

15. Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who sees us? and Who knows us?

16. Your turn things upside down! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay? Shall the work say of him who made it, He did not make me! Or shall the thing framed say of him who framed it, He has no understanding!

17. Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

18. And on that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

19. The humble also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poorest among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

20. For the terrible one is brought to nothing, and the

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scorner is consumed, and all who watch for iniquity are cut off;

21. Who, by a word, make a man an offender, and lay a trap for him who reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for nothing.

22. Therefore thus said the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now become pale.

23. But when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

24. Those who erred in spirit shall come to understand, and those who murmured shall learn a lesson.

## Chapter 30

1. Woe to the rebellious children, said the Lord, who take counsel, but not from me; and who prepare a

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plan, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin;

2. Who walk down to Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

3. Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.

4. For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes.

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

6. (K) The burden of the beasts of the south; to the land of trouble and anguish, from where the young and the old lion come, the viper and the venomous flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the backs of young asses, and their treasures upon the humps of camels, to a people who shall not profit them.

7. For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no

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purpose; therefore have I called this people, Rahab who sits still.

8. Now go, write it before them in a tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come forever and ever;

9. That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the Torah of the Lord;

10. Who say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not to us right things, speak to us smooth things, prophecy deceits;

11. Get out of the way, turn aside from the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

12. Therefore thus said the Holy One of Israel, Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and depend on that;

13. Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly at an instant.

14. And he shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare; so that there shall not be found in its bursting a shard to

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take fire from the hearth, or to take with it water from the cistern.

15. For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In ease and rest shall you be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength; and you did not wish it.

16. But you said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall you flee; and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall those who pursue you be swift.

17. One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall you flee; till you are left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as a banner on a hill.

18. And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious to you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you; for the Lord is a God of judgment; happy are all those who wait for him.

19. For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; you shall weep no more; he will be very gracious to you at the voice of your cry; when he shall hear it, he



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will answer you.

20. And though the Lord gives you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet your teacher shall not withdraw himself any more, but your eyes shall see your teacher;

21. And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, This is the way, walk in it, when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left.

22. You shall defile also the silver covering of your carved idols, and the golden ornament of your molten images; you shall throw them away like a menstruous cloth; you shall say to it, Get away from here.

23. Then shall he give the rain for your seed, that you shall sow the ground with it; and bread of the produce of the earth, and it shall be fat and abundant; in that day shall your cattle feed in large pastures.

24. The bulls likewise and the young asses that till the ground shall eat clean provender, which has been winnowed with the shovel and with the fork.

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25. And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.

26. Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, on 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 far, burning with his anger, and in a thick column of smoke; his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue is as a devouring fire;

28. And his breath is as an overflowing stream, that reaches to the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity; and to put a bridle on the jaws of the people, causing them to err.

29. You shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goes with a flute to come to the mountain of the Lord, to the Rock of Israel.

30. And the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be

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heard, and shall show the descending blow of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with cloudburst, and tempest, and hailstones.

31. For through the voice of the Lord shall the Assyrian be beaten down, with a rod will he strike him.

32. (K) And in every place where the appointed staff shall pass, which the Lord shall lay upon him, it shall be with tambourines and lyres; and in battles of shaking will he fight with it.

33. (K) For its hearth is ordained of old; yes, for the king it is prepared; he has made it deep and large; its bonfire is of fire and much wood; the breath of the Lord, like a stream of brimstone, kindles it.

## Chapter 31

1. Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help; and depend on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are

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very strong; but they look not to the Holy One of Israel, nor do they seek the Lord!

2. Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words; but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of those who work iniquity.

3. Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the Lord shall stretch out his hand, the helper shall stumble, and he who is helped shall fall down, and they all shall perish together.

4. For thus has the Lord spoken to me, Like the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them; so shall the Lord of hosts come down to fight for Mount Zion, and for its hill.

5. As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; he will defend and deliver it; and passing over it he will preserve it.

6. Turn to him from whom the people of Israel have

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deeply revolted.

7. For in that day every man shall throw away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made to you for a sin.

8. Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him; but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall become slaves.

9. And his rock shall pass away in terror, and his princes desert the banner in fear, said the Lord, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

## Chapter 32

1. Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

2. And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a cover from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

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3. And the eyes of those who see shall not be blind, and the ears of those who hear shall listen.

4. The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

5. The fool shall be no more called noble, nor the vile person said to be generous.

6. For the fool speaks folly, and his heart works iniquity, to practice hypocrisy, 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. (K) The instruments also of the vile person are evil; he devises wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, and the needy when he speaks right.

8. But the generous devises generous things; and by generous things shall he stand.

9. Rise up, you women who are at ease; hear my voice, you careless daughters; give ear to my speech.

10. Many days and years shall you be troubled, you

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careless women; for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come.

11. Tremble, you women who are at ease; be troubled, you careless ones; strip, and make yourselves naked, and gird sackcloth upon your loins.

12. Striking the breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

13. Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yes, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city;

14. Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the city with its tumult shall be deserted; the forts and towers shall be for dens forever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;

15. (K) Until the spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness is a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is counted for a forest.

16. Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

17. And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and

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the effect of righteousness quietness and security forever.

18. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in secure dwellings, and in safe resting places;

19. And it shall hail when the forest comes down; and the city shall descend into the valley.

20. Happy are you who sow beside all waters, who let the feet of the ox and the ass range freely.

## Chapter 33

1. Woe to the plunderer, and you were not plundered; and the traitor and they dealt not treacherously with you! when you shall cease to plunder, you shall be plundered; and when you shall make an end to betraying, they shall betray you.

2. O Lord, be gracious to us; we have waited for you; be you their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.



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3. At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of yourself the nations were scattered.

4. And your plunder shall be gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar; as the running of locusts shall he run upon them.

5. The Lord is exalted; for he dwells on high; he has filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

6. And he shall be the stability of your times, a store of salvation, wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is his treasure.

7. Behold, their brave ones shall cry outside; the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.

8. The highways lie destroyed, the wayfaring man ceases; he has broken the covenant, he has despised the cities, he regards no man.

9. The earth mourns and languishes; Lebanon is ashamed and withers; the Sharon is like the Arabah; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their leaves.

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

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11. You shall conceive chaff, you shall bring forth stubble; your breath is a fire that shall devour you.

12. And the people shall be as the burnings of lime; as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire.

13. Hear, you who are far off, what I have done; and, you who are near, acknowledge my might.

14. The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness has surprised the flatterers. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

15. He who walks righteously, and speaks uprightly; he who despises the gain of oppression, he who shakes his hands from holding bribes, he who stops his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil;

16. He shall dwell on high; his place of defense shall be the fortresses of rocks; bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.

17. Your eyes shall see the king in his beauty; they shall behold the land that is very far off.

18. Your heart shall meditate on terror. Where is the

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scribe? Where is the receiver? Where is he who counted the towers?

