

## The Hebrew Corner

The book of Ezekiel contains the prophetic word given by God to the prophet Ezekiel nearly six hundred years before the birth of Yeshua (Jesus). Ezekiel uses vivid imagery to give his prophetic message, such as his depiction of Samaria and Jerusalem as sisters who engaged in prostitution, to describe the idolatry and reliance on other countries to protect them. He presents a vision of God, in which the glory of God is represented by fire, wheels within wheels, living beings with wings, all being moved by the Holy Spirit. His prophecies include the two vultures prophecy, the dry bones prophecy, the invasion of Gog and Magog, and the building of a new temple and its ministry. The following is a translation from the original Hebrew into English of the book of Ezekiel. The reader should take note of the following explanatory items concerning this translation. Whenever an asterisk (\*) appears after “the Lord” or “God” in the text, this is referring to the Hebrew name of God יהוה, also known as the tetragrammaton. Two Hebrew words that have a meaning more broad in scope than an English word can represent are usually left untranslated; these are the Hebrew words shalom (שלום) and Torah (תורה). Words or letters in parentheses are added to clarify the meaning or make the grammar more correct in English. Words or phrases that appear in brackets are used to give clarity to the English translation that is evident in the Hebrew but not in English. The author would like to acknowledge that the Hebrew lexicon Brown-Driver-Briggs was used almost exclusively to determine the meaning of Biblical Hebrew words, and many phrases.

Enjoy your reading and God bless.

## Ezekiel (Yechezqel)

### Chapter 1

It was in the thirtieth year, in the fourth (month), on the fifth day of the month, when I was in the midst of the exiles along the river Chebar, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

2 On the fifth (day) of the month, it being the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin,

3 It happened (that) the word of the Lord\* came to Ezekiel, son of Buzi, the priest, in the land of the Chaldeans, along the river Chebar, and the hand of the Lord\* was upon him there.

4 I looked, and behold, a storm wind came from the north, a great cloud, and fire was taking ahold of itself. The brightness of it was all around, and from the middle of it, it was like the sparkle of hashmal [electrum] from the midst of the fire.

5 From the middle of it was the likeness of four living beings, and this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man.

6 There were four faces to each one, and four wings to (each) one of them.

7 Their legs were a straight leg, the sole of their feet like the sole of the foot of a calf, and the shine like the sparkle of burnished bronze,

8 And the hands of a man from underneath their wings upon their four sides. The four of them had their faces and wings.

9 Their wings were joined, each one to its sister. They would not turn around in their movement. Each one went according to the side opposite its face.

10 The likeness of their faces was the face of a man and the face of a lion to the right, according to their four, and the face of a bull to the left, according to their four, and the face of an eagle, according to their four.

11 Their faces, and their wings were spread above, for each, two adjoining each (other), and two covering their bodies.

12 Each one went according to the side opposite its face. It would happen, according to where the Spirit went, they would go. They would not turn around in their movement,

13 And the likeness of the living beings, their appearance, was like coals of

fire burning, like the appearance of torches. It would go back and forth between the living beings, and its brightness was lightning flashes going out to and from the fire.

14 The living beings were running out and returning like the appearance of a lightning flash,

15 And I saw the living beings, and behold, there was one wheel on the land beside the living beings, for the four of its faces.

16 The appearance of the wheels and their workings was like the shine of yellow jasper, and the likeness of (each) one of their four and their workings was like that of a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

17 Toward the four of their sides they would go when they went. They would not turn around when they went.

18 It was their rims and the height of them that was their terror, and their rims were full of eyes all around the four of them.

19 When the living beings went, the wheels went beside them, and when the living beings were lifted up from upon the land, the wheels were lifted up.

20 According to where the Spirit was to go, they would go to where the Spirit was going, and the wheels would be lifted up alongside them, for the Spirit of the living being was in the wheels.

21 When they went, they would go, when they stood still, they would stand still, and when they lifted up over the land, the wheels would be lifted up alongside of them, for the Spirit of the living being was in the wheels.

22 The likeness above the heads of the living being was an extended surface like the shine of frost, awesome. It was spreading out above their heads upwards,

23 And underneath the extended surface, their wings were straight, each one to its sister. For each two, there was a covering for them, and for each two, a covering of their bodies for them.

24 I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of many waters, like the voice of Shaddai when they went, the sound of a rain storm, like the sound of a company. When they stood still, they would let their wings drop,

25 And there was a sound from above with respect to the extended surface that was above their head. When they stood still they would let their wings

drop down.

26 From above, with respect to the extended surface that was above their head, it was like the appearance of sapphire stone, the likeness of a throne, and upon the likeness of the throne a likeness upon it from above like the appearance of a man from above.

27 I observed the likeness of the sparkle of hashmal, like the appearance of fire, and its enclosing cage round about, from the appearance of his loins and upward. From the appearance of his loins and downward I saw the likeness of the appearance of fire, and the brightness of it round about.

28 Like the appearance of the rainbow that is in a cloud mass on a day of rain was the appearance of the brightness round about. It was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord\*. I looked, fell on my face, and heard a voice speaking.

## Chapter 2

He said to me, Son of man, stand up upon your feet, and I will speak to you.

2 Then the Spirit came within me when he spoke to me, and stood me up upon my feet, and I heard speaking to me,

3 And he said to me, Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to the rebellious nations that have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me until this very day.

4 They are stubborn children, who are hard of heart. I am sending you to them. You will say to them, Thus says the Lord God\*,

5 But (as for) them, whether they listen or forbear, for they are a rebellious house, they will know that a prophet has been among them.

6 But you, son of man, do not fear on account of them, and on account of their words do not fear, that they are resisting and despising you, and you are dwelling among scorpions. On account of their words do not fear, and on account of their presence do not be dismayed, for they are a rebellious house.

7 So you will speak my words to them, whether they listen or forbear, for they are rebellious.

8 But you, son of man, listen to what I am speaking to you, and do not be rebellious like the rebellious house. Open your mouth and eat what I am giving to you.

9 Then I looked, and behold, a hand was extended to me, and behold, in it was a roll of a book,

10 And he spread it out before me, and it was written on the front and back, and written on it were dirges, moaning, and wailing.

### Chapter 3

Then he said to me, Son of man, what you find, eat. Eat this roll, and go speak to the house of Israel.

2 So I opened my mouth, and he fed me this roll.

3 Then he said to me, Son of man, you will make your belly digest (it), and fill your stomach with this roll that I have given to you. I ate it, and it was like honey in my mouth for sweetness.

4 He said to me, Son of man, go enter into the house of Israel, and you will speak to them by my words.

5 For you will not be sent to a people of an unfathomable lip and a heavy tongue, (but) to the house of Israel.

6 It will not be to many peoples of unfathomable lip and heavy tongue, (so) that you cannot understand their words. Would it not be, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you?

7 But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for there are none who are willing to listen to me, because all the house of Israel is stout of brow, and hard of heart.

8 Now I have given your face strength against their face, and your brow strength against their brow.

9 I have made your brow as flint stronger than a knife. Do not fear them, nor be dismayed from their presence, for they are a rebellious house.

10 Then he said to me, Son of man, all my words that I speak to you, take into your heart, and listen with your ears.

11 Go enter in to the exiles, to the children of your people, and you will

11 speak to them. You will say to them, Thus says the Lord God\*, whether they will listen or forbear.

