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Chapter 1

1. And it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the Kevar river, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

2. In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's exile,

3. The word of the Lord came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans, by the Kevar river; and the hand of the Lord was there upon him.

4. And I looked, and, behold, a stormy wind came from the north, a great cloud, and a fire flaring up, and a brightness was around it, out of its midst, as the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

5. Also out of its midst came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man.

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6. And everyone had four faces, and everyone had four wings.

7. And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like the color of burnished bronze.

8. (K) And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and the four had their faces and their wings thus,

9. Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went everyone straight forward.

10. As for the likeness of their faces, the four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side; and the four had the face of an ox on the left side; the four also had the face of an eagle.

11. Thus were their faces; and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of everyone were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

12. And they went everyone straight forward; where the spirit would go, they went; and they turned not when they went.

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13. As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of torches; it flashed up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and from the fire went forth lightning.

14. And the living creatures ran and returned like the appearance of a flash of lightning.

15. And as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.

16. The appearance of the wheels and their work was like the color of an emerald; and the four had one likeness; and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

17. When they moved, they moved from any of their four sides; and they did not turn when they moved.

18. As for their rims, they were so high that they were dreadful; and the rims, around the four, were full of eyes.

19. And when the living creatures moved, the wheels moved with them; and when the living creatures

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were raised from the earth, the wheels were raised.

20. Where ever the spirit would go, they moved, for the spirit wanted to go there; and the wheels were raised with them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

21. When they moved, these moved; and when they stood still, these stood still; and when they were raised from the earth, the wheels were raised with them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

22. And the likeness of the firmament was upon the heads of the living creature, like the color of awesome ice, stretched out above their heads.

23. And under the firmament their wings straight were held straight, one toward another; everyone had two, which covered them, everyone had two which covered their bodies.

24. And when they moved, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, the voice of a tumult, like the noise of an army camp; when they stood, they let down their

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wings.

25. And there was a voice from above the firmament that was over their heads, when they stood still, and had let down their wings.

26. And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like lapis lazuli; and upon the likeness of the throne was a likeness like the appearance of a man upon it.

27. And I saw something like the color of amber, like the appearance of fire enclosed around it, from what appeared to be his loins upward; and from what appeared to be his loins downward, I saw what appeared to be fire, and it had brightness around it.

28. As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one speaking.

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1. And he said to me, son of man, stand upon your feet, and I will speak to you.

2. And a spirit entered into me when he spoke to me, and set me upon my feet, when I heard him speaking to me.

3. And he said to me, son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to rebellious nations that have rebelled against me; they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even to this very day.

4. For they are impudent children and stubborn. I send you to them; and you shall say to them, Thus said the Lord God.

5. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house, they will know that there has been a prophet among them.

6. And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you, and you dwell among scorpions; be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks,

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though they are a rebellious house.

7. And you shall speak my words to them, whether they will hear, or whether they will refuse to hear; for they are most rebellious.

8. But you, son of man, hear what I say to you: Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth, and eat what I give you.

9. And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me; and, lo, a scroll of a book was in it;

10. And he spread it before me; and it was written inside and outside; and lamentations, mourning and woe were written in it.

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1. And he said to me, son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go and speak to the house of Israel.

2. So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that scroll.

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3. And he said to me, son of man, make your belly eat, and fill your bowels with this scroll that I give you. Then I ate it; and it was in my mouth sweet like honey.

4. And he said to me, son of man, go, get you to the house of Israel, and speak with my words to them.

5. For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and of a difficult language, but to the house of Israel;

6. Not to many peoples of a foreign speech and of a difficult language, whose words you can not understand. Surely, had I sent you to them, they would have listened to you.

7. But the house of Israel will not listen to you; for they will not listen to me; for all the house of Israel are impudent and stubborn of heart.

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

9. Like adamant harder than flint have I made your forehead; fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house.

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10. And he said to me, son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears.

11. And go, get you to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them, and tell them, Thus said the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will refuse to hear.

12. Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of the Lord from his place.

13. I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, and a noise of a great rushing.

14. And the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the Lord was strong upon me.

15. (K) Then I came to the exiles at Tel Aviv, who dwelt by the Kevar river, and I sat where they sat, and remained there overwhelmed among them seven days.

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16. And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

17. son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

18. When I say to the wicked, You shall surely die; and you give him not warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at your hand.

19. But if you warn the wicked, and he turns not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have saved your soul.

20. Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you have not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at your hand.

21. Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man not to

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sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he was warned; and you have saved your soul.

22. And the hand of the Lord was there upon me; and he said to me, Arise, go to the plain, and there I will talk with you.

23. Then I arose, and went to the plain; and, behold, the glory of the Lord stood there, like the glory which I saw by the Kevar river; and I fell on my face.

24. Then a spirit entered in me, and set me upon my feet, and spoke with me, and said to me, Go, shut yourself inside your house.

25. But you, O son of man, behold, they shall put cords upon you, and shall bind you with them, and you shall not go out among them;

26. And I will make your tongue cleave to the roof of your mouth, that you shall be dumb, and shall not be to them a reprover; for they are a rebellious house.

27. But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, Thus said the Lord God; He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses to

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hear, let him refuse to hear; for they are a rebellious house.

Chapter 4

1. And you, son of man, take a brick, and lay it before you, and portray upon it a city, Jerusalem;
2. And lay siege against it, and build a siege wall against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps against it, and set battering rams against it around it.
3. And take an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between you and the city; and set your face toward it, and it shall be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.
4. Lie upon your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it; according to the number of the days that you shall lie upon it you shall bear their iniquity.
5. For I have laid upon you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days; so shall you bear the iniquity of the

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house of Israel.

6. (K) And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side, and you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days; I have appointed you a day for each year.

7. Therefore you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and your arm shall be uncovered, and you shall prophesy against it.

8. And, behold, I will put cords upon you, and you shall not turn from one side to another, till you have ended the days of your siege.

9. And take wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make bread of them; according to the number of the days that you shall lie upon your side, three hundred and ninety days shall you eat of it.

10. And your food which you shall eat shall be, by weight, twenty shekels a day; once a day shall you eat it.

11. You shall drink also water by measure, the sixth part of a hin; once a day shall you drink.

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12. And you shall eat it like barley cakes, and you shall bake it with human excrement, in their sight.

13. And the Lord said, Thus shall the people of Israel eat their unclean bread among the nations, where I will drive them.

14. Then I said, Ah Lord God, behold, my soul has not been polluted; for from my youth up even till now I have not eaten of that which dies of itself, or is torn in pieces; nor did loathsome flesh come into my mouth.

15. (K) Then he said to me, Behold, I have given you cow's dung instead of human excrement, and you shall prepare your bread with it.

16. And he said to me, son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem; and they shall eat bread by weight, and with anxiety; and they shall drink water by measure and in dismay.

17. That they may lack bread and water, and be dismayed with one another, and consume away for their iniquity.

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Chapter 5

1. And you, son of man, take a sharp knife, take a barber's razor, and pass it over your head and over your beard; then take balances for weighing, and divide the hair.
2. You shall burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and you shall take a third part, and strike with a sword; and a third part you shall scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them.
3. You shall also take from these a small number, and bind them in your skirts.
4. Then take more of them, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; for from it shall a fire come forth to all the house of Israel.
5. Thus said the Lord God; This is Jerusalem; I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are around her.
6. And she has rebelled against my judgments more wickedly than the nations, and against my statutes

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more than the countries that are around her; for they have refused my judgments, and they have not walked in my statutes.

7. Therefore thus said the Lord God; Because you are more turbulent than the nations that are around you, and have not walked in my statutes, nor have you kept my judgments, nor have you done according to the practices of the nations that are around you;

8. Therefore thus said the Lord God; Behold, I am against you, and will execute judgments in the midst of you in the sight of the nations.

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

10. Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of you, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in you, and the whole remnant of you will I scatter to all the winds.

11. Therefore, as I live, said the Lord God, surely, because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your detestable things, and with all your abominations,

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therefore will I also diminish you; my eye shall not spare, nor will I have any pity.

12. A third part of you shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of you; and a third part shall fall by the sword around you; and I will scatter a third part to all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.

13. Thus shall my anger spend itself, and I relieve my fury upon them, and I will be comforted; and they shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it in my zeal, when I have spent my fury in them.

14. And I will make you a desolation, and a reproach among the nations that are around you, in the sight of all that pass by.

15. And it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment to the nations that are around you, when I shall execute judgments in you in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I, the Lord, have spoken it.

16. When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for their destruction, and

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which I will send to destroy you; and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread;

17. And will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave you; and pestilence and blood shall pass through you; and I will bring the sword upon you. I, the Lord, have spoken it.

Chapter 6

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
2. Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,
3. (K) And say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God; Thus said the Lord God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys; Behold, I will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.
4. And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before your idols.

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5. And I will lay the dead carcasses of the people of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones around your altars.

6. In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be wiped out.

7. And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and you shall know that I am the Lord.

8. Yet I will leave a remnant, that you may have among the nations some who shall escape the sword, when you shall be scattered through the countries.

9. And those who escape of you shall remember me among the nations where they shall be carried captive, because I am broken with their wanton heart, which has departed from me, and with their eyes, which turn wantonly after their idols; and they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have

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committed in all their abominations.

10. And they shall know that I am the Lord, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil to them.

11. Thus said the Lord God; Strike with your hand, and stamp with your foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! For they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.

12. He who is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he who is near shall fall by the sword; and he who remains and is besieged shall die by the famine; thus will I spend my fury upon them.

13. Then shall you know that I am the Lord, when their slain men shall be among their idols around their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they offered pleasing odor to all their idols.

14. And will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate and waste, from the wilderness to Dibla, in all their habitations; and they

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shall know that I am the Lord.

Chapter 7

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
2. (K) And you, son of man, thus said the Lord God to the land of Israel; An end, the end has come upon the four corners of the land.
3. And the end has come upon you, and I will send my anger upon you, and will judge you according to your ways, and will recompense upon you all your abominations.
4. And my eye shall not spare you, nor will I have pity; but I will recompense your ways upon you, and your abominations shall be in your midst; and you shall know that I am the Lord.
5. Thus said the Lord God; An evil, a singular evil, behold, has come.
6. An end has come, the end has come; it watches for you; behold, it has come.

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7. The morning has come to you, O you dweller of the land; the time has come, a day is near, a day of tumult and not of joyful shouting on the mountains.

8. And I will shortly pour out my fury upon you, and spend my anger upon you; and I will judge you according to your ways, and will recompense you for all your abominations.

9. And my eye shall not spare, nor will I have pity; I will reward you according to your ways and your abominations that are in your midst; and you shall know that I am the Lord who strikes.

10. Behold the day, behold, it is coming; the dawn is gone forth; the rod has blossomed, arrogance has budded.

11. Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness; none of them shall remain, nor their abundance, nor their splendor; nor shall be wailing for them.

12. The time has come, the day draws near; let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath is upon all its multitude.

13. For the seller shall not return to that which is sold,

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although they were yet alive; for the vision concerns their whole multitude. None shall return; for every man lives in sin; they do not hold firm.

14. They have blown the trumpet, to make all ready; but none goes to the battle; for my wrath is upon all its multitude.

15. The sword is outside, and the pestilence and the famine inside; he who is in the field shall die with the sword; and he who is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.

16. But those fugitives who escape shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them moaning, everyone over his iniquity.

17. All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water.

18. They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads.

19. They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be like an unclean thing; their silver and their gold shall not be able to save them in the day of

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the wrath of the Lord; they shall not satisfy their souls, nor fill their bowels; because it is the stumbling block of their iniquity.

20. As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty; but they have set up in it the images of their abominations and of their detestable things; therefore have I set it far from them.

21. And I will give it to the hands of foreigners for a plunder, and to the wicked of the earth for a booty; and they shall profane it.

22. My face will I turn also from them, and they shall profane my secret place; for the robbers shall enter into it, and profane it.

23. Make a chain; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.

24. And I will bring the worst of the nations, and they shall possess their houses; I will also put an end to the pride of the strong; and their holy places shall be profaned.

25. Anguish comes and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none.

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26. Disaster shall come upon disaster, and rumor shall come upon rumor; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the Torah shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients.

27. The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with despair, and the hands of the people of the land shall be weakened; I will do to them after their way, and according to their judgments will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Chapter 8

1. And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord God fell there upon me.

2. Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire; from what appeared to be his loins downward, fire; and from his loins upward, the appearance of brightness, the color of amber.

3. And he put forth the form of a hand, and took me

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by a lock of my head; and a wind lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looks toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy.

4. And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.

5. Then said he to me, son of man, lift up your eyes now the way toward the north. And I raised my eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entrance.

6. (K) And he said to me, son of man, do you see what they do? The great abominations that the house of Israel commits here, to drive me far away from my sanctuary? And you will still see greater abominations.

7. And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold there was a hole in the wall.

8. And he said to me, son of man, dig now in the wall;

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and when I dug in the wall, behold there was a door.

9. And he said to me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.

10. And I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping thing, and abominable beast, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the surrounding wall.

11. And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man with his incense holder in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.

12. And he said to me, son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in his rooms of pictures? For they say, The Lord does not see us; the Lord has forsaken the land.

13. And he also said to me, You will see still greater abominations which they commit.

14. Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the Lord's house which was toward the north; and,

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behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

15. And he said to me, Have you seen this, O son of man? You will see still greater abominations than these.

16. And he brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the vestibule and the altar, were about twenty five men, with their backs toward the temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

17. Then he said to me, Have you seen this, O son of man? It is not enough for the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? But they also have filled the land with violence, and have provoked me even further to anger; and, behold, they put the branch to their nose.

18. Therefore I too will deal in fury; my eye shall not spare, nor will I have pity; and even if they would cry in my ears with a loud voice, I will I not hear them.

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Chapter 9

1. And he cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause those who have charge over the city to draw near, every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

2. And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lies toward the north, and a slaughter weapon in the hand of every man; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's ink well by his side; and they went in, and stood beside the bronze altar.

3. And the glory of the God of Israel had ascended from the kerub, on which it was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's ink well by his side;

4. And the Lord said to him, Go through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark upon the foreheads of the men who sigh and who cry for all the abominations that are done in its midst.