19. You shall not see the fierce people, the people of a deeper speech than you can not understand; of a stammering tongue, that you can not apprehend.

20. Look upon Zion, the city of our solemn feasts; your eyes shall see Jerusalem a safe habitation, a tent that shall not be taken down; not one of its pegs shall ever be removed, neither shall any of its cords be broken.

21. But there the glorious Lord will be to us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.

22. For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us.

23. Your tacklings hang loose; they could not strengthen the socket of their mast; they could not spread the sail; then is the prey of a great plunder divided; the lame take the prey.

24. And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick; the people who dwell there shall be forgiven their

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iniquity.

## Chapter 34

1. Come near, you nations, to hear; and listen, you people; let the earth hear, and all that is in it; the world, and all things that come out of it.

2. For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies; he has completely destroyed them, he has delivered them to the slaughter.

3. Their slain also shall be thrown out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

4. And all the host of heaven shall rot away, and the heavens shall be rolled together like a scroll; and all their host shall fall down, like the leaf falls off from the vine, and like a falling fig from the fig tree.

5. For my sword has drunk its fill in the heavens; behold, it shall come down upon Edom, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

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6. The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams; for the Lord has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

7. And wild oxen shall come down with them, and the steers with the bulls; and their land shall 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 cause of Zion.

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

10. It shall not be quenched night nor day; its smoke shall go up forever; from generation to generation it shall lie ruined; none shall pass through it forever and ever.

11. But the wild birds of the night shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it; and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the plummet of emptiness.

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12. They shall call its nobles to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing.

13. And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in its fortresses; and it shall be the habitation of wild dogs, and a court for owls.

14. The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the jackals; the scops owl shall cry to his fellow; the tawny owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.

15. There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow; there shall the kites also be gathered, every one with her mate.

16. Seek out of the book of the Lord, and read; none of these shall fail, none shall want 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 line; they shall possess it forever, from generation to generation shall they dwell in it.

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1. The wilderness and the arid land shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom like the tulip.
2. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.
3. Strengthen the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.
4. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come with vengeance, with a divine recompense; he will come and save you.
5. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
6. Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

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7. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; the habitation of jackals shall become a pasture for cattle, an enclosure of reeds and rushes.

8. And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; and he shall be to them a guide, and fools shall not err in it.

9. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up on it, they shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there;

10. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## Chapter 36

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 took



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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 aqueduct of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field.

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

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

5. I said, A mere word with the lips is your counsel and strength for war; now on whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?

6. Behold, you trust in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; which will pierce the hand of a man who leans in 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

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Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar?

8. Now therefore make a wager, I beg you, with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if 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 on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

10. And am I 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 said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah to Rabshakeh, I beg you, speak to your servants in the Aramean language, for we understand it; but do not speak to us in the language of Judah, in the hearing of the people who are on the wall.

12. (K) 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, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own urine with you?

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13. Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the language of Judah, and said, Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

14. Thus said the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you; for he shall not be able to save you.

15. Nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely save us; this city shall not be saved from the hand of the king of Assyria.

16. Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus said the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me, and come out to me; and eat every one of his own vine, and every one of his own fig tree, and drink every one 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 save us. Has any of the gods of the nations saved his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?

19. Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they saved

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Samaria from my hand?

20. Which of the gods of these lands have saved their land from my hand, that the Lord should save Jerusalem from my hand?

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

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

## Chapter 37

1. And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord.

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

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of Amoz.

3. And they said to him, Thus said Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble and of reviling, and of blasphemy; for the children have come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring them 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 taunt the living God, and will revile with words which the Lord your God has heard; therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.

5. And the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6. And Isaiah said to them, Thus shall you say to your master, Thus said the Lord, Be not 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 another spirit upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and 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 fighting against Libnah; for he had heard that he had departed from Lachish.

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

10. Thus shall you speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not your God, in whom you trust, deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given to the hand of the king of Assyria.

11. Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them completely; and shall you be saved?

12. Have the gods of the nations saved those whom my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the people of Eden who were in Telassar?

13. Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arhad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

14. And Hezekiah received the letters from the hand of the messengers, and read them; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord, and spread them before

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the Lord.

15. And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord, saying,

16. O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, you who sit between the kerubim, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth.

17. Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear; open your eyes, O Lord, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, who has sent to taunt the living God.

18. Of a truth, Lord, the kings of Assyria have destroyed all the nations, and their countries.

19. And have thrown their gods into the fire; for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them.

20. Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you are the Lord, you only.

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

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22. This is the word which the Lord has spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, despises you, and laughs you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem tosses her head at you.

23. Whom have you taunted 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 have you taunted the Lord, and have said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down its tall cedars, and its choice cypress trees; and I will enter into its farthest height, and the forest of his Carmel.

25. I have dug, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of Mazon.

26. Have you not heard long ago, how I have done it; and of old times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that you should destroy fortified cities into ruinous heaps.

27. Therefore their inhabitants were of small power,



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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 has grown.

28. But I know your abode, and your going out, and your coming in, and your rage against me.

29. Because your rage against me, and your confidence, have come up to my ears, therefore will I put my hook in your nose, and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by which you came.

30. (K) And this shall be a sign to you, You shall eat this year what grows of itself; and the second year that which springs of the same; and in the third year sow, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.

31. And the remnant that has escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward;

32. For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and those who escape from Mount Zion; the zeal of the

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Lord of hosts shall do this.

33. Therefore thus said the Lord concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come to this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast up a mound against it.

34. By the way by which he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come to this city, said the Lord.

35. For I will defend this city to save it for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

36. Then the angel of the Lord went forth, and struck in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and eighty five thousand; 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 lived in Nineveh.

38. And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch, his god, that Adram-Melech and Sharezer, his sons, struck him with the sword; and they escaped to the land of Armenia; and Esar-Haddon, his son, reigned in his place.

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1. In those days Hezekiah fell mortally ill. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, Thus said the Lord, Set your house in order; for you shall die, and not live.
2. Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord,
3. And said, Remember now, O Lord, I beseech you, how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight. And Hezekiah wept bitterly.
4. Then came the word of the Lord to Isaiah, saying,
5. Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus said 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 save you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city.

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7. And this shall be a sign to you from the Lord, that the Lord will do this thing that he has spoken;

8. Behold, I will turn the shadow of the degrees, which has gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun turned back ten degrees, by which degrees it had gone down in the dial.

9. The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and has recovered of his sickness;

10. I said in the noontide of my days, I shall go to the gates of Sheol; I am deprived of the residue of my years.

11. I said, I shall not see the Lord, the Lord, in the land of the living; I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

12. My dwelling is plucked up, and removed from me as a shepherd's tent; I have rolled up my life like a weaver; he cuts me off from the loom; from day to night you make an end of me.

13. I wait for morning, as a lion, even so he breaks all my bones; from day to night you make an end of me.

14. Like a crane or a swallow, so do I chirp; I moan

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like a dove; my eyes fail with looking upward; O Lord, I am oppressed; be you my security.

