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Isaiah 17.

1 . Proclamation Against Syria and Israel. .

The burden of Damascus: “Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap.

2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken. They will be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

3 The fortress shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria. They will be as the glory of the children of Israel,” says YAHWEH of Hosts.

4 “It will happen in that day that the glory of Jacob will be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh will become lean.

5 It will be like when the harvester gathers the wheat, and his arm reaps the grain. Yes, it will be like when one gleanes grain in the valley of Rephaim.

6 Yet gleanings will be left there, like the shaking of an olive tree, two or three olives in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outermost branches of a fruitful tree,” says YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel.

7 In that day, people will look to their Maker, and their eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel.

8 They will not look to the altars, the work of their hands; neither shall they respect that which their fingers have made, either the Asherim, or the incense altars.

9 In that day, their strong cities will be like the forsaken places in the woods and on the mountain top, which were forsaken from before the children of Israel; and it will be a desolation.

10 For you have forgotten the ELOHIM of your salvation, and have not remembered the rock of your strength. Therefore you plant pleasant plants, and set out foreign seedlings.

11 In the day of your planting, you hedge it in. In the morning, you make your seed blossom, but the harvest flees away in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

12 Ah, the uproar of many peoples, who roar like the roaring of the seas; and the rushing of nations, that rush like the rushing of mighty waters!

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

14 At evening, behold, terror! Before the morning, they are no more. This is the portion of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us.

Isaiah 18.

1 . Proclamation Against Ethiopia. .

Ah, the land of the rustling of wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia;

2 that sends ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of papyrus on the waters, saying, “Go, you swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people awesome from their beginning onward, a nation that measures out and treads down, whose land the rivers divide!”

3 All you inhabitants of the world, and you dwellers on the earth, when a banner is lifted up on the mountains, look! When the shofar is blown, listen!

4 For YAHWEH said to me, “I will be still, and I will see in my dwelling place, like clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.”

5 For before the harvest, when the blossom is over, and the flower becomes a ripening

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grape, he will cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and he will cut down and take away the spreading branches.

6 They will be left together for the ravenous birds of the mountains, and for the animals of the earth. The ravenous birds will summer on them, and all the animals of the earth will winter on them.

7 In that time, a present will be brought to YAHWEH of Hosts from a people tall and smooth, even from a people awesome from their beginning onward, a nation that measures out and treads down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of YAHWEH of Hosts, Mount Zion.

Isaiah 19.

1 . Proclamation Against Egypt. .

The burden of Egypt: “Behold, YAHWEH rides on a swift cloud, and comes to Egypt. The idols of Egypt will tremble at his presence; and the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst.

2 I will stir up the Egyptians against the Egyptians, and they will fight everyone against his brother, and everyone against his neighbor; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom.

3 The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst. I will destroy its counsel. They will seek the idols, the charmers, those who have familiar spirits, and the wizards.

4 I will give over the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel master. A fierce king will rule over them,” says ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts.

5 The waters will fail from the sea, and the river will be wasted and become dry.

6 The rivers will become foul. The streams of Egypt will be diminished and dried up. The reeds and flags will wither away.

7 The meadows by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile, and all the sown fields of the Nile, will become dry, be driven away, and be no more.

8 The fishermen will lament, and all those who fish in the Nile will mourn, and those who spread nets on the waters will languish.

9 Moreover those who work in combed flax, and those who weave white cloth, will be confounded.

10 The pillars will be broken in pieces. All those who work for hire will be grieved in soul.

11 The princes of Zoan are utterly foolish. The counsel of the wisest counselors of Pharaoh has become stupid. How do you say to Pharaoh, “I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?”

12 Where then are your wise men? Let them tell you now; and let them know what YAHWEH of Hosts has purposed concerning Egypt.

13 The princes of Zoan have become fools. The princes of Memphis are deceived. They have caused Egypt to go astray, who are the cornerstone of her tribes.

14 YAHWEH has mixed a spirit of perverseness in the midst of her; and they have caused Egypt to go astray in all of its works, like a drunken man staggers in his vomit.

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

16 In that day the Egyptians will be like women. They will tremble and fear because of the shaking of the hand of YAHWEH of Hosts, which he shakes over them.

17 The land of Judah will become a terror to Egypt. Everyone to whom mention is made of it will be afraid, because of the plans of YAHWEH of Hosts, which he determines against it.

18 . Egypt, Assyria, and Israel Blessed. .

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In that day, there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan, and swear to YAHWEH of Hosts. One will be called “The city of destruction.”

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

20 It will be for a sign and for a witness to YAHWEH of Hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to YAHWEH because of oppressors, and he will send them a savior and a defender, and he will deliver them.

21 YAHWEH will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know YAHWEH in that day. Yes, they will worship with sacrifice and offering, and will vow a vow to YAHWEH, and will perform it.

22 YAHWEH will strike Egypt, striking and healing. They will return to YAHWEH, and he will be entreated by them, and will heal them.

23 In that day there will be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria; and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

24 In that day, Israel will be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth;

25 because YAHWEH of Hosts has blessed them, saying, “Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance.”

Psalms 114.

1 . The Power of ELOHIM in His Deliverance of Israel. .

When Israel went forth out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of foreign language;

2 Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw it, and fled. The Jordan was driven back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, the little hills like lambs.

5 What was it, you sea, that you fled? You Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams; you little hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, you earth, at the presence of ADONAI, at the presence of the ELOHIM of Jacob,

8 who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of waters.

Proverbs 8.

1 . The Excellence of Wisdom. .

Doesn't wisdom cry out? Doesn't understanding raise her voice?

2 On the top of high places by the way, where the paths meet, she stands.

3 Beside the gates, at the entry of the city, at the entry doors, she cries aloud:

4 “To you men, I call! I send my voice to the sons of mankind.

5 You simple, understand prudence. You fools, be of an understanding heart.

6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things. The opening of my lips is for right things.

7 For my mouth speaks truth. Wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness. There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.

9 They are all plain to him who understands, right to those who find knowledge.

10 Receive my instruction rather than silver; knowledge rather than choice gold.

11 For wisdom is better than rubies. All the things that may be desired can't be compared to it.

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- 12 “I, wisdom, have made prudence my dwelling. Find out knowledge and discretion.
13 The fear of YAHWEH is to hate evil. I hate pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the perverse mouth.
14 Counsel and sound knowledge are mine. I have understanding and power.
15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
16 By me princes rule; nobles, and all the righteous rulers of the earth.
17 I love those who love me. Those who seek me diligently will find me.
18 With me are riches, honor, enduring wealth, and prosperity.
19 My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold; my yield than choice silver.
20 I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice;
21 That I may give wealth to those who love me. I fill their treasuries.
22 “YAHWEH possessed me in the beginning of his work, before his deeds of old.
23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth existed.
24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was brought forth;
26 while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the beginning of the dust of the world.
27 When he established the heavens, I was there; when he set a circle on the surface of the deep,
28 when he established the clouds above, when the springs of the deep became strong,
29 when he gave to the sea its boundary, that the waters should not violate his commandment, when he marked out the foundations of the earth;
30 then I was the craftsman by his side. I was a delight day by day, always rejoicing before him,
31 Rejoicing in his whole world. My delight was with the sons of men.
32 “Now therefore, my sons, listen to me, for blessed are those who keep my ways.
33 Hear instruction, and be wise. Don’t refuse it.
34 Blessed is the man who hears me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my door posts.
35 For whoever finds me, finds life, and will obtain favor from YAHWEH!
36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul. All those who hate me love death.”