5. (K) And to the others he said in my hearing, Go you

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after him through the city, and strike; let not your eye spare, nor have any pity;

6. Slay utterly old men and young men, young girls, and little children, and women; but do not come near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began with the old men who were before the house.

7. And he said to them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain. Go forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city.

8. And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord God! Will you destroy all the remnant of Israel in the outpouring of your wrath upon Jerusalem?

9. And he said to me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is very great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of injustice; for they say, The Lord has forsaken the land, and the Lord sees not.

10. And as for me also, my eye shall not spare, nor will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon

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their head.

11. (K) And, behold, the man clothed with linen, who had the ink well by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as you have commanded me.

Chapter 10

1. Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the kerubim appeared over them something like a sapphire stone, in appearance like the shape of a throne.

2. And he spoke to the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, under the kerub, and fill your hand with coals of fire from between the kerubim, and scatter them over the city. And he went in before my eyes.

3. And the kerubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.

4. Then the glory of the Lord went up from the kerub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the

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house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the Lord's glory.

5. And the sound of the wings of the kerubim was heard even in the outer court, like the voice of the Almighty God when he speaks.

6. And it came to pass, that when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the kerubim; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels.

7. And one kerub stretched out his hand from between the kerubim to the fire that was between the kerubim, and took of it, and put it in the hands of the man who was clothed with linen; who took it, and went out.

8. And the kerubim appeared to have the form of a human hand under their wings.

9. And when I looked, behold there were four wheels beside the kerubim, one wheel beside one kerub, and another wheel beside another kerub; and the appearance of the wheels was like the color of an emerald stone.

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

11. When they moved, they moved from any of their four sides; without turning as they moved, but to the place where the head turned they followed it; without turning as they moved.

12. And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and their wheels, were full of eyes around, even the wheels that the four had.

13. As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing, the Wheelwork.

14. And everyone had four faces; the first face was the face of a kerub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15. And the kerubim were raised. This is the living creature that I saw by the Kevar river.

16. And when the kerubim moved, the wheels moved with them; and when the kerubim raised their wings to lift up from the earth, the same wheels also did

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not turn with them.

17. When they stood, these stood; and when they were raised, these raised themselves also; for the spirit of the living creature was in them.

18. Then the glory of the Lord departed from above the threshold of the house, and stood over the kerubim.

19. And the kerubim raised their wings, and raised from the earth before my eyes; when they moved, the wheels also with them, and every one stood at the door of the east gate of the Lord's house; and the glory of the God of Israel was above over them.

20. This is the living creature that I saw underneath the God of Israel by the Kevar river; and I knew that they were kerubim.

21. Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.

22. As for the likeness of their faces, they were the very same faces I had seen by the Kevar river, they were identical in their appearances; and each one

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went straight forward.

Chapter 11

1. And a spirit lifted me up, and brought me to the east gate of the Lord's house, which looks eastward; and behold at the door of the gate twenty five men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.

2. And he said to me, son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity, and give wicked counsel in this city;

3. Who say, It is not near; let us build houses; this city is the cauldron, and we are the meat.

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

5. And the spirit of the Lord fell upon me, and said to me, Speak; Thus said the Lord; Thus have you said, O house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind, everyone of them.

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

7. Therefore thus said the Lord God; Your slain whom you have laid in the midst of it, they are the meat, and this city is the cauldron; but I will bring you forth out of its midst.

8. You have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you, said the Lord God.

9. And I will bring you out of its midst, and deliver you to the hands of foreigners, and will execute judgments among you.

10. You shall fall by the sword; I will judge you at the border of Israel; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

11. This city shall not be your cauldron, neither shall you be the meat in its midst; but I will judge you at the border of Israel;

12. And you shall know that I am the Lord; for you have not walked in my statutes, nor have you executed my judgments, but have done after the practices of the nations that are around you.

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13. And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord God! Will you make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

14. Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

15. Son of man, your brothers, even your brothers, your next of kin, and the entire house of Israel, are they to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the Lord; to us is this land given in possession.

16. Therefore say, Thus said the Lord God; Although I have cast them far off among the nations, and although I have scattered them among the countries, I have been to them a little sanctuary in the countries where they have come.

17. Therefore say, Thus said the Lord God; I will gather you from the people, and assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

18. And they shall come there, and they shall take

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away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there.

19. And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit inside you; and I will take the stony heart from their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh;

20. That they may walk in my statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

21. But as for them whose heart walks after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, said the Lord God.

22. Then the kerubim raised their wings, and the wheels with them; and the glory of the God of Israel was above over them.

23. And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.

24. Afterwards a spirit took me up, and brought me in a vision by the spirit of God to Chaldea, to the exiles. And the vision that I had seen went up from me.

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25. Then I told to the exiles all the things that the Lord had shown me.

Chapter 12

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, you dwell in
2. the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not; for they are a rebellious house.
3. Therefore, son of man, prepare for yourself baggage for exile, and leave by day in their sight; and you shall leave from your place to another place in their sight. Perhaps they will perceive, though they are a rebellious house.
4. Then shall you bring out your baggage by day in their sight, as baggage for exile; and you shall go forth at evening in their sight, as those who go in exile must do.
5. Dig through the wall in their sight, and carry out

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through it.

6. In their sight shall you bear it upon your shoulders, and carry it out in the dark; you shall cover your face, so that you do not see the ground; for I have set you for a sign to the house of Israel.

7. And I did as I was commanded; I brought out my baggage by day, as baggage for the exile, and in the evening I dug through the wall with my hand; I brought it out in the dark, and I carried it upon my shoulder in their sight.

8. And in the morning came the word of the Lord to me, saying, son of man,

9. has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, What are you doing?

10. Say to them, Thus said the Lord God; This burden concerns the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel who are in it.

11. Say, I am your sign; as I have done, so shall it be done to them; they shall leave and go into exile.

12. And the prince who is among them shall carry upon his shoulder in the dark, and shall go out; they

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shall dig through the wall to carry out through it; he shall cover his face, so that he does not see the ground with his eyes.

13. My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare; and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet he shall not see it, though he shall die there.

14. And I will scatter toward every wind all who are around him to help him, and all his troops; and I will draw out the sword after them.

15. And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries.

16. But I will leave a few men of them escape from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the nations where they go; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

17. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, eat your bread

18. with quaking, and drink your water with trembling

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and with anxiety.

19. And say to the people of the land, Thus said the Lord God about the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and about the land of Israel; They shall eat their bread with anxiety, and drink their water with dismay, because her land will be emptied from all that is in it, because of the violence of all those who dwell in it.

20. And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

21. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, what is this

22. proverb that you have in the land of Israel, which says, The days are prolonged, and every vision fails?

23. Tell them therefore, Thus said the Lord God; I will put an end to this proverb, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say to them, The days are at hand, and the word of every vision.

24. For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination inside the house of Israel.

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25. For I am the Lord; I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged; for in your days, O rebellious house, I will say the word, and I will perform it, says the Lord God.

26. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, behold, they

27. of the house of Israel say, The vision that he sees is for many days to come, and he prophesies of times that are far off.

28. Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord God; None of my words shall be delayed any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, says the Lord God.

Chapter 13

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, prophesy

2. against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and

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say to those who prophesy from their own hearts,
Hear the word of the Lord;

3. Thus said the Lord God; Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!

4. O Israel, your prophets are like foxes among ruins.

5. You have not gone up into the breaches, nor have you built up a fence for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord.

6. They have seen vanity and lying divination; they say: The Lord said; and the Lord has not sent them; and they hope that he will confirm the word.

7. Have you not seen a vain vision, and have you not spoken a lying divination, when you say, The Lord said it; although I have not spoken?

8. Therefore thus says the Lord God; Because you have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, says the Lord God.

9. And my hand shall be upon the prophets who see vanity, and who divine lies; they shall not be in the council of my people, nor shall they be written in the

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writing of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter into the land of Israel; and you shall know that I am the Lord God.

10. Because they have led my people astray, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and if one builds a wall, these prophets daub it with whitewash;

11. Say to those who daub it with whitewash, that it shall fall; there shall be a deluge of rain; and you, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall break out.

12. Behold, when the wall has fallen, shall it not be said to you, Where is the daubing with which you daubed it?

13. Therefore thus says the Lord God; I will tear it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be a deluge of rain in my anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it.

14. And I will break down the wall that you have daubed with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation shall be laid bare, and it shall fall, and you shall be consumed in its midst;

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and you shall know that I am the Lord.

15. Thus will I spend my wrath upon the wall, and upon those who have daubed it with whitewash, and will say to you, The wall is no more, nor those who daubed it;

16. The prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, says the Lord God.

17. And you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy from their own heart; and prophesy against them,

18. And say, Thus says the Lord God; Woe to the women who sew bands for all arms, and make veils for the head of people of every height to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of my people, and will you save your own souls alive?

19. And will you profane me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people who hear your lies?

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20. Therefore thus says the Lord God; Behold, I am against your arm bands, with which you hunt souls, whisking them off to destruction; and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go free, the souls that you hunt, whisking them to destruction.

21. Your head veils also will I tear, and save my people from your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

22. Because with lies you have cowed the heart of the righteous, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life;

23. Therefore you shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations; for I will save my people from your hand; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

Chapter 14

1. Then came some of the elders of Israel to me, and

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sat before me.

2. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

3. Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces; should I let myself be inquired at all by them?

4. (K) Therefore speak to them, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God; Every man of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet; I, the Lord, will answer him who comes with the multitude of his idols;

5. That I may catch the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

6. Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

7. For everyone of the house of Israel, and the foreigner who sojourns in Israel, who separates

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himself from me, and sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to a prophet to inquire of him concerning me, I, the Lord, will answer him by myself;

8. And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

9. And if the prophet is deceived when he has spoken a word, I the Lord have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.

10. And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity; the punishment of the prophet shall be as the punishment of him who seeks him;

11. That the house of Israel should not any more go astray from me, nor be profaned any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, says the Lord God.

12. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

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13. Son of man, when the land sins against me by trespassing grievously, then I will stretch out my hand upon it, and will break its staff of bread, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it;

14. Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would only save their own souls by their righteousness, said the Lord God.

15. If I cause evil beasts to pass through the land, and they destroy it, so that it should be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts;

16. Even if these three men were in it, as I live, says the Lord God, they shall not save sons nor daughters; only they shall be saved, but the land shall be desolate.

17. Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it;

18. Even if these three men were in it, as I live, says the Lord God, they shall not save sons nor daughters, but they shall save only themselves.

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19. Or if I send a pestilence to that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast;

20. Even if Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, said the Lord God, they shall not save son nor daughter; but they shall save only their own souls by their righteousness.

21. For thus says the Lord God; How much more when I send my four harsh judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the evil beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?

22. Yet, behold, in it shall be left a remnant that shall be brought out, both sons and daughters; behold, they shall come out to you, and you shall see their way and their doings; and you shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, concerning all that I have brought upon it.

23. And they shall console you, when you see their ways and their doings; and you shall know that I

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have not done without cause all that I have done in it, says the Lord God.

Chapter 15

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
2. Son of man, In what is the wood of the vine more than any other wood? That vine branch which is among the trees of the forest?
3. Shall its wood be taken to do any work? Will men take a peg from it to hang any utensil from it?
4. Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devours both ends of it, and its middle is burned. Is it useful for any work?
5. Behold, when it was whole, it was not useful for any work; how much less shall it be useful for any work, when the fire has devoured it, and it is burned?
6. Therefore thus says the Lord God; As the vine wood among the woods of the forest have I given to

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the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

7. And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from one fire, and another fire shall devour them; and you shall know that I am the Lord, when I set my face against them.

8. And I will make the land desolate, because they have acted faithlessly, says the Lord God.

Chapter 16

1. Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2. Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,

3. And say, Thus says the Lord God to Jerusalem; Your birth and your origin is in the land of Canaan; your father was an Amorite, and your mother a Hittite.

4. And as for your birth, in the day you were born your navel was not cut, nor were you washed in water to

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cleanse you, nor were you rubbed with salt, nor swaddled at all.

5.No eye pitied you, to do any of these to you, to have compassion upon you; but you were thrown out in the open field, for you were loathed, on the day that you were born.

6.And when I passed by you, and saw you weltering in your own blood, I said to you when you were in your blood, Live! Yes, I said to you when you were in your blood, Live!

7.I have caused you to increase like a plant of the field, and you grew up and became tall, and you came to possess great ornaments; your breasts were formed, and your hair grew, yet you were naked and bare.

8.And when I passed by you, and looked upon you, behold, your time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over you, and covered your nakedness; yes, I swore to you, and entered into a covenant with you, says the Lord God, and you became mine.

9.Then I washed you with water; indeed, I thoroughly

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washed away your blood from you, and I anointed you with oil.

10. I clothed you also with embroidered cloth, and shod you with leather, and I girded you with fine linen, and I covered you with silk.

11. I decked you also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon your hands, and a chain on your neck.

12. And I put a ring on your nose, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown upon your head.

13. (K) Thus were you decked with gold and silver; and your garment was of fine linen, and silk, and embroidered cloth; you ate fine flour, and honey, and oil; and you were very beautiful, and you were fit for royal estate.

14. And your fame went forth among the nations for your beauty; for it was perfect through my splendor, which I had bestowed on you, says the Lord God.

15. But you trusted in your own beauty, and played the harlot because of your fame, and lavished your fornications on everyone who passed by; his it was.

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16. And you took some of your garments, and made for yourself high places, decked out in various colors, and played the harlot on them; such things shall not come about, nor shall it continue.

17. You have also taken your pretty jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself male images, and played the harlot with them,

18. (K) And took your embroidered garments, and covered them; and you have set my oil and my incense before them.

19. My bread also which I gave you, fine flour, and oil, and honey, with which I fed you, you have set it before them for a sweet odor; and thus it was, says the Lord God.

20. (K) And you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne to me, and these you have sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your harlotries so small a matter,

21. That you have slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for

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them?

22. (K) And in all your abominations and your harlotries you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, and weltering in your blood.

23. And it came to pass after all your wickedness, woe, woe to you! says the Lord God;

24. That you have also built for yourself a platform, and have made for yourself a high place in every street.

25. (K) You have built your high place on every main street, and have made your beauty to be loathed, and have opened your legs to everyone who passed by, and multiplied your harlotries.

