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**Isaiah 1.**

**1                    Isaiah!**

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

**.. The Wickedness of Judah. .**

**2** Hear, heavens, and listen, earth; for YAHWEH has spoken: "I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

**3** The ox knows his owner, and the donkey his master's crib; but Israel doesn't know, my people don't consider."

**4** Ah sinful nation, a people loaded with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken YAHWEH! They have despised the Holy One of Israel. They are estranged and backward.

**5** Why should you be beaten more, that you revolt more and more? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

**6** From the sole of the foot even to the head there is no soundness in it: wounds, welts, and open sores. They haven't been closed, neither bandaged, neither soothed with oil.

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

**8** The daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard, like a hut in a field of melons, like a besieged city.

**9** Unless YAHWEH of Hosts had left to us a very small remnant, we would have been as Sodom; we would have been like Gomorrah.

**10** Hear the word of YAHWEH, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the Torah (teaching and instruction) of our ELOHIM, you people of Gomorrah!

**11** "What are the multitude of your sacrifices to me?," says YAHWEH! "I have had enough of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed animals. I don't delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of male goats.

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

**13** Bring no more vain offerings. Incense is an abomination to me; new moons, Sabbaths, and convocations: I can't bear with evil assemblies.

**14** My soul hates your New Moons and your appointed feasts. They are a burden to me. I am weary of bearing them.

**15** When you spread forth your hands, I will hide my eyes from you. Yes, when you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.

**16** Wash yourselves, make yourself clean. Put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes. Cease to do evil.

**17** Learn to do well. Seek justice. Relieve the oppressed. Judge the fatherless. Plead for the widow."

**18** "Come now, and let us reason together," says YAHWEH: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

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

**20** but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of YAHWEH has spoken it."

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### 21 **. The Degenerate City. .**

How the faithful city has become a prostitute! She was full of justice; righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers.

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

23 Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves. Everyone loves bribes, and follows after rewards. They don't judge the fatherless, neither does the cause of the widow come to them.

24 Therefore ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, says: "Ah, I will get relief from my adversaries, and avenge myself of my enemies;

25 and I will turn my hand on you, thoroughly purge away your dross, and will take away all your tin.

26 I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called "The city of righteousness, a faithful town."

27 Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and her converts with righteousness.

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

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

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

31 The strong will be like tinder, and his work like a spark. They will both burn together, and no one will quench them."

## Isaiah 2.

### 1 **. The Future House of ELOHIM. .**

This is what Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 It shall happen in the latter days, that the mountain of YAHWEH's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.

3 Many peoples shall go and say, "Come, let's go up to the mountain of YAHWEH, to the house of the ELOHIM of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For out of Zion the Torah (teaching and instruction) shall go forth, and the word of YAHWEH from Jerusalem.

4 He will judge between the nations, and will decide concerning many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

### 5 **. The Day of YAHWEH. .**

House of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of YAHWEH!

6 For you have forsaken your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled from the east, with those who practice divination like the Philistines, and they clasp hands with the children of foreigners.

7 Their land is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures. Their land also is full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots.

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

9 Man is brought low, and mankind is humbled; therefore don't forgive them.

10 Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, from before the terror of YAHWEH, and from the glory of his majesty.

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- 11 The lofty looks of man will be brought low, the haughtiness of men will be bowed down, and YAHWEH alone will be exalted in that day.  
12 For there will be a day of YAHWEH of Hosts for all that is proud and haughty, and for all that is lifted up; and it shall be brought low:  
13 For all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, for all the oaks of Bashan,  
14 For all the high mountains, for all the hills that are lifted up,  
15 For every lofty tower, for every fortified wall,  
16 For all the ships of Tarshish, and for all pleasant imagery.  
17 The loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be brought low; and YAHWEH alone shall be exalted in that day.  
18 The idols shall utterly pass away.  
19 Men shall go into the caves of the rocks, and into the holes of the earth, from before the terror of YAHWEH, and from the glory of his majesty, when he arises to shake the earth mightily.  
20 In that day, men shall cast away their idols of silver, and their idols of gold, which have been made for themselves to worship, to the moles and to the bats;  
21 To go into the caverns of the rocks, and into the clefts of the ragged rocks, from before the terror of YAHWEH, and from the glory of his majesty, when he arises to shake the earth mightily.  
22 Stop trusting in man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for of what account is he?

### Psalms 108.

#### 1 .. "A Song. A Psalm of David.."

- A Song. A Psalm by David. My heart is steadfast, ELOHIM! I will sing and I will make music with my soul.  
2 Wake up, harp and lyre! I will wake up the dawn.  
3 I will give thanks to you, YAHWEH, among the nations. I will sing praises to you among the peoples.  
4 For your loving kindness is great above the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.  
5 Be exalted, ELOHIM, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth.  
6 That your beloved may be delivered, save with your right hand, and answer us.  
7 ELOHIM has spoken from his sanctuary: "In triumph, I will divide Shechem, and measure out the valley of Succoth.  
8 Gilead is mine. Manasseh is mine. Ephraim also is my helmet. Judah is my scepter.  
9 Moab is my wash pot. I will toss my sandal on Edom. I will shout over Philistia."  
10 Who will bring me into the fortified city? Who has led me to Edom?  
11 Haven't you rejected us, ELOHIM? You don't go forth, ELOHIM, with our armies.  
12 Give us help against the enemy, for the help of man is vain.  
13 Through ELOHIM, we will do valiantly. For it is he who will tread down our enemies.

### Proverbs 1.

#### 1 . The Beginning of Knowledge. Proverbs!

- The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel:  
2 to know wisdom and instruction; to discern the words of understanding;  
3 to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity;  
4 to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young man;  
5 that the wise man may hear, and increase in learning; that the man of understanding

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may attain to sound counsel:

6 to understand a proverb, and parables, the words and riddles of the wise.

7 The fear of YAHWEH is the beginning of knowledge; but the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.

### 8 . Shun Evil Counsel. .

My son, listen to your father's instruction, and don't forsake your mother's teaching:

9 for they will be a garland to grace your head, and chains around your neck.

10 My son, if sinners entice you, don't consent.

11 If they say, "Come with us, Let's lay in wait for blood; let's lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;

12 let's swallow them up alive like Sheol, and whole, like those who go down into the pit.