12 Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great quaking, Blessed be the glory of the Lord\* from his place!

13 There was the sound of the wings of the living beings gently touching, each one to its sister, the sound of the wheels alongside them, and the sound of a great quaking.

14 The Spirit lifted me and took me away, and I went bitterly in the rage of my spirit, but the hand of the Lord\* was strong upon me.

15 Then I came in to the exiles of Tel Abib, the inhabitants along the river Chebar, who were those dwelling there, and I stayed there seven days, showing horror in the midst of them.

16 It was at the end of seven days that the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

17 Son of man, I have set you a watchman to the house of Israel. You will hear a word from my mouth, and give them a warning from me.

18 When I say to the wicked, You will surely die, and you do not warn him, nor speak to admonish him, the wicked one, from his wicked way, to preserve him alive, he, the wicked one, will die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand.

19 But when you warn the wicked one, and he does not repent from his wickedness or his way of evil, he will die in his iniquity, but you have rescued your soul.

20 Moreover, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness, and does iniquity, and I put a stumbling block before him, he will die. If (you) do not warn him, in his sin he will die, and his righteousness that he did will not be remembered, but his blood I will require from your hand.

21 If you warn him, the righteous one, to not sin, and the righteous one does not sin, he will surely live, because he has been warned, and you have rescued your soul.

22 The hand of the Lord\* was upon me there, and he said to me, Arise, go out to the plain, and I will speak to you there.

23 So I arose and went out to the plain, and behold, there was the glory of the Lord\*, standing, as the glory that I saw along the river Chebar, and I fell

on my face.

24 Then the Spirit came into me, and he stood me up on my feet. He spoke to me, and said to me, Come, shut yourself up in the middle of your house.

25 (As for) you, son of man, behold, they put cords upon you, and bind you in them, and you cannot go out in their midst.

26 Your tongue I will make cling to the roof of your mouth, you will be unable to speak, but you will not be to them as someone chiding, for they are a rebellious house.

27 Then when I speak to you, I will open your mouth, and you will say to them, Thus says the Lord God\*. Let him who hears hear, and let him who forbears forbear, for they are a rebellious house.

## Chapter 4

(As for) you, son of man, take for yourself a tile, put it in front of you, and engrave on it a city, Jerusalem.

2 You will put a siege against it, build a siege wall against it, cast a mound against it, put encampments against it, and set battering rams against it all around.

3 (As for) you, take for yourself a plate of iron, and you will set it as a wall of iron between you and the city. You will direct your face toward it. It will be in the siege, and you will lay siege against it. It will be a sign to the house of Israel.

4 And you, lay down upon your left side, and set the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it. The number of days that you will lay down on it, you will carry their iniquity,

5 I have given to you years of iniquity for the number of days: three hundred ninety days that you will carry the iniquity of the house of Israel.

6 You will complete these, you will lay down a second time on your right side, and you will carry the iniquity of the house of Judah: forty days, a day for a year. A day for a year, I will set it for you.

7 To the siege of Jerusalem you will direct your face, your right arm you will lay bare, and you will prophesy against it.

8 Now I am putting cords upon you, and you will not turn over from your side to your side until you have completed the days of your siege.

9 You will also take for yourself wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt, and you will put them in one vessel, and make them into bread for yourself. The number of days that you lie on your side, three hundred ninety days, you will eat it.

10 Your consumption that you will eat (of) it by weight will be twenty shekels each day. From time to time you will eat it,

11 And you will drink water by measure. A sixth of the hin from time to time you will drink.

12 A cake of bread of the grains, you will eat (of) it, and with dung that goes out of man, you will bake it in their sight.

13 The Lord\* said, In this way the children of Israel will eat their unclean bread, in the nations where I banish them.

14 But I said, Ah, Lord God\*, look, my soul has not been polluted, and I have not eaten an animal dying of itself or torn, from my youth even until now, and flesh of a foul thing has not entered into my mouth.

15 So he said to me, See, I have given to you manure of cattle instead of dung of man, and you will make your bread over it.

16 Then he said to me, Son of man, here am I, who breaks the staff of bread in Jerusalem, and they will eat bread by weight and with anxiety, and they will drink water by measure and with appallment,

17 On account of they will lack bread and water. Each one and his brother will be appalled, and they will pine away in their punishment.

## Chapter 5

(As for) you, son of man, take for yourself a sharp knife, a razor of the barbers. You will take it for yourself, and you will cause it to pass over upon your head and beard. You will take balances of weight and divide them.

2 A third you will burn up in the flame in the middle of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled. You will take a third; you will strike with the knife all around it, and a third you will scatter to the wind, for the sword I



will draw out after them.

3 Then you will take from there a few in number, and secure them in your skirts,

4 And some of them you will take and throw them in the middle of the fire, and burn them in the fire. The fire will go out from it to all the house of Israel.

5 Thus says the Lord God\*, This is Jerusalem. I have put her in the midst of the nations, and lands all around her.

6 But she has shown more rebelliousness to my judgments against wickedness than the nations, and with my statutes than the lands that surround her. For they have refused my judgments, and my statutes, they have not walked in them.

7 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Because your rebellion has been more than the nations that surround you, you have not walked in my statutes, you have not observed my judgments, nor have you done according to the judgments of the nations that surround you,

8 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Here I am, also I am against you, and I will do in the midst of you judgments in the sight of the nations.

9 So I will do among you what I have not done, and what I will not do the like of it again, because of all your abominations.

10 Therefore, the fathers will eat the sons in your midst, and the sons will eat the fathers. I will do judgments among you, then I will scatter all who remain of you to every wind.

11 Therefore, (as) I live, declares the Lord God\*, surely it is because you have made my sanctuary unclean with all your detestable things and abominations, that even I will withdraw, and my eyes will not look with compassion, and also I will not spare.

12 A third will die in the pestilence, and will perish in the famine in your midst, the third will fall by the sword all around you, and the third I will scatter to every wind, then I will draw a sword out after them.

13 Yes, my anger will be fulfilled, then I will quiet my fury against them and have compassion. They will know that I am the Lord\*. I speak in my ardor when I have fulfilled my fury against them.

14 I will set you to ruin and to reproach in the nations that surround you, in

the sight of all who pass by.

15 So it will become a reproach and a taunt, a warning and an appallment to the nations that surround you, when I perform on you judgments in anger and fury, and with rebukings of fury. I, the Lord\*, have spoken.

16 When I send the disagreeable arrows of the famine against them that are for destruction, which I am sending to destroy you, the famine will increase upon you, and break your staff of bread.

17 Yes, I will send the famine against you, even the wild beast, and they will make you childless. Pestilence and blood will pass through you, and I will bring the sword against you. I, the Lord\*, have spoken.

## Chapter 6

The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,

3 And you will say, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God\*, Thus says the Lord God\* to the mountains and hills, to the channels and valleys, Here am I. I am bringing the sword against you, and I will bring destruction in your high places.

4 Your altars will be desolate, and your sun-pillars will be broken. I will cause your slain to fall in front of your idols.

5 I will put the corpses of the children of Israel before their idols, and I will scatter your bones on all sides of your altars.