26. You have also played the harlot with the Egyptians, your neighbors, large of flesh; and have increased your harlotry, to provoke me to anger.

27. Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over you, and have diminished your allotted portion, and delivered you to the will of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of

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your lewd way.

28. You have played the harlot also with the Assyrians, because you were insatiable; yes, you have played the harlot with them, and yet you could not be satisfied.

29. You have moreover multiplied your harlotry in the land of Canaan as far as Chaldea; and yet you were not satisfied with that.

30. How weak is your heart, says the Lord God, seeing you do all these things, the work of an importunate harlot;

31. (K) In that you build your platform in every main street, and make your high place in every street; and, because you scorn payment, you have not been like a harlot;

32. But like a wife who commits adultery, who takes strangers instead of her husband!

33. Men give gifts to all harlots; but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and hire them, that they may come to you on every side for your lewd satisfaction.

34. You were the contrary of other women in your

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harlotry, because none solicited you to commit harlotry; and you paid hire, and no hire was paid to you, therefore you were the contrary.

35. Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of the Lord;

36. Thus says the Lord God; Because your shame was displayed, and your nakedness laid bare through your harlotry with your lovers, and with all the idols of your abominations, and because of the blood of your children, which you gave to them;

37. Behold, therefore I will gather all your lovers, with whom you have taken pleasure, and all those that you have loved, with all those that you have hated; I will gather them around you, and will laid bare your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness.

38. And I will judge you, as women who break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will bring upon you the blood of fury and jealousy.

39. And I will also give you into their hand, and they shall tear down your platform, and shall break down your high places; they shall strip you also of your

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clothes, and shall take your pretty jewels, and leave you naked and bare.

40. They shall also bring up a company against you, and they shall stone you with stones, and thrust you through with their swords.

41. And they shall burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments upon you in the sight of many women; and I will cause you to cease from playing the harlot, and you also shall pay hire no more.

42. And I will relieve my fury upon you, and my jealousy shall depart from you, and I will be quiet, and I will be angry no more.

43. (K) Because you have not remembered the days of your youth, but have enraged me in all these things; behold, therefore I also will reward your ways upon your head, says the Lord God; for you have not taken thought concerning your abominations.

44. Behold, everyone who uses proverbs shall use this proverb against you, saying, Like mother, like daughter.

45. You are your mother's daughter, who loathes her

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husband and her children; and you are the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and their children; your mother was a Hittite, and your father an Amorite.

46. And your elder sister is Samaria, she and her daughters who dwell at your left hand; and your younger sister, who dwells at your right hand, is Sodom and her daughters.

47. (K) Yet you have not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations; and after a little while you were more corrupt than they in all your ways.

48. As I live, says the Lord God, Sodom, your sister, has not done, neither she nor her daughters, as you have done, you and your daughters.

49. Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: pride, surfeit of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters; and she did not strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

50. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me; therefore I took them away when I saw it.

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51. (K) Nor did Samaria commit half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters by all your abominations which you have done.

52. You also, who have judged your sisters, carry your own disgrace for your sins that you have committed more abominable than they; they have become more righteous than you; be ashamed also, and carry your disgrace, for you have made your sisters appear righteous.

53. (K) When I shall bring back their exiles, the exiles of Sodom and her daughters, and the exiles of Samaria and her daughters, then will I bring back the captivity of your exiles in the midst of them;

54. That you may carry your own shame, and may be confounded in all that you have done, in that you are a comfort to them.

55. When your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then you and your daughters shall return to your former

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estate.

56. Was not your sister Sodom a byword in your mouth in the day of your pride,

57. Before your wickedness was uncovered? It was at the time of the taunt of the daughters of Aram, and all who are around her, the daughters of the Philistines, those around you who despise you.

58. You have carried your lewdness and your abominations, says the Lord.

59. For thus says the Lord God; I will deal with you as you have done, for you have despised the oath in breaking the covenant.

60. Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish with you an everlasting covenant.

61. Then you shall remember your ways, and be ashamed, when you shall receive your sisters, your elder and your younger; and I will give them to you for daughters, but not on account of the covenant with you.

62. And I will establish my covenant with you; and you

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shall know that I am the Lord;

63. That you may remember, and be ashamed, and never open your mouth any more because of your shame, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done, says the Lord God.

Chapter 17

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
2. Son of man, propound a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel;
3. And say, Thus says the Lord God; A great eagle with great wings, and long pinions, rich in feathers of many colors, came to Lebanon, and took the top of the cedar;
4. It broke off the top of its young twigs, and carried it to a land of trade; and set it in a city of merchants.
5. It took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field; and placed it by great waters, and set it like a willow tree.

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6. And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low height, whose branches turned toward him, and its roots were under him; so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and sent out sprigs.

7. There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers; and, behold, this vine did bend her roots toward him, and send out its branches toward him from the bed where it was planted, that he might water it.

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

9. Say, Thus says the Lord God; Shall it prosper? Shall he not pull up its roots, and cut off its fruit, that it wither? It shall wither in all its sprouting leaves; it will not need great power or many people to pluck it up by its roots.

10. Behold, being planted, shall it prosper? Shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind touches it? It shall wither away on the bed where it grew.

11. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

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

13. And has taken of the king's seed, and made a covenant with him, and has made him take an oath; he has also taken the mighty of the land;

14. That the kingdom might be humble, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping his covenant it might stand.

15. But he rebelled against him by sending his ambassadors to Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? Shall he escape who does such things? Or shall he break the covenant, and yet be saved?

16. As I live, says the Lord God, surely in the place where the king dwells who made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he broke, even with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die.

17. Nor shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great

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company help him in the war, by casting up mounds, and building siege walls, to cut off many persons;

18. Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, and, having given his hand, he had done all these things, he shall not escape.

19. Therefore thus says the Lord God; As I live, surely my oath that he has despised, and my covenant that he has broken, even that will I reward upon his own head.

20. And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his trespass that he has trespassed against me.

21. And all his fugitives of all his troops shall fall by the sword, and those who remain shall be scattered to all winds; and you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it.

22. Thus says the Lord God; I will also take of the top of the high cedar, and will set it; I will pluck off from the top of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon a high and lofty mountain.

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23. In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it; and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a stately cedar; and under it shall dwell all birds of every wing; in the shadow of its branches shall they dwell.

24. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree flourish; I, the Lord, have spoken and have done it.

Chapter 18

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
2. What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?
3. As I live, says the Lord God, you shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.

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4. Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sins, it shall die.

5. But if a man is just, and does that which is lawful and right,

6. And has not eaten upon the mountains, nor has he raised his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, nor has he defiled his neighbor's wife, nor has he come near a menstruating woman,

7. And does not oppress any, but restores to the debtor his pledge, does not commit any robbery, gives his bread to the hungry, and covers the naked with a garment;

8. Does not give his money out for interest, nor takes any increase, who withholds his hand from iniquity, executes true judgment between man and man,

9. Walks in my statutes, and keeps my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, says the Lord God.

10. If he has fathered a son who is a robber, a shedder of blood, and who has done the like of any

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one of these things,

11. Though he has not done any of these, yet the other has even eaten on the mountains, and has defiled his neighbor's wife,

12. Has oppressed the poor and needy, has committed robbery, has not restored the pledge, and has raised his eyes to the idols, has committed abomination,

13. Has given out money for interest, and has taken increase; shall he then live? He shall not live; he has done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.

14. And, behold, if he fathered a son, who sees all his father's sins which he has done, and fears, and does not do likewise,

15. Who does not eat upon the mountains, nor does he lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, has not defiled his neighbor's wife,

16. Has not oppressed any, has not taken a pledge, nor has he committed robbery, but gives his bread to the hungry, and covers the naked with a garment,

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17. Who has taken off his hand from the poor, who has not received interest nor increase, has executed my judgments, has walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

18. As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, robbed his brother, and did that which is not good among his people, behold, he shall die in his iniquity.

19. And you say, Why? Does not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son has done that which is lawful and right, and has kept all my statutes, and has done them, he shall surely live.

20. (K) The soul that sins, shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

21. But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

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22. None of his transgressions that he has committed shall be remembered against him; in his righteousness that he has done he shall live.

23. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? says the Lord God; and not that he should return from his ways, and live?

24. But when the righteous turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? All his righteousness that he has done shall not be remembered; in his trespass that he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them shall he die.

25. Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not fair. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way fair? Are not your ways unfair?

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

27. Again, when the wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has committed, and does that

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which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

28. (K) Because he considers, and turns away from all his transgressions that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

29. Yet said the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not fair. O house of Israel, are not my ways fair? Are not your ways unfair?

30. Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, everyone according to his ways, says the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so that iniquity shall not be your ruin.

31. Cast away from you all your transgressions, in which you have transgressed; and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit; for, why will you die, O house of Israel?

32. For I have no pleasure in the death of him who dies, says the Lord God; therefore turn, and live.

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1. And you, raise a lamentation for the princes of Israel,
2. And say, What a lioness was your mother! She lay down among lions, she nourished her cubs among young lions.
3. And she brought up one of her cubs; it became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men.
4. The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with hooks to the land of Egypt.
5. And when she saw that though she had waited her hope was lost, then she took another of her cubs, and made him a young lion.
6. And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, and devoured men.
7. And he knew their palaces, and he laid waste their cities; and the land and all that was in it was appalled by the noise of his roaring.
8. Then the nations set against him on every side

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from the provinces, and spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit.

9. And they put him in a cage with hooks, and brought him to the king of Babylon; they brought him into fortresses, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel.

10. Your mother is like a vine in your blood, planted by the waters; she was fruitful and full of branches because of the abundance of waters.

11. And she had strong rods for the scepters of those who bore rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.

12. But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit; her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them.

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

14. And the fire is gone from the rod of her branches, which has devoured her fruit, so that she has no

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strong rod to be a scepter to rule. This is a lamentation, and has become a lamentation.

Chapter 20

1. And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, that some of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the Lord, and sat before me.

2. Then came the word of the Lord to me, saying,

3. Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Are you come to inquire of me? As I live, said the Lord God, I will not be inquired by you.

4. Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge them? Make known to them the abominations of their fathers;

5. And say to them, Thus says the Lord God; In the day when I chose Israel, and raised my hand to the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I raised my hand

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to them, saying, I am the Lord your God;

6. In the day that I raised my hand to them, to bring them out from the land of Egypt to a land that I had spied out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the most glorious of all lands;

7. Then I said to them, Cast away every man the abominations of his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

8. But they rebelled against me, and would not listen to me; they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt; then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to spend my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

9. But I acted for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the nations, among whom they were, in whose sight I had made myself known to them, by bringing them out of the land of Egypt.

10. And I caused them to go out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.

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11. And I gave them my statutes, and made my judgments known to them, by whose observance man shall live.

12. And also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord who sanctifies them.

13. But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness; they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, by whose observance man shall live; and my sabbaths they greatly profaned; then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

14. But I acted for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the nations, in whose sight I brought them out.

15. And I also raised my hand to them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the most glorious of all lands;

16. Because they rejected my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but profaned my sabbaths; for

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their heart went after their idols.

17. Nevertheless my eye spared them and I did not destroy them, nor did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

18. But I said to their children in the wilderness, Do not follow the statutes of your fathers, nor observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols;

19. I am the Lord your God; follow my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;

20. And sanctify my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am the Lord your God.

21. However the children rebelled against me; they walked not in my statutes, nor did they keep my judgments to do them, by whose observance man shall live; they profaned my sabbaths; then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to spend my anger against them in the wilderness.

22. Nevertheless I withdrew my hand, and acted for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought

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them out.

23. I raised my hand to them also in the wilderness, declaring that I would scatter them among the nations, and disperse them through the countries;

24. Because they had not executed my judgments, but had rejected my statutes, and had profaned my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.

25. Therefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;

26. And I defiled them by their own gifts, by making them pass through the fire all that opens the womb, that I might blight them, that they might know that I am the Lord.

27. Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God; Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed me, by committing a trespass against me.

28. For when I had brought them into the land, for which I lifted up my hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they

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offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offerings; there also they made their sweet odors, and poured out their drink offerings.

29. Then I said to them, What is the high place to which you go? And its name is called Bamah until this day.

30. Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: Are you defiled after the manner of your fathers? Do you go astray after their abominations?

31. For when you offer your gifts, when you make your sons pass through the fire, you defile yourselves with all your idols, even until this day; and shall I be inquired by you, O house of Israel? As I live, says the Lord God, I will not be inquired by you.

32. And that which comes into your mind shall never come about, that you say, We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.

33. As I live, says the Lord God, surely with a mighty

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hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you;

34. And I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

35. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I remonstrate with you face to face.

36. Like i remonstrated with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I remonstrate with you, says the Lord God.

37. And I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;

38. And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and those who transgress against me; I will bring them out from the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

39. As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord God: Go, serve everyone of you his idols, and

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hereafter also, if you will not listen to me; but profane you my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.

40. For in my holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, says the Lord God, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me; there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your gifts, with all your holy things.

41. I will accept you with your sweet odors, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you from the countries where you have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the nations.

42. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for which I raised my hand to give it to your fathers.

43. And there shall you remember your ways, and all your doings, where you have been defiled; and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that you have committed.

44. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I

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have acted with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O house of Israel, says the Lord God.

Chapter 21

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
2. Son of man, set your face toward the south, and drop your word toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the Negev;
3. And say to the forest of the Negev, Hear the word of the Lord; Thus says the Lord God; Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall devour every green tree in you, and every dry tree; the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the Negev to the north shall be burned in it.
4. And all flesh shall see that I, the Lord, have kindled it; it shall not be quenched.
5. Then said I, Ah Lord God! they say of me, Does he not speak in allegories?

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6. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
7. Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and preach towards the holy places, and prophecy against the land of Israel,
8. And say to the land of Israel, Thus says the Lord; Behold, I am against you, and will draw forth my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked.
9. Seeing then that I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the Negev to the north;
10. That all flesh may know that I, the Lord, have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath; it shall not return any more.
11. Sigh therefore, you son of man, with the breaking of your loins; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes.
12. And it shall be, when they say to you, Why do you sigh? that you shall answer, For the tidings; because it comes; and every heart shall melt, and all hands

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shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak as water; behold, it comes, and shall be brought to pass, says the Lord God.

13. Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

14. Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus says the Lord; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also polished;

15. It is sharpened to make a great slaughter; it is polished that it may glitter; should we then make mirth? It is a rod for my son, it rejects every other tree.

16. And he has given it to be polished, that it may be handled; this sword is sharpened, and it is polished, to give it to the hand of the slayer.

17. Cry and howl, son of man; for it shall be upon my people, it shall be upon all the princes of Israel; terrors because the sword shall be upon my people; strike therefore upon your thigh.

18. Because it is a testing time, and what if there is also this rod of spurning? He should not continue to be, says the Lord God.

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19. You therefore, son of man, prophesy, and strike your hands together, and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain; it is the sword of the great men who were slain, which surrounds them.

20. I have set the point of the sword against all their gates, so that their heart may faint, and their stumbling be multiplied; ah! it is made bright, it is wrapped up for the slaughter.

21. Go one way or another, either to the right hand, or to the left, wherever your edge is directed.

22. I will also strike my hands together, and I will relieve my fury; I, the Lord, have said it.

23. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

24. Also, you son of man, appoint two ways for yourself, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come; both of them shall come forth from one land; and make a sign post, and construct at the head of the way to the city.

25. Appoint a way, that the sword may come to Rabbath of the Ammonites, and to Judah in

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Jerusalem, the fortified.

26. For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination; he shook the arrows, he consulted the teraphim, he looked in the liver.

27. At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to set battering rams, to open the mouth for the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to set battering rams against the gates, to cast up mounds, and to build siege towers.

28. (K) And it shall be to them as a false divination in their sight, they have sworn solemn oaths; but it brings their iniquity to remembrance, that they may be taken.

29. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have caused your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your doings your sins appear; because you have come to remembrance, you shall be seized with the hand.

30. And you, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose

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day has come, when iniquity shall have an end,

31. Thus says the Lord God: Remove the turban, and take off the crown; things shall not be the same; exalt him who is low, and abase him who is high.

32. A ruin, a ruin, a ruin will I make it; and it shall be no more, until he comes whose right it is; and I will give it to him.

33. And you, son of man, prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord God concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; say: The sword, the sword is drawn; for the slaughter it is polished, for grasping, that it may glitter;

34. While they see false visions for you, while they divine lies for you, to bring you down on the necks of the slain, of the wicked, whose day has come, when their iniquity shall have an end.

35. Return it to its sheath. I will judge you in the place where you were created, in the land of your origin.

36. And I will pour out my indignation upon you, I will blow against you with the fire of my wrath, and deliver you into the hand of brutal men, skilful to

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destroy.

37. You shall be fuel for the fire; your blood shall be in the midst of the land; you shall be no more remembered; for I, the Lord, have spoken it.

Chapter 22

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:
2. And, you son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Then make known to her all her abominations.
3. Then say, Thus says the Lord God, The city sheds blood in its midst, that her time may come, and makes idols to defile herself.
4. You have become guilty in your blood that you have shed; and have defiled yourself in your idols which you have made; and you have caused your days to draw near, and have come to your years; therefore have I made you a reproach to the nations, and a mocking to all countries.

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5. Those who are near, and those who are far from you, shall mock you, because you are infamous and full of tumult.
6. Behold, the princes of Israel, everyone among you, putting out his full force to shed blood.
7. Among you, they have made light of father and mother; in your midst have they dealt by oppression with the foreigner; in you have they wronged the orphan and the widow.
8. You have despised my holy things, and you have profaned my sabbaths.
9. In you are men who carry tales to shed blood; and in you they eat upon the mountains; in your midst they commit lewdness.
10. In you have they uncovered their fathers' nakedness; in you have they abused her who was unclean because of her menstrual flow.
11. And one has committed abomination with his neighbor's wife; and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another in you has abused his sister, his father's daughter.

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12. In you have they taken gifts to shed blood; you have taken interest and increase, and you have unjustly gained from your neighbors by extortion and have forgotten me, says the Lord God.

13. Behold, therefore I have struck my hand at your dishonest gain which you have made, and at your blood which has been in your midst.

14. Can your heart endure, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with you? I, the Lord, have spoken it, and will do it.

15. And I will scatter you among the nations, and disperse you in the countries, and will consume your filthiness from you.

16. And you shall be profaned by yourself in the sight of the nations, and you shall know that I am the Lord.

17. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

18. (K) Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to me; all of the, bronze, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are the dross of silver.

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

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

21. And I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and you shall be melted in its midst.

22. As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall you be melted in its midst; and you shall know that I, the Lord, have poured out my fury upon you.

23. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

24. Son of man, say to her, You are the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.

25. There is a conspiracy of her prophets in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in

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her midst.

26. Her priests have violated my Torah, and have profaned my holy things; they have not differentiated between the holy and profane, nor have they taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hidden their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27. Her princes in her midst are like wolves tearing the prey, shedding blood, and destroying souls, to get dishonest gain.

28. And her prophets have daubed them with whitewash, seeing false visions, and divining lies to them, saying, Thus says the Lord God, when the Lord has not spoken.

29. The people of the land have used oppression, and committed robbery, and have wronged the poor and needy; indeed, they have oppressed the foreigner wrongfully.

30. And I sought a man among them, who could build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none.

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31. Therefore have I poured out my indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath; their own way have I rewarded upon their heads, says the Lord God.

Chapter 23

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:
2. Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother;
3. And they committed harlotry in Egypt; they committed harlotry in their youth; there were their breasts pressed, and there was her virgin bosom handled.
4. And their names were Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister; and they were mine, and they bore sons and daughters. Thus were their names: Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah.
5. And Aholah played the harlot when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians her

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neighbors,

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

7. Thus she committed her harlotry with them, with all those who were the choicest men of Assyria; and with all on whom she doted, with all their idols, she defiled herself.

8. Nor did she give up her harlotry brought from Egypt; for in her youth they lay with her, and they handled her virgin bosom, and poured out their lust upon her.

9. Therefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted.

10. These uncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters, and slew her with the sword; and she became notorious among women; for they had executed judgment upon her.

11. And her sister Aholibah saw this, yet she was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in

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her harlotry more than her sister in her harlotry.

12. She doted upon the Assyrians her neighbors, captains and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men.

13. Then I saw that she was defiled, that they took both of them the same way.

14. (K) And that she increased her harlotry; for when she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermilion,

15. Girded with girdles upon their loins, with flowing turbans upon their heads, all of them looking like captains, after the custom of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their birth;

16. And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers to them in Chaldea.

17. And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their lust, and she was polluted by them, and her soul was turned from them.

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18. And she uncovered her harlotry, and uncovered her nakedness; then my soul was turned from her, just as my soul was turned from her sister.

19. Yet she multiplied her harlotry, recalling the days of her youth, when she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

20. For she doted upon her paramours, whose members were like those of asses, and whose issue is like that of horses.

21. Thus you recalled the lewdness of your youth, when those of Egypt handled your bosom, for the sake of the breasts of your youth.

22. Therefore, O Aholibah, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will raise up your lovers against you, from whom your soul turned, and I will bring them against you on every side;

23. The Babylonians, and all Chaldea, Pekod, and Shoa, and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them; all of them desirable young men, captains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding upon horses.

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24. And they shall come against you with a multitude of wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, which shall set against you buckler and shield and helmet around; and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge you according to their judgments.

25. And I will set my jealousy against you, and they shall deal furiously with you; they shall take away your nose and your ears; and your remnant shall fall by the sword; they shall take your sons and your daughters; and your remnant shall be devoured by the fire.

26. They shall also strip you of your clothes, and take away your pretty jewels.

27. Thus will I make your lewdness cease from you, and your harlotry brought from the land of Egypt; so that you shall not lift up your eyes to them, nor remember Egypt any more.

28. For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will deliver you into the hand of those whom you hate, into the hand of them from whom your soul turned;

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29. And they shall deal with you hatefully, and shall take away all your labor, and shall leave you naked and bare; and the nakedness of your harlotry shall be uncovered, both your lewdness and your harlotry.

30. I will do these things to you, because you have gone astray after the nations, and because you are defiled with their idols.

31. You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore will I give her cup into your hand.

32. Thus says the Lord God: You shall drink of your sister's cup. which is deep and large; you shall be laughed to scorn and had in derision; for it contains much.

33. You shall be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of horror and desolation, with the cup of your sister Samaria.

34. You shall drink it and drain it out, and you shall break its fragments in pieces, and tear your own breasts; for I have spoken it, says the Lord God.

35. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have forgotten me, and cast me behind your back,

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therefore bear you also your lewdness and your harlotry.

36. And the Lord said to me: Son of man, will you judge Aholah and Aholibah? Then declare to them their abominations;

37. That they have committed adultery, and blood is on their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bore to me, to pass for them through the fire, to devour them.

38. And this they have done to me: they have profaned my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths.

39. For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, behold, thus they did in the midst of my house.

40. And furthermore, you have sent for men to come from far, to whom a messenger was sent; and, behold, they came; for whom you washed yourself, painted your eyes, and decked yourself with

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ornaments,

41. And you sat upon a stately bed, and a table prepared before it, upon which you set my incense and my oil.

42. (K) And a voice of a carefree multitude was with her; and with the men of many sorts were brought Sabaim from the wilderness, who put bracelets on their hands, and beautiful crowns on their heads.

43. (K) Then said I to her who was worn out in adulteries, Will they now commit harlotry with her, and she with them?

44. Yet they went in to her, as they go in to a woman who plays the harlot; so went they in to Aholah and to Aholibah, the lewd women.

45. And righteous men shall judge them after the judgment due to adulteresses, and after the judgment due to women who shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands.

46. For thus says the Lord God: I will bring up an assembly upon them, and will make them a horror and a spoil.

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47. And the assembly shall stone them with stones, and cut them in pieces with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.

48. Thus will I cause lewdness to cease from the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.

49. And they shall requite your lewdness upon you, and you shall bear the sins of your idols; and you shall know that I am the Lord God.

Chapter 24

1. And in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. (K) Son of man, write the name of the day, of this same day; the king of Babylon laid siege against Jerusalem this very day.

3. And utter a parable to the rebellious house, and

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say to them, Thus says the Lord God; Set on a pot, set it on, and also pour water in it;

4. Gather the pieces of meat into it, every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones.

5. Take the choice of the flock, and pile the bones under it, and make it boil well, and let its bones be cooked in it.

6. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Woe to the bloody city, to the pot in which there is filth, for its filth is not gone from it! Bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it.

7. For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the bare rock; she poured it not upon the ground to cover it with dust;

8. That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance; I have set her blood upon the bare rock, that it should not be covered.

9. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Woe to the bloody city! I also will make the pile great.

10. Heap on wood, kindle the fire, boil away the meat,

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and mix the spices, and let the bones be burned.

11. Then set it empty upon its glowing embers, that its bronze may be heated, and may burn, and that the impurity of it may be molten in it, that its filth may be consumed.

12. In vain is her toil, for her great filth did not go out of her by fire.

13. In your filthiness is lewdness; because I have purged you, and you were not purged, you shall not be purged from your filthiness any more, till I have relieved my fury upon you.

14. I, the Lord, have spoken it; it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, nor will I spare, nor will I repent; according to your ways, and according to your doings, shall they judge you, says the Lord God.

15. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

16. Son of man, behold, I take away from you the delight of your eyes at a stroke; yet you shall not mourn nor weep, nor shall your tears run down.

17. Sigh silently, make no mourning for the dead, bind

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on your turban, and put on your shoes on your feet, and cover not your lips, nor eat the bread of men.

18. And I spoke to the people in the morning; and in the evening my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

19. And the people said to me, Will you not tell us what these things mean to us, that you do?

20. Then I answered them, The word of the Lord came to me, saying:

21. Speak to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the pride of your strength, the delight of your eyes, and the longing of your soul; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind shall fall by the sword.

22. And you shall do as I have done; you shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men.

23. And your turbans shall remain upon your heads, and your shoes on your feet; you shall not mourn nor weep; but you shall pine away for your iniquities, and groan to one another.

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24. Thus shall Ezekiel be a sign to you; according to all that he has done shall you do; and when this comes, you shall know that I am the Lord God.

25. Also, you son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the delight of their eyes, and that on which they set their minds, their sons and their daughters,

26. That he who escapes on that day shall come to you, to cause you to hear it with your ears?

27. In that day shall your mouth be opened to the fugitive, and you shall speak, and be dumb no more; and you shall be a sign to them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Chapter 25

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, set your face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them;

3. And say to the Ammonites, Hear the word of the

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Lord God; Thus said the Lord God: Because you said, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into exile;

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

5. And I will make Rabbah a pasture for camels, and the Ammonites a fold for flocks; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

6. For thus says the Lord God: Because you have clapped your hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced with all the disdain of your soul against the land of Israel;

7. (K) Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand upon you, and will deliver you for a spoil to the nations; and I will cut you off from the people, and I will cause you to perish from the countries; I will destroy you; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

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8. Thus says the Lord God: Because Moab and Seir say, Behold, the house of Judah is like all the nations;

9. (K) Therefore, behold, I will open the flank of Moab from the cities, from his cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-HaJeshimoth, Baal-Meon, and Kiriataim,

10. To the men of the east I will give, along with the Ammonites, as a possession, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations.

11. And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

12. Thus says the Lord God: Because Edom has dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them;

13. Therefore thus says the Lord God: I will also stretch out my hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.

14. And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the

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hand of my people Israel; and they shall do in Edom according to my anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, says the Lord God.

15. Thus says the Lord God: Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a disdainful soul, to destroy it in ever lasting hatred;

16. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will stretch out my hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Kerethites and destroy the remnant of the sea coast.

17. And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

Chapter 26

1. And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, because Tyre has said against

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Jerusalem, Aha, she, who was the gates of the people, is broken; she has turned to me; I shall be replenished, now that she is laid waste;

3. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes his waves to come up.

4. And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre, and break down her towers; I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like a bare rock.

5. It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea; for I have spoken it, says the Lord God; and it shall become a spoil to the nations.

6. And her daughters who are in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

7. For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will bring upon Tyre Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people.

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8. He shall slay with the sword your daughters in the field; and he shall set up a siege wall against you, and cast a mound against you, and lift up the buckler against you.