13 We'll find all valuable wealth. We'll fill our houses with spoil.

14 You shall cast your lot among us. We'll all have one purse."

15 My son, don't walk in the way with them. Keep your foot from their path,

16 for their feet run to evil. They hurry to shed blood.

17 For in vain is the net spread in the sight of any bird:

18 but these lay wait for their own blood. They lurk secretly for their own lives.

19 So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain. It takes away the life of its owners.

### 20 . The Call of Wisdom. .

Wisdom calls aloud in the street. She utters her voice in the public squares.

21 She calls at the head of noisy places. At the entrance of the city gates, she utters her words:

22 "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? How long will mockers delight themselves in mockery, and fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn at my reproof. Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you. I will make known my words to you.

24 Because I have called, and you have refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no one has paid attention;

25 but you have ignored all my counsel, and wanted none of my reproof;

26 I also will laugh at your disaster. I will mock when calamity overtakes you;

27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when your disaster comes on like a whirlwind; when distress and anguish come on you.

28 Then will they call on me, but I will not answer. They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me;

29 because they hated knowledge, and didn't choose the fear of YAHWEH!

30 They wanted none of my counsel. They despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore they will eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own schemes.

32 For the backsliding of the simple will kill them. The careless ease of fools will destroy them.

33 But whoever listens to me will dwell securely, and will be at ease, without fear of harm."

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**Isaiah 3.**

**1 . Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem. .**

For, behold, ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts, takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah supply and support, the whole supply of bread, and the whole supply of water;

2 the mighty man, the man of war, the judge, the prophet, the diviner, the elder,

3 the captain of fifty, the honorable man, the counselor, the skilled craftsman, and the clever enchanter.

4 I will give boys to be their princes, and children shall rule over them.

5 The people will be oppressed, everyone by another, and everyone by his neighbor. The child will behave himself proudly against the old man, and the base against the honorable.

6 Indeed a man shall take hold of his brother in the house of his father, saying, "You have clothing, you be our ruler, and let this ruin be under your hand."

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

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

9 The look of their faces testify against them. They parade their sin like Sodom. They don't hide it. Woe to their soul! For they have brought disaster upon themselves.

10 Tell the righteous "Good!" For they shall eat the fruit of their deeds.

11 Woe to the wicked! Disaster is upon them; for the deeds of his hands will be paid back to him.

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

**13 . Oppression and Luxury Condemned. .**

YAHWEH stands up to contend, and stands to judge the peoples.

14 YAHWEH will enter into judgment with the elders of his people, and their leaders: "It is you who have eaten up the vineyard. The spoil of the poor is in your houses.

15 What do you mean that you crush my people, and grind the face of the poor?" says ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts.

16 Moreover YAHWEH said, "Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with outstretched necks and flirting eyes, walking to trip as they go, jingling ornaments on their feet;

17 therefore ADONAI brings sores on the crown of the head of the women of Zion, and YAHWEH will make their scalps bald."

18 In that day ADONAI will take away the beauty of their anklets, the headbands, the crescent necklaces,

19 the earrings, the bracelets, the veils,

20 the headdresses, the ankle chains, the sashes, the perfume bottles, the charms,

21 the signet rings, the nose rings,

22 the fine robes, the capes, the cloaks, the purses,

23 the hand mirrors, the fine linen garments, the tiaras, and the shawls.

24 It shall happen that instead of sweet spices, there shall be rottenness; instead of a belt, a rope; instead of well set hair, baldness; instead of a robe, a wearing of sackcloth; and branding instead of beauty.

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

26 Her gates shall lament and mourn; and she shall be desolate and sit on the ground.

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**Isaiah 4.**

1 Seven women shall take hold of one man in that day, saying, "We will eat our own bread, and wear our own clothing: only let us be called by your name. Take away our reproach."

**2 . The Renewal of Zion. .**

In that day, YAHWEH's branch will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the beauty and glory of the survivors of Israel.

3 It will happen, that he who is left in Zion, and he who remains in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even everyone who is written among the living in Jerusalem;

4 when ADONAI shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from its midst, by the spirit of justice, and by the spirit of burning.

5 YAHWEH will create over the whole habitation of Mount Zion, and over her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy.

6 There will be a pavilion for a shade in the daytime from the heat, and for a refuge and for a shelter from storm and from rain.

**Psalms 109:1-19.**

**1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. . .**

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. ELOHIM of my praise, don't remain silent,

2 for they have opened the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of deceit against me. They have spoken to me with a lying tongue.

3 They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, and fought against me without a cause.

4 In return for my love, they are my adversaries; but I am in prayer.

5 They have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

6 Set a wicked man over him. Let an adversary stand at his right hand.

7 When he is judged, let him come forth guilty. Let his prayer be turned into sin.

8 Let his days be few. Let another take his office.

9 Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

10 Let his children be wandering beggars. Let them be sought from their ruins.

11 Let the creditor seize all that he has. Let strangers plunder the fruit of his labor.

12 Let there be none to extend kindness to him, neither let there be any to have pity on his fatherless children.

13 Let his posterity be cut off. In the generation following let their name be blotted out.

14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered by YAHWEH! Don't let the sin of his mother be blotted out.

15 Let them be before YAHWEH continually, that he may cut off their memory from the earth;

16 because he didn't remember to show kindness, but persecuted the poor and needy man, the broken in heart, to kill them.

17 Yes, he loved cursing, and it came to him. He didn't delight in blessing, and it was far from him.

18 He clothed himself also with cursing as with his garment. It came into his inward parts like water, like oil into his bones.

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19 Let it be to him as the clothing with which he covers himself, for the belt that is always around him.

### Proverbs 2.

#### 1 . The Value of Wisdom. .

My son, if you will receive my words, and store up my commandments within you;  
2 So as to turn your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding;  
3 Yes, if you call out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding;  
4 If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures:  
5 then you will understand the fear of YAHWEH, and find the knowledge of ELOHIM!  
6 For YAHWEH gives wisdom. Out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.  
7 He lays up sound wisdom for the upright. He is a shield to those who walk in integrity;  
8 that he may guard the paths of justice, and preserve the way of his holy ones.  
9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice, equity and every good path.  
10 For wisdom will enter into your heart. Knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.  
11 Discretion will watch over you. Understanding will keep you,  
12 to deliver you from the way of evil, from the men who speak perverse things;  
13 who forsake the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;  
14 who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the perverseness of evil;  
15 who are crooked in their ways, and wayward in their paths:  
16 To deliver you from the strange woman, even from the foreigner who flatters with her words;  
17 who forsakes the friend of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her ELOHIM:  
18 for her house leads down to death, her paths to the dead.  
19 None who go to her return again, neither do they attain to the paths of life:  
20 that you may walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.  
21 For the upright will dwell in the land. The perfect will remain in it.  
22 But the wicked will be cut off from the land. The treacherous will be rooted out of it.

