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1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Chebar that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. ²In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, ³the word of the LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was there upon him.

⁴And I looked, and, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud, with a fire flashing up, so that a brightness was round about it; and out of the midst thereof as the colour of electrum, out of the midst of the fire. ⁵And out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. ⁶And every one had four faces, and every one of them had four wings. ⁷And 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 colour of burnished brass. ⁸And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and as for the faces and wings of them four, ⁹their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they

went; they went every one straight forward. ¹⁰As for the likeness of their faces, they had the face of a man; and they four had the face of a lion on the right side; and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four had also the face of an eagle. ¹¹Thus were their faces; and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. ¹²And they went every one straight forward; whither the spirit was to go, they went; they turned not when they went. ¹³As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like coals of fire, burning like the appearance of torches; it flashed up and down among the living creatures; and there was brightness to the fire, and out of the fire went forth lightning. ¹⁴And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

¹⁵Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel at the bottom hard by the living creatures, at the four faces thereof. ¹⁶The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a beryl; and they four had one likeness; and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel within a wheel. ¹⁷When they went, they went toward their four sides; they turned not when

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they went. ¹⁸As for their rings, they were high and they were dreadful; and they four had their rings full of eyes round about. ¹⁹And when the living creatures went, the wheels went hard by them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the bottom, the wheels were lifted up. ²⁰Whithersoever the spirit was to go, as the spirit was to go thither, so they went; and the wheels were lifted up beside them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. ²¹When those went, these went, and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up beside them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

²²And over the heads of the living creatures there was the likeness of a firmament, like the colour of the terrible ice, stretched forth over their heads above. ²³And under the firmament were their wings conformable the one to the other; this one of them had two which covered, and that one of them had two which covered, their bodies. ²⁴And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a noise of tumult like the noise of a host; when they stood, they let down their wings. ²⁵For, when there was a voice above the firmament that was over their heads, as they stood, they let down their wings.

²⁶And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a

throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone; and upon the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man upon it above.

²⁷And I saw as the colour of electrum, as the appearance of fire round about enclosing it, from the appearance of his loins and upward; and from the appearance of his loins and downward I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness round about him. ²⁸As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. 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 that spoke.

2 And He said unto me: ‘Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak with thee.’ ²And spirit entered into me when He spoke unto me, and set me upon my feet; and I heard Him that spoke unto me.

³And He said unto me: ‘Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to rebellious nations, that have rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me, even unto this very day; ⁴and the children are brazen-faced and stiff-hearted, I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them: Thus saith the Lord God. ⁵And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear—for they are a rebellious house—yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

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⁶And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though defiers and despisers be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions; be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. ⁷And thou shalt speak My words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; for they are most rebellious.

⁸And thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee: be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house; open thy mouth, and eat that which I give thee. ⁹And when I looked, behold, a hand was put forth unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; ¹⁰and He spread it before me, and it was written within and without; and there was written therein lamentations, and moaning, and woe.

3 And He said unto me: 'Son of man, eat that which thou findest; eat this roll, and go, speak unto the house of Israel.' ²So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that roll. ³And He said unto me: 'Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee.' Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

⁴And He said unto me: 'Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with My words unto them. ⁵For thou art not sent to a people of an unintelligible speech and of a slow tongue, but to the house of Israel; ⁶not to many peoples of an unintelligible

speech and of a slow tongue, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, if I sent thee to them, they would hearken unto thee. ⁷But the house of Israel will not consent to hearken unto thee; for they consent not to hearken unto Me; for all the house of Israel are of a hard forehead and of a stiff heart. ⁸Behold, I have made thy face hard against their faces, and thy forehead hard against their foreheads. ⁹As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead; fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.'

¹⁰Moreover He said unto me: 'Son of man, all My words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thy heart, and hear with thine ears. ¹¹And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them: Thus saith the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.'

¹²Then a spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great rushing: 'Blessed be the glory of the Lord from His place'; ¹³also the noise of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, even the noise of a great rushing. ¹⁴So a spirit lifted me up, and took me away; and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit, and the hand of the Lord was strong upon me. ¹⁵Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that dwelt by the river Chebar, and I sat

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where they sat; and I remained there appalled among them seven days.

¹⁶And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ¹⁷'Son of man, I have appointed thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; and when thou shalt hear a word at My mouth, thou shalt give them warning from Me.

¹⁸When I say unto the wicked: Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest 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 thy hand. ¹⁹Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. ²⁰Again, when a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, I will lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die; because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thy hand.

²¹Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning; and thou hast delivered thy soul.'

²²And the hand of the LORD came there upon me; and He said unto me: 'Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there speak with thee.' ²³Then I arose, and went forth into the plain; and, behold, the glory of the LORD

stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. ²⁴Then spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet; and He spoke with me, and said unto me: 'Go, shut thyself within thy house. ²⁵But thou, son of man, behold, bands shall be put upon thee, and thou shalt be bound with them, and thou shalt not go out among them; ²⁶and I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover; for they are a rebellious house. ²⁷But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them: Thus saith the Lord GOD; he that heareth, let him hear, and he that forbear, let him forbear; for they are a rebellious house.

4 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and trace upon it a city, even Jerusalem; ²and lay siege against it, and build forts against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it, and set battering rams against it round about. ³And take thou unto thee an iron griddle, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city; and set thy face toward it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.

⁴Moreover lie thou upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it; according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it, thou shalt bear their iniquity. ⁵For I have appointed the years of their

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iniquity to be unto thee a number of days, even three hundred and ninety days; so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. ⁶And again, when thou hast accomplished these, thou shalt lie on thy right side, and shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah; forty days, each day for a year, have I appointed it unto thee. ⁷And thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, with thine arm uncovered; and thou shalt prophesy against it. ⁸And, behold, I lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast accomplished the days of thy siege. ⁹Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof; according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, even three hundred and ninety days, shalt thou eat thereof. ¹⁰And thy food which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day; from time to time shalt thou eat it. ¹¹Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of a hin; from time to time shalt thou drink. ¹²And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it in their sight with dung that cometh out of man.'

¹³And the LORD said: 'Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their bread unclean, among the nations whither I will drive them.' ¹⁴Then said I: 'Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath not been polluted; for from my youth

up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn of beasts; neither came there abhorred flesh into my mouth.' ¹⁵Then He said unto me: 'See, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread thereon.' ¹⁶Moreover He said unto 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 appalment; ¹⁷that they may want bread and water, and be appalled one with another, and pine away in their iniquity.'

5 And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp sword, as a barber's razor shalt thou take it unto thee, and cause it to pass upon thy head and upon thy beard; then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the hair. ²A third part shalt thou burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and thou shalt take a third part, and smite it with the sword round about her; and a third part thou shalt scatter to the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them. ³Thou shalt also take thereof a few by number, and bind them in thy skirts. ⁴And of them again shalt thou take, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; therefrom shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.

⁵Thus saith the Lord GOD: This is Jerusalem! I have set her in the midst

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of the nations, and countries are round about her. ⁶And she hath rebelled against Mine ordinances in doing wickedness more than the nations, and against My statutes more than the countries that are round about her; for they have rejected Mine ordinances, and as for My statutes, they have not walked in them. ⁷Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Because ye have outdone the nations that are round about you, in that ye have not walked in My statutes, neither have kept Mine ordinances, neither have done after the ordinances of the nations that are round about you; ⁸therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and I will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations. ⁹And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations. ¹⁰Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter unto all the winds. ¹¹Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely, because thou hast defiled My sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish thee; neither shall Mine eye spare, and I also will have no pity. ¹²A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee; and

a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and a third part I will scatter unto all the winds, and will draw out a sword after them. ¹³Thus shall Mine anger spend itself, and I will satisfy My fury upon them, and I will be eased; and they shall know that I the LORD have spoken in My zeal, when I have spent My fury upon them. ¹⁴Moreover I will make thee an amazement and a reproach, among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by. ¹⁵So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment, unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury, and in furious rebukes; I the LORD have spoken it; ¹⁶when I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, that are for destruction, which I will send to destroy you; and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread; ¹⁷and I will send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I the LORD have spoken it.'

6 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, ³and say: Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD: Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning the mountains and concerning the hills, concerning the ravines and concerning the valleys:

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Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. ⁴And your altars shall become desolate, and your sun-images shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before your idols. ⁵And I will lay the carcasses of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars. ⁶In 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 sun-images may be hewn down, and your works may be blotted out. ⁷And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I am the LORD. ⁸Yet will I leave a remnant, in that ye shall have some that escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries. ⁹And they that escape of you shall remember Me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, how that I have been anguished with their straying heart, which hath departed from Me, and with their eyes, which are gone astray after their idols; and they shall loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations. ¹⁰And they shall know that I am the LORD; I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

¹¹Thus saith the Lord GOD: Smite with thy hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say: Alas! because of all the

evil abominations of the house of Israel; for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.

¹²He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine; thus will I spend My fury upon them. ¹³And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every leafy tree, and under every thick terebinth, the place where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols.

¹⁴And I will stretch out My hand upon them, and make the land desolate and waste, more than the wilderness of Diblah, throughout all their habitations; and they shall know that I am the LORD.⁷

7 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²And thou, son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD concerning the land of Israel: An end! the end is come upon the four corners of the land. ³Now is the end upon thee, and I will send Mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways; and I will bring upon thee all thine abominations. ⁴And Mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity; but I will bring thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

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⁵Thus saith the Lord God: An evil, a singular evil, behold, it cometh. ⁶An end is come, the end is come, it awaketh against thee; behold, it cometh. ⁷The turn is come unto thee, O inhabitant of the land; the time is come, the day of tumult is near, and not of joyful shouting upon the mountains. ⁸Now will I shortly pour out My fury upon thee, and spend Mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways; and I will bring upon thee all thine abominations. ⁹And Mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; I will bring upon thee according to thy ways, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I the LORD do smite. ¹⁰Behold the day; behold, it cometh; the turn is come forth; the rod hath blossomed, arrogancy hath budded. ¹¹Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness; nought cometh from them, nor from their tumult, nor from their turmoil, neither is there eminency among them. ¹²The time is come, the day draweth near; let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath is upon all the multitude thereof. ¹³For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they be yet alive; for the vision is touching the whole multitude thereof, which shall not return; neither shall any stand possessed of the iniquity of his life. ¹⁴They have blown the horn, and have made all ready, but none goeth to the battle; for My wrath is upon all the multitude thereof. ¹⁵The sword is

without, and the pestilence and the famine within; he that is in the field shall die with the sword, and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him. ¹⁶But they that shall at all escape of them, shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them moaning, every one in his iniquity. ¹⁷All hands shall be slack, and all knees shall drip with water. ¹⁸They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads. ¹⁹They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be as an unclean thing; their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD; they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels; because it hath been the stumblingblock of their iniquity. ²⁰And as for the beauty of their ornament, which was set for a pride, they made the images of their abominations and their detestable things thereof; therefore have I made it unto them as an unclean thing. ²¹And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall profane it. ²²I will also turn My face from them, and they shall profane My secret place; and robbers shall enter into it, and profane it.

²³Make the chain; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. ²⁴Wherefore I will bring the worst of the nations, and they shall

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possess their houses; I will also make the pride of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be profaned.

²⁵Horror cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none.

²⁶Calamity shall come upon calamity, and rumour shall be upon rumour; and they shall seek a vision of the prophet, and instruction shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders.

²⁷The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with appalment, and the hands of the people of the land shall be enfeebled; I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.⁷

8 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. ²Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins and downward, fire; and from his loins and upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of electrum. ³And the form of a hand was put forth, and I was taken by a lock of my head; and a spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the gate of the inner court that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. ⁴And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was

there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain. ⁵Then said He unto me: ‘Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north.’ So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward of the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.

⁶And He said unto me: ‘Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel do commit here, that I should go far off from My sanctuary? but thou shalt again see yet greater abominations.’

⁷And He brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. ⁸Then said He unto me: ‘Son of man, dig now in the wall’; and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. ⁹And He said unto me: ‘Go in, and see the wicked abominations that they do here.’ ¹⁰So I went in and saw; and behold every detestable form of creeping things and beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about. ¹¹And 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, every man with his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.

¹²Then said He unto me: ‘Son of man, hast thou seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in his chambers of imagery? for they say: The LORD seeth us not, the LORD hath forsaken the land.’ ¹³He said also unto me: ‘Thou shalt again see yet

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greater abominations which they do.'

¹⁴Then He brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD'S house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat the women weeping for Tammuz. ¹⁵Then said He unto me: 'Hast thou seen this, O son of man? thou shalt again see yet greater abominations than these.' ¹⁶And 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 porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. ¹⁷Then He said unto me: 'Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here in that they fill the land with violence, and provoke Me still more, and, lo, they put the branch to their nose?' ¹⁸Therefore will I also deal in fury; Mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; and though they cry in Mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.'

9 Then he called in mine ears with a loud voice, saying: 'Cause ye them that have charge over the city to draw near, every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.' ²And, behold, six men came from the way of the upper gate, which lieth toward the north, every man with his weapon of destruction in his hand; and one man in the midst of them clothed in linen,

with a writer's inkhorn on his side. And they went in, and stood beside the brazen altar. ³And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house; and He called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writer's inkhorn on his side. ⁴And the LORD said unto him: 'Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that are done in the midst thereof.' ⁵And to the others He said in my hearing: 'Go ye through the city after him, and smite; let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity; ⁶slay utterly the old man, the young man and the maiden, and little children and women; but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary.' Then they began at the elders that were before the house. ⁷And He said unto them: 'Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain; go ye forth.' And they went forth, and smote in the city. ⁸And it came to pass, while they were smiting, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said: 'Ah Lord God! wilt Thou destroy all the residue of Israel in Thy pouring out of Thy fury upon Jerusalem?' ⁹Then said He unto me: 'The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of wresting of judgment; for they say: The LORD hath forsaken the land, and the LORD seeth not. ¹⁰And as

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for Me also, Mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will bring their way upon their head.’ ¹¹And, behold, the man clothed in linen, who had the inkhorn on his side, reported, saying: ‘I have done according to all that Thou hast commanded me.’