9. And he shall set engines of war against your walls, and with his axes he shall break down your towers.

10. Because of his many horses their dust shall cover you; your walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into your gates, as men enter into a city which has been breached.

11. With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all your streets; he shall slay your people by the sword, and your strong garrisons shall go down to the ground.

12. And they shall make a booty of your riches, and make a plunder of your merchandise; and they shall break down your walls, and destroy your pleasant houses; and they shall lay your stones and your timber and your dust in the midst of the water.

13. And I will cause the noise of your songs to cease;

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and the sound of your lyres shall be heard no more.

14. And I will make you like a bare rock; you shall be a place to spread nets upon; you shall be built no more; for I, the Lord, have spoken it, says the Lord God.

15. Thus says the Lord God to Tyre; Shall not the islands shake at the sound of your fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in your midst?

16. Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and take off their embroidered garments; they shall dress themselves with trembling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble at every moment, and be appalled at you.

17. And they shall raise a lamentation for you, and say to you, How are you destroyed, that was inhabited by seafaring men, the renowned city, that was strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, who cause their terror to be on all those around her!

18. And shall the islands tremble in the day of your

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fall; yes, the islands that are in the sea shall be dismayed at your departure.

19. For thus says the Lord God: When I shall make you a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon you, and great waters shall cover you;

20. When I shall bring you down with those who descend into the pit, with the people of old, and shall set you in the lowest parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with those who go down to the pit, so that you will not be inhabited; and I shall set up my ornament in the land of the living;

21. I will make you a terror, and you shall be no more; even if you are sought for, you shall never be found again, says the Lord God.

Chapter 27

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. And, you son of man, raise a lamentation for Tyre;

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3. (K) And say to Tyre, who dwells at the entrance to the sea, who is a merchant of the peoples for many islands, Thus said the Lord God; O Tyre, you have said, I am of perfect beauty.

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

5. They have made all your planks of cypress trees of Senir; they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for you.

6. Of the oaks of Bashan have they made your oars; with box tree wood have they made your benches of ivory, brought from the islands of Kittim.

7. Fine linen with embroidered work from Egypt was that which you spread forth to be your banner; blue and purple from the islands of Elishah was your awning.

8. The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were your rowers; your wise men, O Tyre, who were in you, were your pilots.

9. The elders of Gebal and its wise men were in you, caulking your seams; all the ships of the sea with

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their mariners were in you to exchange your merchandise.

10. They of Persia and of Lud and of Put were in your army, your men of war; they hung the shield and helmet in you; they gave you splendor.

11. The men of Arvad with your army were around you upon your walls, and the Gammadim were in your towers; they hung their shields around upon your walls; they have made your beauty perfect.

12. Tarshish traded with you because of your great wealth of every kind: silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded for your wares.

13. Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, traded with you; they traded the persons of men and vessels of bronze for your merchandise.

14. They of the house of Togarmah traded for your wares with horses and horsemen and mules.

15. (K) The men of Dedan traded with you; many islands were the market of your domain; they brought you in payment horns of ivory and ebony.

16. Aram traded with you because of your abundant

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goods; they traded for your wares with turquoise, purple, and embroidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and agate.

17. Judah, and the land of Israel traded with you; they traded for your merchandise wheat of Minnith, and Pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm.

18. Damascus traded with you for your abundant goods, because of your great wealth of every kind; in wine of Helbon, and white wool.

19. Dan also and Javan gave yarn for your wares; bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were traded for your goods.

20. Dedan traded with you in precious clothes for riding.

21. Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, were merchants in your domain, rams, and goats; in these they traded with you.

22. The traders of Sheba and Raamah, they traded with you; they traded for your wares with the best of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold.

23. Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the traders of

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Sheba, Assyria, and Kilmad, traded with you.

24. These traded with you in choice garments, in blue clothes, and embroidered work, and in carpets of colored stuff, bound with ropes and made secure, for your merchandise.

25. The ships of Tarshish were your caravans for your goods; and you were filled and heavily laden in the heart of the seas.

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

27. Your riches, and your goods, your merchandise, your mariners, and your pilots, your caulkers, and those who trade for your merchandise, and all your men of war, who are in you, and in all your company which is in your midst, shall fall into the midst of the seas in the day of your ruin.

28. The countryside shall shake at the sound of the cry of your pilots.

29. And all who handle the oar, the mariners, and all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their

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ships, they shall stand upon the land;

30. And shall cause their voice to be heard against you, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes;

31. And they shall make themselves utterly bald for you, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for you with bitterness of soul and bitter wailing.

32. And in their wailing they shall raise a lamentation for you, and lament over you, saying, What city is like Tyre, like her who is destroyed in the midst of the sea?

33. When your goods went forth from the seas, you satisfied many people; you enriched the kings of the earth with your abundant wealth and merchandise.

34. Now you are broken by the seas in the depths of the waters; your goods and all your company in your midst have fallen.

35. All the inhabitants of the islands are appalled at you, and their kings are terrified, their faces are

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troubled.

36. The merchants among the peoples hiss at you; you have become a terror, and never shall be any more.

Chapter 28

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:
2. Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, Thus says the Lord God: Because your heart is raised, and you have said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet you are a man, and not God, though you set your heart as the heart of God;
3. (K) Behold, you are wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from you;
4. With your wisdom and with your understanding you have acquired your riches, and have gathered gold and silver into your treasures;
5. By your great wisdom and by your trading you have increased your riches, and your heart is raised

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because of your riches;

6. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have set your heart as the heart of God;

7. Behold, therefore I will bring foreigners upon you, the most terrible of the nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they shall defile your brightness.

8. They shall bring you down to the pit, and you shall die the deaths of those who were slain in the midst of the seas.

9. Will you yet say before him who slays you, I am God? but you shall be a man, and no God, in the hand of him who slays you.

10. You shall die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of foreigners; for I have spoken it, says the Lord God.

11. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

12. Son of man, raise a lamentation upon the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord God: You are a seal and a paragon, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

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13. You have been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the ruby, the crysolithe, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jade, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold; the workmanship of your settings and of your sockets was in you; in the day that you were created they were prepared.

14. You are the anointed kerub that covers; and I have set you so; you were upon the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15. You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, till iniquity was found in you.

16. By the abundance of your goods they have filled your midst with violence, and you have sinned; therefore I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering kerub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17. Your heart was raised because of your beauty, you have corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I have cast you to the ground, I have laid

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you before kings, that they may behold you.

18. You have profaned your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your traffic; therefore I have brought forth a fire from your midst, it shall devour you, and I will bring you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all those who behold you.

19. All those who know you among the people shall be appalled at you; you have become a terror, and never shall you be any more.

20. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

21. Son of man, set your face against Sidon, and prophesy against it,

22. And say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Sidon; and I will be glorified in your midst; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.

23. For I will send to her pestilence, and blood to her streets; and the wounded shall fall in heaps in the midst of her by the sword upon her on every side;

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and they shall know that I am the Lord.

24. And there shall be no more a pricking brier to the house of Israel, nor any painful thorn among all those around them, who despise them; and they shall know that I am the Lord God.

25. Thus says the Lord God: When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.

26. And they shall dwell safely in it, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards, and they shall dwell securely, when I have executed judgments upon all those around them who despise them; and they shall know that I am the Lord their God.

Chapter 29

1. In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

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2. Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt;
3. Speak, and say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great crocodile that lies in the midst of his streams, which has said, My river is my own, and I have made it for myself.
4. (K) But I will put hooks in your jaws, and I will cause the fish of your streams to stick to your scales, and I will bring you up from the midst of your streams, and all the fish of your streams shall stick to your scales.
5. And I will cast you into the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers; you shall fall upon the open fields; you shall not be brought together, nor gathered; I have given you for food to the beasts of the field and to the birds of the sky.
6. And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the Lord, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.

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7.(K) When they took hold of you by your hand, you broke, and tore all their shoulders; and when they leaned upon you, you broke, and made all their loins to be at a stand.

8. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will bring a sword upon you, and cut off man and beast from you.

9. And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I am the Lord; because he has said, The river is mine, and I have made it.

10. Behold, therefore I am against you, and against your streams, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from Migdol to Svene as far as the border of Kush.

11. No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, nor shall it be inhabited forty years.

12. And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be desolate forty years; and I will scatter the Egyptians

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among the nations, and will disperse them through the lands.

13. Yet thus says the Lord God: At the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the people where they were scattered;

14. And I will bring back the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return to the land of Pathros, to the land of their origin; and they shall be there a lowly kingdom.

15. It shall be the most lowly of the kingdoms; and never more shall it exalt itself above the nations; for I will so diminish them, that they shall never again rule over the nations.

16. And never again shall it be the reliance of the house of Israel, recalling their iniquity, when they shall turn to them. And then they shall know that I am the Lord God.

17. And it came to pass in the twenty seventh year, in the first month, in the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

18. Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon

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made his army labor hard against Tyre; every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled; yet he had no wages, nor his army, for Tyre, for the labor that he performed against it;

19. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and take her booty, and take her plunder; and it shall be the wages for his army.

20. I have given him the land of Egypt for his labor with which he served against it, which they did for me, says the Lord God.

21. In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will open your mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Chapter 30

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord

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God: Howl, Alas for the day!

3. For the day is near, the day of the Lord is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the nations.

4. And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and anguish shall be in Kush, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down.

5. Kush, and Put, and Lud, and all the mixed tribes, and Kub, and the men of the land that is in league with them, shall fall with them by the sword.

6. Thus says the Lord; Also those who uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down; from Migdol to Svene shall they fall in it by the sword, says the Lord God.

7. And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are laid waste.

8. And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and when all her helpers shall be destroyed.

9. In that day shall messengers go forth from me in

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ships to make the confident Kushites afraid, and anguish shall come upon them, as in the day of Egypt; for, behold, it comes.

10. Thus says the Lord God: I will also make an end to the multitude of Egypt, by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.

11. He, and his people with him, the most terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land; and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain.

12. And I will make the streams dry, and sell the land to the hand of the wicked; and I will make the land desolate, and all that is in it, by the hand of foreigners; I, the Lord, have spoken it.

13. Thus says the Lord God: I will also destroy the idols, and I will make an end to the images of Noph; and there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt; and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt.

14. And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set fire in Zoan, and will execute judgments in No.

15. And I will pour my fury upon Sin, the strength of

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Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No.

16. (K) And I will set a fire in Egypt; Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be torn asunder, and Noph shall have distresses daily.

17. The young men of Aven and of Pi-Beseth shall fall by the sword; and these cities shall go into exile.

18. At Tahpanhes also the day shall be darkened, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt; and the pride of her strength shall cease in her; as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into exile.

19. Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

20. And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, that the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

21. Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, behold, it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a dressing to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword.

22. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am

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against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall from his hand.

23. And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

24. And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand; but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groaning of a deadly wounded man.

25. But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall put my sword in the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.

26. And I will scatter Egypt among the nations, and disperse them among the countries; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Chapter 31

1. And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the

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third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Who are you like in your greatness?

3. Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with pretty branches, amid a shadowing forest, and of great height; and its top was among the thick boughs.

4. The waters made it great, the deep set it up on high with its rivers running around its plants, and it sent out its little canals to all the trees of the field.

5. Therefore its height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and its boughs were multiplied, and its branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when it shot them forth.

6. All the birds of the sky made their nests in its boughs, and under its branches all the beasts of the field brought forth their young, and under its shadow dwelt all great nations.

7. Thus was it fair in its greatness, in the length of its branches; for its root was by great waters.

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8. The cedars in the garden of God could not hide it; the cypress trees were not like its boughs, and the plane trees were not like its branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like it in its beauty.

9. I have made it fair by the multitude of its branches; so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied it.

10. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have raised yourself in height, and he has shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is raised in his height;

11. I have therefore delivered him to the hand of the mighty one of the nations; he shall surely deal with him; I have driven him out for his wickedness.

12. And foreigners, the most terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him; upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches have fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth have gone down from his shadow, and have left him.

13. Upon his ruin shall all the birds of the sky remain,

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and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches;

14. So that none of all the trees by the waters shall exalt themselves in their height, nor shoot up their top among the thick boughs, nor have their trunks tower on high, all that drink water; for they are all delivered to death, to the nether world, in the midst of the sons of men, with those who go down to the pit.

15. Thus says the Lord God: In the day when he went down to Sheol I caused the deep to mourn, to cover itself for him, and I restrained its floods, and the great waters were stopped; and I clothed Lebanon in gloom for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him.

16. I made the nations tremble at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to Sheol with those who descend into the pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all who drink water, shall be comforted in the nether world.

17. They also went down into Sheol with him, to those

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who were slain by the sword; and those who were his arm, who dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the nations.

18. To whom are you thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet you shall be brought down with the trees of Eden to the nether world; you shall lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with those who were slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, says the Lord God.

Chapter 32

1. And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, raise a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him, You consider yourself a young lion of the nations, but you are like a crocodile in the seas; and you burst forth in your rivers, and trouble the waters with your feet, and foul their rivers.

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3. Thus says the Lord God: I will therefore spread out my net over you with a company of many people; and they shall bring you up in my net.

4. Then will I throw you upon the land, I will cast you out on the open field, and I will cause all the birds of the sky to settle on you, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with you.

5. And I will lay your flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with your height.

6. I will also water with your blood the land over which you overflow, as far as the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of you.

7. And when I shall extinguish you, I will cover the heaven, and make its stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

8. All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over you, and set darkness upon your land, says the Lord God.

9. I will also trouble the hearts of many people, when I shall bring your destruction among the nations, to the countries which you have not known.

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10. I will make many peoples appalled at you, and their kings shall be terrified for you, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of your fall.

11. For thus says the Lord God: The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon you.

12. By the swords of the mighty will I cause your multitude to fall, the most terrible of the nations, all of them; and they shall spoil the pride of Egypt, and all its multitude shall be destroyed.

13. I will destroy also all its beasts from beside the great waters; nor shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them.

14. Then will I make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to flow like oil, says the Lord God.

15. When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, and the country shall be stripped of all that fills it, when I shall strike all those who dwell in it, then shall they know that I am the Lord.

16. This is the lamentation with which they shall

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lament her; the daughters of the nations shall lament her; they shall lament for her, for Egypt, and for all her multitude, says the Lord God.