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**Isaiah 5.**

**1 . ELOHIM's Disappointing Vineyard. .**

Let me sing for my well beloved a song of my beloved about his vineyard. My beloved had a vineyard on a very fruitful hill.

2 He dug it up, gathered out its stones, planted it with the choicest vine, built a tower in its midst, and also cut out a winepress therein. He looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

3 “Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, please judge between me and my vineyard.

4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? Why, when I looked for it to yield grapes, did it yield wild grapes?

5 Now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will take away its hedge, and it will be eaten up. I will break down its wall of it, and it will be trampled down.

6 I will lay it a wasteland. It won't be pruned nor hoed, but it will grow briars and thorns. I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain on it.”

7 For the vineyard of YAHWEH of Hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for justice, but, behold, oppression; for righteousness, but, behold, a cry of distress.

**8 . Impending Judgment on Excesses. .**

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

9 In my ears, YAHWEH of Hosts says: “Surely many houses will be desolate, even great and beautiful, unoccupied.

10 For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and a homer of seed shall yield an efah.”

11 Woe to those who rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; who stay late into the night, until wine inflames them!

12 The harp, lyre, tambourine, and flute, with wine, are at their feasts; but they don't respect the work of YAHWEH, neither have they considered the operation of his hands.

13 Therefore my people go into captivity for lack of knowledge. Their honorable men are famished, and their multitudes are parched with thirst.

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

15 So man is brought low, mankind is humbled, and the eyes of the arrogant ones are humbled;

16 but YAHWEH of Hosts is exalted in justice, and EL the Holy One is sanctified in righteousness.

17 Then the lambs will graze as in their pasture, and strangers will eat the ruins of the rich.

18 Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, and wickedness as with cart rope;

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

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

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

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22 Woe to those who are mighty to drink wine, and champions at mixing strong drink;  
23 who acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice for the innocent!  
24 Therefore as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as the dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; because they have rejected the Torah (teaching and instruction) of YAHWEH of Hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.  
25 Therefore YAHWEH's anger burns against his people, and he has stretched out his hand against them, and has struck them. The mountains tremble, and their dead bodies are as refuse in the midst of the streets. For all this, his anger is not turned away, but his hand is still stretched out.  
26 He will lift up a banner to the nations from far, and he will whistle for them from the end of the earth. Behold, they will come speedily and swiftly.  
27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the belt of their waist be untied, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken:  
28 whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent. Their horses' hoofs will be like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind.  
29 Their roaring will be like a lioness. They will roar like young lions. Yes, they shall roar, and seize their prey and carry it off, and there will be no one to deliver.  
30 They will roar against them in that day like the roaring of the sea. If one looks to the land behold, darkness and distress. The light is darkened in its clouds.

### Isaiah 6.

#### 1 . Isaiah Called to Be a Prophet. .

In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw ADONAI sitting on a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple.  
2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two he covered his face. With two he covered his feet. With two he flew.  
3 One called to another, and said, "Holy, holy, holy, is YAHWEH of Hosts! The whole earth is full of his glory!"  
4 The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.  
5 Then I said, "Woe is me! For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for my eyes have seen the King, YAHWEH of Hosts!"  
6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar.  
7 He touched my mouth with it, and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin forgiven."  
8 I heard ADONAI's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"  
9 He said, "Go, and tell this people, 'You hear indeed, but don't understand; and you see indeed, but don't perceive.'  
10 Make the heart of this people fat. Make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn again, and be healed."  
11 Then I said, "ADONAI, how long?" He answered, "Until cities are waste without inhabitant, and houses without man, and the land becomes utterly waste,  
12 And YAHWEH has removed men far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

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13 If there is a tenth left in it, that also will in turn be consumed: as a terebinth, and as an oak, whose stock remains when they are felled; so the holy seed is its stock.”

### **Psalms 109:20-31.**

20 This is the reward of my adversaries from YAHWEH, of those who speak evil against my soul.

21 But deal with me, YAHWEH ADONAI, for your name’s sake, because your loving kindness is good, deliver me;

22 for I am poor and needy. My heart is wounded within me.

23 I fade away like an evening shadow. I am shaken off like a locust.

24 My knees are weak through fasting. My body is thin and lacks fat.

25 I have also become a reproach to them. When they see me, they shake their head.

26 Help me, YAHWEH, my ELOHIM! Save me according to your loving kindness;

27 that they may know that this is your hand; that you, YAHWEH, have done it.

28 They may curse, but you bless. When they arise, they will be shamed, but your servant shall rejoice.

29 Let my adversaries be clothed with dishonor. Let them cover themselves with their own shame as with a robe.

30 I will give great thanks to YAHWEH with my mouth. Yes, I will praise him among the multitude.

31 For he will stand at the right hand of the needy, to save him from those who judge his soul.

### **Proverbs 3.**

#### **1 . Guidance for the Young. .**

My son, don’t forget my teaching; but let your heart keep my commandments:

2 for length of days, and years of life, and peace, will they add to you.

3 Don’t let kindness and truth forsake you. Bind them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart.

4 So you will find favor, and good understanding in the sight of ELOHIM and man.

5 Trust in YAHWEH with all your heart, and don’t lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

7 Don’t be wise in your own eyes. Fear YAHWEH, and depart from evil.

8 It will be health to your body, and nourishment to your bones.

9 Honor YAHWEH with your substance, with the first fruits of all your increase:

10 so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

11 My son, don’t despise YAHWEH’s discipline, neither be weary of his reproof:

12 for whom YAHWEH loves, he reproves; even as a father reproves the son in whom he delights.

13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gets understanding.

14 For her good profit is better than getting silver, and her return is better than fine gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies. None of the things you can desire are to be compared to her.

16 Length of days is in her right hand. In her left hand are riches and honor.

17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness. All her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her. Happy is everyone who retains her.