6 In all your dwellings, the cities will become a waste, and the high places will be desolated, in order that your altars would be desolate and bear the offense, your idols would be broken and cease (to be), your sun-pillars would be hewn off, and your works would be blotted out.

7 The slain will fall in your midst, and you will know that I am the Lord\*.

8 But I will leave a remnant when it happens to you, fugitives of the sword among the nations, when you will be dispersed among the lands.

9 Your fugitives will remember me in the nations where they were taken captive, whom I will break their heart of the harlot, and their eyes of harlotry after their idols. They will feel a loathing against their own selves on

account of the wicked (things) that they have done, because of all their abominations.

10 Then they will know that I am the Lord\*. Not in vain have I spoken to do this distress to them.

11 Thus says the Lord God\*, Clap with your hand(s), stamp with your foot, and say (to) a brother concerning all the wicked abominations of the house of Israel, that they will fall by the sword, famine, and pestilence.

12 The distant (one) will die by pestilence, the near (one) will fall by the sword, and those remaining and those blockaded will die by famine. Then I will make an end of my wrath against them,

13 And you will know that I am the Lord\*, when their slain fall out in the midst of their idols, all around their altars, upon every high hill, among all the peaks of the mountains, and underneath every luxuriant tree, and every leafy terebinth, a place where they have put a tranquilizing odor to all their idols.

14 So I will stretch out my hand against them, and I will make the land a waste, and to more devastation than a wilderness of Riblah, in all their dwellings, and they will know that I am the Lord\*.

## Chapter 7

The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 (As for) you, son of man, thus says the Lord God\* to the country of Israel, The end! The end comes, upon the four corners of the land.

3 Now the end is upon you. I will send my anger against you, and I will judge you according to your ways. I will requite all your abominations against you.

4 My eye will not look with compassion upon you, and I will not spare. For I will requite your ways against you, your abominations will fall out in your midst, and you will know that I am the Lord\*.

5 Thus says the Lord God\*, Calamity after calamity now comes.

6 An end comes. The end comes! It has awoken to you. Now it comes.

7 Fate comes to you, O dwellers of the land. The time comes near, the day of tumult and not the (joyous) shout on mountains.

8 Now in short order I will pour out my wrath on you, complete my anger

against you, and judge you according to your ways. I will requite all your abominations against you.

9 My eye will not pity, and I will not spare. I will requite against you according to your ways, your abominations will fall out in your midst, and you will know that I am the Lord\* who strikes.

10 Now is the day! Now it comes. Fate comes. The rod flourishes. Insolence has blossomed.

11 The violence arises for the rod of wickedness. There are none of them, none of their multitude, and none of their commotion. There is no distinction left in them.

12 The time comes. The day approaches. Let the buyer not be joyful, and let the seller not mourn, for (there is) burning of anger against all her masses.

13 For the seller will not turn back to the thing sold, though their lives are with the living, for the vision will not turn back against all her masses, and each one will not keep his life due to his iniquity.

14 They may give a blast on the trumpet and make everyone ready, but there will be none going to the battle, for my anger will be against all her masses.

15 The sword will be on the outside, and pestilence and famine on the inside, (so) that (one) in the field will die by the sword, and (one) in the city, famine and pestilence will consume him.

16 Their fugitives will escape, and will be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them groaning, each one in his punishment.

17 All the hands will sink, and all knees will be weak as water,

18 And they will gird on sackcloth, and shuddering will cover them. Shame will be on all faces, and baldness on all their heads.

19 They will throw their silver into the streets, and their gold will be for an impure thing. Their silver and gold will not be able to rescue them in the day of the fury of the Lord\*. They will not satisfy their souls, nor fulfill their inward parts, for it was a stumbling block of their iniquity.

20 The beauty of its ornaments sets itself for pride, and the images of their abominations, their detested things, they have made with it. Therefore I have made it for an impure thing to them.

21 I will give it into the hand of foreigners for spoil, and to the wicked of the

land for plunder, and they will defile it.

22 I will turn away my face from them, and they will defile my treasured place. Violent ones will enter into it and defile it.

23 Make the chain, for the land it is full of the judgment of bloodshed, and the city is full of violence.

24 I will bring in the worst of nations, and they will take possession of their houses. I will put an end to the exaltation of the mighty, and their holy places will be defiled.

25 Disaster upon disaster will come, and there will be report upon report. They will desire a vision from a prophet, but instruction will perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders.

26 The king will mourn, the prince will be clothed (in) appallment, and the hands of the people will be dismayed. I will do (to) them according to their way, by their judgments I will judge them, and they will know that I am the Lord\*.

## Chapter 8

It was in the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth (day) of the month, I was sitting in my house, the elders of Judah were sitting in front of me, and the hand of the Lord God\* fell upon me there.

2 Then I looked, and behold, a likeness like the appearance of fire, from the appearance of his loins and downward, fire, and from the appearance of his loins and upward like the appearance of a shining like the sparkle of hashmal [electrum].

3 Then he stretched out something like a hand, took me by the locks of hair of my head, and the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heavens. (He) brought me to Jerusalem into a vision of God, to the entrance of the inner gate of the corner toward the north, where was a seat of a statue of jealousy provoking to jealous anger.

4 Behold, there was the glory of the God of Israel, like the appearance that I saw in the plain.

5 Then he said to me, Son of man, lift up your eyes the way to the north, and I lifted up my eyes the way to the north, and behold, from north of the gate

of the altar was the statue of jealousy. This was in the entrance.

6 He said to me, Son of man, do you see what they are doing? Great abominations are what the house of Israel is doing here, to become far from my sanctification, and yet you will turn and see greater abominations.

7 So he brought me to an entrance of the court, and I looked, and behold, one hole in the wall.

8 He said to me, Son of man, now dig into the wall, and I dug into the wall, and behold, one entrance.

9 Then he said to me, Come and see the wicked abominations that they are doing here.

10 So I entered in, I looked, and behold, every image of creeping things, detestable beasts, and all idols of the house of Israel, carved on the wall all around, all around!

11 Standing in front of them were seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and Jaazaniah, son of Shaphan, who was standing in their midst. Each one (had) his censer in his hand, and the odor of a cloud of incense was rising.

12 Then he said to me, Do you see, son of man, what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark? Each one is in his chambers of his carved figures, who say, The Lord\* does not see us. The Lord\* has abandoned the land.

13 He said to me, Yet you will turn and see greater abominations that they are doing.

14 Then he brought me to the entrance of the gate of the house of the Lord\* that was to the north, and behold, there were the women sitting, weeping (for) Tammuz.

15 Then he said to me, Do you see, son of man? Yet you will turn and see greater abominations than these.

16 So he brought me to the inner court of the house of the Lord\*, and now there was the entrance of the temple of the Lord\*, between the porch and the altar. There were the like of twenty-five men, the back part of them to the temple of the Lord\*, their faces toward the east, and they were were bowing down in worship to the sun toward the east.

17 Then he said to me, Do you see, son of man? Is it a trivial thing for the

house of Judah, doing the abominations they have done here? For they have filled the land with violence, and turned to provoke me, extending the branch to their nose here.

18 So indeed, I am acting in my wrath. My eye will not pity, and I will not spare. They may cry out a loud voice in my ear, but I will not hear them.