17. And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

18. Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, her together with the daughters of mighty nations, to the nether world, with those who go down into the pit.

19. Whom do you surpass in beauty? Go down, and be laid with the uncircumcised.

20. They shall fall in the midst of those who are slain by the sword; she is delivered to the sword; draw her down and all her multitudes.

21. The mighty chiefs shall speak to him from the midst of Sheol with those who help him; they have gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

22. Assyria is there and all her company; his graves are around him; all of them slain, fallen by the sword;

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23. Their graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which struck terror in the land of the living.

24. There is Elam and all her multitude around her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who have gone down uncircumcised into the nether world, who struck terror in the land of the living; and they have carried their shame with those who go down to the pit.

25. They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude; her graves are around him; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; though the terror of them was spread in the land of the living, yet they have carried their shame with those who went down to the pit; he is put in the midst of those who were slain.

26. There is Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude; her graves are around him; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they struck terror in the land of the living.

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27. And shall they not lie with the fallen mighty of the uncircumcised, who have gone down to Sheol with their weapons of war, their swords laid under their heads, and their iniquities having come upon their bones? For the terror of the mighty was in the land of the living.

28. And you shall be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shall lie with those who were slain by the sword.

29. There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes, who for all their might are laid by those who were slain by the sword; they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with those who go down to the pit.

30. There are the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who have gone down with the slain; ashamed for the terror which they struck with their might; and they lie uncircumcised with those who were slain by the sword, and carry their shame with those who went down to the pit.

31. Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, Pharaoh and all his army slain

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by the sword, says the Lord God.

32. (K) For I have struck my terror in the land of the living; and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with those who were slain by the sword, Pharaoh and all his multitude, says the Lord God.

Chapter 33

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:
2. Son of man, speak to your people, and say to them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man from among them, and set him for their watchman;
3. If he blows the shofar, when he sees the sword come upon the land, to warn the people;
4. Then, whoever hears the sound of the shofar, and does not take warning, if the sword comes, and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

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5. He heard the sound of the shofar, and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon him. But if he had taken warning he would have saved his soul.

6. But if the watchman sees the sword coming, and does not blow the shofar, and the people are not warned; if the sword comes, and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

7. And you, O son of man, I have set you as a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear the word from my mouth, and warn them from me.

8. When I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die; if you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at your hand.

9. But, if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you would have saved your soul.

10. Therefore, O son of man, speak to the house of Israel; Speak thus, saying: If our transgressions and

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our sins are upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?

11. Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked should turn from his way and live; turn, turn from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

12. Therefore, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not save him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day when he sins.

13. When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trusts in his own righteousness, and commits iniquity, all his righteousness shall not be remembered; but he shall die for the iniquity that he has committed.

14. And, when I say to the wicked, You shall surely die, if he turns away from his sin, and does that which is lawful and right;

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15. If the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has robbed, follow the statutes of life, without committing iniquity, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

16. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him; he has done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

17. Yet your people say, The way of the Lord is unfair; but it is their way that is unfair.

18. When the righteous turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, he shall die by it.

19. But if the wicked turns away from his wickedness, and does that which is lawful and right, he shall live by it.

20. Yet you say, The way of the Lord is unfair. O you house of Israel, I will judge you, everyone according to his ways.

21. And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our exile, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one who had escaped from Jerusalem came to me, saying: The city has fallen.

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22. And the hand of the Lord was upon me in the evening, before he who had escaped came; and had opened my mouth, by the time he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no longer dumb.

23. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

24. Son of man, those who inhabit those ruined places of the land of Israel speak, saying: Abraham was one man, and he inherited the land; but we are many; the land is given to us as an inheritance.

25. Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord God: You eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood; and shall you possess the land?

26. You stand upon your sword, you commit abominations, and everyone of you defiles his neighbor's wife; and shall you possess the land?

27. Say thus to them, Thus says the Lord God: As I live, surely those who are in the ruined places shall fall by the sword, and he who is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who

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are in the fortresses and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.

28. For I will make the land a total desolation, and the pride of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, so that none shall pass through.

29. Then shall they know that I am the Lord, when I have made the land most desolate because of all the abominations which they have committed.

30. As for you, son of man, your people, by the walls and in the doors of the houses, are still talking against you, speaking one to another, everyone to his brother, saying: Come, I beg you, and hear what is the word that comes forth from the Lord.

31. And they come to you as the people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear your words, but they do not carry them out; for with their mouth they express much love, but their heart goes after unjust gain.

32. And, behold, you are to them like a love song by one who has a pleasant voice, and can play well on

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an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not carry them out.

33. And when this comes to pass, behold, it will come, then shall they know, that a prophet has been among them.

Chapter 34

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:
2. Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say to them, to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord God: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?
3. You eat the fat, and you clothe yourselves with the wool, you kill those who are fed; but you do not feed the sheep.
4. You have not strengthened the weak, nor have you healed the sick, nor have you bound up that which was broken, nor have you brought back that which was driven away, nor have you sought that which

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was lost; but with force and with cruelty you have ruled them.

5. And they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and they became food to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

6. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill; my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none searched or sought after them.

7. Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord;

8. As I live, says the Lord God, surely because my flock has become a prey, and my flock has become food for every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, nor did my shepherds search for my flock; but the shepherds fed themselves, and did not feed my flock;

9. Therefore, O you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord;

10. Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand,

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and I will put an end to their feeding the sheep; nor shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will save my flock from their mouth, so that they may not be food for them.

11. For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will search my sheep, and seek them out.

12. As a shepherd seeks out his flock in the day when he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will rescue them from all the places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

13. And I will bring them out from among the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be; there shall they lie in a good pasture, and in a fat grazing land shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

15. I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie

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down, said the Lord God.

16. I will seek the one which was lost, and bring back the one which was driven away, and will bind up the crippled, and will strengthen the sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them in judgment.

17. And as for you, O my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between one lamb and another, between the rams and the male goats.

18. Is it so small a thing to you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must also trample down with your feet the remnant of your pastures? And to have drunk clear waters, that you must also foul the rest with your feet?

19. And as for my sheep, they eat that which you have trampled with your feet; and they drink that which you have fouled with your feet.

20. Therefore thus says the Lord God to them; Behold, I will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.

21. Because you have thrust with side and with

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shoulder, and pushed all the weak ones with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad;

22. Therefore I will save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between one lamb and another.

23. And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, my servant David shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

24. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David will be a prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken it.

25. (K) And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and I will make an end in the land to the evil beasts; and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

26. And I will make them and the places around my hill a blessing; and I will cause the showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing.

27. And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield its produce, and they shall be

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secure in their land, and shall know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and saved them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

28. And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.

29. And I will raise up for them a plantation of renown, and they shall not be consumed any more with hunger in the land, nor suffer any more the insults of the nations.

30. Thus shall they know that I, the Lord, their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, says the Lord God.

31. And you my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, says the Lord God.

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1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

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2. Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir, and prophesy against it,

3. And say to it, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, O Mount Seir, I am against you, and I will stretch out my hand against you, and I will make you a total desolation.

4. I will lay your cities waste, and you shall be desolate, and you shall know that I am the Lord.

5. Because you have had an everlasting hatred, and have shed the blood of the people of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of their final punishment;

6. Therefore, as I live, says the Lord God, I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you; surely you have hated your own blood; therefore blood shall pursue you.

7. Thus will I make Mount Seir a total desolation, and cut off from it all who come and go.

8. And I will fill its mountains with its slain men; in your hills, and in your valleys, and in all your rivers, shall fall those who are slain with the sword.

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9. (K) I will make you everlasting desolations, and your cities shall not be restored; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

10. Because you have said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; though the Lord was there;

11. Therefore, as I live, says the Lord God, I will do according to your anger, and according to your envy which you showed because of your hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I shall judge you.

12. (K) And you shall know that I am the Lord, and that I have heard all your blasphemies which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying: They are laid desolate, they are given us to devour.

13. Thus with your mouth you have boasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me; I have heard them.

14. Thus says the Lord God: When the whole earth rejoices, I will make you desolate.

15. As you rejoiced at the inheritance of the house of

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Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do to you; you shall be desolate, O Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

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1. And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord;

2. Thus says the Lord God: Because the enemy has said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are ours in possession;

3. Therefore prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord God: Because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that you might be a possession to the rest of the nations, and you are in the lips of talkers, and have become the vicious gossip of the people;

4. Therefore, you mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God; Thus says the Lord God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the ravines, and to the

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valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision to the rest of the nations that are around;

5. Therefore thus says the Lord God: Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, which have appointed my land to themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart, with disdainful minds, to cast it out for a prey.

6. Prophecy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, and to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys, Thus says the Lord God; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because you have suffered the insults of the nations;

7. Therefore thus says the Lord God: I have raised my hand, Surely the nations that are around you shall bear their own insult.

8. But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they will soon be coming.

9. For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and

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you shall be tilled and sown;

10. And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the ruined places shall be rebuilt;

11. And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit; and I will cause you to be inhabited as in your former times, and will do more good to you than ever before; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

12. And I will cause men to walk upon you, my people Israel; and they shall possess you, and you shall be their inheritance, and you shall no longer bereave them of children.

13. (K) Thus says the Lord God: Because they say to you, You are a land that devours up men, and have bereaved your nations;

14. (K) Therefore you shall devour men no more, nor bereave your nations any more, says the Lord God.

15. (K) And I will not allow the insult of the nations to be heard any more against you, nor shall you bear the reproach of the people any more, nor shall you

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cause your nations to stumble any more, said the Lord God.

16. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

17. Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their way and by their doings; their way was before me as the uncleanness of a menstruating woman.

18. Therefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols with which they had defiled it;

19. And I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries; according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.

20. And when they came to the nations, to which they came, they profaned my holy name, when men said of them, These are the people of the Lord, and they are gone out from his land!

21. But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, to which they came.

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22. Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: I do not do this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for my holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations, to which you came.

23. And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

24. For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you from all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

25. Then I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your filthiness; and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put inside you; and I will take away the heart of stone from your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

27. And I will put my spirit inside you, and cause you

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to follow my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments, and do them.

28. And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

29. And I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will summon the grain, and will increase it and lay no famine upon you.

30. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the produce of the field, that you shall receive no more reproach of famine among the nations.

31. Then shall you remember your evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

32. Not for your sakes do I do this, says the Lord God, let that be known to you; be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

33. Thus says the Lord God: In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the ruined

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places shall be rebuilt.

34. And the desolate land shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that was in the sight of all who passed by.

35. And they shall say, This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities have become fortified, and are inhabited.

36. Then the nations that are left around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places, and have replanted that which was desolate; I, the Lord, have spoken it, and I will do it.

37. Thus says the Lord God: This also I will let the house of Israel, ask me to do for them; I will increase their men like a flock.

38. Like the flock of sacrifices, like the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts, shall the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

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1. The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the wind of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,
2. And he led me around among them; and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, behold, they were very dry.
3. And he said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, you know.
4. And he said to me, Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O you dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.
5. Thus says the Lord God to these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live;
6. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.
7. And I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to its

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bone.

8. And as I beheld, behold, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them.

9. And he said to me, Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

10. And I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, a very large army.

11. Then he said to me, son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.

12. Therefore prophecy and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

13. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I

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have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up from your graves,

14. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you shall live, and I shall place you in your own land; then shall you know that I, the Lord, have spoken it, and performed it, says the Lord.

15. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

16. And you, son of man, take one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the people of Israel his companions; then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions;

17. And join them one to the other into one stick; and they shall become one in your hand.

18. And when your people shall speak to you, saying: Will you not tell us what you mean by these?

19. Say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his companions, and will put them with him, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in

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my hand.

20. And the sticks on which you write shall be in your hand before their eyes.

21. And say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from among the nations, where they have gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land;

22. (K) And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all; and they shall be no more two nations, nor shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all;

23. Nor shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will save them in all their dwelling places, where they have sinned, and will cleanse them; so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

24. And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd; they shall also follow my judgments, and observe my statutes, and

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do them.

25. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob my servant, where your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell in it, they and their children, and their grandchildren for ever; and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.

26. And I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

27. My tabernacle also shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

28. And the nations shall know that I, the Lord, sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

Chapter 38

1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

2. Son of man, set your face against Gog, the land of

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Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

3. And say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal;

4. And I will turn you around, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in complete armor, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them wielding swords;

5. Persia, Kush, and Put with them; all of them with shield and helmet;

6. Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah from the farthest north, and all his bands; and many people with you.

7. Be prepared, and prepare for yourself, you, and all your company that are assembled with you, and be a guard to them.

8. After many days you shall be called upon; in the latter years you shall come against the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered from

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many peoples, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste; but it is brought out from the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

9. You shall ascend and come like a storm, you shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you, and all your bands, and many people with you.

10. Thus says the Lord God: It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into your mind, and you shall think an evil plot;

11. And you shall say, I will go up to the land of villages without walls; I will go to those who are at rest, who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,

12. To take booty, and to plunder; to turn your hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land.

13. Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all its young lions, shall say to you,

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Have you come to take booty? Have you gathered your company to plunder? To carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great booty?

14. Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, Thus says the Lord God; In that day when my people of Israel dwells securely, shall you not know it?

15. And you shall come from your place from the farthest north, you, and many people with you, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army;

16. And you shall come up against my people of Israel, like a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring you against my land, that the nations may know me, when I shall be sanctified in you, O Gog, before their eyes.

17. Thus says the Lord God: Are you he of whom I have spoken in old times by my servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days for many years that I would bring you against them?

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18. And it shall come to pass on that day, when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, says the Lord God, that my fury shall be roused.

19. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

20. And the fishes of the sea, and the birds of the sky, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men who are upon the face of the earth, shall tremble at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

21. And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, says the Lord God; every man's sword shall be against his brother.

22. And I will contend with him by pestilence and by blood; and I will rain down upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, a torrential rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

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23. Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will make myself known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

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1. And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus said the Lord God; Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal;

2. And I will turn you around, and entice you own, and will cause you to come up from the farthest north, and will bring you against the mountains of Israel;

3. And I will strike your bow from your left hand, and will cause your arrows to fall from your right hand.

4. You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you, and all your bands, and the peoples that are with you; I will give you to the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

5. You shall fall upon the open field; for I have spoken it, says the Lord God.

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6. And I will send a fire on Magog, and among those who dwell securely in the islands; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

7. And I will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them profane my holy name any more; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel.