19 By wisdom YAHWEH founded the earth. By understanding, he established the heavens.

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- 20 By his knowledge, the depths were broken up, and the skies drop down the dew.  
21 My son, let them not depart from your eyes. Keep sound wisdom and discretion:  
22 so they will be life to your soul, and grace for your neck.  
23 Then you shall walk in your way securely. Your foot won't stumble.  
24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid. Yes, you will lie down, and your sleep will be sweet.  
25 Don't be afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it comes:  
26 for YAHWEH will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being taken.  
27 Don't withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it.  
28 Don't say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again; tomorrow I will give it to you," when you have it by you.  
29 Don't devise evil against your neighbor, since he dwells securely by you.  
30 Don't strive with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm.  
31 Don't envy the man of violence. Choose none of his ways.  
32 For the perverse is an abomination to YAHWEH, but his friendship is with the upright.  
33 YAHWEH's curse is in the house of the wicked, but he blesses the habitation of the righteous.  
34 Surely he mocks the mockers, but he gives grace to the humble.  
35 The wise will inherit glory, but shame will be the promotion of fools.

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**Isaiah 7.**

**1 . Isaiah Sent to King Ahaz. .**

It happened in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.

2 It was told the house of David, saying, "Syria is allied with Ephraim." His heart trembled, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest tremble with the wind.

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

4 Tell him, 'Be careful, and keep calm. Don't be afraid, neither let your heart be faint because of these two tails of smoking torches, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have plotted evil against you, saying,

6 "Let's go up against Judah, and tear it apart, and let's divide it among ourselves, and set up a king in its midst, even the son of Tabeel."

7 This is what ADONAI YAHWEH says: "It shall not stand, neither shall it happen."

8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within sixty-five years Ephraim shall be broken in pieces, so that it shall not be a people;

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

**10 . The Immanuel Prophecy. .**

YAHWEH spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

11 "Ask a sign of YAHWEH your ELOHIM; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above."

12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, neither will I tempt YAHWEH!"

13 He said, "Listen now, house of David. Is it not enough for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my ELOHIM also?"

14 Therefore ADONAI himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin will conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

15 He shall eat butter and honey when he knows to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

16 For before the child knows to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings you abhor shall be forsaken.

17 YAHWEH will bring on you, on your people, and on your father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria.

18 It will happen in that day that YAHWEH will whistle for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.

19 They shall come, and shall all rest in the desolate valleys, in the clefts of the rocks, on all thorn hedges, and on all pastures.

20 In that day ADONAI will shave with a razor that is hired in the parts beyond the River, even with the king of Assyria, the head and the hair of the feet; and it shall also consume the beard.

21 It shall happen in that day that a man shall keep alive a young cow, and two sheep;

22 and it shall happen, that because of the abundance of milk which they shall give he shall eat butter: for everyone will eat butter and honey that is left in the midst of the land.

23 It will happen in that day that every place where there were a thousand vines at a

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thousand silver shekels, shall be for briers and thorns.

24 People will go there with arrows and with bow, because all the land will be briers and thorns.

25 All the hills that were cultivated with the hoe, you shall not come there for fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of sheep.”

### Isaiah 8.

#### 1 **. Assyria Will Invade the Land. .**

YAHWEH said to me, “Take a large tablet, and write on it with a man’s pen, ‘For Maher Shalal Hash Baz;’

2 and I will take for myself faithful witnesses to testify: Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.”

3 I went to the prophetess, and she conceived, and bore a son. Then YAHWEH said to me, “Call his name ‘Maher Shalal Hash Baz.’

4 For before the child knows how to say, ‘My father,’ and, ‘My mother,’ the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be carried away by the king of Assyria.”

5 YAHWEH spoke to me yet again, saying,

6 “Because this people have refused the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah’s son;

7 now therefore, behold, ADONAI brings upon them the mighty flood waters of the River: the king of Assyria and all his glory. It will come up over all its channels, and go over all its banks.

8 It will sweep onward into Judah. It will overflow and pass through; it will reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of its wings will fill the breadth of your land, Immanuel.

9 Make an uproar, you peoples, and be broken in pieces! Listen, all you from far countries: dress for battle, and be shattered! Dress for battle, and be shattered!

10 Take counsel together, and it will be brought to nothing; speak the word, and it will not stand: for EL is with us.”

#### 11 **. Fear ELOHIM, Heed His Word. .**

For YAHWEH spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying,

12 “Don’t say, ‘A conspiracy!’ concerning all about which this people say, ‘A conspiracy!’ neither fear their threats, nor be terrorized.

13 YAHWEH of Hosts is who you must respect as holy. He is the one you must fear. He is the one you must dread.

14 He will be a sanctuary, but for both houses of Israel, he will be a trap and a snare for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 Many will stumble over it, fall, be broken, be snared, and be captured.”

16 Wrap up the testimony. Seal the Torah (teaching and instruction) among my disciples.

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

18 Behold, I and the children whom YAHWEH has given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from YAHWEH of Hosts, who dwells in Mount Zion.

19 When they tell you, “Consult with those who have familiar spirits and with the wizards, who chirp and who mutter:” shouldn’t a people consult with their ELOHIM? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?

20 Turn to the Torah (teaching and instruction) and to the testimony! If they don’t speak

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according to this word, surely there is no morning for them.

21 They will pass through it, very distressed and hungry; and it will happen that when they are hungry, they will worry, and curse by their king and by their ELOHIM! They will turn their faces upward,

22 and look to the earth, and see distress, darkness, and the gloom of anguish. They will be driven into thick darkness.

### **Psalms 110.**

#### **1. “A Psalm of David..”**

A Psalm by David. YAHWEH says to my ADONAI, “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool for your feet.”

2 YAHWEH will send forth the rod of your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of your enemies.

3 Your people offer themselves willingly in the day of your power, in holy array. Out of the womb of the morning, you have the dew of your youth.

4 YAHWEH has sworn, and will not change his mind: “You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.”

5 ADONAI is at your right hand. He will crush kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He will judge among the nations. He will heap up dead bodies. He will crush the ruler of the whole earth.

7 He will drink of the brook in the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

### **Proverbs 4.**

#### **1 . Security in Wisdom. .**

Listen, sons, to a father’s instruction. Pay attention and know understanding;

2 for I give you sound learning. Don’t forsake my Torah (teaching and instruction).