## Chapter 9

Then a loud voice cried out in my ear, saying, Those in charge of punishment have approached the city, and each one with a weapon of its destruction in his hand.

2 Now six men were coming in from the way of the upper gate that was facing toward the north, and each one with his shattering weapon in his hand. One in their midst was clothed (in) linen garments, and an inkhorn of the scribe on his loins, and they came in and stood beside the bronze altar.

3 Then the glory of the God of Israel was taken up from upon the cherub that was by him over the threshold of the temple. He called to the man clothed (in) linen garments on whose loins the inkhorn of the scribe was.

4 The Lord\* said to him, Pass through the middle of the city, through the middle of Jerusalem. You will set a mark upon the foreheads of the men, those who sigh and mourn on account of all the abominations that have been done in its midst.

5 To these he said in my hearing, Pass through into the city after him, and strike down. Let your eyes not look with pity, and do not spare.

6 Old man, young man, virgin, child, and women, you will slay to destruction, but do not come near to anyone whom the mark is upon, and you will begin from my sanctuary. They began with the elders who were in front of the temple.

7 Then he said to them, Defile the temple and fill the courts (with) the slain. Go out! So they went out, and struck the city.

8 It was when they were striking them, and I was left, that I fell on my face, cried out, and said, Alas, O Lord God\*! Are you destroying all who remain of Israel with your pouring out of your wrath upon Jerusalem?

9 Then he said to me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, the land is filled with bloodshed, and the city is full of perverted justice, for they say, The Lord\* has abandoned the land, and The Lord\* does not see.

10 So also, (as for) me, my eye will not pity, and I will not spare. I will put their way on their head.

11 Now the man clothed in the linen garments, whose loins the inkhorn was on, was bringing back word, saying, I have done according to what you have commanded me.

## Chapter 10

Then I looked, and behold, upon the extended surface that was above the head of the cherubim, it was like a sapphire stone, according to an appearance similar to a throne. It appeared above them.

2 He spoke to the man clothed in the linen garments, and said, Come into the midst of the whirling, to underneath of the cherub, and fill your hands full of coals of fire from the midst of the cherubim, and toss upon the city. In my sight he came in.

3 The cherubim were standing on the south (side) of the temple when the man came in. The cloud filled the inner court.

4 Then the glory of the Lord\* rose above the cherub, above the threshold of the temple. The temple was filled with the cloud, and the court was filled with the brightness of the glory of the Lord\*.

5 A sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard up to the outer court. It was as the voice of El Shaddai when he spoke,

6 And it was when he commanded the man clothed in linen garments, saying, Take fire from the midst of the whirling, from the midst of the cherubim, that he came in and stood beside the wheel.

7 Then the cherub stretched out his hand from the midst of the cherubim into the fire that was in between the cherubim, he took (some) out and put (it) into the hands of (the one) clothed in linen garments, and he took (it) and went out.



8 There was seen of the cherubim something like the hand of a man underneath their wings.

9 Then I looked, and now four wheels were beside the cherubim, and one wheel beside the one cherub, and one wheel beside one cherub, and the appearance of the wheels was like the sparkle of a yellow jasper stone.

10 Their appearances were similar, each one of their four, like as the wheel would be in the middle of the wheel.

11 When the four went, their four sides would go. They did not turn around when they went, for the direction that the head would turn, they would go after it. They did not turn around when they went,

12 And all their body, their back, their hands, and their wings. Their wheels were full of eyes on all sides of their four wheels.

13 To the wheels, to them were given the name Hagalgal [the whirling] in my hearing.

14 There were four faces to each one, the face of the first, the face of the cherub, the face of the second, the face of a man, the third, the face of a lion, and the fourth, the face of an eagle.

15 Then the cherubim rose. That was the living being that I saw by the river Chebar.

16 When the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them, and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to rise above the land, also they, the wheels, did not turn around from beside them.

17 When they stood still, they would stand still, and when they rose, they would lift them up, for the Spirit of the living being was in them.

18 Then the glory of the Lord\* went out from upon the threshold of the temple, and stood still above the cherubim,

19 And the cherubim lifted up their wings and rose up from the earth before my eyes when they went out, and the wheels were parallel with them. The door of the eastern gate of the temple of the Lord\* remained (open), and the glory of the God of Israel was upon them from above.

20 That was the living being that I had seen beneath the God of Israel by the river Chebar, and I knew that they were cherubim.

21 There were four, four faces to each one, and four wings to each one, and the likeness was the hands of a man beneath their wings.

22 They also were the likeness of faces, the faces I had seen near the river Chebar, their appearances, even them. Each one would go straight forward.

## Chapter 11

Then the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me to the eastern gate of the temple of the Lord\*, which faces eastward, and now in the entrance of the gate were twenty-five men, and I saw Jaazaniah, son of Azzur, and Pelatiah, son of Benaiah, rulers of the people, in the midst of them.

2 He said to me, Son of man, these are men who have planned wickedness, and who have advised evil counsel in this city.

3 Who say (was it not recently) Build houses. She is the pot, and we are the flesh.

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

5 Then the Spirit of the Lord\* fell upon me, and said to me, Say, Thus says the Lord\*, So you have spoken, O house of Israel, and what comes up to your spirit, I know it.

6 You have multiplied your slain in this city, and fill its streets (with) the slain.

7 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Your slain whom you have put in its midst, they are the flesh, and she is the pot, and (I) will bring you out of the midst of her.

8 The sword you fear, so the sword I will bring against you, declares the Lord God\*,

9 Yes, I will bring you out from the midst of her, and I will place you into the hand of foreigners. I will do judgments against you.

10 You will fall by the sword. At the border of Israel I will judge you, and you will know that I am the Lord\*.

11 You will not have her for a pot, nor will you be in the midst of her for flesh. I will judge you at the border of Israel.

12 Then you will know that I am the Lord\*, that you have not walked in my statutes, you have not done my judgments, but you have done according to the customs of the nations that surround you.

13 Now it was as I prophesied, that Pelatiah, the son of Benaiah, died. I fell

on my face, and cried a loud voice, and said, Ah, Lord God\*! Are you making a complete destruction with the rest of Israel?

14 Then the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

15 Son of man, your brothers, your brothers, the men of your kindred, and all the house of Israel, all of it, are (those) who say of them, The inhabitants of Jerusalem are far from the Lord\*. The land, it has been given to us for a possession.

16 Therefore, say, Thus says the Lord God\*, Although I have put them far away among the nations, and dispersed them among the lands, and have been for a sanctuary to them but little, among the lands where they entered into,

17 Therefore, say, Thus says the Lord God\*, And I will gather you from the peoples, I will collect you from the lands where you were dispersed into, and I will give to you the ground of Israel.

18 They will enter in there, and put away all its detested things and abominations from it.

19 I will give one heart to them, and a new Spirit I will put in their innermost parts. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh, and give a heart of flesh to them,

20 In order that they will walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them. They will be to me for a people, and I will be to them for God.

21 But their detested things come to mind, and their heart goes after their abominations. I will put their way upon their head, declares the Lord God\*.

22 Then the cherubim lifted up their wings, and the wheels parallel with them, and the glory of the God of Israel was upon them from above.

23 Then the glory of the Lord\* ascended above the middle of the city, and it stopped over the mountain that was on the east (side) of the city.