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Isaiah 20.

1 . The Sign Against Egypt and Ethiopia. .

In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and he fought against Ashdod and took it;

2 at that time YAHWEH spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, “Go, and loosen the sackcloth from off your waist, and take your shoes from off your feet.” He did so, walking naked and barefoot.

3 YAHWEH said, “As my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder concerning Egypt and concerning Ethiopia,

4 so the king of Assyria will lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old, naked and barefoot, and with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

5 They will be dismayed and confounded, because of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.

6 The inhabitants of this coast land will say in that day, ‘Behold, this is our expectation, where we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria. And we, how will we escape?’”

Isaiah 21.

1 . The Fall of Babylon Proclaimed. .

The burden of the wilderness of the sea. As whirlwinds in the South sweep through, it comes from the wilderness, from an awesome land.

2 A grievous vision is declared to me. The treacherous man deals treacherously, and the destroyer destroys. Go up, Elam; attack! I have stopped all of Media’s sighing.

3 Therefore my thighs are filled with anguish. Pains have taken hold on me, like the pains of a woman in labor. I am in so much pain that I can’t hear. I so am dismayed that I can’t see.

4 My heart flutters. Horror has frightened me. The twilight that I desired has been turned into trembling for me.

5 They prepare the table. They set the watch. They eat. They drink. Rise up, you princes, oil the shield!

6 For ADONAI said to me, “Go, set a watchman. Let him declare what he sees.

7 When he sees a troop, horsemen in pairs, a troop of donkeys, a troop of camels, he shall listen diligently with great attentiveness.”

8 He cried like a lion: “ADONAI, I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime, and every night I stay at my post.

9 Behold, here comes a troop of men, horsemen in pairs.” He answered, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon; and all the engraved images of her idol_gods are broken to the ground.

10 You are my threshing, and the grain of my floor!” That which I have heard from YAHWEH of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel, I have declared to you.

11 . Proclamation Against Edom. .

The burden of Dumah. One calls to me out of Seir, “Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?”

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

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13 . Proclamation Against Arabia. .

The burden on Arabia. In the forest in Arabia you will lodge, you caravans of Dedanites.

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

15 For they fled away from the swords, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the heat of battle.

16 For ADONAI said to me, "Within a year, as a worker bound by contract would count it, all the glory of Kedar will fail,

17 and the residue of the number of the archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, will be few; for YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, has spoken it."

Isaiah 22.

1 . Proclamation Against Jerusalem. .

The burden of the valley of vision. What ails you now, that you have all gone up to the house-tops?

2 You that are full of shouting, a tumultuous city, a joyous town; your slain are not slain with the sword, neither are they dead in battle.

3 All your rulers fled away together. They were bound by the archers. All who were found by you were bound together. They fled far away.

4 Therefore I said, "Look away from me. I will weep bitterly. Don't labor to comfort me for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

5 For it is a day of confusion, and of treading down, and of perplexity, from ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts, in the valley of vision; a breaking down of the walls, and a crying to the mountains."

6 Elam carried his quiver, with chariots of men and horsemen; and Kir uncovered the shield.

7 It happened that your choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen set themselves in array at the gate.

8 He took away the covering of Judah; and you looked in that day to the armor in the house of the forest.

9 You saw the breaches of the city of David, that they were many; and you gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

10 You numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and you broke down the houses to fortify the wall.

11 You also made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool. But you didn't look to him who had done this, neither did you have respect for him who purposed it long ago.

12 In that day, ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts, called to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to dressing in sackcloth:

13 and behold, joy and gladness, killing cattle and killing sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine: "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we will die."

14 YAHWEH of Hosts revealed himself in my ears, "Surely this iniquity will not be forgiven you until you die," says ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts.

15 . The Judgment on Shebna. .

Thus says ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts, "Go, get yourself to this treasurer, even to Shebna, who is over the house, and say,

16 'What are you doing here? Who has you here, that you have dug out a tomb here?'

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Cutting himself out a tomb on high, chiseling a habitation for himself in the rock!"
17 Behold, YAHWEH will overcome you and hurl you away violently. Yes, he will grasp you firmly.
18 He will surely wind you around and around, and throw you like a ball into a large country. There you will die, and there the chariots of your glory will be, you shame of your master's house.
19 I will thrust you from your office. You will be pulled down from your station.
20 It will happen in that day that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah,
21 and I will clothe him with your robe, and strengthen him with your belt. I will commit your government into his hand; and he will be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.
22 I will lay the key of the house of David on his shoulder. He will open, and no one will shut. He will shut, and no one will open.
23 I will fasten him like a nail in a sure place. He will be for a throne of glory to his father's house.
24 They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, every small vessel, from the cups even to all the pitchers.
25 "In that day," says YAHWEH of Hosts, "the nail that was fastened in a sure place will give way. It will be cut down, and fall. The burden that was on it will be cut off, for YAHWEH has spoken it."

Psalms 115.

1 . The Futility of Idols and the Trustworthiness of ELOHIM. .

Not to us, YAHWEH, not to us, but to your name give glory, for your loving kindness, and for your truth's sake.
2 Why should the nations say, "Where is their ELOHIM, now?"
3 But our ELOHIM is in the heavens. He does whatever he pleases.
4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
5 They have mouths, but they don't speak. They have eyes, but they don't see.
6 They have ears, but they don't hear. They have noses, but they don't smell.
7 They have hands, but they don't feel. They have feet, but they don't walk, neither do they speak through their throat.
8 Those who make them will be like them; yes, everyone who trusts in them.
9 Israel, trust in YAHWEH! He is their help and their shield.
10 House of Aaron, trust in YAHWEH! He is their help and their shield.
11 You who fear YAHWEH, trust in YAHWEH! He is their help and their shield.
12 YAHWEH remembers us. He will bless us. He will bless the house of Israel. He will bless the house of Aaron.
13 He will bless those who fear YAHWEH, both small and great.
14 May YAHWEH increase you more and more, you and your children.
15 Blessed are you by YAHWEH, who made heaven and earth.
16 The heavens are the heavens of YAHWEH; but the earth has he given to the children of men.
17 The dead don't praise YAH, neither any who go down into silence;
18 But we will bless YAH, from this time forth and forevermore. Praise YAH!

Proverbs 9.

1 . The Way of Wisdom. .

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Wisdom has built her house. She has carved out her seven pillars.

2 She has prepared her meat. She has mixed her wine. She has also set her table.

3 She has sent out her maidens. She cries from the highest places of the city:

4 “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” As for him who is void of understanding, she says to him,

5 “Come, eat some of my bread, Drink some of the wine which I have mixed!