10 Then I looked, and, behold, upon the firmament that was over the head of the cherubim, there appeared above them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne. ²And He spoke unto the man clothed in linen, and said: ‘Go in between the wheelwork, even under the cherub, and fill both thy hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and dash them against the city.’ And he went in in my sight. ³Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. ⁴And the glory of the LORD mounted up from the cherub to the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD’S glory. ⁵And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of God Almighty when He speaketh. ⁶And it came to pass, when He commanded the man clothed in linen, saying: ‘Take fire from between the wheelwork, from between the cherubim’, that he went in, and stood beside a wheel. ⁷And the cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim unto the fire that was

between the cherubim, and took thereof, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed in linen, who took it and went out. ⁸And there appeared in the cherubim the form of a man’s hand under their wings. ⁹And I looked, and behold four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and another wheel beside another cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was as the colour of a beryl stone. ¹⁰And as for their appearance, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been within a wheel. ¹¹When they went, they went toward their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went. ¹²And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had. ¹³As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing The wheelwork. ¹⁴And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of the cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. ¹⁵And the cherubim mounted up—this is the living creature that I saw by the river Chebar. ¹⁶And when the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them. ¹⁷When they stood, these stood, and when they mounted up, these

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mounted up with them; for the spirit of the living creature was in them. ¹⁸And the glory of the LORD went forth from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim. ¹⁹And the cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight when they went forth, and the wheels beside them; and they stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD'S house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. ²⁰This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river Chebar; and I knew that they were cherubim. ²¹Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings. ²²And as for the likeness of their faces, they were the faces which I saw by the river Chebar, their appearances and themselves; they went every one straight forward.

11 Then a spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the LORD'S house, which looketh eastward; and behold at the door of the gate five and twenty men; and I saw in the midst of them Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people. ²And He said unto me: 'Son of man, these are the men that devise iniquity, and that give wicked counsel in this city; ³that say: The time is not near to build houses! this city is the caldron, and we are the flesh. ⁴Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man.' ⁵And the spirit of the LORD fell

upon me, and He said unto me: 'Speak: Thus saith the LORD: Thus have ye said, O house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind. ⁶Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain. ⁷Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and this city is the caldron; but ye shall be brought forth out of the midst of it. ⁸Ye have feared the sword; and the sword will I bring upon you, saith the Lord God. ⁹And I will bring you forth out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you. ¹⁰Ye shall fall by the sword: I will judge you upon the border of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. ¹¹Though this city shall not be your caldron, ye shall be the flesh in the midst thereof; I will judge you upon the border of Israel; ¹²and ye shall know that I am the LORD; for ye have not walked in My statutes, neither have ye executed Mine ordinances, but have done after the ordinances of the nations that are round about you.' ¹³And 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! wilt Thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?'

¹⁴And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ¹⁵'Son of man, as for

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thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel, all of them, concerning whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said: Get you far from the LORD! unto us is this land given for a possession; ¹⁶therefore say: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Although I have removed them far off among the nations, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet have I been to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they are come; ¹⁷therefore say: Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will even gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. ¹⁸And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. ¹⁹And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh; ²⁰that they may walk in My statutes, and keep Mine ordinances, and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God. ²¹But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD.²

²²Then did the cherubim lift up their wings, and the wheels were beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. ²³And 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. ²⁴And a spirit lifted me up, and brought me in the vision by the spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from Me. ²⁵Then I spoke unto them of the captivity all the things that the LORD had shown me.

12 The word of the LORD also came unto me, saying: ²Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of the rebellious house, that have eyes to see, and see not, that have ears to hear, and hear not; for they are a rebellious house. ³Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee stuff for exile, and remove as though for exile by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight; it may be they will perceive, for they are a rebellious house. ⁴And thou shalt bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for exile; and thou shalt go forth thyself at even in their sight, as when men go forth into exile. ⁵Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby. ⁶In their sight shalt thou bear it upon thy shoulder, and carry it forth in the darkness; thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the ground; for I have set thee for a sign unto the house of Israel.' ⁷And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for exile, and in the even I digged through the wall with my hand; I carried out in the darkness,

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and bore it upon my shoulder in their sight.

⁸And in the morning came the word of the LORD unto me, saying: ⁹'Son of man, hath not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said unto thee: What doest thou? ¹⁰Say thou unto them: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Concerning the prince, even this burden, in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel among whom they are, ¹¹say: I am your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them—they shall go into exile, into captivity. ¹²And the prince that is among them shall bear upon his shoulder, and go forth in the darkness; they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby; he shall cover his face, that he see not the ground with his eyes. ¹³My 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 shall he not see it, though he shall die there. ¹⁴And I will disperse toward every wind all that are round about him to help him, and all his troops; and I will draw out the sword after them. ¹⁵And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries. ¹⁶But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the nations whither they come; and they shall know that I am the LORD.'

¹⁷Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying: ¹⁸'Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with anxiety; ¹⁹and say unto the people of the land: Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem in the land of Israel. They shall eat their bread with anxiety, and drink their water with appalment, that her land may be desolate from all that is therein, because of the violence of all them that dwell therein. ²⁰And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.'

²¹And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²²'Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying: The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth? ²³Tell them therefore: Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them: The days are at hand, and the word of every vision. ²⁴For there shall be no more any vain vision nor smooth divination within the house of Israel. ²⁵For I am the LORD; I will speak, what word soever it be that I shall speak, and it shall be performed; it shall be no more delayed; for in your days, O rebellious house, will I speak the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord GOD.'

²⁶Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying: ²⁷'Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say: The

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vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of times that are far off. ²⁸Therefore say unto them: Thus saith the Lord GOD: There shall none of My words be delayed any more, but the word which I shall speak shall be performed, saith the Lord GOD.⁷

13 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own heart: Hear ye the word of the LORD: ³Thus saith the Lord GOD: Woe unto the vile prophets, that follow their own spirit, and things which they have not seen! ⁴O Israel, thy prophets have been like foxes in ruins. ⁵Ye have not gone up into the breaches, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel, to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD. ⁶They have seen vanity and lying divination, that say: The LORD saith; and the LORD hath not sent them, yet they hope that the word would be confirmed! ⁷Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say: The LORD saith; albeit I have not spoken?

⁸Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord GOD. ⁹And My hand shall be against the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies; they shall not be in the council of My people, neither shall they be written in

the register of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD. ¹⁰Because, even because they have led My people astray, saying: Peace, and there is no peace; and when it buildeth up a slight wall, behold, they daub it with whited plaster; ¹¹say unto them that daub it with whited plaster, that it shall fall; there shall be an overflowing shower, and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall, and a stormy wind shall break forth, ¹²and, lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you: Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it? ¹³Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: I will even cause a stormy wind to break forth in My fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in Mine anger, and great hailstones in fury to consume it. ¹⁴So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with whited plaster, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be uncovered; and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. ¹⁵Thus will I spend My fury upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with whited plaster; and I will say unto you: The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it; ¹⁶to wit, the prophets of Israel that prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and that see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord GOD.

¹⁷And thou, son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people,

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that prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them, ¹⁸and say: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Woe to the women that sew cushions upon all elbows, and make pads for the head of persons of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of My people, and save souls alive for yourselves? ¹⁹And ye have profaned Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for crumbs 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 that hearken unto lies. ²⁰Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against your cushions, wherewith ye hunt the souls as birds, and I will tear them from your arms; and I will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt as birds. ²¹Your pads also will I tear, and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. ²²Because with lies ye have cowed the heart of the righteous, when I have not grieved him; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, that he be saved alive; ²³therefore ye shall no more see vanity, nor divine divinations; and I will deliver My people out of your hand; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.⁷

14 Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me. ²And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ³Son of man, these men have set up their idols

in their mind, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face; should I be inquired of at all by them? ⁴Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his mind, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet—I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols; ⁵that I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all turned away from Me through their idols.

⁶Therefore say unto the house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Return ye, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. ⁷For every one of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that separateth himself from Me, and taketh his idols into his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet, that he inquire for him of Me—I the LORD will answer him by Myself, ⁸and 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 ye shall know that I am the LORD. ⁹And when the prophet is enticed and speaketh a word, I the LORD have enticed that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of My people Israel. ¹⁰And they shall bear

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their iniquity; the iniquity of the prophet shall be even as the iniquity of him that inquireth; ¹¹that the house of Israel may go no more astray from Me, neither defile themselves any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be My people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord God.'

¹²And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying: ¹³'Son of man, when a land sinneth against Me by trespassing grievously, and I stretch out My hand upon it, and break the staff of the bread thereof, and send famine upon it, and cut off from it man and beast; ¹⁴though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord God. ¹⁵If I cause evil beasts to pass through the land, and they bereave it, and it be desolate, so that no man may pass through because of the beasts; ¹⁶though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate. ¹⁷Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say: Let the sword go through the land, so that I cut off from it man and beast; ¹⁸though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves. ¹⁹Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out My fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast; ²⁰though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were

in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness. ²¹For thus saith the Lord God: How much more when I send My four sore judgments against Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the evil beasts, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast. ²²And, behold, though there be left a remnant therein that shall be brought forth, both sons and daughters; behold, when they come forth unto you, and ye see their way and their doings, then ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it; ²³and they shall comfort you, when ye see their way and their doings, and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord God.'

15 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying: ²'Son of man, what is the vine-tree more than any tree, the vine branch which grew up among the trees of the forest? ³Shall wood be taken thereof to make any work? or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon? ⁴Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire hath devoured both the ends of it, and the midst of it is singed; is it profitable for any work? ⁵Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work; how much less, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is singed, shall it yet be meet for any work? ⁶Therefore thus saith the Lord God: As the vine-tree among the

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trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so do I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ⁷And I will set My face against them; out of the fire are they come forth, and the fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I set My face against them. ⁸And I will make the land desolate, because they have acted treacherously, saith the Lord God.'

16 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²'Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations, ³and say: Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem: Thine origin and thy nativity is of the land of the Canaanite; the Amorite was thy father, and thy mother was a Hittite. ⁴And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water for cleansing; thou was not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. ⁵No eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field in the loathsomeness of thy person, in the day that thou wast born.

⁶And when I passed by thee, and saw thee wallowing in thy blood, I said unto thee: In thy blood, live; yea, I said unto thee: In thy blood, live; ⁷I cause thee to increase, even as the growth of the field. And thou didst increase and grow up, and thou camest to excellent beauty: thy breasts were fashioned, and thy hair was grown; yet thou wast naked and bare. ⁸Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon

thee, and, behold, thy time was the time of love, I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness; yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest Mine. ⁹Then washed I thee with water; yea, I cleansed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil. ¹⁰I clothed thee also with richly woven work, and shod thee with sealskin, and I wound fine linen about thy head, and covered thee with silk. ¹¹I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck. ¹²And I put a ring upon thy nose, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thy head. ¹³Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and richly woven work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil; and thou didst wax exceeding beautiful, and thou wast meet for royal estate. ¹⁴And thy renown went forth among the nations for thy beauty; for it was perfect, through My splendour which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD.

¹⁵But thou didst trust in thy beauty and play the harlot because of thy renown, and didst pour out thy harlotries on every one that passed by; his it was. ¹⁶And thou didst take of thy garments, and didst make for thee high places decked with divers colours, and didst play the harlot upon them; the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so. ¹⁷Thou didst also take thy fair jewels of My gold and of My silver,

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which I had given thee, and madest for thee images of men, and didst play the harlot with them; ¹⁸and thou didst take thy richly woven garments and cover them, and didst set Mine oil and Mine incense before them. ¹⁹My bread also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, wherewith I fed thee, thou didst even set it before them for a sweet savour, and thus it was; saith the Lord GOD. ²⁰Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto Me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Were thy harlotries a small matter, ²¹that thou hast slain My children, and delivered them up, in setting them apart unto them? ²²And in all thine abominations and thy harlotries thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast wallowing in thy blood. ²³And it came to pass after all thy wickedness—woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord GOD—²⁴that thou hast built unto thee an eminent place, and hast made thee a lofty place in every street. ²⁵Thou hast built thy lofty place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty an abomination, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy harlotries. ²⁶Thou hast also played the harlot with the Egyptians, thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast multiplied thy harlotry, to provoke Me. ²⁷Behold, therefore I have stretched out My hand over thee, and have diminished thine allowance, and

delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines, that are ashamed of thy lewd way. ²⁸Thou hast played the harlot also with the Assyrians, without having enough; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet thou wast not satisfied. ²⁹Thou hast moreover multiplied thy harlotry with the land of traffic, even with Chaldea; and yet thou didst not have enough herewith. ³⁰How weak is thy heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of a wanton harlot; ³¹in that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thy lofty place in every street; and hast not been as a harlot that enhanceth her hire. ³²Thou wife that committest adultery, that takest strangers instead of thy husband—³³to all harlots gifts are given; but thou hast given thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hast bribed them to come unto thee from every side in thy harlotries. ³⁴And the contrary is in thee from other women, in that thou didst solicit to harlotry, and wast not solicited; and in that thou givest hire, and no hire is given unto thee, thus thou art contrary.

³⁵Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD! ³⁶Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness uncovered through thy harlotries with thy lovers; and because of all the idols of thy abominations, and for the blood of thy children, that thou didst give unto them; ³⁷therefore behold, I will

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gather all thy lovers, unto whom thou hast been pleasant, and all them that thou hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated; I will even gather them against thee from every side, and will uncover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness. ³⁸And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will bring upon thee the blood of fury and jealousy. ³⁹I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine eminent place, and break down thy lofty places; and they shall strip thee of thy clothes, and take thy fair jewels; and they shall leave thee naked and bare. ⁴⁰They shall also bring up an assembly against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords. ⁴¹And they shall burn thy houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women; and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou shalt also give no hire any more. ⁴²So will I satisfy My fury upon thee, and My jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry. ⁴³Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast fretted Me in all these things; lo, therefore I also will bring thy way upon thy head, saith the Lord GOD; or hast thou not committed this lewdness above all thine abominations?

⁴⁴Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying: As the mother, so her

daughter. ⁴⁵Thou art thy mother's daughter, that loatheth her husband and her children; and thou art the sister of thy sisters, who loathed their husbands and their children; your mother was a Hittite, and your father an Amorite. ⁴⁶And thine elder sister is Samaria, that dwelleth at thy left hand, she and her daughters; and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sodom and her daughters. ⁴⁷Yet hast thou not walked in their ways, nor done after their abominations; but in a very little while thou didst deal more corruptly than they in all thy ways. ⁴⁸As I live, saith the Lord GOD, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters. ⁴⁹Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom: pride, fulness of bread, and careless ease was in her and in her daughters; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. ⁵⁰And they were haughty, and committed abomination before Me; therefore I removed them when I saw it. ⁵¹Neither hath Samaria committed even half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters by all thine abominations which thou hast done. ⁵²Thou also, bear thine own shame, in that thou hast given judgment for thy sisters; through thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they, they are more righteous than thou; yea, be thou also confounded, and bear thy

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shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.

⁵³And I will turn their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them; ⁵⁴that thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be ashamed because of all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them. ⁵⁵And thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate, and thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate. ⁵⁶For thy sister Sodom was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy pride; ⁵⁷before thy wickedness was uncovered, as at the time of the taunt of the daughters of Aram, and of all that are round about her, the daughters of the Philistines, that have thee in disdain round about. ⁵⁸Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith the LORD.