15. What shall I say? he has both spoken to me, and himself has done it; I shall walk softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.

16. O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit; so will you recover me, and make me live.

17. Behold, for in peace I had great bitterness; but you have in love to my soul saved it from the pit of destruction; for you have cast all my sins behind your back.

18. For Sheol cannot praise you, death can not celebrate you; they who go down into the pit cannot hope for your truth.

19. The living, the living, shall praise you, as I do this day; the father to the children shall make known your truth.

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.

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21. For Isaiah had said, Let them take a cake of figs, and lay it for a plaster upon the boil, and he shall recover.
22. Hezekiah also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the Lord?

## Chapter 39

1. At that time Merodach-Baladan, 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. And Hezekiah was glad of them, and showed them the house of his treasures, 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, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them.
3. Then came Isaiah the prophet to king Hezekiah, and said to him, What did these men say? and from where do they come to you? And Hezekiah said,

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They have come from a far country to me, from Babylon.

4. Then said he, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in my house have they seen; there is nothing among my treasures that I did not show them.

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

6. Behold, the days will come, that all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, said the Lord.

7. And your sons who shall issue from you, whom you shall father, they shall take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

8. Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the Lord which you have spoken. He said moreover, But there shall be peace and truth in my days.

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1. Comfort my people, comfort them, says your God.
2. Speak comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry to her, that her fighting is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.
3. A voice cries, Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
4. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain;
5. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.
6. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all its grace is as the flower of the field;
7. The grass withers, the flower fades; when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people is like grass.
8. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of



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our God shall endure forever.

9. You who bring good news to Zion, get up to the high mountain; You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

10. Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his hire before him.

11. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

12. Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and marked out the heavens with a span, and enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

13. Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor has taught him?

14. With whom took he counsel, and who instructed

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him, and taught 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 of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance; behold, he takes up the islands as fine dust.

16. And Lebanon is not sufficient for fuel, nor are its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering.

17. All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

18. To whom then will you liken God? or what likeness will you compare to him?

19. The workman melts an engraved image, and the goldsmith plates it over with gold, and casts silver chains.

20. He who is too poor for such a gift chooses a tree that will not rot; he seeks for himself a skilful workman to prepare a carved idol, that shall not be moved.

21. Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not

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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 stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in;

23. Who brings princes to nothing; he makes the judges of the earth as vanity.

24. Scarcely are they planted; scarcely are they sown; scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth; and he merely blows upon them, and they wither, and the stormy wind takes them away as stubble.

25. To whom then will you liken me, that I should be his equal? said the Holy One.

26. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who has created these things; who brings out their host by number, he calls them all by names by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

27. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, My way is hidden from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

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28. Have you not known? Have you not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, faints not, nor is he weary? There is no searching of his understanding.

29. He gives power to the faint; and to those who have no might he increases strength.

30. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall fall;

31. But those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

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1. Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength; let them come near; then let them speak; let us come near together to judgment.

2. Who raised up one from the east whom

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righteousness met wherever he set his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? His sword make them as dust, his bow as driven stubble.

3. He pursued them, and passed safely; even by a path that he had not gone with his feet.

4. Who has wrought and done it? He who calls the generations from the beginning; I the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am he.

5. The islands saw it, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came.

6. Everyone helped his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, Be strong.

7. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he who beats the idol smooth with the hammer him who strikes the anvil, saying of the soldering, It is good; and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved.

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

9. You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth,

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and called you from its farthest corners, and said to you, You are my servant; I have chosen you, and not cast you away.

10. Fear not; for I am with you; be not 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 shall be ashamed and confounded; they shall be as nothing; and those who strive with you shall perish.

12. You shall seek them, and shall not find them, those who contended with you; those who war against you shall be as nothing.

13. For I the Lord your God will hold your right hand, saying to you, Fear not; I will help you.

14. Fear not, you worm Jacob, and you men of Israel; I will help you, said the Lord, and your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

15. Behold, I will make you a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth; you shall thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shall make the

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hills as chaff.

16. You shall fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the stormy wind shall scatter them; and you shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall glory in the Holy One of Israel.

17. The poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue fails for thirst, I the Lord will answer them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

18. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

19. I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the Arabah the cypress, the maple, and the box tree together;

20. 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. Produce your cause, said the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons, said the King of Jacob.

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22. Let them bring them forth, and show us what shall happen; let them show the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things to come.

23. Declare the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.

24. Behold, you are nothing, and your work is nothing; an abomination is he who chooses you.

25. I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come; from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name; and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treads clay.

26. Who has declared from the beginning, that we may know? and in former time, that we may say, Is he righteous? There is none who declares, there is none who proclaims, there is none who hears your words.

27. The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them; and I will give to Jerusalem one who brings good news.



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28. For I behold, and there is no man among them, and there is no counsellor who could answer a word, when I asked of them.

29. Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing; their molten images are wind and confusion.

## Chapter 42

1. Behold my servant, whom I uphold; my elect, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the nations.

2. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

3. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the dimly burning flax shall he not quench; he shall bring forth judgment to truth.

4. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he has set judgment in the earth; and the islands shall wait for his Torah.

5. Thus said God the Lord, he who created the

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heavens, and stretched them out; he who spread forth the earth, and that which comes out of it; he who gives breath to the people upon it, and spirit to those who walk in it;

6. I the Lord have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand, and will keep you, and give you for a covenant of the people, for a light to the nations;

7. To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and those who sit in darkness, out of the prison house.

8. I am the Lord; that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to carved idols.

9. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things do I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.

10. Sing to the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it; the islands, and their inhabitants.

11. Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice,

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the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the inhabitants of Sela sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

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

13. The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up his fury like a man of war; he shall cry, yes, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.

14. I have long time held my peace; I have kept still, and refrained myself; now will I cry like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant together.

15. I will destroy mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.

16. And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them by paths that they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These are the things I will do, and not forsake them.

17. They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, those who trust in carved idols, who say

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to the molten images, You are our gods.

18. Hear, you deaf; and look, you blind, that you may see.

19. Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger whom I sent? Who is blind as he who is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant?

20. (K) Seeing many things, but you observe not; opening the ears, but he hears not.

21. The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the Torah, and make it glorious.

22. But this is a people robbed and plundered; they are all of them trapped in holes, and hidden in prison houses; they have become a prey, and none rescues; for a plunder, and none says, Restore.

23. Who among you will give ear to this? Who will listen and hear for the time to come?

24. (K) Who gave Jacob for a plunder, and Israel to the robbers? did not the Lord, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient to his Torah.

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25. Therefore he has poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle; and it has set him on fire around, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

## Chapter 43

1. But now thus says the Lord who created you, O Jacob, and he who formed you, O Israel, Fear not; for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are mine.

2. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you; when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; nor shall the flame kindle upon you.

3. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Kush and Seba instead of you.