6 Leave your simple ways, and live. Walk in the way of understanding.”

7 He who corrects a mocker invites insult. He who reproves a wicked man invites abuse.

8 Don’t reprove a scoffer, lest he hate you. Reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

9 Instruct a wise man, and he will be still wiser. Teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

10 The fear of YAHWEH is the beginning of wisdom. The knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

11 For by me your days will be multiplied. The years of your life will be increased.

12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself. If you mock, you alone will bear it.

13 **. The Way of Folly. .**

The foolish woman is loud, Undisciplined, and knows nothing.

14 She sits at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,

15 To call to those who pass by, who go straight on their ways,

16 “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here.” as for him who is void of understanding, she says to him,

17 “Stolen water is sweet. Food eaten in secret is pleasant.”

18 But he doesn’t know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

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Isaiah 23.

1 . Proclamation Against Tyre. .

The burden of Tyre. Howl, you ships of Tarshish! For it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in. From the land of Kittim it is revealed to them.

2 Be still, you inhabitants of the coast, you whom the merchants of Sidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished.

3 On great waters, the seed of the Shihor, the harvest of the Nile, was her revenue. She was the market of nations.

4 Be ashamed, Sidon; for the sea has spoken, the stronghold of the sea, saying, "I have not travailed, nor brought forth, neither have I nourished young men, nor brought up virgins."

5 When the report comes to Egypt, they will be in anguish at the report of Tyre.

6 Pass over to Tarshish! Wail, you inhabitants of the coast!

7 Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days, whose feet carried her far away to travel?

8 Who has planned this against Tyre, the giver of crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honorable of the earth?

9 YAHWEH of Hosts has planned it, to stain the pride of all glory, to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth.

10 Pass through your land like the Nile, daughter of Tarshish. There is no restraint any more.

11 He has stretched out his hand over the sea. He has shaken the kingdoms. YAHWEH has ordered the destruction of Canaan's strongholds.

12 He said, "You shall rejoice no more, you oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon. Arise, pass over to Kittim. Even there you will have no rest."

13 Behold, the land of the Kasdim. This people was not. The Assyrians founded it for those who dwell in the wilderness. They set up their towers. They overthrew its palaces. They made it a ruin.

14 Howl, you ships of Tarshish, for your stronghold is laid waste!

15 It will come to pass in that day that Tyre will be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king. After the end of seventy years it will be to Tyre like in the song of the prostitute.

16 Take a harp; go about the city, you prostitute that has been forgotten. Make sweet melody. Sing many songs, that you may be remembered.

17 It will happen after the end of seventy years that YAHWEH will visit Tyre, and she shall return to her wages, and will play the prostitute with all the kingdoms of the world on the surface of the earth.

18 Her merchandise and her wages will be holiness to YAHWEH! It will not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise will be for those who dwell before YAHWEH, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.

Isaiah 24.

1 . Impending Judgment on the Earth. .

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

2 It will be as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the

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creditor, so with the debtor; as with the taker of interest, so with the giver of interest.

3 The earth will be utterly emptied and utterly laid waste; for YAHWEH has spoken this word.

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

5 The earth also is polluted under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the Torah (teachings and instructions), violated the statutes, and broken the everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell therein are found guilty. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

7 The new wine mourns. The vine languishes. All the merry-hearted sigh.

8 The mirth of tambourines ceases. The sound of those who rejoice ends. The joy of the harp ceases.

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

10 The confused city is broken down. Every house is shut up, that no man may come in.

11 There is a crying in the streets because of the wine. All joy is darkened. The mirth of the land is gone.

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

13 For it will be so in the midst of the earth among the peoples, as the shaking of an olive tree, as the gleanings when the vintage is done.

14 These shall lift up their voice. They will shout for the majesty of YAHWEH! They cry aloud from the sea.

15 Therefore glorify YAHWEH in the east, even the name of YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, in the islands of the sea!

16 From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs. Glory to the righteous! But I said, "I pine away! I pine away! woe is me!" The treacherous have dealt treacherously. Yes, the treacherous have dealt very treacherously.

17 Fear, the pit, and the snare, are on you who inhabitant the earth.

18 It will happen that he who flees from the noise of the fear will fall into the pit; and he who comes up out of the midst of the pit will be taken in the snare; for the windows on high are opened, and the foundations of the earth tremble.

19 The earth is utterly broken. The earth is torn apart. The earth is shaken violently.

20 The earth will stagger like a drunken man, and will sway back and forth like a hammock. Its disobedience will be heavy on it, and it will fall and not rise again.

21 It shall happen in that day that YAHWEH will punish the army of the high ones on high, and the kings of the earth on the earth.

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

23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed; for YAHWEH of Hosts will reign on Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem; and before his elders will be glory.

Psalms 116.

1 . Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death. .

I love YAHWEH, because he listens to my voice, and my cries for mercy.

2 Because he has turned his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

3 The cords of death surrounded me, the pains of Sheol got a hold of me. I found trouble and sorrow.

4 Then I called on the name of YAHWEH: "YAHWEH, I beg you, deliver my soul."

5 YAHWEH is Gracious and righteous. Yes, our ELOHIM is merciful.

6 YAHWEH preserves the simple. I was brought low, and he saved me.

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- 7 Return to your rest, my soul, for YAHWEH has dealt bountifully with you.
8 For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
9 I will walk before YAHWEH in the land of the living.
10 I believed, therefore I said, "I was greatly afflicted."
11 I said in my haste, "All men are liars."
12 What will I give to YAHWEH for all his benefits toward me?
13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of YAHWEH!
14 I will pay my vows to YAHWEH, yes, in the presence of all his people.
15 Precious in the sight of YAHWEH is the death of his holy ones.
16 YAHWEH, truly I am your servant. I am your servant, the son of your handmaid. You have freed me from my chains.
17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call on the name of YAHWEH!
18 I will pay my vows to YAHWEH, yes, in the presence of all his people,
19 in the courts of YAHWEH's house, in the midst of you, Jerusalem. Praise YAH!

Proverbs 10.

1 . Wise Sayings of Solomon. .

- The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a glad father; but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.
2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death.
3 YAHWEH will not allow the soul of the righteous to go hungry, but he thrusts away the desire of the wicked.
4 He becomes poor who works with a lazy hand, but the hand of the diligent brings wealth.
5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during the harvest is a son who causes shame.
6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
7 The memory of the righteous is blessed, but the name of the wicked will rot.
8 The wise in heart accept commandments, but a chattering fool will fall.
9 He who walks blamelessly walks surely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out.
10 One winking with the eye causes sorrow, but a chattering fool will fall.
11 The mouth of the righteous is a spring of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
12 Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all wrongs.
13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has discernment, but a rod is for the back of him who is void of understanding.
14 Wise men lay up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near ruin.
15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city. The destruction of the poor is their poverty.
16 The labor of the righteous leads to life. The increase of the wicked leads to sin.
17 He is in the way of life who heeds correction, but he who forsakes reproof leads others astray.
18 He who hides hatred has lying lips. He who utters a slander is a fool.
19 In the multitude of words there is no lack of disobedience, but he who restrains his lips does wisely.
20 The tongue of the righteous is like choice silver. The heart of the wicked is of little worth.
21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but the foolish die for lack of understanding.