3 For I was a son to my father, tender and an only child in the sight of my mother.

4 He taught me, and said to me: “Let your heart retain my words. Keep my commandments, and live.

5 Get wisdom. Get understanding. Don’t forget, neither swerve from the words of my mouth.

6 Don’t forsake her, and she will preserve you. Love her, and she will keep you.

7 Wisdom is supreme. Get wisdom. Yes, though it costs all your possessions, get understanding.

8 Esteem her, and she will exalt you. She will bring you to honor, when you embrace her.

9 She will give to your head a garland of grace. She will deliver a crown of splendor to you.”

10 Listen, my son, and receive my sayings. The years of your life will be many.

11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom. I have led you in straight paths.

12 When you go, your steps will not be hampered. When you run, you will not stumble.

13 Take firm hold of instruction. Don’t let her go. Keep her, for she is your life.

14 Don’t enter into the path of the wicked. Don’t walk in the way of evil men.

15 Avoid it, and don’t pass by it. Turn from it, and pass on.

16 For they don’t sleep, unless they do evil. Their sleep is taken away, unless they make someone fall.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the righteous is like the dawning light, that shines more and more until the perfect day.

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- 19 The way of the wicked is like darkness. They don't know what they stumble over.  
20 My son, attend to my words. Turn your ear to my sayings.  
21 Let them not depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart.  
22 For they are life to those who find them, and health to their whole body.  
23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it is the wellspring of life.  
24 Put away from yourself a perverse mouth. Put corrupt lips far from you.  
25 Let your eyes look straight ahead. Fix your gaze directly before you.  
26 Make the path of your feet level. Let all of your ways be established.  
27 Don't turn to the right hand nor to the left. Remove your foot from evil.

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**Isaiah 9.**

**1 . The Government of the Promised Son. .**

But there shall be no more gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time, he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the latter time he has made it glorious, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in the land of the shadow of death, on them the light has shined.

3 You have multiplied the nation. You have increased their joy. They rejoice before you according to the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

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

5 For all the armor of the armed man in the noisy battle, and the garments rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire.

6 For to us a child is born. To us a son is given; and the government will be on his shoulders. His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty ELOHIM, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, on the throne of David, and on his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from that time on, even forever. The zeal of YAHWEH of Hosts will perform this.

**8 . The Punishment of Samaria. .**

ADONAI sent a word into Jacob, and it falls on Israel.

9 All the people will know, including Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who say in pride and in arrogance of heart,

10 "The bricks have fallen, but we will build with cut stone. The sycamore fig trees have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place."

11 Therefore YAHWEH will set up on high against him the adversaries of Rezin, and will stir up his enemies,

12 The Syrians in front, and the Philistines behind; and they will devour Israel with open mouth. For all this, his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

13 Yet the people have not turned to him who struck them, neither have they sought YAHWEH of Hosts.

14 Therefore YAHWEH will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm branch and reed, in one day.

15 The elder and the honorable man is the head, and the prophet who teaches lies is the tail.

16 For those who lead this people lead them astray; and those who are led by them are destroyed.

17 Therefore ADONAI will not rejoice over their young men, neither will he have compassion on their fatherless and widows; for everyone is profane and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

18 For wickedness burns like a fire. It devours the briars and thorns; yes, it kindles in the thickets of the forest, and they roll upward in a column of smoke.

19 Through the wrath of YAHWEH of Hosts, the land is burnt up; and the people are the fuel for the fire. No one spares his brother.

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20 One will devour on the right hand, and be hungry; and he will eat on the left hand, and they will not be satisfied. Everyone will eat the flesh of his own arm:

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

### Isaiah 10.

1 Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, and to the writers who write oppressive decrees;

2 to deprive the needy from justice, and to rob the poor among my people of their rights, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey!

3 What will you do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? Where will you leave your wealth?

4 They will only bow down under the prisoners, and will fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

### 5 . Arrogant Assyria Also Judged. .

Alas Assyrian, the rod of my anger, the staff in whose hand is my indignation!

6 I will send him against a profane nation, and against the people who anger me will I give him a command to take the spoil and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

7 However he doesn't mean so, neither does his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy, and to cut off not a few nations.

8 For he says, "Aren't all of my princes kings?"

9 Isn't Calno like Carchemish? Isn't Hamath like Arpad? Isn't Samaria like Damascus?"

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

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

12 Therefore it will happen that, when ADONAI has performed his whole work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the willful proud heart of the king of Assyria, and the insolence of his haughty looks.

13 For he has said, "By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I have understanding: and I have removed the boundaries of the peoples, and have robbed their treasures. Like a valiant man I have brought down their rulers.

14 My hand has found the riches of the peoples like a nest, and like one gathers eggs that are abandoned, have I gathered all the earth. There was no one who moved their wing, or that opened their mouth, or chirped."

15 Should an axe brag against him who chops with it? Should a saw exalt itself above him who saws with it? As if a rod should lift those who lift it up, or as if a staff should lift up someone who is not wood.

16 Therefore ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts, will send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory a burning will be kindled like the burning of fire.

17 The light of Israel will be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and it will burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day.

18 He will consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body. It will be as when a standard bearer faints.

19 The remnant of the trees of his forest shall be few, so that a child could write their number.

### 20 . The Returning Remnant of Israel. .

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It will come to pass in that day that the remnant of Israel, and those who have escaped from the house of Jacob will no more again lean on him who struck them, but shall lean on YAHWEH, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

21 A remnant will return, even the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty ELOHIM!

22 For though your people, Israel, are like the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will return. A destruction is determined, overflowing with righteousness.

23 For ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts, will make a full end, and that determined, in the midst of all the earth.

24 Therefore ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts, says "My people who dwell in Zion, don't be afraid of the Assyrian, though he strike you with the rod, and lift up his staff against you, as Egypt did.

25 For yet a very little while, and the indignation against you will be accomplished, and my anger will be directed to his destruction."

26 YAHWEH of Hosts will stir up a scourge against him, as in the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb. His rod will be over the sea, and he will lift it up like he did against Egypt.