4. Since you were precious in my sight, you were honored, and I have loved you; therefore will I give men for you, and people for your life.

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5. Fear not; for I am with you; I will bring your seed from the east, and gather you from the west;

6. I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

7. Every one who is called by my name; for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yes, I have made him.

8. Bring forth the blind people who have eyes, and the deaf who have ears.

9. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled; who among them can declare this, and show us former things? Let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified; or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

10. You are my witnesses, said the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that you may know and believe me, and understand that I am he; before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

11. I, I myself, am the Lord; and beside me there is no

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savior.

12. I have declared, and have saved, and I have proclaimed, and there was no strange god among you; therefore you are my witnesses, said the Lord, that I am God.

13. Yes, from the first I am he; and there is none who can deliver from my hand; I will work, and who shall reverse it?

14. Thus said the Lord, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and will bring down all of them as fugitives, the Chaldeans, in the ships of their songs..

15. I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.

16. Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;

17. Who brings forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise; they are extinct, they are quenched like a wick.

18. Remember not the former things, nor consider the

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things of old.

19. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

20. The beast of the field shall honor me, the jackals and the owls; because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

21. This people have I formed for myself; they shall proclaim my praise.

22. But you have not called upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel.

23. You have not brought me the small cattle of your burnt offerings; neither have you honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with a meal offering, nor wearied you with incense.

24. You have bought me no sweet cane with money, nor have you filled me with the fat of your sacrifices; but you have burdened me with your sins, you have wearied me with your iniquities.

25. I, I myself, am he who blots out your



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transgressions for my own sake, and will not remember your sins.

26. Put me in remembrance; let us plead together; declare you, that you may be justified.

27. Your first father has sinned, and your teachers have transgressed against me.

28. Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to destruction, and Israel to reviling.

## Chapter 44

1. Yet now hear, 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; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

3. For I will pour water upon the thirsty land, and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon

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your seed, and my blessing upon your offspring;

4. And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

5. One shall say, I am the Lord's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall write on his hand The Lord's, and surname himself by the name of Israel.

6. Thus says the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

7. And who is like me? Let him declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the eternal people; and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them relate to themselves.

8. Fear not, neither be afraid; have not I told you from that time, and have declared it? You are my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? Yes, there is no rock; I know not any.

9. They who make an engraved image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things do not profit; and their witnesses do not see, nor know; that they may

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be ashamed.

10. Who forms a god, or casts an engraved image that is good for nothing?

11. Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed; and the workmen, they are but men; let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.

12. The metal worker makes an axe, and works in the coals, and fashions it with hammers, and works it with the strength of his arms; if he is hungry his strength fails; if he drinks no water he is faint.

13. The carpenter stretches out his rule; he marks it out with a pencil; he fits it with chisels, and he marks it out with the compass, and makes it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of man; that it may remain in the house.

14. He cuts down cedars for himself, and takes the cypress and the oak, which he strengthens for himself among the trees of the forest; he plants a forest tree, and the rain nourishes it.

15. Then shall it be for a man for fuel; for he will take

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of it, and warm himself; yes, he kindles it, and bakes bread; or, he makes a god, and worships it; he makes of it a carved idol, and falls down to it.

16. He burns half of it in the fire; with this half of it he eats meat; he roasts the roast, and is satisfied; yes, he warms himself, and says, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire;

17. (K) And with what is left of it he makes a god, his carved image; he falls down to it, and worships it, and prays to it, and says, Save me, for you are my god!

18. They have not known nor understood; for he has shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand.

19. And none considers in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned half of it in the fire; yes, also I have baked bread upon its embers; I have roasted meat, and eaten it; and shall I make what is left of it an abomination? Shall I fall down to worship a block of wood?

20. He feeds on ashes; a deceived heart has turned

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him aside, that he cannot save his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie 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 shall not be forgotten by me.

22. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions, and, as a cloud, your sins; return to me; for I have redeemed you.

23. Sing, O 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 glorified himself in Israel.

24. (K) Thus says the Lord, your redeemer, and he who formed you from the womb, I am the Lord who makes all things; who stretches the heavens alone; who spreads abroad the earth by myself;

25. Who frustrates the omens of liars and makes fools of diviners; who turns wise men backward, and makes their knowledge foolish;

26. Who confirms the word of his servant, and

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performs the counsel of his messengers; who says to Jerusalem, You shall be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, You shall be rebuilt, and I will raise up its ruins;

27. Who says to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up your rivers;

28. Who says of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure; and saying to Jerusalem, You shall be rebuilt; and to the temple, Your foundation shall be laid.

## Chapter 45

1. Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him doors and gates; and the gates shall not be closed;

2. (K) I will go before you, and make the hilly places level; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze, and cut in sunder the bars of iron;

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3. And I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the Lord, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel.

4. For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel my elect, I have called you by your name; I have surnamed you, though you have not known me.

5. I am the Lord, and there is no one else, there is no God beside me; I girded you, though you have not known me;

6. That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is no one else.

7. I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I the Lord do all these things.

8. Shower, O 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 also; I, the Lord, have created it.

9. Woe to him who strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall

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the clay say to him who fashions it, What do you make? or your work, He has no hands?

10. Woe to him who says to his father, What are you begetting? or to the woman, With what are you in labor?

11. Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command me.

12. I have made the earth, and created man upon it; I, my own hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

13. I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways; he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, says the Lord of hosts.

14. Thus says the Lord, The labor of Egypt, and the merchandise of Kush and of the Sebaim, men of stature, shall come over to you, and they shall be yours; they shall come after you; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down to you, they shall



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make supplication to you, saying, Surely God is in you; and there is no one else, there is no God.

15. Truly you are a God who hides yourself, O God of Israel, who saves them.

16. They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them; they shall go to confusion together those who are makers of idols.

17. But Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation; you shall not be ashamed nor confounded to all eternity.

18. For thus says the Lord who created the heavens; God himself who formed the earth and made it; he has established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited; I am the Lord; and there is no one else.

19. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth; I do not say to the seed of Jacob, Seek me in vain; I, the Lord, speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

20. Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you of the nations who have escaped; they

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have no knowledge those who carry the wood of their carved idols, and pray to a god who cannot save.

21. Declare, and bring them near; yes, let them take counsel together; Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Did not I the Lord? And there is no other God beside me; a just God and a savior; there is none beside me.

22. Look to me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no one else.

23. I have sworn by myself, a word of righteousness is gone out of my mouth, and shall not be reversed, That to me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

24. Surely, he said to me, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength; to him shall men come; and all who are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

25. In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

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## Chapter 46

1. Bel bows down, Nebo stoops, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle; your carriages were heavily loaded; the things you carry are a burden to the weary beast.
2. They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity.
3. Listen to me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, who are borne by me from birth, who are carried from the womb;
4. And even to your old age I am he; and even to gray hairs will I carry you; I have made, and I will bear; I will carry, and will deliver you.
5. To whom will you liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?
6. They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he makes it a god; they fall down, yes, they worship.