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- 22 YAHWEH's blessing brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it.
- 23 It is a fool's pleasure to do wickedness, but wisdom is a man of understanding's pleasure.
- 24 What the wicked fear, will overtake them, but the desire of the righteous will be granted.
- 25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more; but the righteous stand firm forever.
- 26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to those who send him.
- 27 The fear of YAHWEH prolongs days, but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
- 28 The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hope of the wicked will perish.
- 29 The way of YAHWEH is a stronghold to the upright, but it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.
- 30 The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land.
- 31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.
- 32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked is perverse.

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Isaiah 25.

1 . Praise to ELOHIM. .

YAHWEH, you are my ELOHIM! I will exalt you! I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago, in complete faithfulness and truth.

2 For you have made a city into a heap, a fortified city into a ruin, a palace of strangers to be no city. It will never be built.

3 Therefore a strong people will glorify you. A city of awesome nations will fear you.

4 For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat, when the blast of the dreaded ones is like a storm against the wall.

5 As the heat in a dry place will you bring down the noise of strangers; as the heat by the shade of a cloud, the song of the dreaded ones will be brought low.

6 In this mountain, YAHWEH of Hosts will make all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of choice wines, of fat things full of marrow, of well refined choice wines.

7 He will destroy in this mountain the surface of the covering that covers all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations.

8 He has swallowed up death forever! ADONAI YAHWEH will wipe away tears from off all faces. He will take the reproach of his people away from off all the earth, for YAHWEH has spoken it.

9 It shall be said in that day, "Behold, this is our ELOHIM! We have waited for him, and he will save us! This is YAHWEH! We have waited for him. We will be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

10 For in this mountain the hand of YAHWEH will rest. Moab will be trodden down in his place, even like straw is trodden down in the water of the dunghill.

11 He will spread out his hands in its midst, like one who swims spreads out hands to swim, but his pride will be humbled together with the craft of his hands.

12 He has brought the high fortress of your walls down, laid low, and brought to the ground, even to the dust.

Isaiah 26.

1 . A Song of Salvation. .

In that day, this song will be sung in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city. ELOHIM appoints salvation for walls and bulwarks.

2 Open the gates, that the righteous nation may enter: the one which keeps faith.

3 You will keep whoever's mind is steadfast in perfect peace, because he trusts in you.

4 Trust in YAHWEH forever; for in YAH, YAHWEH, is an everlasting Rock.

5 For he has brought down those who dwell on high, the lofty city. He lays it low. He lays it low even to the ground. He brings it even to the dust.

6 The foot shall tread it down; Even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy."

7 The way of the just is uprightness. You who are upright make the path of the righteous level.

8 Yes, in the way of your judgments, YAHWEH, have we waited for you. Your name and your renown are the desire of our soul.

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

10 Let favor be shown to the wicked, yet he will not learn righteousness. In the land of

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uprightness he will deal wrongfully, and will not see YAHWEH's majesty.

11 YAHWEH, your hand is lifted up, yet they don't see; but they will see your zeal for the people, and be disappointed. Yes, fire will consume your adversaries.

12 YAHWEH, you will ordain peace for us, for you have also worked all our works for us.

13 YAHWEH our ELOHIM, other masters besides you have had dominion over us, but by you only will we make mention of your name.

14 The dead shall not live. The deceased shall not rise. Therefore have you visited and destroyed them, and caused all memory of them to perish.

15 You have increased the nation, O YAHWEH! You have increased the nation! You are glorified! You have enlarged all the borders of the land.

16 YAHWEH, in trouble they have visited you. They poured out a prayer when your chastening was on them.

17 Like as a woman with child, who draws near the time of her delivery, is in pain and cries out in her pangs; so we have been before you, YAHWEH!

18 We have been with child. We have been in pain. We gave birth, it seems, only to wind. We have not worked any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

19 Your dead shall live. My dead bodies shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in the dust; for your dew is like the dew of herbs, and the earth will cast forth the dead.

20 . Take Refuge from the Coming Judgment. .

Come, my people, enter into your rooms, and shut your doors behind you. Hide yourself for a little moment, until the indignation is past.

21 For, behold, YAHWEH comes forth out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. The earth also will disclose her blood, and will no longer cover her slain.

Psalms 117.

1 . Let All Peoples Praise YAHWEH. .

Praise YAHWEH, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!

2 For his loving kindness is great toward us. YAHWEH's faithfulness endures forever. Praise YAH!

Proverbs 11.

1 A false balance is an abomination to YAHWEH, but accurate weights are his delight.

2 When pride comes, then comes shame, but with humility comes wisdom.

3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them, but the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy them.

4 Riches don't profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

5 The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way, but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them, but the unfaithful will be trapped by evil desires.

7 When a wicked man dies, hope perishes, and expectation of power comes to nothing.

8 A righteous person is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked takes his place.

9 With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, but the righteous will be delivered through knowledge.

10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices. When the wicked perish, there

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is shouting.

11 By the blessing of the upright, the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

12 One who despises his neighbor is void of wisdom, but a man of understanding holds his peace.

13 One who brings gossip betrays a confidence, but one who is of a trustworthy spirit is one who keeps a secret.

14 Where there is no wise guidance, the nation falls, but in the multitude of counselors there is victory.

15 He who is collateral for a stranger will suffer for it, but he who refuses pledges of collateral is secure.

16 A gracious woman obtains honor, but violent men obtain riches.

17 The merciful man does good to his own soul, but he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.

18 Wicked people earn deceitful wages, but one who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.

19 He who is truly righteous gets life. He who pursues evil gets death.

20 Those who are perverse in heart are an abomination to YAHWEH, but those whose ways are blameless are his delight.

21 Most certainly, the evil man will not be unpunished, but the seed of the righteous will be delivered.

22 Like a gold ring in a pig's snout, is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.

23 The desire of the righteous is only good. The expectation of the wicked is wrath.

24 There is one who scatters, and increases yet more. There is one who withholds more than is appropriate, but gains poverty.

25 The liberal soul shall be made fat. He who waters shall be watered also himself.

26 People curse someone who withholds grain, but blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.

27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor, but he who searches after evil, it shall come to him.

28 He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf.

29 He who troubles his own house shall inherit the wind. The foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart.

30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. He who is wise wins souls.

31 Behold, the righteous shall be repaid in the earth; how much more the wicked and the sinner!

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Isaiah 27.

1 In that day, YAHWEH with his hard and great and strong sword will punish leviathan, the fleeing serpent, and leviathan the twisted serpent; and he will kill the dragon that is in the sea.

2 . The Restoration of Israel. .

In that day, sing to her, "A pleasant vineyard!

3 I, YAHWEH, am its keeper. I will water it every moment. Lest anyone damage it, I will keep it night and day.

4 Wrath is not in me, but if I should find briars and thorns, I would do battle! I would march on them and I would burn them together.