27 It will happen in that day, that his burden will depart from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

28 He has come to Aiath. He has passed through Migron. At Michmash he stores his baggage.

29 They have gone over the pass. They have taken up their lodging at Geba. Ramah trembles. Gibeah of Saul has fled.

30 Cry aloud with your voice, daughter of Gallim! Listen, Laishah! You poor Anathoth!

31 Madmenah is a fugitive. The inhabitants of Gebim flee for safety.

32 This very day he will halt at Nob. He shakes his hand at the mountain of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts, will lop the boughs with terror. The tall will be cut down, and the lofty will be brought low.

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

### Psalms 111.

#### 1 . Praise to ELOHIM for His Faithfulness and Justice. .

Praise YAH! I will give thanks to YAHWEH with my whole heart, in the council of the upright, and in the congregation.

2 YAHWEH's works are great, pondered by all those who delight in them.

3 His work is honor and majesty. His righteousness endures forever.

4 He has caused his wonderful works to be remembered. YAHWEH is gracious and merciful.

5 He has given food to those who fear him. He always remembers his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are truth and justice. All his precepts are sure.

8 They are established forever and ever. They are done in truth and uprightness.

9 He has sent redemption to his people. He has ordained his covenant forever. His name is holy and awesome!

10 The fear of YAHWEH is the beginning of wisdom. All those who do his work have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

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**Proverbs 5.**

**1 . The Peril of Adultery. .**

My son, pay attention to my wisdom. Turn your ear to my understanding:  
2 that you may maintain discretion, that your lips may preserve knowledge.  
3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey. Her mouth is smoother than oil,  
4 But in the end she is as bitter as wormwood, and as sharp as a two-edged sword.  
5 Her feet go down to death. Her steps lead straight to Sheol.  
6 She gives no thought to the way of life. Her ways are crooked, and she doesn't know it.  
7 Now therefore, my sons, listen to me. Don't depart from the words of my mouth.  
8 Remove your way far from her. Don't come near the door of her house,  
9 lest you give your honor to others, and your years to the cruel one;  
10 lest strangers feast on your wealth, and your labors enrich another man's house.  
11 You will groan at your latter end, when your flesh and your body are consumed,  
12 and say, "How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;  
13 neither have I obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor turned my ear to those who instructed me!  
14 I have come to the brink of utter ruin, in the midst of the gathered assembly."  
15 Drink water out of your own cistern, running water out of your own well.  
16 Should your springs overflow in the streets, streams of water in the public squares?  
17 Let them be for yourself alone, not for strangers with you.  
18 Let your spring be blessed. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.  
19 A loving doe and a graceful deer let her breasts satisfy you at all times. Be captivated always with her love.  
20 For why should you, my son, be captivated with an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another?  
21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of YAHWEH! He examines all his paths.  
22 The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare him. The cords of his sin hold him firmly.  
23 He will die for lack of instruction. In the greatness of his folly, he will go astray.

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**Isaiah 11.**

**1 . The Reign of Jesse's Offspring. .**

A shoot will come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots will bear fruit.

2 The Spirit of YAHWEH will rest on him: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of YAHWEH!

3 His delight will be in the fear of YAHWEH! He will not judge by the sight of his eyes, neither decide by the hearing of his ears;

4 but with righteousness he will judge the poor, and decide with equity for the humble of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; and with the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked.

5 Righteousness will be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his waist.

6 The wolf will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat; The calf, the young lion, and the fattened calf together; and a little child will lead them.

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

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

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

10 It will happen in that day that the nations will seek the root of Jesse, who stands as a banner of the peoples; and his resting place will be glorious.

11 It will happen in that day that ADONAI will set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

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

13 The envy also of Ephraim will depart, and those who persecute Judah will be cut off. Ephraim won't envy Judah, and Judah won't persecute Ephraim.

14 They will fly down on the shoulders of the Philistines on the west. Together they will plunder the children of the east. They will extend their power over Edom and Moab, and the children of Ammon will obey them.

15 YAHWEH will utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his scorching wind he will wave his hand over the River, and will split it into seven streams, and cause men to march over in sandals.

16 There will be a highway for the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, like there was for Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

**Isaiah 12.**

**1 . A Hymn of Praise. .**

In that day you will say, "I will give thanks to you, YAHWEH; for though you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you comfort me.

2 Behold, EL is my salvation. I will trust, and will not be afraid; for YAH, YAHWEH, is my strength and song; and he has become my salvation [yeshu`ah]."

3 Therefore with joy you will draw water out of the wells of salvation [yeshu`ah].

4 In that day you will say, "Give thanks to YAHWEH! Call on his name. Declare his doings among the peoples. Proclaim that his name is exalted!

5 Sing to YAHWEH, for he has done excellent things! Let this be known in all the earth!

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6 Cry aloud and shout, you inhabitant of Zion; for the Holy One of Israel is great in the midst of you!”

### Isaiah 13.

#### 1 . Proclamation Against Babylon. .

The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw:

2 Set up a banner on the bare mountain! Lift up your voice to them! Wave your hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

3 I have commanded my consecrated ones; yes, I have called my mighty men for my anger, even my proudly exulting ones.

4 The noise of a multitude is in the mountains, as of a great people; the noise of an uproar of the kingdoms of the nations gathered together! YAHWEH of Hosts is mustering the army for the battle.

5 They come from a far country, from the uttermost part of heaven, even YAHWEH, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

6 Wail; for the day of YAHWEH is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore all hands will be feeble, and everyone’s heart will melt.

8 They will be dismayed. Pangs and sorrows will seize them. They will be in pain like a woman in labor. They will look in amazement one at another. Their faces will be faces of flame.

9 Behold, the day of YAHWEH comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger; to make the land a desolation, and to destroy its sinners out of it.

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

11 I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity. I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will humble the haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make people more rare than fine gold, even a person than the pure gold of Ophir.

13 Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place in the wrath of YAHWEH of Hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

14 It will happen that like a hunted gazelle, and like sheep that no one gathers, they will each turn to their own people, and will each flee to their own land.

15 Everyone who is found will be thrust through. Everyone who is captured will fall by the sword.

16 Their infants also will be dashed in pieces before their eyes. Their houses will be ransacked, and their wives raped.

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

18 Their bows will dash the young men in pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb. Their eyes will not spare children.

19 Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Kasdim’ pride, will be like when ELOHIM overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 It will never be inhabited, neither will it be lived in from generation to generation. The Arabian will not pitch a tent there, neither will shepherds make their flocks lie down there.

21 But wild animals of the desert will lie there, and their houses will be full of jackals. Ostriches will dwell there, and wild goats will frolic there.