⁵⁹For thus saith the Lord God: I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, who hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant. ⁶⁰Nevertheless I will remember My covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant. ⁶¹Then shalt thou remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder sisters and thy younger; and I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not because of thy covenant. ⁶²And I will

establish My covenant with thee, and thou shalt know that I am the LORD; ⁶³that thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more, because of thy shame; when I have forgiven thee all that thou hast done, saith the Lord God.'

17 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel, ³and say: Thus saith the Lord God:

A great eagle with great wings

And long pinions,

Full of feathers, which had divers colours,

Came unto Lebanon,

And took the top of the cedar;

⁴He cropped off the topmost of the young twigs thereof,

And carried it into a land of traffic;

He set it in a city of merchants.

⁵He took also of the seed of the land,

And planted it in a fruitful soil;

He placed it beside many waters,

He set it as a slip.

⁶And it grew, and became a spreading vine

Of low stature,

Whose tendrils might turn toward him,

And the roots thereof be under him;

So it became a vine, and brought forth branches,

And shot forth sprigs.

⁷There was also another great eagle with great wings

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And many feathers;
And, behold, this vine did bend
Its roots toward him,
And shot forth its branches toward
him, from the beds of its
plantation,
That he might water it.

⁸It was planted in a good soil
By many waters,
That it might bring forth branches,
and that it might bear fruit,
That it might be a stately vine.

⁹Say thou: Thus saith the Lord God:
Shall it prosper?

Shall he not pull up the roots
thereof,
And cut off the fruit thereof, that it
wither,

Yea, wither in all its sprouting
leaves?

Neither shall great power or much
people be at hand

When it is plucked up by the roots
thereof.

¹⁰Yea, behold, being planted, shall it
prosper?

Shall it not utterly wither, when the
east wind toucheth it?

In the beds where it grew it shall
wither. ⁷

¹¹Moreover the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying: ¹²Say now to
the rebellious house: Know ye not
what these things mean? tell them:
Behold, the king of Babylon came to
Jerusalem, and took the king thereof,
and the princes thereof, and brought
them to him to Babylon; ¹³and he took
of the seed royal, and made a covenant

with him, and brought him under an
oath, and the mighty of the land he
took away; ¹⁴that his might be a lowly
kingdom, that it might not lift itself up,
but that by keeping his covenant it
might stand. ¹⁵But he rebelled against
him in sending his ambassadors into
Egypt, that they might give him horses
and much people. Shall he prosper?
shall he escape that doeth such things?
shall he break the covenant, and yet
escape? ¹⁶As I live, saith the Lord God,
surely in the place where the king
dwelleth that made him king, whose
oath he despised, and whose covenant
he broke, even with him in the midst
of Babylon he shall die. ¹⁷Neither shall
Pharaoh with his mighty army and
great company succour him in the war,
when they cast up mounds and build
forts, to cut off many souls; ¹⁸seeing he
hath despised the oath by breaking the
covenant, when, lo, he had given his
hand, and hath done all these things,
he shall not escape. ¹⁹Therefore thus
saith the Lord God: As I live, surely
Mine oath that he hath despised, and
My covenant that he hath broken, I
will even bring it upon his own head.
²⁰And 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 treachery
that he hath committed against Me.
²¹And all his mighty men in all his
bands shall fall by the sword, and they
that remain shall be scattered toward
every wind; and ye shall know that I
the LORD have spoken it. ²²Thus saith

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the Lord God: Moreover I will take, even I, of the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I will plant it upon a high mountain and eminent; ²³in 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 fowl of every wing, in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell. ²⁴And 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 to flourish; I the LORD have spoken and have done it.'

18 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²What mean ye, that ye use this proverb in the land of Israel, saying:

The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
And the children's teeth are set on
edge?

³As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are Mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is Mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

⁵But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, ⁶and hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a woman in her impurity;

⁷and hath not wronged any, but hath restored his pledge for a debt, hath taken nought by robbery, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; ⁸he that hath not given forth upon interest, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true justice between man and man, ⁹hath walked in My statutes, and hath kept Mine ordinances, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God.

¹⁰If he beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and that doeth to a brother any of these things, ¹¹whereas he himself had not done any of these things, for he hath even eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's wife, ¹²hath wronged the poor and needy, hath taken by robbery, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination, ¹³hath given forth upon interest, and hath taken increase; shall he then live? he shall not live—he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely be put to death, his blood shall be upon him.

¹⁴Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins, which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like, ¹⁵that hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbour's wife, ¹⁶neither hath wronged any, hath not taken aught to pledge, neither hath taken by robbery, but hath given his

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bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment, ¹⁷that hath withdrawn his hand from the poor, that hath not received interest nor increase, hath executed Mine ordinances, hath walked in My statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live. ¹⁸As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, committed robbery on his brother, and did that which is not good among his people, behold, he dieth for his iniquity. ¹⁹Yet say ye: Why doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father with him? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all My statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. ²⁰The soul that sinneth, it shall die; the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father with him, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son with him; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

²¹But if the wicked turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all My statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. ²²None of his transgressions that he hath committed shall be remembered against him; for his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. ²³Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD; and not rather that he should return from his ways, and live?

²⁴But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and

committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he hath done shall be remembered; for his trespass that he trespassed, and for his sin that he hath sinned, for them shall he die. ²⁵Yet ye say: The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is it My way that is not equal? is it not your ways that are unequal? ²⁶When the righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall die therefor; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. ²⁸Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. ²⁹Yet saith the house of Israel: The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, is it My ways that are not equal? is it not your ways that are unequal? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Return ye, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so shall they not be a stumblingblock of iniquity unto you. ³¹Cast away from you all your transgressions, wherein ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no

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pleasure in the death of him that dieth,
saith the Lord God; wherefore turn
yourselves, and live.

19 Moreover, take thou up a
lamentation for the princes of
Israel, ²and say:

How was thy mother a lioness;
Among lions she couched,
In the midst of the young lions
She reared her whelps!

³And she brought up one of her
whelps,

He became a young lion;
And he learned to catch the prey,
He devoured men.

⁴Then the nations assembled against
him,

He was taken in their pit;
And they brought him with hooks
Unto the land of Egypt.

⁵Now when she saw that she was
disappointed,

And her hope was lost,
Then she took another of her
whelps,

And made him a young lion.

⁶And he went up and down among
the lions,

He became a young lion;
And he learned to catch the prey,
He devoured men.

⁷And he knew their castles,
And laid waste their cities;
And the land was desolate,
And the fulness thereof,
Because of the noise of his roaring.

⁸Then the nations cried out against
him

On every side from the provinces;
And they spread their net over him,
He was taken in their pit.

⁹And they put him in a cage with
hooks,
And brought him to the king of
Babylon;

That they might bring him into
strongholds,
So that his voice should no more be
heard
Upon the mountains of Israel.

¹⁰Thy mother was like a vine, in thy
likeness,

Planted by the waters;
She was fruitful and full of branches
By reason of many waters.

¹¹And she had strong rods
To be sceptres for them that bore
rule;

And her stature was exalted
Among the thick branches,
And she was seen in her height
With the multitude of her tendrils.

¹²But 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 off and
withered,

The fire consumed her.

¹³And now she is planted in the
wilderness,

In a dry and thirsty ground.

¹⁴And fire is gone out of the rod of
her branches,
It hath devoured her fruit,

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So that there is in her no strong rod
To be a sceptre to rule.⁷

This is a lamentation, and it was for a lamentation.

20 And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me.² And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ³Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Are ye come to inquire of Me? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you. ⁴Wilt thou judge them, son of man, wilt thou judge them? cause them to know the abominations of their fathers; ⁵and say unto them: Thus saith the Lord GOD: In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up My hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made Myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up My hand unto them, saying: I am the LORD your God; ⁶in that day I lifted up My hand unto them, to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had sought out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the beauty of all lands; ⁷and I said unto them: Cast ye away every man the detestable things of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the LORD your God. ⁸But they rebelled against Me, and would not hearken unto Me; they did not every man cast away the detestable things of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt;

then I said I would pour out My fury upon them, to spend My anger upon them in the midst of the land of Egypt. ⁹But I wrought for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, among whom they were, in whose sight I made Myself known unto them, so as to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰So I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. ¹¹And I gave them My statutes, and taught them Mine ordinances, which if a man do, he shall live by them. ¹²Moreover also I gave them My sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them. ¹³But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness; they walked not in My statutes, and they rejected Mine ordinances, which if a man do, he shall live by them, and My sabbaths they greatly profaned; then I said I would pour out My fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. ¹⁴But I wrought for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out. ¹⁵Yet also I lifted up My hand unto 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 beauty of all lands; ¹⁶because they rejected Mine ordinances, and walked not in My statutes, and profaned My sabbaths—for their heart went after their idols.

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¹⁷Nevertheless Mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make a full end of them in the wilderness. ¹⁸And I said unto their children in the wilderness: Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their ordinances, nor defile yourselves with their idols; ¹⁹I am the LORD your God; walk in My statutes, and keep Mine ordinances, and do them; ²⁰and hallow My sabbaths, and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God. ²¹But the children rebelled against Me; they walked not in My statutes, neither kept Mine ordinances to do them, which if a man do, he shall live by them; they profaned My sabbaths; then I said I would pour out My fury upon them, to spend My anger upon them in the wilderness. ²²Nevertheless I withdrew My hand, and wrought for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them forth. ²³I lifted up My hand unto them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; ²⁴because they had not executed Mine ordinances, but had rejected My statutes, and had profaned My sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols. ²⁵Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and ordinances whereby they should not live; ²⁶and I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they set apart all that

openeth the womb, that I might destroy them, to the end that they might know that I am the LORD. ²⁷Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them: Thus saith the Lord God: In this moreover have your fathers blasphemed Me, in that they dealt treacherously with Me. ²⁸For when I had brought them into the land, which I lifted up My hand to give unto them, then they saw every high hill, and every thick tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering, there also they made their sweet savour, and there they poured out their drink-offerings. ²⁹Then I said unto them: What meaneth the high place whereunto ye go? So the name thereof is called Bamah unto this day.

³⁰Wherefore say unto the house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord God: When ye pollute yourselves after the manner of your fathers, and go after their abominations, ³¹and when, in offering your gifts, in making your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, unto this day; shall I then be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord God, I will not be inquired of by you; ³²and that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all; in that ye say: We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone. ³³As I live, saith the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured

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out, will I be king over you; ³⁴and I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out; ³⁵and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there will I plead with you face to face. ³⁶Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord God. ³⁷And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; ³⁸and I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against Me; I will bring them forth out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. ³⁹As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord God: Go ye, serve every one his idols, even because ye will not hearken unto Me; but My holy name shall ye no more profane with your gifts, and with your idols. ⁴⁰For in My holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord God, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them, serve Me in the land; there will I accept them, and there will I require your heave-offerings, and the first of your gifts, with all your holy things. ⁴¹With your sweet savour will I accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in

you in the sight of the nations. ⁴²And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country which I lifted up My hand to give unto your fathers. ⁴³And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have polluted yourselves; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed. ⁴⁴And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have wrought with you for My name's sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord God.'

21 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²Son of man, set thy face toward the South, and preach toward the South, and prophesy against the forest of the field in the South; ³and say to the forest of the South: Hear the word of the LORD: Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree, it shall not be quenched, even a flaming flame; and all faces from the south to the north shall be seared thereby. ⁴all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it; it shall not be quenched.' ⁵Then said I: 'Ah Lord God! they say of me: Is he not a maker of parables?'

⁶Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ⁷Son of man, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and preach toward the sanctuaries, and prophesy against the land of Israel; ⁸say to the

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land of Israel: Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I am against thee, and will draw forth My sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked. ⁹Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall My sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north; ¹⁰and all flesh shall know that I the LORD have drawn forth My sword out of its sheath; it shall not return any more. ¹¹Sigh therefore, thou son of man; with the breaking of thy loins and with bitterness shalt thou sigh before their eyes. ¹²And it shall be, when they say unto thee: Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt say: Because of the tidings, for it cometh; and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be slack, and every spirit shall be faint, and all knees shall drip with water; behold, it cometh, and it shall be done, saith the Lord God. ⁷

¹³And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ¹⁴Son of man, prophesy, and say: Thus saith the LORD: Say:

A sword, a sword, it is sharpened,
And also furbished:

¹⁵It is sharpened that it may make a
sore slaughter,

It is furbished that it may glitter—
Or shall we make mirth?—
Against the rod of My son,
contemning every tree.

¹⁶And it is given to be furbished,
That it may be handled;
The sword, it is sharpened,

Yea, it is furbished,
To give it into the hand of the
slayer.

¹⁷Cry and wail, son of man; for it is upon My people, it is upon all the princes of Israel; they are thrust down to the sword with My people; smite therefore upon thy thigh. ¹⁸For there is a trial; and what if it contemn even the rod? It shall be no more, saith the Lord God. ¹⁹Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite thy hands together; and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of those to be slain; it is the sword of the great one that is to be slain, which compasseth them about. ²⁰I have set the point of the sword against all their gates, that their heart may melt, and their stumblings be multiplied; ah! it is made glittering, it is sharpened for slaughter. ²¹Go thee one way to the right, or direct thyself to the left; whither is thy face set? ²²I will also smite My hands together, and I will satisfy My fury; I the LORD have spoken it. ⁷

²³And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²⁴Now, thou son of man, make thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come; they twain shall come forth out of one land; and mark a signpost, mark it clear at the head of the way to the city. ²⁵Thou shalt make a way, that the sword may come to Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and to Judah in Jerusalem the fortified. ²⁶For the king of Babylon standeth at the parting of

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the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination; he shaketh the arrows to and fro, he inquireth of the teraphim, he looketh in the liver. ²⁷In his right hand is the lot 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, to build forts. ²⁸And it shall be unto them as a false divination in their sight, who have weeks upon weeks! but it bringeth iniquity to remembrance, that they may be taken.

²⁹Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that your sins do appear in all your doings; because that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand. ³⁰And thou, O wicked one, that art to be slain, the prince of Israel, whose day is come, in the time of the iniquity of the end; ³¹thus saith the Lord GOD: The mitre shall be removed, and the crown taken off; this shall be no more the same: that which is low shall be exalted, and that which is high abased. ³²A ruin, a ruin, a ruin, will I make it; this also shall be no more, until he come whose right it is, and I will give it him.

³³And thou, son of man, prophesy, and say: Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning the children of Ammon, and concerning their taunt; and say thou:

O sword, O sword keen-edged,

Furbished for the slaughter,
To the uttermost, because of the
glitterings;

³⁴While they see falsehood unto
thee,

While they divine lies unto thee,
To lay thee upon the necks of the
wicked that are to be slain,
Whose day is come, in the time of
the iniquity of the end!—

³⁵Cause it to return into its sheath!—
In the place where thou wast
created, in the land of thine
origin,

Will I judge thee.