5 Or else let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me. Let him make peace with me."

6 In days to come, Jacob will take root. Israel will blossom and bud. They will fill the surface of the world with fruit.

7 Has he struck them as he struck those who struck them? Or are they killed like those who killed them were killed?

8 In measure, when you send them away, you contend with them. He has removed them with his rough blast in the day of the east wind.

9 Therefore, by this the iniquity of Jacob will be forgiven, and this is all the fruit of taking away his sin: that he makes all the stones of the altar as chalk stones that are beaten in pieces, so that the Asherim and the incense altars shall rise no more.

10 For the fortified city is solitary, a habitation deserted and forsaken, like the wilderness. The calf will feed there, and there he will lie down, and consume its branches.

11 When its boughs are withered, they will be broken off. The women will come and set them on fire, for they are a people of no understanding. Therefore he who made them will not have compassion on them, and he who formed them will show them no favor.

12 It will happen in that day, that YAHWEH will thresh from the flowing stream of the Euphrates to the brook of Egypt; and you will be gathered one by one, children of Israel.

13 It will happen in that day that a great shofar will be blown; and those who were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and those who were outcasts in the land of Egypt, shall come; and they will worship YAHWEH in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

Isaiah 28.

1 . Woe to Ephraim and Jerusalem. .

Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim, and to the fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fertile valley of those who are overcome with wine!

2 Behold, ADONAI has a mighty and strong one. Like a storm of hail, a destroying storm, and like a storm of mighty waters overflowing, he will cast them down to the earth with his hand.

3 The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim will be trodden under foot.

4 The fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fertile valley, shall be like the first-ripe fig_ before the summer; which someone picks and eats as soon as he sees it.

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5 In that day, YAHWEH of Hosts will become a crown of glory, and a diadem of beauty, to the residue of his people;
6 and a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment, and strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate.
7 They also reel with wine, and stagger with strong drink. The priest and the prophet reel with strong drink. They are swallowed up by wine. They stagger with strong drink. They err in vision. They stumble in judgment.
8 For all tables are completely full of filthy vomit and filthiness.
9 Whom will he teach knowledge? To whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts?
10 For it is precept on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little.
11 But he will speak to this nation with stammering lips and in another language;
12 to whom he said, "This is the resting place. Give rest to weary;" and "This is the refreshing;" yet they would not hear.
13 Therefore the word of YAHWEH will be to them precept on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little; that they may go, fall backward, be broken, be snared, and be taken.
14 Therefore hear the word of YAHWEH, you scoffers, that rule this people in Jerusalem:
15 "Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol are we in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it won't come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and we have hidden ourselves under falsehood.'"

16 . A Cornerstone in Zion. .

Therefore thus says ADONAI YAHWEH, "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone of a sure foundation. He who believes shall not act hastily.

17 I will make justice the measuring line, and righteousness the plumb line. The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters will overflow the hiding place.
18 Your covenant with death shall be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol shall not stand. When the overflowing scourge passes through, then you will be trampled down by it.
19 As often as it passes through, it will seize you; for morning by morning it will pass through, by day and by night; and it will be nothing but terror to understand the message."
20 For the bed is too short to stretch out on, and the blanket is too narrow to wrap oneself in.
21 For YAHWEH will rise up as on Mount Perazim. He will be angry as in the valley of Gibeon; that he may do his work, his unusual work, and bring to pass his act, his extraordinary act.
22 Now therefore don't be scoffers, lest your bonds be made strong; for I have heard a decree of destruction from ADONAI, YAHWEH of Hosts, on the whole earth.

23 . Listen to the Teaching of ELOHIM. .

Give ear, and hear my voice! Listen, and hear my speech!

24 Does he who plows to sow plow continually? Does he keep turning the soil and breaking the clods?
25 When he has leveled its surface, doesn't he plant the dill, and scatter the cumin seed, and put in the wheat in rows, the barley in the appointed place, and the spelt in its place?
26 For his ELOHIM instructs him in right judgment, and teaches him.

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- 27 For the dill are not threshed with a sharp instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned over the cumin; but the dill is beaten out with a stick, and the cumin with a rod.
28 Bread flour must be ground; so he will not always be threshing it. Although he drives the wheel of his threshing cart over it, his horses don't grind it.
29 This also comes forth from YAHWEH of Hosts, who is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.

Psalms 118.

1 . Praise to ELOHIM for His Everlasting Mercy. .

- Give thanks to YAHWEH, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever.
2 Let Israel now say that his loving kindness endures forever.
3 Let the house of Aaron now say that his loving kindness endures forever.
4 Now let those who fear YAHWEH say that his loving kindness endures forever.
5 Out of my distress, I called on YAH! YAH answered me with freedom.
6 YAHWEH is on my side. I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?
7 YAHWEH is on my side among those who help me. Therefore I will look in triumph at those who hate me.
8 It is better to take refuge in YAHWEH, than to put confidence in man.
9 It is better to take refuge in YAHWEH, than to put confidence in princes.
10 All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of YAHWEH, I cut them off.
11 They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me. In the name of YAHWEH I indeed cut them off.
12 They surrounded me like bees. They are quenched like the burning thorns. In the name of YAHWEH I cut them off.
13 You pushed me back hard, to make me fall, but YAHWEH helped me.
14 YAHWEH is my strength and song. He has become my salvation [yeshu`ah].
15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation [yeshu`ah] is in the tents of the righteous. "The right hand of YAHWEH does valiantly.
16 The right hand of YAHWEH is exalted! The right hand of YAHWEH does valiantly!"
17 I will not die, but live, and declare YAH's works.
18 YAHWEH has punished me severely, but he has not given me over to death.
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness. I will enter into them. I will give thanks to YAH!
20 This is the gate of YAHWEH; the righteous will enter into it.
21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me, and have become my salvation [yeshu`ah].
22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner.
23 This is YAHWEH's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.
24 This is the day that YAHWEH has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!
25 Save us now, we beg you, YAHWEH! YAHWEH, we beg you, send prosperity now.
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of YAHWEH! We have blessed you out of the house of YAHWEH!
27 YAHWEH is ELOHIM, and he has given us light. Bind the sacrifice with cords, even to the horns of the altar.
28 You are my ELOHIM, and I will give thanks to you. You are my ELOHIM, I will exalt you.
29 Oh give thanks to YAHWEH, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever.

Proverbs 12.