24 Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into Chaldea to the exiles, in the vision by the Spirit of God, and the vision that I saw ascended above me.

25 So I spoke to the exiles all the matters of the Lord\* that he showed me.

## Chapter 12

The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, you are dwelling in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see, but they do not see, ears to hear, but they do not hear, for they are a rebellious house.

3 (As for) you, son of man, prepare for yourself needed items of exile, depart in the daytime in their sight, and you will go into exile from your place to another place in their sight. Perhaps they will see that they are a rebellious house.

4 You will bring out according to the items needed for exile in the daytime in their sight, and you will go out in the evening in their sight, as those going out into exile.

5 In their sight, dig for yourself through the wall, and carry out through it.

6 You will carry (it) out in their sight on your shoulder. You will bring (it) out in thick darkness. You will cover your face, and you will not see the land. I will give you for a sign to the house of Israel.

7 I did so, according to what I was commanded. I brought out my items according to the needed items (for) exile in the daytime, and in the evening I dug for myself through the wall by hand. In thick darkness I brought (it) out. I carried (it) out upon my shoulder in their sight.

8 Then the word of the Lord\* came to me in the morning, saying:

9 Son of man, did they not say to you, the house of Israel, the rebellious house, What are you doing?

10 Say to them, Thus says the Lord God\*, This burden is of the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel who are in their midst.

11 Say, I am your sign. According to what I have done, so will it be done to them. They will go into exile, into captivity,

12 And the prince who is in their midst will carry (it) on a shoulder in thick darkness and go out. They will dig through the wall to bring (him) out through it. He will cover his face in order that he will not see the land with the eye.

13 But I will spread out my net upon him, and he will be seized with my prey. I will bring him into Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans, but he will not see

it, and there he will die.

14 Then all who are surrounding him, helping, and all his bands, I will scatter to all winds. I will empty out the sword after them.

15 Then they will know that I am the Lord\*, when I disperse them among the nations. Yes, I will scatter them among the lands,

16 Yet I will leave some of them, men few in number, away from the sword, famine, and pestilence, in order that they will recount all their abominations among the nations where they will enter, and they will know that I am the Lord\*.

17 The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

18 Son of man, you will eat your food with trembling, and drink your water with quivering and anxious concern,

19 And you will say to the people of the land, Thus says the Lord God\* to the inhabitants of Jerusalem on the ground of Israel, They will eat their bread with anxious concern, and drink their water in horror, on account of its land will be devastated of all its entire contents, from the violence of all those who dwell in it.

20 The inhabited cities will be desolate, the land will be a waste, and you will know that I am the Lord\*.

21 The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

22 Son of man, what is this proverb to you concerning the land of Israel, saying, The days have become long, and every vision has perished?

23 Therefore, say to them, Thus says the Lord God\*, I will cause this proverb to cease, and they will not use it as a proverb in Israel anymore, but say to them, The days have drawn near, and every vision is an event.

24 For there will no longer be any vain vision or divination of flattery in the midst of the house of Israel.

25 For I, the Lord\*, will speak, so that I speak a word and it will be done, and it will not be postponed any longer. For in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak a word, and I will do it, declares the Lord God\*.

26 Then the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

27 Son of man, Now it is the house of Israel who say, The vision he has seen is for many days, and he has prophesied for distant times.

28 Therefore, say to them, Thus says the Lord God\*, None of my words will

be postponed any longer, so that I will speak a word, and it will be done, declares the Lord God\*.

## Chapter 13

The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and you will say to the prophets of their own mind, Hear the word of the Lord\*.

3 Thus says the Lord God\*, Woe to the foolish prophets, who are walking after their own spirit, and have seen nothing.

4 Your prophets, O Israel, are like foxes in the waste lands.

5 You have not ascended into the breaches, or built a wall on behalf of the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the day of the Lord\*.

6 They have seen vanity, and divination of a lie, saying, Declares the Lord\*, yet the Lord\* did not send them, but they hope to confirm the word.

7 Is it not a vain vision that you have seen, and a divination of a lie you have spoken, and saying, Declares the Lord\*, when I have not spoken?

8 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Because you have spoken empty speech, and you have seen a lie, therefore, here I am, against you, declares the Lord God\*.

9 So my hand will be against the prophets, the seers of nothing and the diviners of a lie. They will not be in the company of my people, nor will they be written in the register of the house of Israel, nor will they enter into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord God\*.

10 Because and by the cause that they have led my people astray, saying, Shalom, but there is no shalom, and one builds a party-wall, and behold, they coat it with whitewash,

11 Say to the spreaders of whitewash, It too, will fall. There will be flooding rain, and I will make hailstones. They will fall, and a wind of tempests will break (it) down.

12 Then behold, the wall falls. Will it not be said to you, Where is the coating that you coated?

13 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, I will break (it) down (with) a wind of

tempests in my wrath. There will be a flooding rain in my anger, and hailstones in wrath to finish (it) off.

14 Thus I will throw down the wall that you have coated (with) whitewash. I will bring it down to the earth, and its foundation will be revealed. It will fall, you will be finished off in its midst, and you will know that I am the Lord\*.

15 I will complete my wrath against the wall, and against those who coated it (with) whitewash, and I will say to you, There is no wall, and there are none who coated it,

16 The prophets of Israel, those who prophesied to Jerusalem, who saw a vision of shalom, and there was no shalom, declares the Lord God\*.

17 (As for) you, son of man, set your face toward the daughters of your people, who prophesy from their mind, and prophesy against them.

18 You will say, Thus says the Lord God\*, Woe to those who keep sewing bands upon all the elbows, and make the long veils upon the head of every height to hunt souls. The souls of my people you will hunt keenly, but can you preserve your own souls alive?

19 You have profaned me to my people with handfuls of barley, and with morsels of bread, to cause the death of people that should not have died, and allow to live people that should not live, while you tell lies to my people, who hear the lie.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, against your bands, that you hunt souls keenly as birds there. I will tear them off your arms, and send out the souls whom you are hunting, souls as birds.

21 I will tear off your long veils. I will rescue my people from your hand, and they will not be in your hand for prey anymore. Then you will know that I am the Lord\*.

22 It has been in order to cause to dishearten the heart of the righteous (in) falsehood, when I have not caused him to be disheartened, and to strengthen the hands of the wicked, to not repent from his evil way to preserve him alive.

23 Therefore you will not see vanity nor practice divination anymore. I will rescue my people from your hand, and you will know that I am the Lord\*.

## Chapter 14

There came to me men from the elders of Israel, and they sat in front of me.

2 Then the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

3 Son of man, these men bring up their idols to their mind, and they have put a stumbling block of iniquity before their faces. Should I indeed let myself be inquired of by them?

4 Therefore, speak to them, and you will say to them, Thus says the Lord God\*, Each one, each one from the house of Israel who brings up his idols to his mind, he sets before his face a stumbling block of iniquity, and comes to the prophet, I, the Lord\*, will make him respond because of it, with the multitude of his idols.

5 It will be for the sake of seizing the house of Israel by their heart, who have become estranged from attachment to me by their idols, all of them.

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

7 For anyone, anyone from the house of Israel, or from the sojourners who sojourn in Israel, and he devotes himself apart from me and brings up his idols to his mind, he sets a stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, then he comes to the prophet to inquire of him about me, I am the Lord\*, he will answer for himself to me.