22 Wolves will cry in their castles, and jackals in the pleasant palaces. Her time is near to come, and her days will not be prolonged.

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### **Psalms 112.**

#### **1 . The Blessed State of the Righteous. .**

- Praise YAH! Blessed is the man who fears YAHWEH, who delights greatly in his commandments.
- 2 His seed will be mighty in the land. The generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches are in his house. His righteousness endures forever.
- 4 Light dawns in the darkness for the upright, gracious, merciful, and righteous.
- 5 It is well with the man who deals graciously and lends. He will maintain his cause in judgment.
- 6 For he will never be shaken. The righteous will be remembered forever.
- 7 He will not be afraid of evil news. His heart is steadfast, trusting in YAHWEH!
- 8 His heart is established. He will not be afraid in the end when he sees his adversaries.
- 9 He has dispersed, he has given to the poor. His righteousness endures forever. His horn will be exalted with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it, and be grieved. He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away. The desire of the wicked will perish.

### **Proverbs 6.**

#### **1 . Dangerous Promises. .**

- My son, if you have become collateral for your neighbor, if you have struck your hands in pledge for a stranger;
- 2 You are trapped by the words of your mouth. You are ensnared with the words of your mouth.
- 3 Do this now, my son, and deliver yourself, since you have come into the hand of your neighbor. Go, humble yourself. Press your plea with your neighbor.
- 4 Give no sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids.
- 5 Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

#### **6 . The Folly of Indolence. .**

- Go to the ant, you sluggard. Consider her ways, and be wise;
- 7 which having no chief, overseer, or ruler,
- 8 provides her bread in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest.
- 9 How long will you sleep, sluggard? When will you arise out of your sleep?
- 10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
- 11 so your poverty will come as a robber, and your scarcity as an armed man.

#### **12 . The Wicked Man. .**

- A worthless person, a man of iniquity, is he who walks with a perverse mouth;
- 13 who winks with his eyes, who signals with his feet, who motions with his fingers;
- 14 in whose heart is perverseness, who devises evil continually, who always sows discord.
- 15 Therefore his calamity will come suddenly. He will be broken suddenly, and that without remedy.
- 16 There are six things which YAHWEH hates; yes, seven which are an abomination to him:

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17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood;  
18 a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are swift in running to mischief,  
19 a false witness who utters lies, and he who sows discord among brothers.

### 20 **. Beware of Adultery. .**

My son, keep your father's commandment, and don't forsake your mother's teaching.  
21 Bind them continually on your heart. Tie them around your neck.  
22 When you walk, it will lead you. When you sleep, it will watch over you. When you awake, it will talk with you.  
23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the Torah is light. Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,  
24 to keep you from the immoral woman, from the flattery of the wayward wife's tongue.  
25 Don't lust after her beauty in your heart, neither let her captivate you with her eyelids.  
26 For a prostitute reduces you to a piece of bread. The adulteress hunts for your precious life.  
27 Can a man scoop fire into his lap, and his clothes not be burned?  
28 Or can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be scorched?  
29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife. Whoever touches her will not be unpunished.  
30 Men don't despise a thief, if he steals to satisfy himself when he is hungry:  
31 but if he is found, he shall restore seven times. He shall give all the wealth of his house.  
32 He who commits adultery with a woman is void of understanding. He who does it destroys his own soul.  
33 He will get wounds and dishonor. His reproach will not be wiped away.  
34 For jealousy arouses the fury of the husband. He won't spare in the day of vengeance.  
35 He won't regard any ransom, neither will he rest content, though you give many gifts.

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**Isaiah 14.**

**1 . Mercy on Jacob. .**

For YAHWEH will have compassion on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land. The foreigner will join himself with them, and they will unite with the house of Jacob.

2 The peoples will take them, and bring them to their place. The house of Israel will possess them in YAHWEH's land for servants and for handmaids. They will take as captives those whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

**3 . Fall of the King of Babylon. .**

It will happen in the day that YAHWEH will give you rest from your sorrow, from your trouble, and from the hard service in which you were made to serve,

4 that you will take up this parable against the king of Babylon, and say, "How the oppressor has ceased! The golden city has ceased!"

5 YAHWEH has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers,

6 who struck the peoples in wrath with a continual stroke, who ruled the nations in anger, with a persecution that none restrained.

7 The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet. They break out song.

8 Yes, the fir trees rejoice with you, with the cedars of Lebanon, saying, "Since you are humbled, no lumberjack has come up against us."

9 Sheol from beneath has moved for you to meet you at your coming. It stirs up the dead for you, even all the rulers of the earth. It has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

10 They all will answer and ask you, "Have you also become as weak as we are? Have you become like us?"

11 Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, with the sound of your stringed instruments. Maggots are spread out under you, and worms cover you.

**12 . The Fall of Lucifer. .**

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, who laid the nations low!

13 You said in your heart, "I will ascend into heaven! I will exalt my throne above the stars of EL! I will sit on the mountain of assembly, in the far north!"

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds! I will make myself like the Most High!"

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

16 Those who see you will stare at you. They will ponder you, saying, "Is this the man who made the earth to tremble, who shook kingdoms;

17 who made the world like a wilderness, and overthrew its cities; who didn't release his prisoners to their home?"

18 All the kings of the nations, sleep in glory, everyone in his own house.

19 But you are cast away from your tomb like an abominable branch, clothed with the slain, who are thrust through with the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit; like a dead body trodden under foot.

20 You will not join them in burial, because you have destroyed your land. You have killed your people. The seed of evildoers will not be named forever.

21 Prepare for slaughter of his children because of the iniquity of their fathers, that they not rise up and possess the earth, and fill the surface of the world with cities.

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### 22 **. Babylon Destroyed. .**

“I will rise up against them,” says YAHWEH of Hosts, “and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and son and son’s son,” says YAHWEH!

23 “I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and pools of water. I will sweep it with the broom of destruction,” says YAHWEH of Hosts.

### 24 **. Assyria Destroyed. .**

YAHWEH of Hosts has sworn, saying, “Surely, as I have thought, so shall it happen; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

25 that I will break the Assyrian in my land, and tread him under foot on my mountains. Then his yoke will leave them, and his burden leave their shoulders.

26 This is the plan that is determined for the whole earth. This is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations.