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- 1 Whoever loves correction loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.
- 2 A good man shall obtain favor from YAHWEH, but he will condemn a man of wicked devices.
- 3 A man shall not be established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.
- 4 A worthy woman is the crown of her husband, but a disgraceful wife is as rottenness in his bones.
- 5 The thoughts of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.
- 6 The words of the wicked are about lying in wait for blood, but the speech of the upright rescues them.
- 7 The wicked are overthrown, and are no more, but the house of the righteous shall stand.
- 8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom, but he who has a warped mind shall be despised.
- 9 Better is he who is lightly esteemed, and has a servant, than he who honors himself, and lacks bread.
- 10 A righteous man respects the life of his animal, but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.
- 11 He who tills his land shall have plenty of bread, but he who chases fantasies is void of understanding.
- 12 The wicked desires the plunder of evil men, but the root of the righteous flourishes.
- 13 An evil man is trapped by sinfulness of lips, but the righteous shall come out of trouble.
- 14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth. The work of a man's hands shall be rewarded to him.
- 15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who is wise listens to counsel.
- 16 A fool shows his annoyance the same day, but one who overlooks an insult is prudent.
- 17 He who is truthful testifies honestly, but a false witness lies.
- 18 There is one who speaks rashly like the piercing of a sword, but the tongue of the wise heals.
- 19 Truth's lips will be established forever, but a lying tongue is only momentary.
- 20 Deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil, but joy comes to the promoters of peace.
- 21 No mischief shall happen to the righteous, but the wicked shall be filled with evil.
- 22 Lying lips are an abomination to YAHWEH, but those who do the truth are his delight.
- 23 A prudent man keeps his knowledge, but the hearts of fools proclaim foolishness.
- 24 The hands of the diligent ones shall rule, but laziness ends in slave labor.
- 25 Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but a kind word makes it glad.
- 26 A righteous person is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.
- 27 The slothful man doesn't roast his game, but the possessions of diligent men are prized.
- 28 In the way of righteousness is life; in its path there is no death.

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Isaiah 29.

1 . Woe to Jerusalem. .

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

2 then I will distress Ariel, and there will be mourning and lamentation. She shall be to me as an altar hearth.

3 I will encamp against you all around you, and will lay siege against you with posted troops. I will raise siege works against you.

4 You will be brought down, and will speak out of the ground. Your speech will mumble out of the dust. Your voice will be as of one who has a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and your speech will whisper out of the dust.

5 But the multitude of your foes will be like fine dust, and the multitude of the ruthless ones like chaff that blows away. Yes, it will be in an instant, suddenly.

6 She will be visited by YAHWEH of Hosts with thunder, with earthquake, with great noise, with whirlwind and storm, and with the flame of a devouring fire.

7 The multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all who fight against her and her stronghold, and who distress her, will be like a dream, a vision of the night.

8 It will be like when a hungry man dreams, and behold, he eats; but he awakes, and his hunger isn't satisfied; or like when a thirsty man dreams, and behold, he drinks; but he awakes, and behold, he is faint, and he is still thirsty. The multitude of all the nations that fight against Mount Zion will be like that.

9 . The Blindness of Disobedience. .

Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves and be blind! They are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.

10 For YAHWEH has poured out on you a spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes, the prophets; and he has covered your heads, the seers.

11 All vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is educated, saying, "Read this, please;" and he says, "I can't, for it is sealed:"

12 and the book is delivered to one who is not educated, saying, "Read this, please;" and he says, "I can't read."

13 ADONAI said, "Because this people draws near with their mouth and with their lips to honor me, but they have removed their heart far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men which has been taught;

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

15 Woe to those who deeply hide their counsel from YAHWEH, and whose works are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us?" and "Who knows us?"

16 You turn things upside down! Should the potter be thought to be like clay; that the thing made should say about him who made it, "He didn't make me;" or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding?"

17 . Future Recovery of Wisdom. .

Isn't it yet a very little while, and Lebanon will be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field will be regarded as a forest?

18 In that day, the deaf will hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind will see

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out of obscurity and out of darkness.

19 The humble also will increase their joy in YAHWEH, and the poor among men will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

20 For the ruthless is brought to nothing, and the scoffer ceases, and all those who are alert to do evil are cut off

21 who cause a person to be indicted by a word, and lay a snare for the arbiter in the gate, and who deprive the innocent of justice with false testimony.

22 Therefore thus says YAHWEH, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no longer be ashamed, neither shall his face grow pale.

23 But when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in the midst of him, they will sanctify my name. Yes, they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and will stand in awe of the ELOHIM of Israel.

24 They also who err in spirit will come to understanding, and those who grumble will receive instruction."

Isaiah 30.

1 . Futile Confidence in Egypt. .

"Woe to the rebellious children," says YAHWEH, "who take counsel, but not from me; and who make an alliance, but not with my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin,

2 who set out to go down into Egypt, and have not asked my advice; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to take refuge in the shadow of Egypt!

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

4 For their princes are at Zoan, and their ambassadors have come to Hanes.

5 They shall all be ashamed because of a people that can't profit them, that are not a help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach."

6 The burden of the animals of the South. Through the land of trouble and anguish, of the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they carry their riches on the shoulders of young donkeys, and their treasures on the humps of camels, to an unprofitable people.

7 For Egypt helps in vain, and to no purpose; therefore have I called her Rahab who sits still.

8 . A Rebellious People. .

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

9 For it is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the Torah (teaching and instruction) of YAHWEH;

10 who tell the seers, "Don't see!" and to the prophets, "Don't prophesy to us right things. Tell us pleasant things. Prophecy deceits.

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

12 Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, "Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and rely on it;

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

14 He will break it as a potter's vessel is broken, breaking it in pieces without sparing, so that there won't be found among the broken piece a piece good enough to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern."

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15 For thus said ADONAI YAHWEH, the Holy One of Israel, “You will be saved in returning and rest. Your strength will be in quietness and in confidence.” You refused, 16 but you said, “No, for we will flee on horses;” therefore you will flee; and, “We will ride on the swift;” therefore those who pursue you will be swift.

17 One thousand will flee at the threat of one. At the threat of five, you will flee until you are left like a beacon on the top of a mountain, and like a banner on a hill.

18 **. ELOHIM Will Be Gracious. .**

Therefore YAHWEH will wait, that he may be gracious to you; and therefore he will be exalted, that he may have mercy on you, for YAHWEH is an ELOHIM of justice. Blessed are all those who wait for him.

19 For the people will dwell in Zion at Jerusalem. You will weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the voice of your cry. When he hears you, he will answer you.

20 Though ADONAI may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your teachers won't be hidden anymore, but your eyes will see your teachers;

21 and when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way. Walk in it.”

22 You shall defile the overlaying of your engraved images of silver, and the plating of your molten images of gold. You shall cast them away as an unclean thing. You shall tell it, “Go away!”

23 He will give the rain for your seed, with which you will sow the ground; and bread of the increase of the ground will be rich and plentiful. In that day, your livestock will feed in large pastures.

24 The oxen likewise and the young donkeys that till the ground will eat savory provender, which has been winnowed with the shovel and with the fork.

25 There shall be brooks and streams of water on every lofty mountain and on every high hill in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.

26 Moreover the light of the moon will be like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven days, in the day that YAHWEH binds up the fracture of his people, and heals the wound they were struck with.

27 **. Judgment on Assyria. .**

Behold, the name of YAHWEH comes from far away, burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke. His lips are full of indignation, and his tongue is as a devouring fire.

28 His breath is as an overflowing stream that reaches even to the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction; and a bridle that leads to ruin will be in the jaws of the peoples.

29 You will have a song, as in the night when a holy feast is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goes with a flute to come to YAHWEH's mountain, to Israel's Rock.