8. Behold, it has come, and it is done, says the Lord God; this is the day of which I have spoken.

9. And those who dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the staves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire for seven years;

10. And they shall take no wood from the field, nor cut down any from the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire; and they shall destroy those who destroyed them, and rob those who robbed them, says the Lord God.

11. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give to Gog a place for burial in Israel, the Valley of

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the Travellers to the east of the sea; and it shall block the path of the travellers; and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call it the Valley of Hamon-Gog, (Multitude of Gog).

12. For seven months shall the house of Israel bury them, so that they may cleanse the land.

13. And all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown on the day that I shall be glorified, says the Lord God.

14. And they shall set apart men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the travellers those who remain upon the face of the earth, so as to cleanse it; after the end of seven months shall they search.

15. And the travellers who pass through the land, when any sees human bone, then he shall set up a sign by it, till the grave diggers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-Gog.

16. And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

17. And you, son of man, thus says the Lord God:

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Speak to every feathered bird, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrificial feast that I prepare for you, a great sacrificial feast upon the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood.

18. You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

19. And you shall eat fat till you are full, and drink blood till you are drunk, of my sacrificial feast which I have prepared for you.

20. Thus you shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, says the Lord God.

21. And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.

22. And the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day forward.

23. And the nations shall know that the house of Israel

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went into exile for their iniquity; because they dealt treacherously against me, therefore I hid my face from them, and gave them to the hand of their enemies; so they all fell by the sword.

24. According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done to them, and I hid my face from them.

25. (K) Therefore thus says the Lord God: Now will I bring back the exile of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be zealous for my holy name;

26. They shall forget their shame, and all their faithlessness in which they have faithless to me, when they dwelt securely in their land, and none made them afraid.

27. When I have brought them back from the peoples, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;

28. Then shall they know that I am the Lord their God, who caused them to be led into exile among the nations; but I have gathered them to their own land,

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and have left there none of them any more.

29. And I will not hide my face any more from them; for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, says the Lord God.

Chapter 40

1. In the twenty fifth year of our exile, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city had fallen, on that very day the hand of the Lord was upon me, and brought me there.

2. In the visions of God he brought me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, on which was the structure like a city on the Negev.

3. And he brought me there, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze, with a thread of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood at the gate.

4. And the man said to me: Son of man, behold with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and set your

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heart upon all that I shall show you; for you have been brought here so that I might show them to you; declare all that you see to the house of Israel.

5. And behold a wall all around the outside of the house, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits long by a cubit and a hand wide; so he measured the width of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

6. Then he came to the gate which looks toward the east, and went up its stairs, and measured the threshold of the gate, which was one reed wide; and the other threshold of the gate, which was one reed wide.

7. And every little chamber was one reed long, and one reed wide; and between the little chambers were five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the vestibule of the gate inside was one reed.

8. He measured also the vestibule of the gate inside, one reed.

9. Then he measured the vestibule of the gate, eight cubits; and its posts, two cubits; and the vestibule of

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the gate was on the inside.

10. And the little chambers of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; they three were of one measure; and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side.

11. And he measured the width of the entrance of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12. And there was a border of one cubit before the little chambers on this side, and a border was one cubit on that side; and the little chambers were six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.

13. He measured then the gate from the roof of one little chamber to the roof of another; the width was twenty five cubits, from door to door.

14. And he made his measure of the posts, sixty cubits, also for the posts of the courts around the gate.

15. (K) And from the front of the gate of the entrance to the front of the inner vestibule of the gate were fifty cubits.

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16. And there were narrow windows to the little chambers, and to their posts around the gate inside, and likewise to the vestibules; and windows were around inside; and upon each post were palm trees.

17. Then he brought me to the outward court, and, behold, there were chambers, and a pavement made for the court around; thirty chambers were upon the pavement.

18. And the pavement was by the side of the gates corresponding to the length of the gates; that was the lower pavement.

19. Then he measured the width from the front of the lower gate to the front of the inner court outside, a hundred cubits eastward and northward.

20. And he measured the gate of the outward court that looked toward the north, its length and its width.

21. And its little chambers were three on this side and three on that side; and its posts and its vestibules were after the measure of the first gate; its length was fifty cubits, and the width twenty five cubits.

22. And its windows, and its vestibule, and its palm

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trees, were according to the measure of the gate that looks toward the east; and it was ascended by seven steps; and its vestibule lay before them.

23. And there was a gate of the inner court opposite the gate towards the north, and towards the east; and he measured from gate to gate a hundred cubits.

24. After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south; and he measured its posts and its vestibule according to these measures.

25. And there were windows in it and around its vestibule, like those windows; the length was fifty cubits, and the width twenty five cubits.

26. And there were seven steps to ascend it, and its vestibule was before them; and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon its posts.

27. And there was a gate in the inner court toward the south; and he measured from gate to gate toward the south a hundred cubits.

28. And he brought me to the inner court by the south

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gate; and he measured the south gate according to these measures;

29. And its little chambers, and its posts, and its vestibule, according to these measures; and there were windows in it and around it in its vestibule; it was fifty cubits long, and twenty five cubits wide.

30. And the vestibule around were twenty five cubits long, and five cubits wide.

31. And its vestibule was toward the outer court; and palm trees were upon its posts; and its ascent had eight steps.

32. And he brought me into the inner court toward the east; and he measured the gate according to these measures.

33. And its little chambers, and its posts, and its vestibule, were according to these measures; and there were windows in it and around its vestibule; it was fifty cubits long, and twenty five cubits wide.

34. And its vestibule was toward the outward court; and palm trees were upon its posts, on this side, and on that side; and its ascent had eight steps.

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35. And he brought me to the north gate, and measured it according to these measures;

36. Its little chambers, its posts, and its vestibule, and the windows around it; the length was fifty cubits, and the width twenty five cubits.

37. And its posts were toward the outer court; and palm trees were upon its posts, on this side, and on that side; and its ascent had eight steps.

38. And its chambers and its entries were by the posts of the gates, where they washed the burnt offering.

39. And in the vestibule of the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay on it the burnt offering and the sin offering and the guilt offering.

40. And at the side outside, as one goes up to the entrance of the north gate, were two tables; and on the other side, which was at the vestibule of the gate, were two tables.

41. Four tables were on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, upon which they slew their sacrifices.

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42. And the four tables were of cut stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half wide, and one cubit high; upon which they laid the instruments with which they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43. And inside were hooks, a hand wide, fastened around; and upon the tables was the meat of the offering.

44. And outside the inner gate were the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate; and they faced toward the south; one at the side of the east gate facing toward the north.

45. And he said to me, This chamber, which faces toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house.

46. And the chamber which faces toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar; these are the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi, who come near the Lord to minister to him.

47. And he measured the court, a hundred cubits long,

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and a hundred cubits wide, foursquare; and the altar that was before the house.

48. And he brought me to the vestibule of the house, and measured each post of the vestibule, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side; and the width of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.

49. The length of the vestibule was twenty cubits, and the width eleven cubits; and he brought me by the steps whereby they went up to it; and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

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1. And he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits wide on the one side, and six cubits wide on the other side, which was the width of the tabernacle.

2. And the width of the door was ten cubits; and the sides of the door were five cubits on the one side,

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and five cubits on the other side; and he measured its length, forty cubits; and the width, twenty cubits.

3. Then he came to the interior, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the width of the door, seven cubits.

4. And he measured its length, twenty cubits; and the width, twenty cubits, according to the width of the temple; and he said to me, This the most holy place.

5. And he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the width of every side chamber, four cubits, around the house on every side.

6. And the side chambers were one over another thirty three times; and there were recesses in the wall which was of the house for the side chambers around, that they might have hold, so that they were not fastened into the wall of the house.

7. And the side chambers became wider as one circled higher and higher; for the winding around of the house went still upward around the house; therefore the width of the house continued upward; and thus one ascended from the lowest level to the

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highest level by the middle.

8. (K) I saw also that the house had a platform around it; the foundations of the side chambers were a full reed of six long cubits.

9. The thickness of the wall, which was for the side chamber on the outside, was five cubits; and so was that which was left by the place of the side chambers of the house.

10. And between the chambers was the width of twenty cubits around the house on every side.

11. And the doors of the side chambers were towards the place that was left, one door towards the north, and another door towards the south; and the width of the place that was left was five cubits around.

12. And the building that was before the main wing on the western side was seventy cubits wide; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick around, and its length was ninety cubits.

13. And he measured the house, a hundred cubits long; and the main wing and the building, with its walls, a hundred cubits long;

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14. Also the width of the front of the house, and of the main wing towards the east, a hundred cubits.

15. (K) And he measured the length of the building in front of the main wing which was behind it, and its galleries on the one side and on the other side, a hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the vestibules of the court;

16. The thresholds, and the narrow windows, and the galleries around those three; opposite the threshold was a wood panelling all around, so the space from the ground up to the windows, and the windows, were covered;

17. Likewise to the space above the door, to the inner house, and outside, and on all the wall around inside and outside, by measure.

18. And it was made with kerubim and palm trees, so that a palm tree was between a kerub and a kerub; and every kerub had two faces;

19. So that the face of a man was towards the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion towards the palm tree on the other side; thus it was

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made through all the house around.

20. From the ground to above the door were kerubim and palm trees, and and so on the wall of the temple.

21. The posts of the temple were squared, and likewise the front of the sanctuary; the appearance of the one as the appearance of the other.

22. The altar of wood was three cubits high, and its length two cubits; and it had corners; its length and its walls were of wood; and he said to me, This is the table that is before the Lord.

23. And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

24. And the doors had two leaves each, two turning leaves; two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other door.

25. And there were fashioned on them, on the doors of the temple, kerubim and palm trees, such as the ones upon the walls; and there were thick planks on the front of the vestibule outside.

26. And there were narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of

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the vestibule, and upon the side chambers of the house, and on the thick planks.

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1. Then he brought me out into the outer court, the way toward the north; and he brought me into the chamber that was opposite the main wing, and which was before the building toward the north.

2. The length of the front of the building was hundred cubits, with the door on the north, and the width was fifty cubits.

3. Adjoining the twenty cubits which belonged to the inner court, and facing the pavement which belonged to the outer court, was gallery against gallery in three stories.

4. And before the chambers was a walk of ten cubits width inside, a way of one cubit; and their doors were towards the north.

5. And the upper chambers were shorter; for the galleries took away from these, more than from the

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lower, and the middlemost, in the building.

6. For they were in three stories, but did not have pillars as the pillars of the courts; therefore it was set back from the ground more than the lowest and the middle ones.

7. And the length of the wall that was outside opposite the chambers, towards the outer court on the front of the chambers was fifty cubits.

8. For the length of the chambers that belonged to the outer court was fifty cubits; and, behold, before the temple were a hundred cubits.

9. (K) And from under these chambers was the entrance on the east side, as one goes into them from the outer court.

10. The chambers were set in the thickness of the wall of the court towards the east, opposite the main wing, and opposite the building,

11. With a way before them; like the appearance of the chambers which were towards the north, as long as they, and as wide as they; with all their exits, according to their fashions; and as their doors,

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12. So were also the doors of the chambers that were towards the south; there was a door in the head of the way, the way directly before the wall towards the east, as one enters into them.

13. And he said to me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the main wing, they are holy chambers, where the priests who approach to the Lord shall eat the most holy things; there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering; for the place is holy.

14. (K) When the priests enter in it, then shall they not go from the holy place into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments in which they minister; for they are holy; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to those things which belong to the people.

15. And when he finished measuring the inner house, he brought me out towards the gate who faced the east, and measured it around.

16. (K) He measured the east side with the measuring

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reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed around.

17. He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed around.

18. He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed.

19. He turned to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

20. He measured it by the four sides; it had a wall around, five hundred reeds long, and five hundred wide, to make a separation between the holy and the common.

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1. And he brought me to the gate that looks towards the east;

2. And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east; and his voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with his

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glory.

3. And the appearance of the vision which I saw was like the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the Kevar river; and I fell upon my face.

4. And the glory of the Lord came into the house by the way of the gate which faced towards the east.

5. And a spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house.

6. And I heard him speaking to me from the house; and a man stood by me.

7. And he said to me, Son of man, behold the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the people of Israel for ever; and the house of Israel shall not profane my holy name any more, not they, nor their kings, by their harlotry, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places.

8. In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and only the wall

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between me and them, they have profaned my holy name by their abominations that they have committed; therefore I have consumed them in my anger.

9. And let them put away their harlotry, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in their midst for ever.

10. You, son of man, describe the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern.

11. And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, describe to them the form of the house, and its fashion, and its exits, and its entrances, and all its forms, and all its ordinances, and all its shapes, and all its laws; and write it in their sight, that they may keep its whole form, and all its ordinances, and do them.

12. This is the Torah of the house; Upon the top of the mountain its whole limit around it shall be most holy. Behold, this is the Torah of the house.

13. And these are the measures of the altar by cubits;

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The cubit is a cubit and a hand wide; the bottom shall be a cubit, and the width a cubit, and its border by its surrounding edge shall be a span; and this shall be the higher place of the altar.

14. And from the bottom upon the ground to the lower ledge shall be two cubits, and the width one cubit; and from the lesser ledge to the greater ledge shall be four cubits, and the width one cubit.

15. And the altar shall be four cubits high; and from the altar and upwards shall be four horns.

16. And the altar hearth shall be twelve cubits long by twelve wide, square its four sides.

17. And the ledge shall be fourteen cubits long by fourteen wide in its four sides; and the border around it shall be half a cubit; and its bottom shall be a cubit around; and its stairs shall face the east.

18. And he said to me, son of man, thus says the Lord God: These are the ordinances of the altar on the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings on it, and to sprinkle blood on it.

19. And you shall give to the priests, the Levites, who

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are of the seed of Zadok, who come near me, to minister to me, says the Lord God, a young bull for a sin offering.

20. And you shall take of its blood, and put it on its four horns, and on the four corners of the ledge, and upon the surrounding border; thus shall you cleanse and purge it.