8 I will set my face against that man, and put him for a sign and for proverbs. I will cut him off from the midst of my people, and you will know that I am the Lord\*.

9 But the prophet that can be deceived, and he speaks a word, I, the Lord\*, have deceived that prophet.\* I will stretch out my hand against him, and destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.

10 So they will bear their iniquity. According to the punishment of the inquirer, the like punishment will be to the prophet.

11 In order that they will not lead away the house of Israel from after me anymore, and they will not defile themselves anymore with all their transgressions. Then they will be to me for a people, and I will be to them for God, declares the Lord God\*.



12 And the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

13 Son of man, the land that has sinned against me to act unfaithfully, and I stretch out my hand against it, break its staff of bread, send famine against it, and cut off man and beast from it,

14 Should these three men be in the midst of it, Noah, Daniel, and Job, they (alone) in their righteousness would deliver their (own) lives, declares the Lord God\*.

15 If I cause a vicious beast to pass into the land, it makes it childless, and it becomes a devastation so that no one passes through from the presence of the beast,

16 These three men in the midst of it, (as) I live, declares the Lord God\*, would not rescue sons or daughters. They, they alone, would be rescued, and the land would become a devastation.

17 Or I bring a sword against that land, and say, A sword will pass into the land, and I cut off man and beast from it,

18 And these three men were in the midst of it, (as) I live, declares the Lord God\*, they would not rescue sons or daughters, but they, they alone, would be rescued.

19 Or I send pestilence to that land, and pour out my wrath upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast,

20 And Noah, Daniel, and Job were in the midst of it, (as) I live, declares the Lord God\*, they would rescue neither son nor daughter. Those (men) in their righteousness would deliver their lives (only).

21 For thus says the Lord God\*, How much more when four of my severe judgments, sword, famine, wild beast, and pestilence I send against Jerusalem, to cut off from it man and beast.

22 And behold, there will be a remnant of those who escaped in it, those brought out of the sons and daughters, and look, I will bring them out to you. You will see their way and their evil deeds, and comfort yourself concerning the distress that I have brought upon Jerusalem, all that I have brought upon it.

23 They will console you, for you will see their way and their evil deeds, and you will know that not without cause have I done all that I have done against it, declares the Lord God\*.

## Chapter 15

Then the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, how can wood of the vine be better than any (other) wood? It is the branch that is among the trees of the forest.

3 Will wood be taken from it to use for work? Will they take a peg from it for hanging any tools upon it?

4 Look, into the fire it is put to consume. The fire consumes both its ends, and the middle of it is charred, so will it be good for work?

5 Now when it was whole it was not used for work. How much less when a fire has consumed it, and it is charred, it will still be used for work.

6 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, As the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest that I give it for a fire to consume, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

7 Yes, I will set my face against them. They will go out away from the fire, but the fire will consume them, and you will know that I am the Lord\* when I direct my face against them.

8 I will make the land a devastation, because they have acted unfaithfully, declares the Lord God\*.

## Chapter 16

The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, make Jerusalem know her abominations,

3 And you will say, Thus says the Lord God\* to Jerusalem, Your origins and circumstances of birth were from the land of the Canaanite, your father the Amorite, your mother a Hittite.

4 (As for) your circumstances of birth, on the day of your birth your navel string was not cut off, nor were you washed in water for cleansing. You were not washed at all with salt, nor swaddled at all.

5 No eye looked with pity on behalf of you, to do for you any of these (things), to have compassion upon you. You were cast upon the surface of the field in loathing of your life on the day of your birth.

6 But I passed by you, I saw you kicking back and forth in your blood, and I said to you in your blood, Live! Again I said to you in your blood, Live!

7 I made you a multitude, like a sprout of the field. You multiplied, became important, and came into maturity. The breasts became firm, your hair grew abundantly, but you were naked and bare.

8 Then I passed by you and saw you, and behold, your time was the time of lovers, so I spread my wing over you, and covered your nakedness. I took an oath to you, and entered into a covenant (with) you, declares the Lord God\*, and you became mine.

9 Then I washed you with water, rinsed off your blood from upon you, and anointed you with oil.

10 I clothed you of variegated fabric, shod you in leather sandals, bound about you about with byssus, and covered you in silk.

11 I decked you (with) finery, and put bracelets upon your hands, and a chain upon your neck.

12 I put a ring upon your nose, earrings upon your ears, and a crown of glory on your head.

13 You decked yourself (in) gold and silver. Your attire was byssus, silk, and variegated fabric. You ate fine flour, honey, and oil. You became exceedingly beautiful, and prospered to royalty.

14 So a name went out for you among the nations in your beauty, for it was entirely on account of my ornaments that I placed upon you, declares the Lord God\*.

15 But you trusted in your beauty, and played the harlot on account of your name. You poured out your fornication upon every passerby. His it would be.

16 You took some of your garments, and made for yourself the colorful high places, then committed fornication upon them. It should not have come, and it should not be.

17 Then you took the ornaments of your glory, some of the gold and the silver that I gave to you, made for yourself images of a male, and played the harlot with them.

18 You also took garments of your variegated fabric and covered them, and put my oil and perfume in front of them,

19 And my food that I gave to you, the fine flour, oil, and honey I fed you

with, you also set it in front of them, for a soothing scent, and (so) it was, declares the Lord God\*.

20 Then you took your sons and daughters whom you gave birth to for me, and made sacrifices of them to consume. Was it too little for your fornication,

21 That you slaughtered my children, and gave them over to them by devoting them?

22 (In) all your abominations and fornication, you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, kicking back and forth in your blood.

23 Yet it has happened after all your wickedness. Woe! Woe to you, declares the Lord God\*.

24 You have also built a mound for yourself, and made a high place in every plaza for yourself.

25 At the head of every path you built your high places. You have made your beauty an abomination, and opened wide your legs to all who pass by. You have multiplied your fornication,

26 And you have played the harlot to the sons of Egypt, your neighbors great of flesh. You have multiplied your fornication to provoke me.

27 Behold, I stretched out my hand against you, diminished your statute, and gave you to the desire of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who were humiliated due to your unchaste way.

28 You played the harlot to the sons of Assyria without you being satisfied. You committed fornication with them, and yet you were not satisfied.

29 So you multiplied your fornication (by going) to a land of merchant(s), to Chaldea, and yet in this you were not satisfied.

30 How weak is your heart, declares the Lord God\*, when you do all these deed(s), O domineering woman of harlotry?

31 When you built your mound at the head of every path, and made your high place in every plaza, you were not like a prostitute, to scoff at the hire of a harlot.

32 (You are) the wife who commits adultery. Instead of her man she will choose strangers.

33 To all the prostitutes they will give a gift, but you have given your bribes

to all your lovers, and bribed them to come to you from all around in your fornication.

34 So there has occurred in you the contrary from (other) women in your fornication, for fornication was not done (going) after you, but in your giving the hire of a harlot, and the hire of a harlot was not given to you, you were to the contrary.

35 Therefore, harlot, hear the word of the Lord\*:

36 Thus says the Lord God\*, Because your lust has been poured out, and your nakedness uncovered in your fornication with your lovers, and concerning all the idols of your abominations, and according to the bloodshed of your children that you have given to them,

37 Therefore, here I am, gathering all your lovers to whom you have been sweet, and all whom you have loved, together with all whom you have hated. I will gather them near you from all sides, I will uncover your nakedness to them, and they will see all your nakedness.