30 YAHWEH will cause his glorious voice to be heard, and will show the descent of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and the flame of a devouring fire, with a blast, storm, and hailstones.

31 For through the voice of YAHWEH the Assyrian will be dismayed. He will strike him with his rod.

32 Every stroke of the rod of punishment, which YAHWEH will lay on him, will be with the sound of tambourines and harps. He will fight with them in battles, brandishing weapons.

33 For his burning place has long been ready. Yes, for the king it is prepared. He has made its pyre deep and large with fire and much wood. YAHWEH's breath, like a stream of sulfur, kindles it.

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Psalms 119:1-32.

1 .. ALEPH. .

ALEPH Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to YAHWEH's Torah.

2 Blessed are those who keep his statutes, who seek him with their whole heart.

3 Yes, they do nothing wrong. They walk in his ways.

4 You have commanded your precepts, that we should fully obey them.

5 Oh that my ways were steadfast to obey your statutes!

6 Then I wouldn't be disappointed, when I consider all of your commandments.

7 I will give thanks to you with uprightness of heart, when I learn your righteous judgments.

8 I will observe your statutes. Don't utterly forsake me.

9 .. BETH. .

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.

10 With my whole heart, I have sought you. Don't let me wander from your commandments.

11 I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, YAHWEH! Teach me your statutes.

13 With my lips, I have declared all the ordinances of your mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies, as much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate on your precepts, and consider your ways.

16 I will delight myself in your statutes. I will not forget your word.

17 .. GIMEL. .

Do good to your servant. I will live and I will obey your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things out of your Torah.

19 I am a stranger on the earth. Don't hide your commandments from me.

20 My soul is consumed with longing for your ordinances at all times.

21 You have rebuked the proud who are cursed, who wander from your commandments.

22 Take reproach and contempt away from me, for I have kept your statutes.

23 Though princes sit and slander me, your servant will meditate on your statutes.

24 Indeed your statutes are my delight, and my counselors.

25 .. DALETH. .

My soul is laid low in the dust. Revive me according to your word!

26 I declared my ways, and you answered me. Teach me your statutes.

27 Let me understand the teaching of your precepts! Then I will meditate on your wondrous works.

28 My soul is weary with sorrow: strengthen me according to your word.

29 Keep me from the way of deceit. Grant me your Torah graciously!

30 I have chosen the way of truth. I have set your ordinances before me.

31 I cling to your statutes, YAHWEH! Don't let me be disappointed.

32 I run in the path of your commandments, for you have set my heart free.

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Proverbs 13.

- 1 A wise son listens to his father's instruction, but a scoffer doesn't listen to rebuke.
- 2 By the fruit of his lips, a man enjoys good things; but the unfaithful crave violence.
- 3 He who guards his mouth guards his soul. One who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.
- 4 The soul of the sluggard desires, and has nothing, but the desire of the diligent shall be fully satisfied.
- 5 A righteous man hates lies, but a wicked man brings shame and disgrace.
- 6 Righteousness guards the way of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.
- 7 There are some who pretend to be rich, yet have nothing. There are some who pretend to be poor, yet have great wealth.
- 8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches, but the poor hear no threats.
- 9 The light of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the wicked is snuffed out.
- 10 Pride only breeds quarrels, but with ones who take advice is wisdom.
- 11 Wealth gained dishonestly dwindles away, but he who gathers by hand makes it grow.
- 12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when longing is fulfilled, it is a tree of life.
- 13 Whoever despises instruction will pay for it, but he who respects a command will be rewarded.
- 14 The teaching of the wise is a spring of life, to turn from the snares of death.
- 15 Good understanding wins favor; but the way of the unfaithful is hard.
- 16 Every prudent man acts from knowledge, but a fool exposes folly.
- 17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a trustworthy envoy gains healing.
- 18 Poverty and shame come to him who refuses discipline, but he who heeds correction shall be honored.
- 19 Longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but fools detest turning from evil.
- 20 One who walks with wise men grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.
- 21 Misfortune pursues sinners, but prosperity rewards the righteous.
- 22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored for the righteous.
- 23 An abundance of food is in poor people's fields, but injustice sweeps it away.
- 24 One who spares the rod hates his son, but one who loves him is careful to discipline him.
- 25 The righteous one eats to the satisfying of his soul, but the belly of the wicked goes hungry.

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Isaiah 31.

1 . The Folly of Not Trusting ELOHIM. .

Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, and rely on horses, and trust in chariots because they are many, and in horsemen because they are very strong, but they don't look to the Holy One of Israel, and they don't seek YAHWEH!

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

3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not El; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When YAHWEH stretches out his hand, both he who helps shall stumble, and he who is helped shall fall, and they all shall be consumed together.

4 . ELOHIM Will Deliver Jerusalem. .

For thus says YAHWEH to me, "As the lion and the young lion growling over his prey, if a multitude of shepherds is called together against him, will not be dismayed at their voice, nor abase himself for their noise, so YAHWEH of Hosts will come down to fight on Mount Zion and on its heights.

5 As birds hovering, so YAHWEH of Hosts will protect Jerusalem. He will protect and deliver it. He will pass over and preserve it."

6 Return to him from whom you have deeply revolted, children of Israel.

7 For in that day everyone shall cast away his idols of silver and his idols of gold sin which your own hands have made for you.

8 "The Assyrian will fall by the sword, not of man; and the sword, not of mankind, shall devour him. He will flee from the sword, and his young men will become subject to forced labor.

9 His rock will pass away by reason of terror, and his princes will be afraid of the banner," says YAHWEH, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 32.

1 . A Reign of Righteousness. .

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

2 A man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the storm, as streams of water in a dry place, as the shade of a large rock in a weary land.

3 The eyes of those who see will not be dim, and the ears of those who hear will listen.

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

5 The fool will no longer be called noble, nor the scoundrel be highly respected.

6 For the fool will speak folly, and his heart will work iniquity, to practice profanity, and to utter error against YAHWEH, To make empty the soul of the hungry, and to cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

7 The ways of the scoundrel are evil. He devises wicked devices to destroy the humble with lying words, even when the needy speaks right.

8 But the noble devises noble things; and he will continue in noble things.

9 . Consequences of Complacency. .

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Rise up, you women who are at ease! Hear my voice! You careless daughters, give ear to my speech!

10 For days beyond a year you will be troubled, you careless women; for the vintage shall fail. The harvest won't come.

11 Tremble, you women who are at ease! Be troubled, you careless ones! Strip yourselves, make yourselves naked, and put sackcloth on your waist.

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

13 Thorns and briars will come up on my people's land; yes, on all the houses of joy in the joyous city.

14 For the palace will be forsaken. The populous city will be deserted. The hill and the watchtower will be for dens forever, a delight for wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks;

15 Until the Spirit is poured on us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is considered a forest.

16 . The Peace of ELOHIM's Reign. .

Then justice will dwell in the wilderness; and righteousness will remain in the fruitful field.

17 The work of righteousness will be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

18 My people will live in a peaceful habitation, in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

19 Though hail flattens the forest, and the city is leveled completely.

20 Blessed are you who sow beside all waters, who send out the feet of the ox and the donkey.

Isaiah 33.