³⁶And I will pour out My
indignation upon thee,
I will blow upon thee with the fire
of My wrath;

And I will deliver thee into the hand
of brutish men,
Skilful to destroy.

³⁷Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire;
Thy blood shall be in the midst of
the land,

Thou shalt be no more remembered;
For I the LORD have spoken it.'

22 Moreover the word of the
LORD came unto me, saying:

²Now, thou, son of man, wilt thou
judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city?
then cause her to know all her
abominations. ³And thou shalt say:
Thus saith the Lord GOD: O city that
sheddest blood in the midst of thee,
that thy time may come, and that
makest idols unto thyself to defile
thee; ⁴thou art become guilty in thy

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blood that thou hast shed, and art defiled in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come even unto thy years; therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the nations, and a mocking to all the countries! ⁵Those that are near, and those that are far from thee, shall mock thee, thou defiled of name and full of tumult.

⁶Behold, the princes of Israel, every one according to his might, have been in thee to shed blood. ⁷In thee have they made light of father and mother; in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger; in thee have they wronged the fatherless and the widow. ⁸Thou hast despised My holy things, and hast profaned My sabbaths. ⁹In thee have been talebearers to shed blood; and in thee they have eaten upon the mountains; in the midst of thee they have committed lewdness. ¹⁰In thee have they uncovered their fathers' nakedness; in thee have they humbled her that was unclean in her impurity. ¹¹And each hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and each hath lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and each in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter. ¹²In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken interest and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by oppression, and hast forgotten Me, saith the Lord God.

¹³Behold, therefore, I have smitten My hand at thy dishonest gain which

thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee.

¹⁴Can thy heart endure, or can thy hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have spoken it, and will do it. ¹⁵And I will scatter thee among the nations, and disperse thee through the countries; and I will consume thy filthiness out of thee.

¹⁶And thou shalt be profaned in thyself, in the sight of the nations; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.'

¹⁷And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ¹⁸Son of man, the house of Israel is become dross unto Me; all of them are brass and tin and iron and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are the dross of silver. ¹⁹Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Because ye are all become dross, therefore, behold, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. ²⁰As they gather silver and brass 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 Mine anger and in My fury, and I will cast you in, and melt you. ²¹Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you with the fire of My wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof. ²²As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out My fury upon you.'

²³And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²⁴Son of man, say unto her: Thou art a land that is not

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cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation. ²⁵There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls, they take treasure and precious things, they have made her widows many in the midst thereof. ²⁶Her priests have done violence to My law, and have profaned My holy things; they have put no difference between the holy and the common, neither have they taught difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from My sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. ²⁷Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey: to shed blood, and to destroy souls, so as to get dishonest gain. ²⁸And her prophets have daubed for them with whited plaster, seeing falsehood, and divining lies unto them, saying: Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken. ²⁹The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have wronged the poor and needy, and have oppressed the stranger unlawfully. ³⁰And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the breach before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none. ³¹Therefore have I poured out Mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; their own way have I brought upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.⁷

23 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother; ³and they committed harlotries in Egypt; they committed harlotries in their youth; there were their bosoms pressed, and there their virgin breasts were bruised. ⁴And the names of them were Oholah the elder, and Oholibah her sister; and they became Mine, and they bore sons and daughters. And as for their names, Samaria is ^aOholah, and Jerusalem ^bOholibah.

⁵And Oholah played the harlot when she was Mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians, warriors, ⁶clothed with blue, governors and rulers, handsome young men all of them, horsemen riding upon horses. ⁷And she bestowed her harlotries upon them, the choicest men of Assyria all of them; and on whomsoever she doted, with all their idols she defiled herself. ⁸Neither hath she left her harlotries brought from Egypt; for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised her virgin breasts; and they poured out their lust upon her. ⁹Wherefore I delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted. ¹⁰These uncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters, and her they slew with the sword; and she

^a That is, *Her tent*.

^b That is, *My tent is in her*.

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became a byword among women, for judgments were executed upon her.

¹¹And her sister Oholibah saw this, yet was she more corrupt in her doting than she, and in her harlotries more than her sister in her harlotries. ¹²She doted upon the Assyrians, governors and rulers, warriors, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them handsome young men. ¹³And I saw that she was defiled; they both took one way. ¹⁴And she increased her harlotries; for she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermilion, ¹⁵girded with girdles upon their loins, with pendant turbans upon their heads, all of them captains to look upon, the likeness of the sons of Babylon, even of Chaldea, the land of their nativity. ¹⁶And as soon as she saw them she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea. ¹⁷And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their lust; and she was polluted with them, and her soul was alienated from them. ¹⁸So she uncovered her harlotries, and uncovered her nakedness; then My soul was alienated from her, like as My soul was alienated from her sister. ¹⁹Yet she multiplied her harlotries, remembering the days of her youth, wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt. ²⁰And she doted upon concubinage with them, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses.

²¹Thus thou didst call to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, when they from Egypt bruised thy breasts for the bosom of thy youth.

²²Therefore, O Oholibah, thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy soul is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side: ²³the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod and Shoa and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them, handsome young men, governors and rulers all of them, captains and councillors, all of them riding upon horses. ²⁴And they shall come against thee with hosts, chariots, and wheels, and with an assembly of peoples; they shall set themselves in array against thee with buckler and shield and helmet round about; and I will commit the judgment unto them, and they shall judge thee according to their judgments. ²⁵And I will set My jealousy against thee, and they shall deal with thee in fury; they shall take away thy nose and thine ears, and thy residue shall fall by the sword; they shall take thy sons and thy daughters, and thy residue shall be devoured by the fire. ²⁶They shall also strip thee of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels. ²⁷Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy harlotry brought from the land of Egypt, so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more.

²⁸For thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will deliver thee into the

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hand of them whom thou hatest, into the hand of them from whom thy soul is alienated; ²⁹and they shall deal with thee in hatred, and shall take away all thy labour, and shall leave thee naked and bare; and the nakedness of thy harlotries shall be uncovered, both thy lewdness and thy harlotries. ³⁰These things shall be done unto thee, for that thou hast gone astray after the nations, and because thou art polluted with their idols. ³¹In the way of thy sister hast thou walked; therefore will I give her cup into thy hand. ³²Thus saith the Lord GOD:

Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup,
Which is deep and large;

Thou shalt be for a scorn and a
derision;

It is full to the uttermost.

³³Thou shalt be filled with
drunkenness and sorrow,

With the cup of astonishment and
appalment,

With the cup of thy sister Samaria.

³⁴Thou shalt even drink it and drain
it,

And thou shalt craunch the sherds
thereof,

And shalt tear thy breasts;

For I have spoken it,

Saith the Lord GOD.

³⁵Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
Because thou hast forgotten Me, and
cast Me behind thy back, therefore
bear thou also thy lewdness and thy
harlotries.'

³⁶The LORD said moreover unto me:
'Son of man, wilt thou judge Oholah

and Oholibah? then declare unto them their abominations. ³⁷For they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery; and their sons, whom they bore unto Me, they have also set apart unto them to be devoured. ³⁸Moreover this they have done unto Me: they have defiled My sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned My sabbaths. ³⁹For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into My sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of My house. ⁴⁰And furthermore ye have sent for men that come from far; unto whom a messenger was sent, and, lo, they came; for whom thou didst wash thyself, paint thine eyes, and deck thyself with ornaments; ⁴¹and satest upon a stately bed, with a table prepared before it, whereupon thou didst set Mine incense and Mine oil. ⁴²And the voice of a multitude being at ease was therein; and for the sake of men, they were so many, brought drunken from the wilderness, they put bracelets upon their hands, and beautiful crowns upon their heads. ⁴³Then said I of her that was worn out by adulteries: Still they commit harlotries with her, even her. ⁴⁴For every one went in unto her, as men go in unto a harlot; so went they in unto Oholah and unto Oholibah, the lewd women. ⁴⁵But righteous men, they shall judge them as adulteresses are judged, and as women that shed blood

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are judged; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands.

⁴⁶For thus saith the Lord God: An assembly shall be brought up against them, and they shall be made a horror and a spoil. ⁴⁷And the assembly shall stone them with stones, and despatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire. ⁴⁸Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness. ⁴⁹And your lewdness shall be recompensed upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols; and ye shall know that I am the Lord God.⁷

24 And the word of the LORD came unto me in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, saying: ²Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this selfsame day; this selfsame day the king of Babylon hath invested Jerusalem. ³And utter a parable concerning the rebellious house, and say unto them: Thus saith the Lord God:

Set on the pot, set it on,

And also pour water into it;

⁴Gather into it the pieces belonging to it,

Even every good piece, the thigh,
and the shoulder;

Fill it with the choice bones.

⁵Take the choice of the flock,
And pile also the bones under it;
Make it boil well,

That the bones thereof may also be seethed in the midst of it.

⁶Wherefore thus saith the Lord God: Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose filth is therein, and whose filth is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; no lot is fallen upon it. ⁷For 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; ⁸that it might cause fury to come up, that vengeance might be taken, I have set her blood upon the bare rock, that it should not be covered. ⁹Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Woe to the bloody city! I also will make the pile great, ¹⁰heaping on the wood, kindling the fire, that the flesh may be consumed; and preparing the mixture, that the bones also may be burned; ¹¹then will I set it empty upon the coals thereof, that it may be hot, and the bottom thereof may burn, and that the impurity of it may be molten in it, that the filth of it may be consumed.¹²It hath wearied itself with toil; yet its great filth goeth not forth out of it, yea, its noisome filth. ¹³Because of thy filthy lewdness, because I have purged thee and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have satisfied My fury upon thee. ¹⁴I the LORD have spoken it; it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord God.⁷

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¹⁵Also the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ¹⁶'Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke; yet neither shalt thou make lamentation nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down. ¹⁷Sigh in silence; make no mourning for the dead, bind thy headtire upon thee, and put thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thine upper lip, and eat not the bread of men.' ¹⁸So I spoke unto the people in the morning, and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded. ¹⁹And the people said unto me: 'Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so?' ²⁰Then I said unto them: 'The word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²¹Speak unto the house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I will profane My sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes, and the longing of your soul; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left behind shall fall by the sword. ²²And ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover your upper lips, nor eat the bread of men; ²³and your tires shall be upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet; ye shall not make lamentation nor weep; but ye shall pine away in your iniquities, and moan one toward another. ²⁴Thus shall Ezekiel be unto you a sign; according to all that he hath done shall ye do; when this cometh, then shall ye know that I am the Lord God.'

²⁵And thou, son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their stronghold, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and the yearning of their soul, their sons and their daughters, ²⁶that in that day he that escapeth shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears? ²⁷In that day shall thy mouth be opened together with him that is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb; so shalt thou be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.'

25 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²'Son of man, set thy face toward the children of Ammon, and prophesy against them; ³and say unto the children of Ammon: Hear the word of the Lord GOD: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because thou saidst: Aha! against My sanctuary, when it was profaned, and against the land of Israel, when it was made desolate, and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity; ⁴therefore, behold, I will deliver thee to the children of the east for a possession, and they shall set their encampments in thee, and make their dwellings in thee; they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk. ⁵And I will make Rabbah a pasture for camels, and the children of Ammon a couching-place for flocks; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. ⁶For thus saith the Lord GOD: Because thou hast clapped thy hands, and stamped with

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the feet, and rejoiced with all the disdain of thy soul against the land of Israel; ⁷therefore, behold, I stretch out My hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the nations; and I will cut thee off from the peoples, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries; I will destroy thee, and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

⁸Thus saith the Lord God: Because that Moab and Seir do say: Behold, the house of Judah is like unto all the nations, ⁹therefore, behold, I will open the flank of Moab on the side of the cities, on the side of his cities which are on his frontiers, the beauteous country of Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim, ¹⁰together with the children of Ammon, unto the children of the east, and I will give them for a possession, that the children of Ammon may not be remembered among the nations; ¹¹and I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

¹²Thus saith the Lord God: Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them; ¹³therefore thus saith the Lord God: I will stretch out My hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman, even unto Dedan shall they fall by the sword. ¹⁴And I will lay My vengeance upon Edom by the hand of My people Israel; and they shall do in Edom according to Mine anger and according to My fury;

and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord God.

¹⁵Thus saith the Lord God: Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with disdain of soul to destroy, for the old hatred; ¹⁶therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will stretch out My hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites, and destroy the remnant of the sea-coast. ¹⁷And 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. ⁷

26 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²Son of man, because that Tyre hath said against Jerusalem:

Aha, she is broken that was the gate of the peoples;

She is turned unto me;

I shall be filled with her that is laid waste;

³Therefore thus saith the Lord God:

Behold, I am against thee, O Tyre,

And will cause many nations to come up against thee,

As the sea causeth its waves to come up.

⁴And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre,

And break down her towers;

I will also scrape her dust from her,

And make her a bare rock.

⁵She shall be a place for the spreading of nets

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In the midst of the sea;
For I have spoken it, saith the Lord
God;

And she shall become a spoil to the
nations.

⁶And her daughters that are in the
field

Shall be slain with the sword;
And they shall know that I am the
Lord.

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

⁸He shall slay with the sword
Thy daughters in the field;
And he shall make forts against
thee,

And cast up a mound against thee,
And set up bucklers against thee.

⁹And he shall set his battering
engines

Against thy walls,
And with his axes

He shall break down thy towers.

¹⁰By reason of the abundance of his
horses

Their dust shall cover thee;
At the noise of the horsemen,
And of the wheels, and of the
chariots,

Thy walls shall shake,
When he shall enter into thy gates,
As men enter into a city
Wherein is made a breach.

¹¹With the hoofs of his horses
Shall he tread down all thy streets;

He shall slay thy people with the
sword,

And the pillars of thy strength
Shall go down to the ground.

¹²And they shall make a spoil of thy
riches,

And make a prey of thy
merchandise;

And they shall break down thy
walls,

And destroy the houses of thy
delight;

And thy stones and thy timber and
thy dust

Shall they lay in the midst of the
waters.

¹³And I will cause the noise of thy
songs to cease,

And the sound of thy harps shall be
no more heard.

¹⁴And I will make thee a bare rock;

Thou shalt be a place for the
spreading of nets,

Thou shalt be built no more;
For I the Lord have spoken,

Saith the Lord God.

¹⁵Thus saith the Lord God to Tyre:
Shall not the isles shake at the sound
of thy fall, when the wounded groan,
when the slaughter is made in the
midst of thee?

¹⁶Then all the princes of the sea
shall come down from their thrones,
and lay away their robes, and strip off
their richly woven garments; they shall
clothe themselves with trembling; they
shall sit upon the ground, and shall
tremble every moment, and be
appalled at thee.