38 Then I will judge you judgments of adulterous women, and judgments of blood, and I will spill you the blood of rage and jealousy.

39 I will put you into their hand, and they will throw down your mound, tear down your high places, strip you (of) your garments, take the ornaments of your glory, and leave you naked and bare.

40 Then they will bring up an assembly against you, stone you with stones, and cut you to pieces with their swords.

41 They will burn your house with fire, and do judgments against you in the sight of many women. So I will cause you to cease from your harlotry, and also you will not pay the hire of a harlot anymore.

42 Then I will quiet my fury against you, and my jealousy will turn aside from you. I will be quiet, and be angry no longer.

43 For the cause that you did not remember the days of your youth, and you agitated me by all these things, therefore I, behold, I am also putting your way on the head, declares the Lord God\*, and am I not doing this on account of all your abominations?

44 Now any who use a proverb, regarding you, he will speak a proverb, saying, Like the mother is her daughter.

45 You are the daughter of your mother, who has loathed her husband and

her children, and you are the sister of your sisters, who have loathed their men and their children. Your mother was a Hittite and your father was an Amorite.

46 Your older sister, she is Samaria and her daughters who dwell to your north, and your sister, younger than you, dwells southward, Sodom and her daughters.

47 So you did not walk in their ways, and by their abominations do, just a little, a trifle, but you have done more corruptly than they in all your ways.

48 (As) I live, declares the Lord God\*, Surely Sodom, your sister, has not done, she and her daughters, according to what you have done, you and your daughters.

49 Now this was the guilt of Sodom, your sister. She and her daughters had the pride of being full of food, and quiet security, and she did not strengthen the hand of the afflicted and poor.

50 They became haughty, and did an abomination in front of me, so I removed them according to what I saw.

51 But Samaria, she has not sinned the like of half of your sins. You have multiplied your abominations more than they, and you have made your sisters to appear righteous, with all your abominations that you have done.

52 Also, (as for) you, bear your reproach that you have mediated for your sisters. In your sin that you made more abominable than they, they make themselves appear more righteous than you. Also, (as for) you, be ashamed and bear your reproach, while you justify your sisters.

53 Yet I will return their captivity, the captives of Sodom and her daughters, the captives of Samaria and her daughters, and the captives of your captivity in the midst of you.

54 It is in order that you should bear your reproach, and be put to shame from all you have done when you console them.

55 Your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, will return to their former state, and Samaria and her daughters will return to their former state, then you and your daughters will return to your former state.

56 But your sister Sodom was not to be mentioned by your mouth, in the day of your exaltation.

57 Before your wickedness was revealed, it was as the time of the reproach

of the daughters of Aram, and all the daughters of the Philistines surrounding it, who treated you with contempt on all sides.

58 You have borne your idolatry and abominations, declares the Lord\*.

59 For thus says the Lord God\*, I will treat you according to what you have done, for you have despised the oath, to annul the covenant.

60 I will remember my covenant (with) you in the days of your youth. I will establish for you a covenant forever,

61 And you will remember your ways, and be humiliated when you take your sisters, older than you, and younger than you, and I give them to you for daughters, and not on account of your covenant.

62 Yet I will carry out my covenant with you, and you will know that I am the Lord\*,

63 In order that you will remember, you will be ashamed, and there will be no more opening of your mouth because of your humiliation, when I make atonement for you, in regard to all that you have done, declares the Lord God\*.

## Chapter 17

The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, offer up an allegory, and speak in a parable to the house of Israel.

3 You will say, Thus says the Lord God\*, The great vulture, large wings, long pinions, full of the woven plumage that he had, came to Lebanon, and took away the top of the cedar.

4 He plucked off the head of its young shoots, and brought it (to) a land of merchant(s). He put it into a city of traders.

5 Then he took some of the seed of the land, and set it in cultivated ground. He planted it (as) a willow by many waters.

6 It sprang up, and became into a vine, unrestrained, low of height. Its branches were turning toward him. Its roots were underneath it. It became into a vine, produced shoots, and sent out boughs.

7 Now there was another great vulture, large wings and much plumage, and

behold, this vine stretched its roots hungrily toward him, and stretched out its branches to him to water it, away from the garden beds where it was planted.

8 It was transplanted into good soil by many waters, to make branches, and to bear fruit, to be for a magnificent vine.

9 Say, Thus says the Lord God\*, Will it prosper? Will he not tear out its roots, strip off its fruit, and it will wither? It will be dried up, all its sprouting leaves, and not with great strength or many people to pluck it up from its roots.

10 So now, transplanted, will it prosper? Will it not surely dry up when the east wind strikes against it? It will dry up upon the garden bed where it grew.

11 Then the word of the Lord\*, came to me, saying:

12 Say now to the rebellious house, Do you not know what are these? Say, Behold, the king of Babylon has entered into Jerusalem, he has taken its king and princes, and he has brought them to him, to Babylon.

13 Also he has taken some of the royal offspring, cut a covenant with him, brought him into an oath, and taken the chiefs of the land,

14 To be a low kingdom, to not exalt itself, to keep his covenant for it to stand.

15 But he rebelled against him to send his Egyptian messengers, to give him horses and many people. Will he prosper? He who did these (things), will he escape? Will he break covenant, and escape?

16 (As) I live, declares the Lord God\*, Surely in the place of the king who enthroned him, he who regarded his oath with contempt and broke his covenant, in the middle of Babylon, with him, he will die.

17 Not even Pharaoh, with a great army and a large assembly, will deal with him in the battle, when they cast up a mound and build a bulwark, to cut down many lives.

18 He has regarded the oath with contempt, to break the covenant. Now he has given his hand, and has done all these (things). He will not escape.

19 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, (As) I live, (it is) really my oath that he has regarded with contempt, and my covenant that he has broken, so I will put it on his head.

20 I will spread my net over him, and he will be seized in my dragnet. Then I will bring him to Babylon, and enter into controversy with him there, his



treacherous act that he was unfaithful to me.

21 All his fugitives in all his armies will fall by the sword, and the remainder will be spread to every wind. Then you will know that I, the Lord\*, have spoken.

22 Thus says the Lord God\*, And I will take from the top of the tall cedar and set (it). I will pluck off its young tender shoots from the head, and transplant (it) upon a tall and lofty mountain.

23 I will transplant it on an elevated mountain of Israel, and it will bear branches, make fruit, and become as a majestic cedar. Every bird of every wing will dwell beneath it. They will dwell in the shade of its branches.

24 Then all the trees of the field will know, that I, the Lord\*, lay low a tall tree. I make high a lowly tree. I dry up a fresh tree, and cause a dried up tree to sprout. I, the Lord\*, have spoken, and I will act.

## Chapter 18

The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 What is it to you, you who utter this parable upon the ground of Israel, saying, The fathers eat sour grapes, but the teeth of the children are blunted?

3 (As) I live, declares the Lord God\*, You will surely not have this parable being uttered anymore in Israel.

4 Yes, all the lives, they are mine. As the life of the father, (so) also as the life of the child. They are mine. The living (one) who sins, that one will die.