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7. They carry it upon the shoulder, they carry it, and set it in its place, and it stands; from its place it shall not move; one shall cry to it, yet it can not answer, nor save him from his trouble.

8. Remember this, and show yourselves men; bring it again to mind, O you transgressors.

9. Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is no one like me,

10. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from old times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure;

11. (K) Calling an eagle from the east, the man who executes my counsel from a far country; I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

12. Listen to me, you stubborn of heart, who are far from righteousness;

13. I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not delay; and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

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## Chapter 47

1. Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground; there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no more be called tender and delicate.
2. Take the millstones, and grind meal; take off your veil, strip off your robe, uncover your legs, pass over the rivers.
3. Your nakedness shall be uncovered, your shame shall be seen; I will take vengeance, and I will spare no man.
4. As for our redeemer, the Lord of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.
5. Sit silent, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no more be called, The Mistress of Kingdoms.
6. I was angry with my people, I have profaned my inheritance, and given them to your hand; you

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showed them no mercy; upon the old have you very heavily laid your yoke.

7. And you say, I shall be mistress forever; so that you did not lay these things to your heart, nor did you remember the latter end of it.

8. Therefore hear now this, you who are given to pleasures, who lives securely, who say in your heart, I am, and no one else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children.

9. But these two things shall come to you in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood; they shall come upon you in their full measure because of the multitude of your sorceries, and because of your many enchantments.

10. For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, No one sees me. Your wisdom and your knowledge, it has perverted you; and you have said in your heart, I am, and no one else beside me.

11. Therefore shall evil come upon you; you shall not know from where it rises; and mischief shall fall upon you; you shall not be able to put it off; and desolation

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shall come upon you suddenly, which you shall not know.

12. Stand now with your enchantments, and with the multitude of your sorceries, with which you have labored from your youth; perhaps you shall be able to profit, perhaps you shall inspire terror.

13. (K) You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels. Let now the astrologers, the star gazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save you from these things that shall come upon you.

14. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not save themselves from the power of the flame; there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.

15. Thus shall they be to you with whom you have labored, with whom you have traded, from your youth; they shall wander every one to his own quarter; none shall save you.

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1. Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and have come forth from the waters of Judah, who swear by the name of the Lord, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.
2. For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The Lord of hosts is his name.
3. I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I reported them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.
4. Because I know that you are obstinate, and your neck is an iron sinew, and your brow bronze;
5. I have from the beginning declared it to you; before it came to pass I announced it to you; lest you should say, My idol has done them, and my carved image, and my molten image, has commanded them.
6. You have heard, now see all this; and will you not declare it? I tell you new things from this time forth,



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even hidden things, which you did not know.

7. They are created now, and not from the beginning; before this day you did not hear them; lest you should say, Behold, I knew them.

8. You did not hear, you did not know; nor from old was your ear not opened; for I knew that you would deal very treacherously, and were called a transgressor from the womb.

9. For my name's sake will I defer my anger, and for my praise will I refrain for you, that I cut you not off.

10. Behold, I have refined you, but not into silver; I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction.

11. For my own sake, for my own sake, will I do it; for how should my name be profaned? and I will not give my glory to another.

12. Listen to me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I am also the last.

13. My hand also has laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand has spanned the heavens; when I call to them, they stand up together.

14. All of you, assemble yourselves, and hear; who

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among them has declared these things? He whom the Lord loves, he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans.

15. I, I myself, have spoken; yes, I have called him; I have brought him, and he shall make his way successful.

16. Come near to me, hear this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I; and now the Lord God, and his spirit, has sent me.

17. Thus says the Lord, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord your God who teaches you for your gain, who leads you by the way that you should go.

18. O that you had listened to my commandments! Then had your peace been as a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea;

19. Your seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of your bowels like its pebbles; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

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20. Go forth from Babylon, flee from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare you, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say, The Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob.

21. And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts; he caused the waters to flow from the rock for them; he broke the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

22. There is no peace, says the Lord, for the wicked.

## Chapter 49

1. Listen, O islands, to me; and listen, you people, from far; The Lord has called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother has he made mention of my name.

2. And he has made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver he hid me.

3. And said to me, You are my servant, O Israel, in

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whom I will be glorified.

4. Then I said, I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing, and in vain; yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God.

5. (K) And now, says the Lord who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, that Israel should be gathered to him, and I was honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be my strength.

6. (K) And he says, It is a light 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 for a light to the nations, that may salvation may be to the end of the earth.

7. Thus says the Lord, the redeemer of Israel, his Holy One, to him whom man despises, to him whom the nation loathes, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord who is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.

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8. Thus says the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard you, and in a day of salvation have I helped you; and I will preserve you, and give you for a covenant of the people, to restore the land, and to assign desolate inheritances to their owners.

9. That you may say to the prisoners, Go forth; to those who are in darkness, Show yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

10. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun strike them; for he who has mercy on them shall lead them, by the springs of water shall he guide them.

11. And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be raised up.

12. Behold, these shall come from far; and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

13. (K) Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing O mountains; for the Lord has comforted his people, and has mercy upon his

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afflicted.

14. But Zion says, The Lord has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me.

15. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yes, even they may forget, but I will not forget you.

16. Behold, I have engraved you upon the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

17. Your children shall make haste; your destroyers and those who destroyed you shall go away from you.

18. Lift up your eyes around, and behold; all these gather themselves together, and come to you. As I live, says the Lord, you shall surely dress yourself with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on you, as a bride does.

19. For your destruction and your desolate places, and the land of your destruction, shall now be too narrow for your inhabitants; and those who swallowed you up shall be far away.

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20. The children who were taken away from you shall say again in your ears, The place is too narrow for me; give me room to dwell in.

21. Then shall you say in your heart, Who has borne me these, seeing I have lost my children, a solitary, an exile, and a wanderer to and fro? and who has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where have they been?

22. Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and set up my standard to the people; and they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.

23. And kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers; they shall bow down to you with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of your feet; and you shall know that I am the Lord; for those who wait for me shall not be ashamed.

24. Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the captive of the victorious rescued?

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25. But thus says the Lord, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be saved; 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 shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine; and all flesh shall know that I the Lord am your savior and your redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

## Chapter 50

1. Thus says the Lord, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, with which I have put her away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have you sold yourselves, and for your transgressions your mother was put away.

2. Why, when I came, was there no man? When I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no



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power to save? 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 for thirst.

3. I dress the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

4. The Lord God has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to sustain with a word him who is weary; he wakens morning by morning, he wakens my ear to hear as the learned.

5. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away.

6. I gave my back to those who beat me, and my cheeks to those who plucked off the hair; I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

7. For the Lord God has helped me; therefore I have not been confounded; therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

8. He who justifies me is near; 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

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shall condemn me? Lo, they shall all become old as a garment; the moth shall 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 stay upon his God.

11. Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who surround yourselves with sparks; walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that you have kindled. This came to you from my hand; you shall lie down in sorrow.

## Chapter 51

1. Listen to me, you who follow after righteousness, you who seek the Lord; look to the rock from where you have been cut, and to the hole of the pit from where you have been dug.

2. Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who gave birth to you; for he was only one when I called him, and blessed him, and increased him.

3. For the Lord shall comfort Zion; he will comfort all

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her ruins; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found in there, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

4. Listen to me, my people; and give ear to me, O my nation; for Torah shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment for a light to the people.

5. My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and my arms shall judge the people; the islands shall wait upon me, and on my arm shall they trust.

6. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall become old like a garment, and those who dwell in it shall die in like manner; but my salvation shall be forever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

7. Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my Torah; do not fear the taunts of men, nor be dismayed by their insults.

8. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and

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the worm shall eat them like wool; but my righteousness shall be forever, and my salvation for all generations.

9. Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in days of old, in the generations of old. Are you not he who cut Rahab in pieces, and wounded the crocodile?

10. Are you not he who dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; who made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?

11. Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing to Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head; they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

12. I, I myself, am he who comforts you; who are you, that you should be afraid of a man who shall die, and of the son of man who shall be made as grass;

13. And have forgotten the Lord your maker, who has stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and have feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were

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ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?

14. He who is bowed down shall speedily be released, and he shall not die in the pit, nor shall his bread fail.

15. And I am the Lord your God, who stirs up the sea, whose waves roar; The Lord of hosts is his name.

16. And I have put my words in your mouth, and I have covered you in the shadow of my hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, You are my people.

17. Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, who has drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury; you have drunk to the dregs the bowl of staggering.

18. There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she has brought forth; nor is there any who takes her by the hand among all the sons whom she has brought up.

19. These two things have befallen you; who shall console you? Desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword; by whom shall I comfort you?

20. Your sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all

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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 hear now this, you afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine;

22. Thus says your Lord the Lord, and your God who pleads the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of staggering, the deep bowl of my fury; you shall no more 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, that we may pass over; and you have laid your body like the ground, and like the street, for them to pass over.

## Chapter 52

1. Awake, awake; put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; from now on there shall no more come to you the uncircumcised and the unclean.

2. (K) Shake yourself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem; loose yourself from the bands of

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your neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

3. For thus says the Lord, You have sold yourselves for nothing; and you shall be redeemed without money.

4. For thus says the Lord God, My people went down the first time to Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

5. Now therefore, what have I here, says the Lord, that my people is taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them howl, says the Lord; and my name continually every day is blasphemed.

6. Therefore my people shall know my name; therefore they shall know in that day that I am he who speaks; behold, here I am.

7. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace; who brings good news of good, who announces salvation; who says to Zion, Your God reigns!

8. The voice of your watchmen is heard; together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord returns to Zion.

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9. Break forth into joy, sing together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

10. The Lord has made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

11. Depart, depart, go out from there, touch no unclean thing; go out from her midst; be clean, you who bear the utensils of the Lord.

12. For you shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight; for the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

13. Behold, my servant shall prosper, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

14. As many were astonished at you; saying His appearance is too marred to be that of a man, and his forms to be that of the sons of men;

15. So shall he startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths at him; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they perceive.



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## Chapter 53

1. Who has 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 had no form nor comeliness that we should look at him, there was no countenance that we should desire him.
3. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with sickness; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
4. Surely he has borne our sicknesses, and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, struck by God, and afflicted.
5. But he was wounded because of our transgressions, he was bruised because of our iniquities; his sufferings were that we might have peace; and by his injury we are healed.

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6. All we like sheep have gone astray; 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, but he humbled himself and opened not his mouth; he was brought like a lamb to the slaughter, and like a sheep, that is dumb before its shearers, he did not open his mouth.

8. By oppression and false judgment was he taken away; and of his generation who considered? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

9. And they made his grave among the wicked, and his tomb among the rich; although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10. Yet it pleased the Lord to crush him by sickness; if his soul shall consider it a reward for guilt, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the purpose of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

11. He shall see the labor of his soul, and shall be satisfied; by his knowledge did my servant justify the righteous One to the many, and did bear their

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iniquities.

12. Therefore I will give him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the plunder with the strong; because he has poured out his soul to death; and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

## Chapter 54

1. Sing, O barren, you who did not bear; 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 wife, says the Lord.

2. Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of your habitations; spare not, lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes;

3. For you shall break forth on the right hand and on the left; and your seed shall possess nations, and make desolate cities to be inhabited.

4. Fear not; for you shall not be ashamed; neither be

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confounded; for you shall not be put to shame; for you shall forget the shame of your youth, and shall not remember the reproach of your widowhood any more.

5. For your Maker is your husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; and your redeemer the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the earth.

6. For the Lord has called you as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, but a wife of youth, Can she be rejected? says your God.

7. For a small moment have I forsaken you; but with great mercy will I gather you.

8. In overflowing wrath I hid my face from you for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on you, says the Lord your redeemer.

9. For this is like the waters of Noah to me; for just as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.

10. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from you,

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nor shall 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 fair colors, and lay your foundations with sapphires.

12. And I will make your windows of rubies, and your gates of beryl, and all your borders of precious stones.

13. And all your children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of your children.

14. In righteousness shall you be established; you shall be far from oppression, and you shall not fear; and from terror, and it shall not come near you.

15. Behold, they may gather together, but not by me; whoever shall gather together against you shall fall for your sake.

16. (K) Behold, I have created the metal worker who blows upon the coals in the fire, and produces an instrument for his work; and I have created the destroyer to destruct.

17. No weapon that is made against you shall prosper;

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and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and the reward of their righteousness appointed by me, says the Lord.

## Chapter 55

1. Ho, every one who thirsts, come to the waters, and he who has no money; come, buy, and eat; come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2. Why do you spend money for that which is not bread? And your labor for that which satisfies not? Listen diligently to me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure loving promises of David.

4. Behold, I have made him a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

5. Behold, you shall call a nation that you know not,

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and nations that did not know you shall run to you because of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he has glorified you.

6. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

7. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

9. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and returns not there, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater;

11. So shall my word be that goes out of my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing

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for which I sent it.

12. For you shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13. (K) Instead of the thorn the cypress tree shall come up, and instead of the nettle shall the myrtle tree come up; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

## Chapter 56

1. Thus says the Lord, Keep judgment, and do justice; for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

2. Happy is the man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold on it; who keeps the sabbath and does not profane it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.

3. Do not let the son of the stranger, who has joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord has



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completely separated me from his people; nor let the eunuch 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. And to them will I give in my house and within my walls a memorial and a name better than sons and of daughters; I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

6. Also the sons of the stranger, who join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, every one who keeps the sabbath and does not profane it, and all who hold fast to my covenant;

7. Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

8. The Lord God who gathers the outcasts of Israel says, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those

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who are already gathered.