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¹⁷And they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and say to thee:

How art thou destroyed, that wast
peopled from the seas,
The renowned city,
That wast strong in the sea,
Thou and thy inhabitants,
That caused your terror to be
On all that inhabit the earth!

¹⁸Now shall the isles tremble
In the day of thy fall;

Yea, the isles that are in the sea

Shall be affrighted at thy going out.

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

²⁰then will I bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, to the people of old time, and will make thee to dwell in the nether parts of the earth, like the places that are desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I will set glory in the land of the living; ²¹I will make thee a terror, and thou shalt be no more; though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord God.'

27 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying:

²And thou, son of man, take up a lamentation for Tyre, ³and say unto Tyre, that dwelleth at the entry of the sea, that is the merchant of the peoples unto many isles: Thus saith the Lord God:

Thou, O Tyre, hast said:

I am of perfect beauty.

⁴Thy borders are in the heart of the seas,

Thy builders have perfected thy beauty.

⁵Of cypress-trees from Senir have they fashioned

All thy planks;

They have taken cedars from Lebanon

To make masts for thee.

⁶Of the oaks of Bashan

Have they made thine oars;

Thy deck have they made of ivory inlaid in larch,

From the isles of the Kittites.

⁷Of fine linen with richly woven work from Egypt

Was thy sail,

That it might be to thee for an ensign;

Blue and purple from the isles of Elishah

Was thine awning.

⁸The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad Were thy rowers;

Thy wise men, O Tyre, were in thee, They were thy pilots.

⁹The elders of Gebal and the wise men thereof

Were in thee thy calkers;

All the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee

To exchange thy merchandise.

¹⁰Persia and Lud and Put were in thine army,

Thy men of war;

They hanged the shield and helmet in thee,

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They set forth thy comeliness.

¹¹The men of Arvad and Helech were upon thy walls round about, and the Gammadim were in thy towers; they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about; they have perfected thy beauty. ¹²Tarshish was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded for thy wares. ¹³Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were thy traffickers; they traded the persons of men and vessels of brass for thy merchandise. ¹⁴They of the house of Togarmah traded for thy wares with horses and horsemen and mules. ¹⁵The men of Dedan were thy traffickers; many isles were the mart of thy hand; they brought thee as tribute horns of ivory and ebony. ¹⁶Aram was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of thy wealth; they traded for thy wares with carbuncles, purple, and richly woven work, and fine linen, and coral, and rubies. ¹⁷Judah, and the land of Israel, they were thy traffickers; they traded for thy merchandise wheat of Minnith, and balsam, and honey, and oil, and balm. ¹⁸Damascus was thy merchant for the multitude of thy wealth, by reason of the multitude of all riches, with the wine of Helbon, and white wool. ¹⁹Vedan and Javan traded with yarn for thy wares; massive iron, cassia, and calamus, were among thy merchandise. ²⁰Dedan was thy trafficker in precious cloths for riding. ²¹Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they were the merchants of

thy hand; in lambs, and rams, and goats, in these were they thy merchants. ²²The traffickers of Sheba and Raamah, they were thy traffickers; they traded for thy wares with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold. ²³Haran and Canneh and Eden, the traffickers of Sheba, Asshur was as thine apprentice in traffic. ²⁴These were thy traffickers in gorgeous fabrics, in wrappings of blue and richly woven work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords and cedar-lined, among thy merchandise. ²⁵The ships of Tarshish brought thee tribute for thy merchandise;

So wast thou replenished, and made
very heavy

In the heart of the seas.

²⁶Thy rowers have brought thee

Into great waters;

The east wind hath broken thee

In the heart of the seas.

²⁷Thy riches, and thy wares, thy
merchandise,

Thy mariners, and thy pilots,

Thy calkers, and the exchangers of
thy merchandise,

And all thy men of war, that are in
thee,

With all thy company which is in
the midst of thee,

Shall fall into the heart of the seas

In the day of thy ruin.

²⁸At the sound of the cry of thy
pilots

The waves shall shake.

²⁹And all that handle the oar,

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The mariners, and all the pilots of
the sea,
Shall come down from their ships,
They shall stand upon the land,
³⁰And shall cause their voice to be
heard over thee,
And shall cry bitterly,
And shall cast up dust upon their
heads,
They shall roll themselves in the
ashes;
³¹And they shall make themselves
utterly bald for thee,
And gird them with sackcloth,
And they shall weep for thee in
bitterness of soul
With bitter lamentation.
³²And in their wailing they shall
take up a lamentation for thee,
And lament over thee:
Who was there like Tyre, fortified
In the midst of the sea?
³³When thy wares came forth out of
the seas,
Thou didst fill many peoples;
With the multitude of thy riches and
of thy merchandise
Didst thou enrich the kings of the
earth.
³⁴Now that thou art broken by the
seas
In the depths of the waters,
And thy merchandise and all thy
company
Are fallen in the midst of thee,
³⁵All the inhabitants of the isles
Are appalled at thee,
And their kings are horribly afraid,

They are troubled in their
countenance;
³⁶The merchants among the peoples
hiss at thee;
Thou art become a terror,
And never shalt be any more.?

28 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying: ²Son
of man, say unto the prince of Tyre:
Thus saith the Lord GOD:

Because thy heart is lifted up,
And thou hast said: I am a god,
I sit in the seat of God,
In the heart of the seas;
Yet thou art man, and not God,
Though thou didst set thy heart as
the heart of God—

³Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel!
There is no secret that they can hide
from thee!

⁴By thy wisdom and by thy
discernment
Thou hast gotten thee riches,
And hast gotten gold and silver
Into thy treasures;

⁵In thy great wisdom by thy traffic
Hast thou increased thy riches,
And thy heart is lifted up because of
thy riches—

⁶Therefore thus saith the Lord God:
Because thou hast set thy heart
As the heart of God;

⁷Therefore, behold, I will bring
strangers upon thee,
The terrible of the nations;
And they shall draw their swords
against the beauty of thy wisdom,
And they shall defile thy brightness.

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⁸They shall bring thee down to the pit;

And thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain,

In the heart of the seas.

⁹Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee:

I am God?

But thou art man, and not God,

In the hand of them that defile thee.

¹⁰Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised

By the hand of strangers;

For I have spoken, saith the Lord GOD.⁷

¹¹Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ¹²Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say unto him: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Thou seal most accurate, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty, ¹³thou wast in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the carnelian, the topaz, and the emerald, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the carbuncle, and the smaragd, and gold; the workmanship of thy settings and of thy sockets was in thee, in the day that thou wast created they were prepared. ¹⁴Thou wast the far-covering cherub; and I set thee, so that thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of stones of fire.

¹⁵Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee.

¹⁶By the multitude of thy traffic they filled the midst of thee with violence,

and thou hast sinned; therefore have I cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness; I have cast thee to the ground, I have laid thee before kings, that they may gaze upon thee. ¹⁸By the multitude of thine iniquities, in the unrighteousness of thy traffic, thou hast profaned thy sanctuaries; therefore have I brought forth a fire from the midst of thee, it hath devoured thee, and I have turned thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. ¹⁹All they that know thee among the peoples shall be appalled at thee; thou art become a terror, and thou shalt never be any more.⁷

²⁰And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²¹Son of man, set thy face toward Zidon, and prophesy against it, ²²and say: Thus saith the Lord GOD:

Behold, I am against thee, O Zidon, And I will be glorified in the midst of thee;

And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.

²³For I will send into her pestilence And blood in her streets; And the wounded shall fall in the midst of her

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By the sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that I am the LORD. ²⁴And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor a piercing thorn of any that are round about them, that did have them in disdain; and they shall know that I am the Lord God.

²⁵Thus saith the Lord God: When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then shall they dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob. ²⁶And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell safely; when I have executed judgments upon all those that have them in disdain round about them; and they shall know that I am the LORD their God.⁷

29 In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt; ³speak, and say: Thus saith the Lord God:

Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh King of Egypt,
The great dragon that lieth
In the midst of his rivers,
That hath said: My river is mine
own,

And I have made it for myself.

⁴And I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to

stick unto thy scales; and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales. ⁵And I will cast thee into the wilderness,

Thee and all the fish of thy rivers;
Thou shalt fall upon the open field;
Thou shalt not be brought together,
nor gathered;
To the beasts of the earth and to the fowls of the heaven
Have I given thee for food.

⁶And 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.

⁷When they take hold of thee with the hand, thou dost break,
And rend all their shoulders;
And when they lean upon thee, thou breakest,
And makest all their loins to be at a stand.

⁸Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and will cut off from thee man and beast. ⁹And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste, and they shall know that I am the LORD; because he hath said: The river is mine, and I have made it. ¹⁰Therefore, behold, I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from Migdol to Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia. ¹¹No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall

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pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years. ¹²And 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 among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

¹³For thus saith the Lord God: At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the peoples whither they were scattered; ¹⁴and I will turn the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their origin; and they shall be there a lowly kingdom. ¹⁵It shall be the lowliest of the kingdoms, neither shall it any more lift itself up above the nations; and I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations. ¹⁶And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, bringing iniquity to remembrance, when they turn after them; and they shall know that I am the Lord God. ¹⁷

¹⁷And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first month, in the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying: ¹⁸'Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyre; every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled; yet had he no wages, nor his army, from Tyre, for the service that he had served against it; ¹⁹Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will give the land of Egypt

unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall carry off her abundance, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army. ²⁰I have given him the land of Egypt as his hire for which he served, because they wrought for Me, saith the Lord God.

²¹In that day will I cause a horn to shoot up unto the house of Israel, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am the Lord. ²²

30 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying: ²³Son of man, prophesy, and say: Thus saith the Lord God:

Wail ye: Woe worth the day!

³For the day is near,
Even the day of the Lord is near,
A day of clouds, it shall be the time
of the nations.

⁴And a sword shall come upon
Egypt,
And convulsion shall be in Ethiopia,
When the slain shall fall in Egypt;
And they shall take away her
abundance,
And her foundation shall be broken
down.

⁵Ethiopia, and Put, and Lud, and all the mingled people, and Cub, and the children of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

⁶Thus saith the Lord:
They also that uphold Egypt shall
fall,
And the pride of her power shall
come down;

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From Migdol to Syene shall they
fall in it by the sword,

Saith the Lord GOD.

⁷And 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 wasted.

⁸And they shall know that I am the
LORD,

When I have set a fire in Egypt,
And all her helpers are destroyed.

⁹In that day shall messengers go
forth from before Me in ships
To make the confident Ethiopians
afraid;

And there shall come convulsion
upon them in the day of Egypt;
For, lo, it cometh.

¹⁰Thus saith the Lord GOD:

I will also make the multitude of
Egypt to cease,
By the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king
of Babylon.

¹¹He and his people with him, the
terrible of the nations,
Shall be brought in to destroy the
land;

And they shall draw their swords
against Egypt,
And fill the land with the slain.

¹²And I will make the rivers dry,
And will give the land over into the
hand of evil men;

And I will make the land desolate,
And all that is therein, by the hand
of strangers;

I the LORD have spoken it.

¹³Thus saith the Lord GOD:

I will also destroy the idols,
And I will cause the things of
nought to cease from Noph;
And there shall be no more a prince
out of the land of Egypt;
And I will put a fear in the land of
Egypt.

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

¹⁵And I will pour My fury upon Sin,
the stronghold of Egypt;
And I will cut off the multitude of
No.

¹⁶And I will set a fire in Egypt;
Sin shall be in great convulsion,
And No shall be rent asunder;
And in Noph shall come adversaries
in the day-time.

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

¹⁸At Tehaphnehes also the day shall
withdraw itself,
When I shall break there the yokes
of Egypt,
And the pride of her power shall
cease in her;

As for her, a cloud shall cover her,
And her daughters shall go into
captivity.

¹⁹Thus will I execute judgments in
Egypt;
And they shall know that I am the
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²⁰And 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 unto me, saying: ²¹'Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, it hath not been bound up to be healed, to put a roller, that it be bound up and wax strong, that it hold the sword. ²²Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am 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 out of his hand. ²³And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. ²⁴And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put My sword in his hand; but I will break the arms of Pharaoh, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded man. ²⁵And I will hold up 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 into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt. ²⁶And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; and they shall know that I am the LORD.'

31 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²'Son of man, say unto

Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude:

Whom art thou like in thy greatness?

³Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon,

With fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud,

And of a high stature;

And its top was among the thick boughs.

⁴The waters nourished it, The deep made it to grow;

Her rivers ran round

About her plantation,

And she sent out her conduits

Unto all the trees of the field.

⁵Therefore its stature 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.

⁶All the fowls of heaven made

Their nests in its boughs,

And all the beasts of the field did

bring forth their young

Under its branches,

And under its shadow dwelt

All great nations.

⁷Thus was it fair in its greatness,

In the length of its branches;

For its root was

By many waters.

⁸The cedars in the garden of God

Could not hide it;

The cypress-trees were not

Like its boughs,

And the plane-trees were not

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As its branches;
Nor was any tree in the garden of
God

Like unto it in its beauty.

⁹I 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.

¹⁰Therefore thus saith the Lord God:
Because thou art exalted in stature, and
he hath set his top among the thick
boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his
height; ¹¹I do even deliver him into the
hand of the mighty one of the nations;
he shall surely deal with him; I do
drive him out according to his
wickedness. ¹²And strangers, the
terrible of the nations, do cut him off,
and cast him down; upon the
mountains and in all the valleys his
branches are fallen, and his boughs lie
broken in all the channels of the land;
and all the peoples of the earth do go
down from his shadow, and do leave
him. ¹³Upon his carcass all the fowls
of the heaven do dwell, and upon his
branches are all the beasts of the field;
¹⁴to the end that none of all the trees
by the waters exalt themselves in their
stature, neither set their top among the
thick boughs, nor that their mighty
ones stand up in their height, even all
that drink water; for they are all
delivered unto death, to the nether
parts of the earth, in the midst of the
children of men, with them that go
down to the pit.

¹⁵Thus saith the Lord God: In the
day when he went down to the nether-
world I caused the deep to mourn and
cover itself for him, and I restrained
the rivers thereof, and the great waters
were stayed; and I caused Lebanon to
mourn for him, and all the trees of the
field fainted for him. ¹⁶I made the
nations to shake at the sound of his
fall, when I cast him down to the
nether-world with them that descend
into the pit; and all the trees of Eden,
the choice and best of Lebanon, all
that drink water, were comforted in the
nether parts of the earth. ¹⁷They also
went down into the nether-world with
him unto them that are slain by the
sword; yea, they that were in his arm,
that dwelt under his shadow in the
midst of the nations.