21. You shall take the bull also of the sin offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, outside the sanctuary.

22. And on the second day you shall offer a male goat without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they cleansed with the bull.

23. When you have finished cleansing it, you shall offer a young bull without blemish, and a ram from the flock without blemish.

24. And you shall offer them before the Lord, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering to the Lord.

25. Seven days shall you prepare every day a goat for a sin offering; they shall also prepare a young bull,

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and a ram from the flock, without blemish.

26. Seven days shall they make atonement for the altar and purify it; and they shall consecrate it.

27. And when these days are ended, it shall be, that from the eighth day onward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, said the Lord God.

Chapter 44

1. Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces the east; and it was closed.

2. Then says the Lord to me; This gate shall be closed, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter by it; because the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it, therefore it shall be closed.

3. (K) As for the prince, he, being the prince, shall sit in it to eat bread before the Lord; he shall enter by the way of the vestibule of that gate, and shall go out the same way.

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4. Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the house; and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord; and I fell upon my face.

5. And the Lord said to me, son of man, mark well, and behold with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the ordinances of the house of the Lord, and all its laws; and mark well the entrance of the house, with all the exits of the sanctuary.

6. And you shall say to the rebellious, to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: O house of Israel, let it be an end to all your abominations,

7. In that you have brought into my sanctuary foreigners, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to defile it, my house, when you offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.

8. And you have not kept the charge of my holy things; but you have set keepers of my charge in my

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sanctuary to please yourselves.

9. Thus says the Lord God: No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, of all the foreigners who are among the people of Israel, shall enter into my sanctuary.

10. And the Levites who went far from me, when Israel went astray, who went astray from me after their idols; they shall bear their iniquity.

11. And they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house; they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them.

12. Because they ministered to them before their idols, and became a stumbling block to the house of Israel; therefore I have raised my hand against them, says the Lord God, and they shall bear their iniquity.

13. And they shall not come near to me, to do the office of a priest to me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy place; but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they

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have committed.

14. And I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all its service, and for all that shall be done in it.

15. But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of my sanctuary when the people of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister to me, and they shall stand before me to offer to me the fat and the blood, says the Lord God;

16. They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister to me, and they shall keep my charge.

17. And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and inside.

18. They shall have linen turbans upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causes

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19. And when they go out into the outer court, into the outer court to the people, they shall take off their garments with which they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.

20. And they shall not shave their heads, nor let their locks grow long; they shall only trim their heads.

21. And no priest shall drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

22. And they shall not take widows or divorced women for wives, but they shall take virgins of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow who is the widow of a priest.

23. And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the common, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

24. (K) And in a controversy they act as judges; and they shall judge it according to my judgments; and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my

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appointed times; and they shall sanctify my sabbaths.

25. And they shall not defile themselves by coming near to a dead person; however for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother or for a sister who had no husband, they may defile themselves.

26. And after he is cleansed, they shall count to him seven days.

27. And in the day that he goes into the sanctuary, to the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, said the Lord God.

28. And it shall be to them for an inheritance; I am their inheritance; and you shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession.

29. They shall eat the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering; and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs.

30. And the first of all the first fruits of all things, and every offering, of all your offerings, shall belong to the priests; you shall also give to the priest the first

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of your dough, that he may cause a blessing to rest in your house.

31. The priests shall not eat of any thing that dies of itself, or is torn, whether it is bird or beast.

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1. And, when you shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, you shall offer a gift to the Lord, a holy portion of the land; the length shall be the length of twenty five thousand reeds, and the width shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all its surrounding borders.

2. Of this there shall be a square plot for the sanctuary, five hundred in length by five hundred in width, and fifty cubits around for its open spaces.

3. And of this measure shall you measure a length of twenty five thousand, and a width of ten thousand; and in it shall be the sanctuary and the most holy place.

4. The holy portion of the land shall be for the priests,

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the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near to minister to the Lord; and it shall be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary.

5. (K) And an area of twenty five thousand in length, and ten thousand in width, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves for a possession, twenty districts.

6. And you shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand wide, and twenty five thousand long, adjoining the designated portion of holy area; it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

7. And a portion shall be for the prince on either side of the designated holy area, and of the possession of the city, in front of the designated holy area, and in front of the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward; and the length shall correspond to one of the portions, from the west border to the east border.

8. It shall be his possession of the land in Israel; and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and the rest of the land shall they give to the house of

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Israel according to their tribes.

9. Thus says the Lord God: Enough, O princes of Israel; put away violence and oppression, and execute judgment and justice, cease your exactions from my people, says the Lord God.

10. You shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bat.

11. The ephah and the bat shall be of one measure, that the bat may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the ephah the tenth part of a homer; its measure shall be according to the homer.

12. And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs; twenty shekels, twenty five shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your mina.

13. This is the offering that you shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah of a homer of wheat, and you shall give the sixth part of an ephah of a homer of barley;

14. Concerning the ordinance of oil, the bat of oil, you shall offer the tenth part of a bat from the kor, which is a homer of ten bats; for ten bats are a homer;

15. And one lamb from the flock, out of two hundred,

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from the well watered pastures of Israel; for a meal offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to atone for them, says the Lord God.

16. All the people of the land shall give this offering for the prince in Israel.

17. And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, and meal offerings, and drink offerings, at the feasts, the new moons, and the sabbaths, in all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel; he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meal offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to atone for the house of Israel.

18. Thus says the Lord God: In the first month, on the first day of the month, you shall take a young bull without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary;

19. And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it upon the door posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and upon the door posts of the gate of the inner court.

20. And so you shall do on the seventh day of the

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month for everyone who sins in error or ignorance; so shall you make atonement for the house.

21. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

22. And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering.

23. And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the Lord, seven bulls and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily for a sin offering.

24. And he shall prepare a meal offering of an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil for an ephah.

25. In the seventh month, on the fifteenth day of the month, he shall do the same in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, according to the meal offering, and according to the oil.

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1. Thus says the Lord God: The gate of the inner court that faces the east shall be closed the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and on the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

2. And the prince shall enter by the way of the vestibule of that gate from outside, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall bow down at the threshold of the gate; then he shall go out; but the gate shall not be closed until the evening.

3. Likewise the people of the land shall bow down at the door of this gate before the Lord on the sabbaths and the new moons.

4. And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer to the Lord on the sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

5. And the meal offering shall be an ephah for a ram, and the meal offering for the lambs as he shall be

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able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

6. And on the day of the new moon it shall be a young bull without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish.

7. And he shall prepare a meal offering, an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according to his means, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

8. And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the vestibule of that gate, and he shall go out by the same way.

9. (K) But when the people of the land shall come before the Lord in the solemn feasts, he who enters in by the way of the north gate to bow down shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he who enters by the way of the south gate shall go out by the way of the north gate; he shall not return by the way of the gate by which he came in, but shall go out straight ahead.

10. And the prince in their midst, when they go in, he shall go in; and when they go out, he shall go out.

11. And in the feasts and in the appointed seasons the

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meal offering shall be an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according to his means, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

12. And when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offering to the Lord, the gate facing east shall be opened for him, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day; then he shall go out; and after he goes out, the gate shall be closed.

13. And you shall daily prepare a burnt offering to the Lord of a year old lamb without blemish; you shall prepare it every morning.

14. And you shall prepare a meal offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of a hin of oil, to moisten the fine flour; a meal offering continually by an everlasting ordinance to the Lord.

15. (K) Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meal offering, and the oil, every morning for a continual burnt offering.

16. Thus says the Lord God: If the prince gives a gift

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to any of his sons, it shall be its inheritance, it shall be its sons'; it shall be their possession by inheritance.

17. But if he gives a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince; but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them.

18. And the prince shall not take any of the inheritance of the people to thrust them wrongfully out of their possession; but he shall give inheritance to his sons from his own possession; that my people should not be scattered every man from his possession.

19. (K) Then he brought me through the entrance, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which faced the north; and, behold, there was a place on the far side westward.

20. And he said to me, This is the place where the priests shall cook the guilt offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meal offering; so that they should not carry them to the outer court, to sanctify the people.

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21. Then he brought me out to the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court there was a court.

22. In the four corners of the court there were small courts, forty cubits long and thirty wide; these four corners were of one measure.

23. And there was a row of masonry around them, around the four, and it was made with cooking hearths under the surrounding rows.

24. And he said to me, These are the places of those who cook, where the ministers of the house shall cook the sacrifice of the people.

Chapter 47

1. And he brought me back to the door of the house; and, behold, waters flowed from under the threshold of the house eastward; for the front of the house faced to the east, and water run out from beneath the right side of the house, at the south side of the

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altar.

2. And he brought me out by the way of the gate northward, and led me around the way outside to the outer gate by the way that faces to the east; and, behold, there ran out water on the right side.

3. And when the man who had the line in his hand went out eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the water; the water reached the ankles.

4. And he measured a thousand, and brought me through the water; the water reached the knees. And he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the water reached the loins.

5. And he measured a further thousand; and it was a stream that I could not pass over; for the water had risen, water to swim in, a stream that could not be passed over.

6. And he said to me, Son of man, have you seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the edge of the stream.

7. And when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the

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stream were many trees on one side and on the other.

8. And he said to me, These waters flow out towards the eastern region, and go down to the Arabah, to the sea; and when they enter the sea, the waters shall be healed.

9. And it shall come to pass, that every thing that lives, which moves, wherever the streams shall come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come there; for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live where the stream comes.

10. (K) And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from Ein-Gedi as far as Ein-Eglayim; they shall be a place for spreading nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, a great many like the fish of the Great Sea.

11. But its swamps and its marshes shall not be healed; they shall be left for salt.

12. (K) And by the stream, upon its bank, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for food, whose

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leaf shall not wither, nor shall its fruit fail; it shall bring forth fresh fruit every month, because the waters for them flow from the sanctuary; and their fruit shall be for food, and their leaves for healing.

13. Thus says the Lord God: This shall be the border, according to which you shall divide the land for inheritance to the twelve tribes of Israel; Joseph shall have two portions.

14. And you shall inherit it, one as well as another; concerning which I raised my hand to give it to your fathers; and this land shall fall to you for inheritance.

15. And this shall be the border of the land toward the north side, from the Great Sea, by the way of Hethlon, as you go to Zedad;

16. Hamath, Berothah, Sibram, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; middle Hazar, which is by the coast of Hauran.

17. And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-Enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And this is the north side.

18. And the east side you shall measure from Hauran,

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and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and between the land of Israel and the Jordan, from the border to the east sea. And this is the east side.

19. And the south side southward, from Tamar to the waters of Meribot-Kadesh, to the river, as far as the Great Sea. And this is south side towards the Negev.

20. The west side also shall be the Great Sea from the border, as far as opposite the entrance to Hamath. This is the west side.

21. And you shall divide this land for yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.

22. And it shall come to pass, that you shall divide it by lot for an inheritance to you, and to the foreigners who sojourn among you, who shall father children among you; and they shall be to you as those born in the country among the people of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

23. And it shall come to pass, that in whatever tribe the foreigner sojourns, there shall you give him his inheritance, says the Lord God.

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1. And these are the names of the tribes. From the north end to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goes to Hamath, Hazar-Enan, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; for these are his sides east and west; a portion for Dan.
2. And by the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, a portion for Asher.
3. And by the border of Asher, from the east side to the west side, a portion for Naphtali.
4. And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, a portion for Manasseh.
5. And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, a portion for Ephraim.
6. And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side to the west side, a portion for Reuben.
7. And by the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, a portion for Judah.

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8. And by the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the offering which you shall offer of twenty five thousand reeds in width, and in length as one of the other parts, from the east side to the west side; and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.

9. The portion that you shall designate to the Lord shall be of twenty five thousand in length, and of ten thousand in width.

10. And for them, for the priests, shall be this holy portion; toward the north twenty five thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in width, and toward the east ten thousand in width, and toward the south twenty five thousand in length; and the sanctuary of the Lord shall be in its midst.

11. It shall belong to the priests who are sanctified of the sons of Zadok; who have kept my charge, who did not go astray when the people of Israel went astray, as the other Levites went astray.

12. And it shall be to them a section set apart from the designated portion of the land, a thing most holy, by

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the border of the Levites.

13. And opposite the border of the priests the Levites shall have twenty five thousand in length, and ten thousand in width; all the length shall be twenty five thousand, and the width ten thousand.

14. (K) And they shall not sell any of it, nor exchange, nor alienate that choice portion of the land; for it is holy to the Lord.

15. And the five thousand, that are left in the width over against the twenty five thousand, shall be for common use for the city, for dwelling, and for open land; and the city shall be in its midst.

16. And these shall be its measures; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred.

17. And the open lands of the city shall be towards the north two hundred and fifty, and towards the south two hundred and fifty, and towards the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.

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18. And the remnant in length corresponding to the designated holy portion shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward; and it shall be alongside the designated holy portion; and its produce shall be for food to those who work in the city.

19. And those who work in the city shall work in it from all the tribes of Israel.

20. And the designated portion shall be twenty five thousand by twenty five thousand; you shall designate the holy portion square, including the possession of the city.

21. And the remnant shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy portion, and of the possession of the city, in front of the twenty five thousand of the designated area to the east border, and westward opposite the twenty five thousand to the west border, opposite the portions for the prince; and it shall be the holy area; and the sanctuary of the house shall be in its midst.

22. And thus the possession of the Levites, and the

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possession of the city, shall be in the midst of that which is the prince's; between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be the portion of the prince.

23. As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side to the west side, Benjamin shall have a portion.

24. And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Simeon shall have a portion.

25. And by the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, Issachar shall have a portion.

26. And by the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, Zebulun shall have a portion.

27. And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, Gad shall have a portion.

28. And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be from Tamar to the waters of Meribot-Kadesh, and to the river toward the Great Sea.

29. This is the land which you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their portions, says the Lord God.

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30. And these are the exits of the city: on the north side, there is a four thousand and five hundred measures.

31. And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel; three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.

32. And at the east side there is a measure of four thousand and five hundred; and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.

33. And at the south side there is a measure of four thousand and five hundred; and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun.

34. At the west side there is a measure of four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.

35. It shall be eighteen thousand measures around; and the name of the city from that day shall be, The Lord is there.