9. All you beasts of the field, come into the forest, to devour all the beasts that are there.

10. His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

11. Yes, the dogs are greedy, they never have enough, and they are shepherds who cannot understand; they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

12. Come, they say, I will bring wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

## Chapter 57

1. The righteous perish, and no man lays it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

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2. He enters into peace; they rest in their beds who walk in their uprightness.

3. But draw near here, you sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the harlot.

4. Against whom do you make sport? Against whom do you open your mouth wide, and draw out the tongue? Are you not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood,

5. Burning with lust among the terebinths, under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks?

6. Among the smooth stones of the stream is your portion; they, they are your lot; to them have you poured a drink offering, you have offered a meal offering. Should I be appeased by these things?

7. Upon a lofty and high mountain have you set your bed; and there went you up to offer sacrifice.

8. Behind the doors also and the posts have you set up your symbol; for you have revealed yourself to others than me, and are gone up; you have enlarged your bed, and made a covenant with them; you

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loved their lying with you, you selected a place.

9. And you went to the king with ointment, and increased your perfumes, and did send your messengers far off, and sent down even to Sheol.

10. You are wearied with the length of your way; yet you did not say, There is no hope; you have found a renewal of your strength; therefore you were not sick.

11. And of whom have you been afraid or feared, that you have lied, and have not remembered me, nor laid it to your heart? Have I not held my peace even of old, and you fear me not?

12. I will declare your righteousness, and your works; for they shall not profit you.

13. When you cry, let your collection of idols save you; but the wind shall carry them all away; a breath shall take them; but he who puts his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;

14. And one shall say, Build up, build up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling block from the way of my

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people.

15. For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell on the high and holy place, yet with him also who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

16. For I will not contend forever, nor will I be always angry; for the spirit and the souls whom I have made, should faint before me.

17. For the iniquity of his covetousness was I angry, and struck him; I hid myself, and was angry, and he went on perversely in the way of his heart.

18. I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will lead him also, and bestow comforts on him and on his mourners.

19. (K) I will create a new expression of the lips; Peace, peace for him who is far off and for him who is near, says the Lord; and I will heal him.

20. But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21. There will be no peace, says my God, for the

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wicked.

## Chapter 58

1. Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a shofar, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.
2. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God; they ask of me judgments of justice; they desire that God should be near.
3. Why have we fasted, say they, and you see not? Why have we afflicted our soul, and you take no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast you pursue your business, and exact all your payments.
4. Behold, you fast for strife and debate, and to strike with the fist of wickedness; you shall not fast as you do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.
5. Is such the fast that I have chosen? A day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head as

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a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord?

6. Is not this rather the fast that I have chosen? to loose the chains of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

7. Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring the poor, who are cast out, to your house? When you see the naked, that you cover him; and that you hide not yourself from your own flesh?

8. Then shall your light break forth like the morning, and your health shall spring forth speedily; and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

9. Then shall you call, and the Lord shall answer; you shall cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the pointing of the finger, and speaking iniquity;

10. And if you draw out your soul to the hungry, and

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satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall your light rise in darkness, and your gloom be as the noon day;

11. And the Lord shall guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and make strong your bones; and you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

12. And those who shall be of you shall rebuild the old ruins; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

13. If you restrain your foot because of the sabbath, from pursuing your business on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the Lord honorable; and shall honor it, not doing your own ways, nor pursuing your own business, nor speaking of vain matters;

14. (K) Then shall you delight yourself in the Lord; and I will cause you to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.



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## Chapter 59

1. Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, 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, that he will not hear.

3. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perverseness.

4. None calls in uprightness, nor any pleads for truth; they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

5. They hatch vipers' eggs, and weave the spider's web; he who eats of their eggs dies, and from that which is crushed breaks out a viper.

6. Their webs shall not become garments, nor shall they cover themselves with their works; their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

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7. Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.

8. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings; they have made them crooked paths; whoever goes in there shall not know peace.

9. Therefore is justice far from us, nor does righteousness overtake us; we wait for light, but behold darkness; for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

10. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes; we stumble at noonday as in the night; among the strong we are as dead men.

11. We roar all like bears, and moan like doves; we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.

12. For our transgressions 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

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departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

14. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice stands far off; for truth is fallen in the street, and upright dealing cannot enter.

15. And truth is absent; and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey; and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

16. And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intervene; therefore his arm brought salvation to him; and his righteousness sustained him.

17. For 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. According to their deeds, so will he repay, fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompense.

19. So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the

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west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When affliction comes like a flood, the wind of the Lord shall drive it forth.

20. And a redeemer shall come to Zion, and to those in Jacob who turn from transgression, says the Lord.

21. As for me, this is my covenant with them, says the Lord; My spirit that is upon you, and my words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your seed, nor from the mouth of your seed's seed, says the Lord, from now on and forever.

## Chapter 60

1. Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

2. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you.

3. And the nations shall come to your light, and kings

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to the brightness of your rising.

4. Lift up your eyes around, and see; all they gather themselves together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side.

5. Then you shall see, and be filled with light, and your heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

6. The multitude of camels shall cover you, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord.

7. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

8. Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?

9. Surely the islands shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from far, their

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silver and their gold with them, to the name of the Lord your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you.

10. And the sons of strangers shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in my anger I struck you, but in my favor have I had mercy on you.

11. Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be closed day or night; that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings led in procession.

12. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; yes, those nations shall be completely destroyed.

13. The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the maple, and the box tree, together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

14. The sons also of those who afflicted you shall come bending to you; and all those who despised you shall bow themselves down at the soles of your feet; and they shall call you, The city of the Lord,

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The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15. Because 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 shall also suck the milk of the nations, and shall suck the breast of kings; and you shall know that I the Lord shall save you, and the mighty One of Jacob shall redeem you.

17. For bronze I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood bronze, and for stones iron; I will also make your officers peace, and your task masters, righteousness.

18. Violence shall no more be heard in your land, wasting nor destruction within your borders; but you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.

19. The sun shall be no more your light by day; nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; but the Lord shall be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory.

20. Your sun shall no more go down; nor shall your

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moon withdraw itself; for the Lord shall be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended.

21. (K) Your people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

22. The least one shall become a thousand, and a smallest one a strong nation; I the Lord will hasten it in its time.

## Chapter 61

1. The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord has anointed me to announce good news to the humble; he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

2. To proclaim an acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;



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3. To appoint to those who mourn in Zion, to give to them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

4. And they shall build the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.

5. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and tend your vineyards.

6. But you shall be named the Priests of the Lord; men shall call you the Ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory.

7. Instead of your shame you shall have a double portion; and instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs.

8. For I the Lord love judgment, I hate robbery with a

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burnt offering; and I will give them their reward in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9. And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Lord has blessed.

10. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

11. For as the earth 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 righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

## Chapter 62

1. For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for

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Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth like radiance, and her salvation like a burning torch.