¹⁸To whom art thou thus like in
glory and in greatness among the trees
of Eden? yet shall thou be brought
down with the trees of Eden unto the
nether parts of the earth; thou shalt lie
in the midst of the uncircumcised, with
them that are slain by the sword. This
is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith
the Lord God. ⁷

32 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 unto
me, saying: ²Son of man, take up a
lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt,
and say unto him:

Thou didst liken thyself unto a
young lion of the nations;

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Whereas thou art as a dragon in the seas;

And thou didst gush forth with thy rivers,

And didst trouble the waters with thy feet,

And foul their rivers.

³Thus saith the Lord GOD:

I will therefore spread out My net over thee

With a company of many peoples;

And they shall bring thee up in My net.

⁴And I will cast thee upon the land,

I will hurl thee upon the open field,

And will cause all the fowls of the heaven to settle upon thee,

And I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee.

⁵And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains,

And fill the valleys with thy foulness.

⁶I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimmest,

even to the mountains;

And the channels shall be full of thee.

⁷And when I shall extinguish thee, I will cover the heaven,

And make the stars thereof black;

I will cover the sun with a cloud,

And the moon shall not give her light.

⁸All the bright lights of heaven

Will I make black over thee,

And set darkness upon thy land,

Saith the Lord GOD.

⁹I will also vex the hearts of many peoples, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known.

¹⁰Yea, I will make many peoples appalled at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, 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 thy fall.

¹¹For thus saith the Lord GOD: The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee. ¹²By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall;

The terrible of the nations are they all;

And they shall spoil the pride of Egypt,

And all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.

¹³I will destroy also all the beasts thereof

From beside many waters;

Neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more,

Nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them.

¹⁴Then will I make their waters to settle,

And cause their rivers to run like oil, Saith the Lord GOD.

¹⁵When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate and waste,

A land destitute of that whereof it was full,

When I shall smite all them that dwell therein,

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Then shall they know that I am the
LORD.

¹⁶This is the lamentation wherewith
they shall lament;

The daughters of the nations shall
lament therewith;

For Egypt, and for all her multitude,
shall they lament therewith,
Saith the Lord God.'

¹⁷It came to pass also in the twelfth
year, in the fifteenth day of the month,
that the word of the LORD came unto
me, saying: ¹⁸'Son of man, wail for the
multitude of Egypt, and cast them
down, even her, with the daughters of
the mighty nations, unto the nether
parts of the earth, with them that go
down into the pit.

¹⁹Whom dost thou pass in beauty?
Go down, and be thou laid with the
uncircumcised.

²⁰They shall fall in the midst of them
that are slain by the sword; she is
delivered to the sword; draw her down
and all her multitudes. ²¹The strong
among the mighty shall speak of him
out of the midst of the nether-world
with them that helped him; they are
gone down, they lie still, even the
uncircumcised, slain by the sword.
²²Asshur is there and all her company;
their graves are round about them; all
of them slain, fallen by the sword;
²³whose graves are set in the uttermost
parts of the pit, and her company is
round about her grave; all of them
slain, fallen by the sword, who caused
terror in the land of the living. ²⁴There

is Elam and all her multitude round
about her grave; all of them slain,
fallen by the sword, who are gone
down uncircumcised into the nether
parts of the earth, who caused their
terror in the land of the living; yet
have they borne their shame with them
that go down to the pit. ²⁵They have
set her a bed in the midst of the slain
with all her multitude; her graves are
round about them; all of them
uncircumcised, slain by the sword;
because their terror was caused in the
land of the living, yet have they borne
their shame with them that go down to
the pit; they are put in the midst of
them that are slain. ²⁶There is
Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude;
her graves are round about them; all of
them uncircumcised, slain by the
sword; because they caused their terror
in the land of the living. ²⁷And they
that are inferior to the uncircumcised
shall not lie with the mighty that are
gone down to the nether-world with
their weapons of war, whose swords
are laid under their heads, and whose
iniquities are upon their bones;
because the terror of the mighty was in
the land of the living. ²⁸But thou, in the
midst of the uncircumcised shalt thou
be broken and lie, even with them that
are slain by the sword. ²⁹There is
Edom, her kings and all her princes,
who for all their might are laid with
them that are slain by the sword; they
shall lie with the uncircumcised, and
with them that go down to the pit.
³⁰There are the princes of the north, all

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of them, and all the Zidonians, who are gone down with the slain, ashamed for all the terror which they caused by their might, and they lie uncircumcised with them that are slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit. ³¹These shall Pharaoh see, and shall be comforted over all his multitude; even Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the sword, saith the Lord GOD. ³²For I have put My terror in the land of the living; and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised, with them that are slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.'

33 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto 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; ³if, when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the horn, and warn the people; ⁴then whosoever heareth the sound of the horn, and taketh not warning, if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head; ⁵he heard the sound of the horn, and took not warning, his blood shall be upon him; whereas if he had taken warning, he would have delivered his soul. ⁶But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the horn, and the people be not warned, and the sword do come, and take any person from among them,

he is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

⁷So thou, son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore, when thou shalt hear the word at My mouth, warn them from Me. ⁸When I say unto the wicked: O wicked man, thou shalt surely die, and thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thy hand. ⁹Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he turn not from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul.

¹⁰Therefore, O thou son of man, say unto the house of Israel: Thus ye speak, saying: Our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we pine away in them; how then can we live? ¹¹Say unto them: As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

¹²And thou, son of man, say unto the children of thy people: The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not stumble thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall he that is righteous be able to live thereby in the day that he sinneth. ¹³When I say to the righteous, that he

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shall surely live; if he trust to his righteousness, and commit iniquity, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, for it shall he die.

¹⁴Again, when I say unto the wicked: Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; ¹⁵if the wicked restore the pledge, give back that which he had taken by robbery, walk in the statutes of life, committing no iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

¹⁶None of his sins that he hath committed shall be remembered against him; he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷Yet the children of thy people say: The way of the Lord is not equal; but as for them, their way is not equal.

¹⁸When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.

¹⁹And when the wicked turneth from his wickedness, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby. ²⁰Yet ye say: The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

²¹And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying: 'The city is smitten.' ²²Now the hand of the LORD had been upon me in the evening, before he that was escaped came; and He had opened my mouth

against his coming to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb. ²³Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²⁴'Son of man, they that inhabit those waste places in the land of Israel speak, saying: Abraham was one, and he inherited the land; but we are many; the land is given us for inheritance. ²⁵Wherefore say unto them: Thus saith the Lord God. Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes unto your idols, and shed blood; and shall ye possess the land? ²⁶'Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife; and shall ye possess the land? ²⁷Thus shalt thou say unto them: Thus saith the Lord God: As I live, surely they that are in the waste places shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that are in the strongholds and in the caves shall die of the pestilence. ²⁸And I will make the land most desolate, and the pride of her power shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, so that none shall pass through. ²⁹Then shall they know that I am the LORD, when I have made the land most desolate, because of all their abominations which they have committed.

³⁰And as for thee, son of man, the children of thy people that talk of thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying:

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Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD; ³¹and come unto thee as the people cometh, and sit before thee as My people, and hear thy words, but do them not—for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness; ³²and, lo, thou art unto them as a love song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; so they hear thy words, but they do them not—³³when this cometh to pass—behold, it cometh—then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.⁷

34 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, even to the shepherds: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Woe unto the shepherds of Israel that have fed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the sheep? ³Ye did eat the fat, and ye clothed you with the wool, ye killed the fatlings; but ye fed not the sheep. ⁴The weak have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought back that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force have ye ruled over them and with rigour. ⁵So were they scattered, because there was no shepherd; and they became food to all the beasts of the field, and were scattered. ⁶My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon

every high hill, yea, upon all the face of the earth were My sheep scattered, and there was none that did search or seek. ⁷Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely forasmuch as My sheep became a prey, and My sheep became food to all the beasts of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did My shepherds search for My sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not My sheep; ⁹therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹⁰Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require My sheep at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the sheep; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; and I will deliver My sheep from their mouth, that they may not be food for them.

¹¹For thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, here am I, and I will search for My sheep, and seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are separated, so will I seek out My sheep; and I will deliver them out of all places whither they have been scattered in the day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the habitable places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the

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high mountains of Israel shall their fold be; there shall they lie down in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

¹⁵I will feed My sheep, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek that which was lost, and will bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick; and the fat and the strong I will destroy, I will feed them in justice. ¹⁷And as for you, O My flock, thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, even the rams and the he-goats.

¹⁸Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have fed upon the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture? and to have drunk of the settled waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet? ¹⁹And as for My sheep, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet, and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

²⁰Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD unto them: Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and the lean cattle. ²¹Because ye thrust with side and with shoulder, and push all the weak with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad; ²²therefore will I save My flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle. ²³And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even My servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall

be their shepherd. ²⁴And I the LORD will be their God, and My servant David prince among them; I the LORD have spoken. ²⁵And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. ²⁶And I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield her produce, and they shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those that made bondmen of them. ²⁸And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, neither shall the beast of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid. ²⁹And I will raise up unto them a plantation for renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the nations any more. ³⁰And they shall know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are My people, saith the Lord GOD. ³¹And ye My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord GOD.⁷

35 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying:
²Son of man, set thy face against

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mount Seir, and prophesy against it, ³and say unto it: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against thee, O mount Seir, and I will stretch out My hand against thee, and I will make thee most desolate. ⁴I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD. ⁵Because thou hast had a hatred of old, and hast hurled the children of Israel unto the power of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of the iniquity of the end; ⁶therefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee; surely thou hast hated thine own blood, therefore blood shall pursue thee. ⁷Thus will I make mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it him that passeth through and him that returneth. ⁸And I will fill his mountains with his slain; in thy hills and in thy valleys and in all thy streams shall they fall that are slain with the sword. ⁹I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. ¹⁰Because thou hast said: These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; whereas the LORD was there; ¹¹therefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will do according to thine anger and according to thine envy, which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them; and I will make Myself known among them, when I shall judge thee. ¹²And thou shalt know that I the LORD have heard all thy blasphemies which

thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying: They are laid desolate, they are given us to devour. ¹³And ye have magnified yourselves against Me with your mouth, and have multiplied your words against Me; I have heard it. ¹⁴Thus saith the Lord GOD: When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate. ¹⁵As thou didst rejoice over the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee; thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Edom, even all of it; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

36 And thou, son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say: Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD. ²Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because the enemy hath said against you: Aha! even the ancient high places are ours in possession; ³therefore prophesy, and say: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because, even because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the rest of the nations, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and the evil report of the people; ⁴therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD: Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains and to the hills, to the streams and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the cities that are forsaken, which are become a prey and derision to the residue of the

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nations that are round about; ⁵therefore thus saith the Lord God: Surely in the fire of My jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the nations, and against all Edom, that have appointed My land unto themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart, with disdain of soul, to cast it out for a prey; ⁶therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains and to the hills, to the streams and to the valleys: Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My fury, because ye have borne the shame of the nations; ⁷therefore thus saith the Lord God: I have lifted up My hand: Surely the nations that are round about you, they shall bear their shame. ⁸But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to My people Israel; for they are at hand to come. ⁹For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown; ¹⁰and I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the waste places shall be builded; ¹¹and I will multiply upon you man and beast, and they shall increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited after your former estate, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. ¹²Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people Israel, and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance; and thou shalt no

more henceforth bereave them of children. ¹³Thus saith the Lord God: Because they say unto you: Thou land art a devourer of men, and hast been a bereaver of thy nations; ¹⁴therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither bereave thy nations any more, saith the Lord God; ¹⁵neither will I suffer the shame of the nations any more to be heard against thee, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the peoples any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to stumble any more, saith the Lord God.⁷

¹⁶Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying: ¹⁷Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their way and by their doings; their way before Me was as the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity. ¹⁸Wherefore I poured out My fury upon them for the blood which they had shed upon the land, and because they had defiled it with their idols; ¹⁹and 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. ²⁰And when they came unto the nations, whither they came, they profaned My holy name; in that men said of them: These are the people of the Lord, and are gone forth out of His land. ²¹But I had pity for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, whither they came. ²²Therefore say unto the house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord God: I do

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not this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name, which ye have profaned among the nations, whither ye came. ²³And I will sanctify My great name, which hath been profaned among the nations, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. ²⁴For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own land. ²⁵And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. ²⁶A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep Mine ordinances, and do them. ²⁸And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be My people, and I will be your God. ²⁹And I will save you from all your uncleannesses; and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. ³⁰And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye may receive no more the reproach of famine among the nations. ³¹Then shall ye remember your evil ways, and your doings that were not good; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your

iniquities and for your abominations. ³²Not for your sake do I this, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you; be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

³³Thus saith the Lord GOD: In the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be builded. ³⁴And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, whereas it was a desolation in the sight of all that passed by. ³⁵And they shall say: This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited. ³⁶Then the nations that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD have builded the ruined places, and planted that which was desolate; I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it.

³⁷Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. ³⁸As the flock for sacrifice, as the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed seasons, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I am the LORD.'

37 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and the LORD carried me out in a spirit, and set me down in the midst of the valley, and it was full of bones; ²and He caused me to pass by them round about, and, behold, there were very many in the open

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valley; and, lo, they were very dry. ³And He said unto me: 'Son of man, can these bones live?' And I answered: 'O Lord God, Thou knowest.' ⁴Then He said unto me: 'Prophesy over these bones, and say unto them: O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD: ⁵Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.' ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a commotion, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I beheld, and, lo, there were sinews upon them, and flesh came up, and skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then said He unto me: 'Prophesy unto the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath: Thus saith the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great host. ¹¹Then He said unto me: 'Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say: Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off. ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say unto them: Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will open

your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, O My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, and caused you to come up out of your graves, O My people. ¹⁴And I will put My spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I will place you in your own land; and ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken, and performed it, saith the LORD.'

¹⁵And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ¹⁶'And thou, son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it: For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick, and write upon it: For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and of all the house of Israel his companions; ¹⁷and join them for thee one to another into one stick, that they may become one in thy hand. ¹⁸And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying: Wilt thou not tell us what thou meanest by these? ¹⁹say into them: Thus saith 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 I will put them unto him together with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in My hand. ²⁰And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thy hand before their eyes. ²¹And say unto them: Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, whither they are gone, and

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will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land; ²²and 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, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all; ²³neither 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 out of all their dwelling-places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them; so shall they be My people, and I will be their God. ²⁴And My servant David shall be king over them, and they all shall have one shepherd; they shall also walk in Mine ordinances, and observe My statutes, and do them. ²⁵And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob My servant, wherein your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, they, and their children, and their children's children, for ever; and David My servant shall be their prince for ever. ²⁶Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them—it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will establish them, and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in the midst of them for ever. ²⁷My dwelling-place also shall be over them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ²⁸And the nations shall know that I am the LORD that sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for ever.'