27 For YAHWEH of Hosts has planned, and who can stop it? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?”

### 28 **. Philistia Destroyed. .**

This burden was in the year that king Ahaz died.

29 Don’t rejoice, O Philistia, all of you, because the rod that struck you is broken; for out of the serpent’s root an adder will emerge, and his fruit will be a fiery flying serpent.

30 The firstborn of the poor will eat, and the needy will lie down in safety; and I will kill your root with famine, and your remnant will be killed.

31 Howl, gate! Cry, city! You are melted away, Philistia, all of you; for smoke comes out of the north, and there is no straggler in his ranks.

32 What will they answer the messengers of the nation? That YAHWEH has founded Zion, and in her the afflicted of his people will take refuge.

## Isaiah 15.

### 1 **. Proclamation Against Moab. .**

The burden of Moab: for in a night, Ar of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nothing; for in a night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nothing.

2 They have gone up to Bayith, and to Dibon, to the high places, to weep. Moab wails over Nebo and over Medeba. Baldness is on all of their heads. Every beard is cut off.

3 In their streets, they clothe themselves in sackcloth. In their streets and on their housetops, everyone wails, weeping abundantly.

4 Heshbon cries out with Elealeh. Their voice is heard even to Jahaz. Therefore the armed men of Moab cry aloud. Their souls tremble within them.

5 My heart cries out for Moab! Her Nazirites flee to Zoar, to Eglath Shelishiyah; for they go up by the ascent of Luhith with weeping; for in the way of Horonaim, they raise up a cry of destruction.

6 For the waters of Nimrim will be desolate; for the grass has withered away, the tender grass fails, there is no green thing.

7 Therefore they will carry away the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have stored up, over the brook of the willows.

8 For the cry has gone around the borders of Moab; its wailing to Eglaim, and its wailing to Beer Elim.

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9 For the waters of Dimon are full of blood; for I will bring yet more on Dimon, a lion on those of Moab who escape, and on the remnant of the land.

### Isaiah 16.

#### 1 **. Moab Destroyed. .**

Send the lambs for the ruler of the land from Selah to the wilderness, to the mountain of the daughter of Zion.

2 For it will be that as wandering birds, as a scattered nest, so will the daughters of Moab be at the fords of the Arnon.

3 Give counsel! Execute justice! Make your shade like the night in the midst of the noonday! Hide the outcasts! Don't betray the fugitive!

4 Let my outcasts dwell with you! As for Moab, be a hiding place for him from the face of the destroyer. For the extortioner is brought to nothing. Destruction ceases. The oppressors are consumed out of the land.

5 A throne will be established in loving kindness. One will sit on it in truth, in the tent of David, judging, seeking justice, and swift to do righteousness.

6 We have heard of the pride of Moab, that he is very proud; even of his arrogance, his pride, and his wrath. His boastings are nothing.

7 Therefore Moab will wail for Moab. Everyone will wail. You will mourn for the raisin cakes of Kir Hareseth, utterly stricken.

8 For the fields of Heshbon languish with the vine of Sibmah. The masters of the nations have broken down its choice branches, which reached even to Jazer, which wandered into the wilderness. Its shoots were spread abroad. They passed over the sea.

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

10 Gladness is taken away, and joy out of the fruitful field; and in the vineyards there will be no singing, neither joyful noise. Nobody will tread out wine in the presses. I have made the shouting stop.

11 Therefore my heart sounds like a harp for Moab, and my inward parts for Kir Heres.

12 It will happen that when Moab presents himself, when he wearies himself on the high place, and comes to his sanctuary to pray, that he will not prevail.

13 This is the word that YAHWEH spoke concerning Moab in time past.

14 But now YAHWEH has spoken, saying, "Within three years, as a worker bound by contract would count them, the glory of Moab shall be brought into contempt, with all his great multitude; and the remnant will be very small and feeble."

### Psalms 113.

#### 1 **. The Majesty and Condescension of ELOHIM. .**

Praise YAH! Praise, you servants of YAHWEH, praise the name of YAHWEH!

2 Blessed be the name of YAHWEH, from this time forth and forevermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, YAHWEH's name is to be praised.

4 YAHWEH is high above all nations, his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like YAHWEH, our ELOHIM, who has his seat on high,

6 Who stoops down to see in heaven and in the earth?

7 He raises up the poor out of the dust. Lifts up the needy from the ash heap;

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- 8 that he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.  
9 He settles the barren woman in her home, as a joyful mother of children. Praise YAH!

### Proverbs 7.

- 1 My son, keep my words. Lay up my commandments within you.  
2 Keep my commandments and live! Guard my teaching as the apple of your eye.  
3 Bind them on your fingers. Write them on the tablet of your heart.  
4 Tell wisdom, "You are my sister." Call understanding your relative,  
5 that they may keep you from the strange woman, from the foreigner who flatters with her words.

### 6 .The Crafty Harlot.

- For at the window of my house, I looked out through my lattice.  
7 I saw among the simple ones. I discerned among the youths a young man void of understanding,  
8 passing through the street near her corner, he went the way to her house,  
9 in the twilight, in the evening of the day, in the middle of the night and in the darkness.  
10 Behold, there a woman met him with the attire of a prostitute, and with crafty intent.  
11 She is loud and defiant. Her feet don't stay in her house.  
12 Now she is in the streets, now in the squares, and lurking at every corner.  
13 So she caught him, and kissed him. With an impudent face she said to him:  
14 "Sacrifices of peace offerings are with me. This day I have paid my vows.  
15 Therefore I came out to meet you, to diligently seek your face, and I have found you.  
16 I have spread my couch with carpets of tapestry, with striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt.  
17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.  
18 Come, let's take our fill of loving until the morning. Let's solace ourselves with loving.  
19 For my husband isn't at home. He has gone on a long journey.  
20 He has taken a bag of money with him. He will come home at the full moon."  
21 With persuasive words, she led him astray. With the flattering of her lips, she seduced him.  
22 He followed her immediately, as an ox goes to the slaughter, as a fool stepping into a noose.  
23 Until an arrow strikes through his liver, as a bird hurries to the snare, and doesn't know that it will cost his life.  
24 Now therefore, sons, listen to me. Pay attention to the words of my mouth.  
25 Don't let your heart turn to her ways. Don't go astray in her paths,  
26 for she has thrown down many wounded. Yes, all her slain are a mighty army.  
27 Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the rooms of death.

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