2. And the nations shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall express.

3. (K) You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

4. You shall no more be termed Forsaken; nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

5. For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

6. I have set watchmen upon your walls, O Jerusalem, who shall never hold their peace day nor night; you who make mention of the Lord, take no rest.

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7. And give him no rest, until he establish, and until he makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

8. The Lord has sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give your grain to be food for your enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink your wine, for which you have labored;

9. But those who have gathered it shall eat it and praise the Lord; and those who have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary.

10. Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way of the people; build up, build up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

11. Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the world, Say to the daughter of Zion, Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his wages before him.

12. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

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1. Who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments from Bozrah? This one who is glorious in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2. Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who tramples in the wine press?

3. I have trampled the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me; for I have trampled them in my anger, and trampled them in my fury; and their blood was sprinkled upon my garments, and I have stained all my clothing.

4. For the day of vengeance is in my heart, and the year of my redeemed has come.

5. And I looked, and there was none to help; and I was appalled that there was none to uphold; therefore my own arm brought salvation to me; and my fury upheld me.

6. And I trampled down the people in my anger, and

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made them drunk in my fury, and I poured out their lifeblood to the earth.

7. I will recount the grace of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel, which he has granted them according to his mercy, and according to the abundance of his grace.

8. For he said, Surely they are my people, children who will not lie; so he was their savior.

9. (K) In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bore them, and carried them all the days of old.

10. But they rebelled, and grieved his holy spirit; therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

11. Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he who put his holy spirit in him?

12. Who caused his glorious arm to go at the right

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hand of Moses, parting the waters before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

13. Who led them through the deep, like a horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble?

14. Like cattle going down into the valley, the spirit of the Lord gave them rest; so did you lead your people, to make yourself a glorious name.

15. Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of your holiness and of your glory; where is your zeal and your mighty acts? Your compassion and your mercy toward me are withheld from me.

16. You are our father, though Abraham is ignorant of us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O Lord, are our father, our redeemer; from everlasting is your name.

17. O Lord, why have you made us stray from your ways, and hardened our heart from your fear? Return for your servants' sake, the tribes of your inheritance.

18. The people of your holiness have possessed it but a little while; our adversaries have trampled down

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your sanctuary.

19. We have become like those over whom you never ruled, who were not called by your name. Oh that you would tear the heavens and come down, that the mountains would melt away at your presence.

## Chapter 64

1. As when the fire kindles brushwood, the fire causes the waters to boil, to make your name known to your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at your presence!

2. When you did awesome things which we looked not for, you came down, the mountains flowed down at your presence.

3. For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen a God besides you, should do such a thing for him who waits for him.

4. You struck down him who rejoiced and worked righteousness, who remembered you in your ways;



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behold, you are angry; for we have sinned; in those ways we have been always; how then shall we be saved?

5. But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteous actions are as filthy rags; and we all fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

6. And there is none who calls upon 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.

7. But now, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay, and you our potter; and we are all the work of your hand.

8. Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, nor remember iniquity forever; behold, see, we beseech you, we are all your people.

9. Your holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

10. Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised you, has been burned with fire; and all our

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pleasant things lay in ruins.

11. Will you restrain yourself at these things, O Lord? Will you hold your peace, and afflict us so very greatly?

## Chapter 65

1. I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me; I said, Here I am, Here I am, to a nation that was not called by my name.

2. I have spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walks in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts;

3. A people who provoke me to anger continually to my face; who sacrifices in gardens, and burns incense upon altars of brick;

4. (K) Who sit on the graves, and spend the night in vaults, who eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their utensils;

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5. Who say, Stand by yourself, come not near to me; for I am holier than you. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burns all the day.

6. Behold, it is written before me; I will not keep silence, but will repay, indeed I will pay repay into their bosom,

7. (K) Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, says the Lord, who burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills; therefore will I repay their former work in full measure into their bosom.

8. Thus says the Lord, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one says, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it; so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

9. And I will bring forth a seed from Jacob, and from Judah an inheritor of my mountains; and my chosen ones shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

10. And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my

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people who have sought me.

11. But you who forsake the Lord, who forget my holy mountain, who prepare a table for Fortune, and who fill the cup of mixed wine for Destiny.

12. I will destine you to the sword, and you shall all bow down to the slaughter; because when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not hear; but did evil before my eyes, and did choose that in which I delighted not.

13. Therefore thus says the Lord God, Behold, my servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but you shall be ashamed;

14. Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but you shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for trouble of spirit.

15. And you shall leave your name for a curse to my chosen; for the Lord God shall slay you, and call his servants by another name;

16. So that he who blesses himself in the earth shall

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bless himself by the God of truth; and he who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hidden from my eyes.

17. For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered, nor come to mind.

18. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people; and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20. There shall be no more there an infant who lives a days, nor an old man who has not filled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old' but the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed.

21. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.

22. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat; for as the days of a tree

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are the days of my people, and my chosen ones shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.

24. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

25. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

## Chapter 66

1. Thus says the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; where is the house that you build to me? and where is the place of my rest?

2. For all those things has my hand made, and all those things have been, says the Lord; but to this man will I look, to him who is poor and of a contrite

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spirit, and trembles at my word.

3. He who kills an ox is as if he slew a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he who offers a meal offering, as if he offered swine's blood; he who burns incense, as if he blessed an idol. For they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations.

4. I also will choose torments for them, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spoke, they did not hear; but they did evil before my eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.

5. Hear the word of the Lord, you who tremble at his word; Your brothers who hated you, who threw you out for my name's sake, says, Let the Lord be glorified that we may see your joy; but they shall be ashamed.

6. A voice of tumult from the city, a voice from the temple, the voice of the Lord rendering recompense to his enemies.

7. Before she labored, she brought forth; before her

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pain came, she was delivered of a son.

8. Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born in one moment? For as soon as Zion labored, she brought forth her children.

9. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? says the Lord; shall 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. That you may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that you may drink deeply, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

12. For thus says the Lord, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like a flowing stream; then shall you suck, you shall be carried upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees.



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13. As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

14. And when you see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like grass; and the hand of the Lord shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

15. For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a storm, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

16. For by fire will the Lord execute judgment, and by his sword upon all flesh; and the slain by the Lord shall be many.

17. (K) They who sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, says the Lord.

18. For I know their works and their thoughts; it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

19. And I will set a sign among them, and I will send

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those who escape to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to far off islands, that have not heard my fame, nor have they seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations.

20. And they shall bring all your brothers for an offering to the Lord from all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon fleet camels, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, as the people of Israel bring an offering in a clean utensil to the house of the Lord.

21. And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.

22. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain.

23. And it shall come to pass, that every new moon, and every sabbath, shall all flesh come to worship before me, says the Lord.

24. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men who have transgressed

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against me; for their worm shall not die, nor shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be a loathing to all flesh.