38 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: ²Son of man, set thy face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, ³and say: Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; ⁴and I will turn thee about, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed most gorgeously, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them handling swords: ⁵Persia, Cush, and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet; ⁶Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north, and all his bands; even many peoples with thee. ⁷Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou guarded of them. ⁸After many days thou shalt be mustered for service, in the latter years thou shalt come against the land that is brought back from the sword, that is gathered out of many peoples, against the mountains of Israel, which have been a continual waste; but it is brought forth out of the peoples, and they dwell safely all of them. ⁹And thou shalt ascend, thou shalt come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many peoples with thee.

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¹⁰Thus saith the Lord GOD: It shall come to pass in that day, that things shall come into thy mind, and thou shalt devise an evil device; ¹¹and thou shalt say: I will go up against the land of unwallled villages; I will come upon them that are at quiet, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates; ¹²to take the spoil and to take the prey; to turn thy hand against the waste places that are now inhabited, and against the people that are gathered out of the nations, that have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the middle of the earth. ¹³Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the magnates thereof, shall say unto thee: Comest thou to take the spoil? hast thou assembled thy company to take the prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take great spoil?

¹⁴Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and say unto Gog: Thus saith the Lord GOD: In that day when My people Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it? ¹⁵And thou shalt come from thy place out of the uttermost parts of the north, thou, and many peoples with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company and a mighty army; ¹⁶and thou shalt come up against My people Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the end of days, and I will bring thee against My land, that the nations may know Me, when I shall be sanctified through thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

¹⁷Thus saith the Lord GOD: Art thou he of whom I spoke in old time by My servants the prophets of Israel, that prophesied in those days for many years, that I would bring thee against them? ¹⁸And it shall come to pass in that day, when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that My fury shall arise up in My nostrils. ¹⁹For 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; ²⁰so that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field and all creeping things that creep upon the ground, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at My presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. ²¹And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD; every man's sword shall be against his brother. ²²And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will cause to rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many peoples that are with him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. ²³Thus 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.

39 And thou, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold,

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I am against thee, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; ²and I will turn thee about and lead thee on, and will cause thee to come up from the uttermost parts of the north; and I will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel; ³and I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. ⁴Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the peoples that are with thee; I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort and to the beasts of the field, to be devoured. ⁵Thou shalt fall upon the open field; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. ⁶And I will send a fire on Magog, and on them that dwell safely in the isles; and they shall know that I am the LORD. ⁷And My holy name will I make known in the midst of My people Israel; neither will I suffer My holy name to be profaned any more; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel. ⁸Behold, it cometh, and it shall be done, saith the Lord GOD; This is the day whereof I have spoken. ⁹And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall make fires of the weapons and use them as fuel, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the hand-staves, and the spears, and they shall make fires of them seven years; ¹⁰so that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests, for they shall make fires of the weapons; and they shall spoil those

that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.

¹¹And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place fit for burial in Israel, the valley of them that pass through on the east of the sea; and it shall stop them that pass through; and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call it the valley of ^aHamon-gog. ¹²And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying them, that they may cleanse the land. ¹³Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them, and it shall be to them a renown; in the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD. ¹⁴And they shall set apart men of continual employment, that shall pass through the land to bury with them that pass through those that remain upon the face of the land, to cleanse it; after the end of seven months shall they search. ¹⁵And when they that pass through shall pass through the land, and any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog. ¹⁶And ^bHamonah shall also be the name of a city. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

¹⁷And thou, son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD: Speak unto the birds of every sort, and to every beast of the field: Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to My feast that I do prepare for you, even a

^a That is, *The multitude of Gog*.

^b That is, *Multitude*.

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great feast, upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh and drink blood. ¹⁸The flesh of the mighty shall ye eat, and the blood of the princes of the earth shall ye drink; rams, lambs, and goats, bullocks, fatlings of Bashan are they all of them. ¹⁹And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of My feast which I have prepared for you. ²⁰And ye shall be filled at My table with horses and horsemen, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD. ²¹And 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. ²²So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God, from that day and forward. ²³And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they broke faith with Me, and I hid My face from them; so I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they fell all of them by the sword. ²⁴According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions did I unto them; and I hid My face from them. ²⁵Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Now will I bring back the captivity of Jacob, and have compassion upon the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy name. ²⁶And they shall bear their shame, and all their breach of faith which they have committed against Me, when they shall dwell safely in their land, and

none shall make them afraid; ²⁷when 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. ²⁸And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, in that I caused them to go into captivity among the nations, and have gathered them unto their own land; and I will leave none of them any more there; ²⁹neither will I hide My face any more from them; for I have poured out My spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.'

40 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day, the hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me thither. ²In the visions of God brought He me into the land of Israel, and set me down upon a very high mountain, whereon was as it were the frame of a city on the south. ³And He brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate. ⁴And the man said unto me: 'Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thy heart upon all that I shall show thee, for to the intent that I might show them unto thee art thou brought thither; declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.'

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⁵And behold a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits long, of a cubit and a hand-breadth each; so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed, and the height, one reed.

⁶Then came he unto the gate which looketh toward the east, and went up the steps thereof; and he measured the jamb of the gate, one reed broad, and the other jamb, one reed broad. ⁷And every cell was one reed long, and one reed broad; and the space between the cells was five cubits; and the jambs of the gate by the porch of the gate within were one reed. ⁸He measured also the porch of the gate toward the house, one reed. ⁹Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts thereof, two cubits; and the porch of the gate was inward. ¹⁰And the cells 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. ¹¹And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits; ¹²and a border before the cells, one cubit [on this side], and a border, one cubit on that side; and the cells, six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side. ¹³And he measured the gate from the roof of the one cell to the roof of the other, a breadth of five and twenty cubits; door against door. ¹⁴He made also posts of threescore cubits; even unto the posts of the court

in the gates round about. ¹⁵And from the forefront of the gate of the entrance unto the forefront of the inner porch of the gate were fifty cubits. ¹⁶And there were narrow windows to the cells and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the arches; and windows were round about inward; and upon each post were palm-trees.

¹⁷Then brought he me into the outer court, and, lo, there were chambers and a pavement, made for the court round about; thirty chambers were upon the pavement. ¹⁸And the pavement was by the side of the gates, corresponding unto the length of the gates, even the lower pavement. ¹⁹Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court without, a hundred cubits, eastward as also northward.

²⁰And the gate of the outer court that looked toward the north, he measured the length thereof and the breadth thereof. ²¹And the cells thereof were three on this side and three on that side; and the posts thereof and the arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. ²²And the windows thereof, and the arches thereof, and the palm-trees thereof, were after the measure of the gate that looketh toward the east; and it was ascended by seven steps; and the arches thereof were before them. ²³And there was a gate to the inner court over against the

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other gate, northward as also eastward; and he measured from gate to gate a hundred cubits.

²⁴And he led me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south; and he measured the posts thereof, and the arches thereof according to these measures. ²⁵And there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows; the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. ²⁶And there were seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof were before them; and it had palm-trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof. ²⁷And there was a gate to the inner court toward the south; and he measured from gate to gate toward the south a hundred cubits.

²⁸Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate; and he measured the south gate according to these measures; ²⁹and the cells thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures; and there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about; it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad. ³⁰And there were arches round about, five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad. ³¹And the arches thereof were toward the outer court; and palm-trees were upon the posts thereof; and the going up to it had eight steps.

³²And he brought me into the inner court toward the east; and he measured the gate according to these measures;

³³and the cells thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures; and there were windows therein and in the arches thereof round about; it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad. ³⁴And the arches thereof were toward the outer court; and palm-trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side; and the going up to it had eight steps.

³⁵And he brought me to the north gate; and he measured it according to these measures; ³⁶the cells thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof; and there were windows therein round about; the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. ³⁷And the posts thereof were toward the outer court; and palm-trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side; and the going up to it had eight steps.

³⁸And a chamber with the entry thereof was by the posts at the gates; there was the burnt-offering to be washed. ³⁹And in the porch of the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt-offering and the sin-offering and the guilt-offering. ⁴⁰And on the one side without, as one goeth up to the entry of the gate toward the north, were two tables; and on the other side of the porch of the gate were two tables. ⁴¹Four tables were on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon to slay the sacrifices. ⁴²Moreover there

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were four tables for the burnt-offering, of hewn stone, a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half broad, and one cubit high, whereupon to lay the instruments wherewith the burnt-offering and the sacrifice are slain.⁴³ And the slabs, a handbreadth long, were fastened within round about; and upon the tables was to be the flesh of the offering.⁴⁴ And without the inner gate were chambers for the guard in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate, and their prospect was toward the south; one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north.⁴⁵ And he said unto me: 'This chamber, whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house.⁴⁶ And the chamber whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar; these are the sons of Zadok, who from among the sons of Levi come near to the LORD to minister unto Him.'⁴⁷ And he measured the court, a hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar was before the house.⁴⁸ Then he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side; and the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.⁴⁹ The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; and it was by steps that it was ascended; and there were pillars by the

posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

41 And he brought me to ^athe temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the tent.² And the breadth of the entrance was ten cubits; and the sides of the entrance were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side; and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits.

³Then went he inward, and measured each post of the entrance, two cubits; and the entrance, six cubits; and the breadth of the entrance, seven cubits.⁴ And he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple; and he said unto me: 'This is the most holy place.'

⁵Then he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of every side-chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side.⁶ And the side-chambers were one over another, three and thirty times; and there were cornices in the wall which belonged to the house for the side-chambers round about, that they might have hold therein, and not have hold in the wall of the house.⁷ And the side-chambers were broader as they wound about higher and higher; for the winding about of the house went

^a That is, *the holy place*.

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higher and higher round about the house; therefore the breadth of the house continued upward; and so one went up from the lowest row to the highest by the middle. ⁸I saw also that the house had a raised basement round about; the foundations of the side-chambers were a full reed of six cubits to the joining. ⁹The breadth of the outer wall which belonged to the side-chambers was five cubits; and so that which was left by the structure of the side-chambers that belonged to the house. ¹⁰And between the chambers was a breadth of twenty cubits round about the house on every side. ¹¹And the doors of the side-chambers were toward the place that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south; and the breadth of the place that was left was five cubits round about.

¹²And the building that was before the separate place at the side toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits.

¹³And he measured the house, a hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, a hundred cubits long; ¹⁴also the breadth of the face of the house and of the separate place toward the east, a hundred cubits. ¹⁵And he measured the length of the building before the separate place which was at the back thereof, and the galleries

thereof on the one side and on the other side, a hundred cubits.

Now the temple, and the inner place, and the porches of the court, ¹⁶the jambs, and the narrow windows, and the galleries, that they three had round about, over against the jambs there was a veneering of wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows; and the windows were covered; ¹⁷to the space above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and on all the wall round about within and without, by measure.

¹⁸And it was made with cherubim and palm-trees; and a palm-tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces; ¹⁹so that there was the face of a man toward the palm-tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm-tree on the other side; thus was it made through all the house round about.

²⁰From the ground unto above the door were cherubim and palm-trees made; and so on the wall of the temple. ²¹As for the temple, the jambs were squared; and the face of the sanctuary had an appearance such as is the appearance.

²²The altar, three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits, was of wood, and so the corners thereof; the length thereof, and the walls thereof, were also of wood; and he said unto me: 'This is the table that is before the LORD.'

²³And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors. ²⁴And the doors had

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two leaves [apiece], two turning leaves; two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other. ²⁵And there were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm-trees, like as were made upon the walls; and there were thick beams of wood upon the face of the porch without. ²⁶And there were narrow windows and palm-trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch; there were also the brackets of the house, and the thick beams.

42 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, the way toward the north; and he brought me into the chamber that was over against the separate place, and which was over against the building, toward the north, ²even to the front of the length of a hundred cubits, with the door on the north, and the breadth of fifty cubits, ³over against the twenty cubits which belonged to the inner court, and over against the pavement which belonged to the outer court; with gallery against gallery in three stories. ⁴And before the chambers was a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors were toward the north. ⁵Now the upper chambers were shorter; for the galleries took away from these, more than from the lower and the middlemost, in the building. ⁶For they were in three stories, and they had not pillars as the pillars of the courts; therefore room was taken away from the lowest and the middlemost, in

comparison with the ground. ⁷And the wall that was without by the side of the chambers, toward the outer court in front of the chambers, the length thereof was fifty cubits. ⁸For the length of the chambers that were toward the outer court was fifty cubits; and, lo, before the temple were a hundred cubits. ⁹And from under these chambers was the entry on the east side, as one goeth into them from the outer court. ¹⁰In the breadth of the wall of the court toward the east, before the separate place, and before the building, there were chambers, ¹¹with a way before them; like the appearance of the chambers which were toward the north, as long as they, and as broad as they, with all their goings out, and according to their fashions; and as their doors, ¹²so were also the doors of the chambers that were toward the south, there was a door in the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall, toward the way from the east, as one entereth into them.

¹³Then said he unto me: 'The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place, they are the holy chambers, where the priests that are near unto 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. ¹⁴When the priests enter in, then shall they not go out of the holy place into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they

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minister, for they are holy; and they shall put on other garments, and shall approach to that which pertaineth to the people.’

¹⁵Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and measured it round about. ¹⁶He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about. ¹⁷He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about. ¹⁸He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed. ¹⁹He turned about to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. ²⁰He measured it by the four sides; it had a wall round about, the length five hundred, and the breadth five hundred, to make a separation between that which was holy and that which was common.

43 Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east; ²and, 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 did shine with His glory. ³And 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 river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. ⁴And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the

way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. ⁵And a spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house. ⁶And I heard one speaking unto me out of the house; and a man stood by me. ⁷And He said unto me: ‘Son of man, this is the place of My throne, and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever; and the house of Israel shall no more defile My holy name, neither they, nor their kings, by their harlotry, and by the carcasses of their kings in their high places; ⁸in their setting of their threshold by My threshold, and their door-post beside My door-post, and there was but the wall between Me and them; and they have defiled My holy name by their abominations which they have committed; wherefore I have consumed them in Mine anger. ⁹Now let them put away their harlotry, and the carcasses of their kings, far from Me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

¹⁰Thou, son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure accurately. ¹¹And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, make known unto them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof, and write it in their sight; that they

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may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

¹²This is the law of the house: upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

¹³And these are the measures of the altar by cubits—the cubit is a cubit and a handbreadth: the bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about a span; and this shall be the base of the altar. ¹⁴And from the bottom upon the ground to the lower settle shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle to the greater settle shall be four cubits, and the breadth a cubit. ¹⁵And the hearth shall be four cubits; and from the hearth and upward there shall be four horns. ¹⁶And the hearth shall be twelve cubits long by twelve broad, square in the four sides thereof. ¹⁷And the settle shall be fourteen cubits long by fourteen broad in the four sides thereof; and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and the bottom thereof shall be a cubit about; and the steps thereof shall look toward the east.’