1 . A Prayer in Deep Distress. .

Woe to you who destroy, but you weren't destroyed; and who betray, but nobody betrayed you! When you have finished destroying, you will be destroyed; and when you have made an end of betrayal, you will be betrayed.

2 YAHWEH, be gracious to us. We have waited for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

3 At the noise of the thunder, the peoples have fled. When you lift yourself up, the nations are scattered.

4 Your spoil will be gathered as the caterpillar gathers. Men will leap on it as locusts leap.

5 YAHWEH is exalted, for he dwells on high. He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness.

6 There will be stability in your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge. The fear of YAHWEH is your treasure.

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

8 The highways are desolate. The traveling man ceases. The covenant is broken. He has despised the cities. He doesn't respect man.

9 The land mourns and languishes. Lebanon is confounded and withers away. Sharon is like a desert, and Bashan and Carmel are stripped bare.

10 . Impending Judgment on Zion. .

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“Now I will arise,” says YAHWEH; “Now I will lift myself up. Now I will be exalted.

11 You will conceive chaff. You will bring forth stubble. Your breath is a fire that will devour you.

12 The peoples will be like the burning of lime, like thorns that are cut down and burned in the fire.

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

14 The sinners in Zion are afraid. Trembling has seized the godless ones. Who among us can live with the devouring fire? Who among us can live with everlasting burning?

15 He who walks righteously, and speaks blamelessly; He who despises the gain of oppressions, who gestures with his hands, refusing to take a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from looking at evil

16 he will dwell on high. His place of defense will be the fortress of rocks. His bread will be supplied. His waters will be sure.

17 **. The Land of the Majestic King. .**

Your eyes will see the king in his beauty. They will see a distant land.

18 Your heart will meditate on the terror. Where is he who counted? Where is he who weighed? Where is he who counted the towers?

19 You will no longer see the fierce people, a people of a deep speech that you can't comprehend, with a strange language that you can't understand.

20 Look at Zion, the city of our appointed festivals. Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet habitation, a tent that won't be removed. Its stakes will never be plucked up, nor will any of its cords be broken.

21 But there YAHWEH will be with us in majesty, a place of broad rivers and streams, in which no galley with oars will go, neither will any gallant ship pass by there.

22 For YAHWEH is our judge. YAHWEH is our Torah-giver. YAHWEH is our king. He will save us.

23 Your rigging is untied. They couldn't strengthen the foot of their mast. They couldn't spread the sail. Then the prey of a great spoil was divided. The lame took the prey.

24 The inhabitant won't say, “I am sick.” The people who dwell therein will be forgiven their iniquity.

Psalms 119:33-64.

33 **.. HE. .**

Teach me, YAHWEH, the way of your statutes. I will keep them to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I will keep your Torah. Yes, I will obey it with my whole heart.

35 Direct me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in them.

36 Turn my heart toward your statutes, not toward selfish gain.

37 Turn my eyes away from looking at worthless things. Revive me in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, that you may be feared.

39 Take away my disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

40 Behold, I long for your precepts! Revive me in your righteousness.

41 **.. WAW. .**

Let your loving kindness also come to me, YAHWEH, your salvation, according to your word.

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42 So I will have an answer for him who reproaches me, for I trust in your word.
43 Don't snatch the word of truth out of my mouth, for I put my hope in your ordinances.
44 So I will obey your Torah continually, forever and ever.
45 I will walk in liberty, for I have sought your precepts.
46 I will also speak of your statutes before kings, and will not be disappointed.
47 I will delight myself in your commandments, because I love them.
48 I reach out my hands for your commandments, which I love. I will meditate on your statutes.

49 **..ZAYIN..**

Remember your word to your servant, because you gave me hope.
50 This is my comfort in my affliction, for your word has revived me.
51 The arrogant mock me excessively, but I don't swerve from your Torah.
52 I remember your ordinances of old, YAHWEH, and have comforted myself.
53 Indignation has taken hold on me, because of the wicked who forsake your Torah.
54 Your statutes have been my songs, in the house where I live.
55 I have remembered your name, YAHWEH, in the night, and I obey your Torah.
56 This is my way, that I keep your precepts.

57 **..HETH..**

YAHWEH is my portion. I promised to obey your words.
58 I sought your favor with my whole heart. Be merciful to me according to your word.
59 I considered my ways, and turned my steps to your statutes.
60 I will hurry, and not delay, to obey your commandments.
61 The ropes of the wicked bind me, but I won't forget your Torah.
62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks to you, because of your righteous ordinances.
63 I am a friend of all those who fear you, of those who observe your precepts.
64 The earth is full of your loving kindness, YAHWEH! Teach me your statutes.

Proverbs 14.

1 Every wise woman builds her house, but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands.
2 He who walks in his uprightness fears YAHWEH, but he who is perverse in his ways despises him.
3 The fool's talk brings a rod to his back, but the lips of the wise protect them.
4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean, but much increase is by the strength of the ox.
5 A truthful witness will not lie, but a false witness pours out lies.
6 A scoffer seeks wisdom, and doesn't find it, but knowledge comes easily to a discerning person.
7 Stay away from a foolish man, for you won't find knowledge on his lips.
8 The wisdom of the prudent is to think about his way, but the folly of fools is deceit.
9 Fools mock at making atonement for sins, but among the upright there is good will.
10 The heart knows its own bitterness and joy; he will not share these with a stranger.
11 The house of the wicked will be overthrown, but the tent of the upright will flourish.
12 There is a way which seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.
13 Even in laughter the heart may be sorrowful, and mirth may end in heaviness.

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- 14 The unfaithful will be repaid for his own ways; likewise a good man will be rewarded for his ways.
- 15 A simple man believes everything, but the prudent man carefully considers his ways.
- 16 A wise man fears, and shuns evil, but the fool is hotheaded and reckless.
- 17 He who is quick to become angry will commit folly, and a crafty man is hated.
- 18 The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
- 19 The evil bow down before the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
- 20 The poor person is shunned even by his own neighbor, but the rich person has many friends.
- 21 He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who has pity on the poor.
- 22 Don't they go astray who plot evil? But love and faithfulness belong to those who plan good.
- 23 In all hard work there is profit, but the talk of the lips leads only to poverty.
- 24 The crown of the wise is their riches, but the folly of fools crowns them with folly.
- 25 A truthful witness saves souls, but a false witness is deceitful.
- 26 In the fear of YAHWEH is a secure fortress, and he will be a refuge for his children.
- 27 The fear of YAHWEH is a fountain of life, turning people from the snares of death.
- 28 In the multitude of people is the king's glory, but in the lack of people is the destruction of the prince.
- 29 He who is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a quick temper displays folly.
- 30 The life of the body is a heart at peace, but envy rots the bones.
- 31 He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for his Maker, but he who is kind to the needy honors him.
- 32 The wicked is brought down in his calamity, but in death, the righteous has a refuge.
- 33 Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understanding, and is even made known in the inward part of fools.
- 34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.
- 35 The king's favor is toward a servant who deals wisely, but his wrath is toward one who causes shame.

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