¹⁸And He said unto me: ‘Son of man, thus saith the Lord God: These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, and to dash blood against it. ¹⁹Thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that are of the seed of Zadok, who are near unto Me, to minister unto Me, saith the Lord

God, a young bullock for a sin-offering. ²⁰And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about; thus shalt thou purify it and make atonement for it. ²¹Thou shalt also take the bullock of the sin-offering, and it shall be burnt in the appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary. ²²And on the second day thou shalt offer a he-goat without blemish for a sin-offering; and they shall purify the altar, as they did purify it with the bullock. ²³When thou hast made an end of purifying it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish. ²⁴And thou shalt present them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt-offering unto the LORD. ²⁵Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat for a sin-offering; they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish. ²⁶Seven days shall they make atonement for the altar and cleanse it; so shall they consecrate it. ²⁷And when they have accomplished the days, it shall be that upon the eighth day, and forward, the priests shall make your burnt-offerings upon the altar, and your peace-offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord God.’

44 Then he brought me back the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which looketh toward the

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east; and it was shut. ²And the LORD said unto me: 'This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, neither shall any man enter in by it, for the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it; therefore it shall be shut. ³As for the prince, being a prince, he shall sit therein to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.'

⁴Then he brought me the way of the north gate before the house; and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD; and I fell upon my face. ⁵And the LORD said unto me: 'Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary. ⁶And thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord God: O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations, ⁷in that ye have brought in aliens, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary, to profane it, even My house, when ye offer My bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken My covenant, to add unto all your abominations. ⁸And ye have not kept the charge of My holy things; but ye have set keepers of My charge in My sanctuary to please yourselves.

⁹Thus saith the Lord God: No alien, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into My sanctuary, even any alien that is among the children of Israel. ¹⁰But the Levites, that went far from Me, when Israel went astray, that went astray from Me after their idols, they shall bear their iniquity; ¹¹and they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering in the house: they shall slay the burnt-offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them. ¹²Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and became a stumblingblock of iniquity unto the house of Israel; therefore have I lifted up My hand against them, saith the Lord God, and they shall bear their iniquity. ¹³And they shall not come near unto Me, to minister unto Me in the priest's office, nor to come near to any of My holy things, unto the things that are most holy; but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed. ¹⁴And I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

¹⁵But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near to Me to minister unto Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer unto Me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord God; ¹⁶they shall enter into My

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sanctuary, and they shall come near to My table, to minister unto Me, and they shall keep My charge. ¹⁷And it shall be 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 within. ¹⁸They shall have linen tires upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causeth sweat. ¹⁹And when they go forth into the outer court, even into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they minister, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments, that they sanctify not the people with their garments. ²⁰Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads. ²¹Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court. ²²Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away; but they shall take virgins of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that is the widow of a priest. ²³And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the common, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. ²⁴And in a controversy they shall stand to judge; according to Mine ordinances shall they judge it; and they shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed seasons, and they shall hallow My sabbaths. ²⁵And they

shall come near no dead person to defile themselves; but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves. ²⁶And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days. ²⁷And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, into the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin-offering, saith the Lord God. ²⁸And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I am their inheritance; and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I am their possession. ²⁹The meal-offering, and the sin-offering, and the guilt-offering, they, even they, shall eat; and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs. ³⁰And the first of all the first-fruits of every thing, and every heave-offering of every thing, of all your offerings, shall be for the priests; ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, to cause a blessing to rest on thy house. ³¹The priests shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself, or is torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

45 Moreover, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall set apart an offering unto the Lord, a holy portion of the land; the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand reeds, and the breadth shall be ten thousand; it shall be holy in all the border thereof round about. ²Of this there shall be for the holy place five hundred in length by five hundred in

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breadth, square round about; and fifty cubits for the open land round about it.

³And of this measure shalt thou measure a length of five and twenty thousand, and a breadth of ten thousand; and in it shall be the sanctuary, which is most holy. ⁴It is a holy portion of the land; it shall be for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, that come near to minister unto the LORD; and it shall be a place for their houses, and a place consecrated for the sanctuary. ⁵And five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth, which shall be unto the Levites, the ministers of the house, for a possession unto themselves, for twenty chambers. ⁶And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, side by side with the offering of the holy portion; it shall be for the whole house of Israel. ⁷And for the prince, on the one side and on the other side of the holy offering and of the possession of the city, in front of the holy offering and in front of the possession of the city, on the west side westward, and on the east side eastward; and in length answerable unto one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border ⁸of the land; it shall be to him for a possession in Israel, and My princes shall no more wrong My people; but they shall give the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

⁹Thus saith the Lord GOD: Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel; remove violence and spoil, and execute justice and righteousness; take away your exactions from My people, saith the Lord GOD.

¹⁰Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath. ¹¹The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the ephah the tenth part of a homer; the measure thereof shall be after the homer. ¹²And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs; twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, ten, and five shekels, shall be your maneh.

¹³This is the offering that ye shall set apart: the sixth part of an ephah out of a homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah out of a homer of barley; ¹⁴and the set portion of oil, the bath of oil, shall be the tithe of the bath out of the cor, which is ten baths, even a homer; for ten baths are a homer; ¹⁵and one lamb of the flock, out of two hundred, from the well-watered pastures of Israel; for a meal-offering, and for a burnt-offering, and for peace-offerings, to make atonement for them, saith the Lord GOD.

¹⁶All the people of the land shall give this offering for the prince in Israel. ¹⁷And it shall be the prince's part to give the burnt-offerings, and the meal-offerings, and the drink-offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all the

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appointed seasons of the house of Israel; he shall prepare the sin-offering, and the meal-offering, and the burnt-offering, and the peace-offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel.

¹⁸Thus saith the Lord GOD: In the first month, in the first day of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish; and thou shalt purify the sanctuary. ¹⁹And 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 settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court. ²⁰And so thou shalt do on the seventh day of the month for every one that erreth, and for him that is simple; so shall ye make atonement for the house. ²¹In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover; a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. ²²And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock for a sin-offering. ²³And the seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt-offering to the LORD, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a he-goat daily for a sin-offering. ²⁴And he shall prepare a meal-offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil to an ephah. ²⁵In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, in the feast, shall he do the like the seven days; to the sin-offering

as well as the burnt-offering, and the meal-offering as well as the oil.

46 Thus saith the Lord GOD: The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath day it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened. ²And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate; then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. ³Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons. ⁴And the burnt-offering that the prince shall offer unto the LORD shall be in the sabbath day six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish; ⁵and the meal-offering shall be an ephah for the ram, and the meal-offering for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah. ⁶And in the day of the new moon it shall be a young bullock without blemish; and six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish; ⁷and he shall prepare a meal-offering, an ephah for the bullock, and an ephah for the ram, and for the lambs according as his means suffice, and a hin of oil to an ephah. ⁸And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of the gate, and he shall go forth by the

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way thereof. ⁹But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the appointed seasons, he that entereth by the way of the north gate to worship shall go forth by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate; he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth straight before him. ¹⁰And the prince, when they go in, shall go in in the midst of them; and when they go forth, they shall go forth together. ¹¹And in the feasts and in the appointed seasons the meal-offering shall be an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

¹²And when the prince shall prepare a freewill-offering, a burnt-offering or peace-offerings as a freewill-offering unto the LORD, one shall open for him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, as he doth on the sabbath day; then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut the gate.

¹³And thou shalt prepare a lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt-offering unto the LORD daily; morning by morning shalt thou prepare it. ¹⁴And thou shalt prepare a meal-offering with it morning by morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of a hin of oil, to moisten the fine flour: a meal-offering unto the LORD continually by a perpetual ordinance.

¹⁵Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meal-offering, and the oil, morning by morning, for a continual burnt-offering.

¹⁶Thus saith the Lord GOD: If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, it is his inheritance, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance. ¹⁷But if he give of his inheritance a gift to one of his servants, it shall be his to the year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince; but as for his inheritance, it shall be for his sons. ¹⁸Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance, to thrust them wrongfully out of their possession; he shall give inheritance to his sons out of his own possession; that My people be not scattered every man from his possession.'

¹⁹Then he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers for the priests, which looked toward the north; and, behold, there was a place on the hinder part westward. ²⁰And he said unto me: 'This is the place where the priests shall boil the guilt-offering and the sin-offering, where they shall bake the meal-offering; that they bring them not forth into the outer court, to sanctify the people.'

²¹Then he brought me forth into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court there was a court. ²²In the four corners of the court there were courts inclosed,

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forty cubits long and thirty broad; these four in the corners were of one measure. ²³And there was a row of masonry round about in them, round about the four, and it was made with boiling-places under the rows round about. ²⁴Then said he unto me: 'These are the boiling-places, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifices of the people.'

47 And he brought me back unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward, for the forefront of the house looked toward the east; and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the house, on the south of the altar. ²Then brought he me out by the way of the gate northward, and led me round by the way without unto the outer gate, by the way of the gate that looketh toward the east; and, behold, there trickled forth waters on the right side.

³When the man went forth eastward with the line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the ankles. ⁴Again he measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through waters that were to the loins. ⁵Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass through; for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. ⁶And he said

unto me: 'Hast thou seen this, O son of man?' Then he led me, and caused me to return to the bank of the river.

⁷Now when I had been brought back, behold, upon the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸Then said he unto me: 'These waters issue forth toward the eastern region, and shall go down into the Arabah; and when they shall enter into the sea, into the sea of the putrid waters, the waters shall be healed. ⁹And it shall come to pass, that every living creature wherewith it swarmeth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish; for these waters are come thither, that all things be healed and may live whithersoever the river cometh. ¹⁰And it shall come to pass, that fishers shall stand by it from En-gedi even unto Englaim; there shall be a place for the spreading of nets; their fish shall be after their kinds, as the fish of the Great Sea, exceeding many. ¹¹But the miry places thereof, and the marshes thereof, shall not be healed; they shall be given for salt. ¹²And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow every tree for food, whose leaf shall not wither, neither shall the fruit thereof fail; it shall bring forth new fruit every month, because the waters thereof issue out of the sanctuary; and the fruit thereof shall be for food, and the leaf thereof for healing.'

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¹³Thus saith the Lord God: 'This shall be the border, whereby ye shall divide the land for inheritance according to the twelve tribes of Israel, Joseph receiving two portions. ¹⁴And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another, concerning which I lifted up My hand to give it unto your fathers; and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance. ¹⁵And this shall be the border of the land: on the north side, from the Great Sea, by the way of Hethlon, unto the entrance of Zedad; ¹⁶Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazer-hatticon, which is by the border of Hauran. ¹⁷And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-enon at the border of Damascus, and on the north northward is the border of Hamath. This is the north side. ¹⁸And the east side, between Hauran and Damascus and Gilead, and the land of Israel, by the Jordan, from the border unto the east sea shall ye measure. This is the east side. ¹⁹And the south side southward shall be from Tamar as far as the waters of Meriboth-kadesh, to the Brook, unto the Great Sea. This is the south side southward. ²⁰And the west side shall be the Great Sea, from the border as far as over against the entrance of Hamath. This is the west side.

²¹So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel. ²²And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you and to the strangers that

sojourn among you, who shall beget children among you; and they shall be unto you as the home-born among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. ²³And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord God.

48 Now these are the names of the tribes: from the north end, beside the way of Hethlon to the entrance of Hamath, Hazar-enan, at the border of Damascus, northward, beside Hamath; and they shall have their sides east and west: Dan, one portion. ²And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side: Asher, one portion. ³And by the border of Asher, from the east side even unto the west side: Naphtali, one portion. ⁴And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side: Manasseh, one portion. ⁵And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the west side: Ephraim, one portion. ⁶And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even unto the west side: Reuben, one portion. ⁷And by the border of Reuben, from the east side unto the west side: Judah, one portion.

⁸And by the border of Judah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the offering which ye shall set aside, five and twenty thousand reeds in breadth, and in length as one of the portions, from the east side unto the west side; and the sanctuary shall be in

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the midst of it. ⁹The offering that ye shall set apart unto the LORD shall be five and twenty thousand reeds in length, and ten thousand in breadth. ¹⁰And for these, even for the priests, shall be the holy offering; toward the north five and twenty thousand [in length], and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five and twenty thousand in length; and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the midst thereof. ¹¹The sanctified portion shall be for the priests of the sons of Zadok, that have kept My charge, that went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray. ¹²And it shall be unto them a portion set apart from the offering of the land, a thing most holy, by the border of the Levites. ¹³And answerable unto the border of the priests, the Levites shall have five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth; all the length shall be five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand. ¹⁴And they shall not sell of it, nor exchange, nor alienate the first portion of the land; for it is holy unto the LORD.

¹⁵And the five thousand that are left in the breadth, in front of the five and twenty thousand, shall be for common use, for the city, for dwelling and for open land; and the city shall be in the midst thereof. ¹⁶And these shall be the measures thereof: 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. ¹⁷And the city shall have open land: toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty. ¹⁸And the residue in the length, answerable unto the holy offering, shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward; and it shall be answerable unto the holy offering; and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that serve the city. ¹⁹And they that serve the city, out of all the tribes of Israel, shall till it. ²⁰All the offering shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand; ye shall set apart the holy offering foursquare, with the possession of the city.

²¹And the residue shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy offering and of the possession of the city, in front of the five and twenty thousand of the offering toward the east border, and westward in front of the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, answerable unto the portions, it shall be for the prince; and the holy offering and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst thereof. ²²Thus the possession of the Levites, and the possession of the city, shall be in the midst of that which is the prince's;

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between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin shall be the prince's.

²³And as for the rest of the tribes: from the east side unto the west side: Benjamin, one portion. ²⁴And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side: Simeon, one portion. ²⁵And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side: Issachar, one portion. ²⁶And by the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side: Zebulun, one portion. ²⁷And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side unto the west side: Gad, one portion. ²⁸And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar unto the waters of Meribath-kadesh, to the Brook, unto the Great Sea. ²⁹This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their portions, saith the Lord God.

³⁰And these are the goings out of the city: on the north side four thousand and five hundred reeds by measure; ³¹and the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel; three gates northward: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one; ³²and at the east side four thousand and five hundred reeds; and three gates: even the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, one; ³³and at the south side four thousand and five hundred reeds by measure; and three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one; ³⁴at the west side four thousand and five hundred reeds, with their three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one. ³⁵It shall be eighteen thousand reeds round about. And the name of the city from that day shall be, The Lord is there.'