5 Each one that is righteous, and does justice and righteousness,

6 He does not eat upon the mountains, and does not lift up his eyes to idols of the house of Israel. He does not become unclean with the wife of his fellow citizen, and does not come near to a woman (in her) impurity,

7 Nor does he oppress anyone. He restores his pledge (as to) indebtedness. He does not seize spoil. He gives his food to the hungry, and covers the naked with a garment.

8 He does not lend by usury, nor take interest. He turns back his hand from injustice. He does true justice, from one to another.

9 He walks in my statutes, and keeps my justice, to act faithfully. He is righteous. He will surely live, declares the Lord God\*.

10 But he fathers a son of violence, who pours out blood, and does any one of these things,

11 Though he does not do all of these things, that even on the mountains he eats, or becomes unclean with a wife of his fellow citizen.

12 The poor and needy he oppresses, seizing the spoil. He does not restore a pledge, or lifts up his eyes to idols. He does an abomination.

13 He lends in usury, or takes interest. So will he live? He will not live with any of these abominations that he does. He will surely die. His blood will be on him.

14 Then behold, he fathers a son, and he observes all the sins of his father that he has done, but he sees and does not do according to them.

15 He does not eat on the mountains, and does not lift up his eyes to idols of the house of Israel. He does not become unclean with the wife of his fellow citizen.

16 He does not oppress anyone. He does not bind a pledge, and does not seize the spoil. He gives his food to the hungry, and covers the naked with a garment.

17 He turns back his hand from the poor, and does not take usury and interest, He performs my justice. He walks in my statutes. He himself will not die in the iniquity of his father. He will surely live.

18 His father, who has taken by oppression, has seized the spoil of a brother, and has not done good in the midst of his people, yes, now he will die in his iniquity.

19 But you say, Why does the son not bear in the iniquity of the father? The son does justice and righteousness, keeps all my statutes and performs them. He will surely live.

20 The living (one) who sins, he will die. The son will not bear in the iniquity of the father, and the father will not bear in the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous will be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon him.

21 Also the wicked one who repents from all his sin that he did, keeps all my statutes, and does justice and righteousness, he will surely live. He will not

die.

22 All his transgressions that he did will not be recalled against him. He will live on account of the righteousness that he has done.

23 Do I indeed desire the death of the wicked, declares the Lord God\*, and not in his repenting from his ways, so he lives?

24 But the righteous one, when (he) turns back from his righteousness, and does unrighteous acts, who does according to all the abominations that the wicked one will do, will he live? All his righteous acts that he did will not be remembered. In his treachery, when he acted unfaithfully, and in his sin that he sinned, in those he will die.

25 But you say, The way of the Lord is not equitable. Hear now, O house of Israel. Is my way not equitable? Are not your ways not equitable?

26 When the righteous one turns back from his righteousness, does unrighteous acts, and dies on account of them, because of his unrighteous acts that he did he will die,

27 And when the wicked one repents from his wickedness that he has done, and performs justice and righteousness, that one will revive his soul.

28 For he has seen, and has repented from all his transgressions that he has done. He will surely live. He will not die.

29 But the house of Israel will say, The way of the Lord is not equitable. Is my way not equitable, O house of Israel? Are not your ways not equitable?

30 Therefore, each one according to his ways, I will judge you, O house of Israel, declares the Lord God\*. Repent and turn away from all your transgressions, and you will not have it for a stumbling block of iniquity.

31 Throw away from you all your transgressions in which you have transgressed, and make for yourself a new heart, and a new spirit. Why should you die, O house of Israel?

32 For I do not delight in the death of the one who dies, declares the Lord God\*. Repent and live!

## Chapter 19

(As for) you, lift up a dirge to the princes of Israel.

2 You will say, What a lioness was your mother! She made a lair among lions.  
In the midst of young lions she brought up her whelps,  
3 And raised up one of her whelps. He became a young lion, and learned to  
tear the prey. He devoured mankind,  
4 And nations listened with regard to him. In their pit he was seized, and  
they brought him in hooks to the land of Egypt.  
5 She saw that her hope tarried. It was lost. So she took one of her whelps,  
and made him a young lion.  
6 He went back and forth in the midst of the lions. He was a young lion. He  
learned to tear the prey. He devoured mankind,  
7 And he knew its widows carnally, and laid waste (to) their cities. The land  
and its entirety was desolate from the sound of his roaring.  
8 So nations set up on all sides from the provinces against him, and spread  
their net over him. In their pit he was seized,  
9 And they put him into a cage in hooks, and brought him to the king of  
Babylon. They brought him in dragnets, in order that his voice would be  
heard no more upon the mountains of Israel.  
10 Your mother, with your blood, was like a vine transplanted by waters. It  
became fruitful and full of branches from many waters,  
11 And they became to her rods of strength against scepters of rulers, and  
she became a lofty (vine), its height in the midst of the interwoven foliage,  
and it was seen when it became lofty, in the abundance of its branches.  
12 But she was rooted up in wrath, and thrown to the ground. The east wind  
dried up her fruit. They were torn off and dried up. (As to) the rod of  
strength, the fire consumed it.  
13 Now she is transplanted in the wilderness, in a land of drought and thirst,  
14 And fire has gone out from the rod that she needed. It has eaten her  
fruit. She has no rod of strength, a scepter to rule. It is a dirge, and it has  
become the likeness of a dirge.

## Chapter 20

It was in the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month,

men came, some of the elders of Israel, to seek the Lord\*, and sat in front of me,

2 And the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

3 Son of man, speak with the elders of Israel, and you will say to them, Thus says the Lord God\*, Are you coming to seek me? (As) I live, surely I will not be sought by you, declares the Lord God\*.

4 Will you decide their controversies? Will you decide controversies, son of man? Make them know the abominations of their fathers!

5 You will say to them, Thus says the Lord God\*, On the day of my choosing of Israel, I lifted my hand in an oath to the offspring of the house of Jacob. I made myself known to them in the land of Egypt, and lifted my hand in an oath to them, saying, I am the Lord\* your God.

6 On that day I lifted my hand in an oath to them, to bring them out from the land of Egypt, into a land that I gave to them, which flowed milk and honey. It was the beauty of all the lands.

7 I said to them, (for) each one of the detested things of his eyes, Throw (it) away! And do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt. I am the Lord\* your God.

8 But they rebelled against me, and were not willing to listen to me. Each one did not throw away the detested things of their eyes, and did not abandon the idols of Egypt. I spoke to pour out my wrath upon them, to complete my anger against them, in the middle of the land of Egypt.

9 I acted for the sake of my name, to not profane (it) in the sight of the nations in whose midst they were, in whose sight I made myself known to them, to bring them out from the land of Egypt.

10 So I brought them out from the land of Egypt and into the wilderness,

11 And I gave to them my statutes, and made known to them my judgments, that mankind should do them, and live by them.

12 I also gave my Sabbaths to them, to be for a sign, between me and them, to know that I am the Lord\* who consecrated them.

13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness. They did not walk in my statutes, and rejected my judgments, that mankind should do them and live by them, but they grossly profaned my Sabbaths. So I spoke to pour out my wrath upon them in the wilderness, to destroy them.

14 I acted for the sake of my name, to not profane (it) in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out.

15 But I also lifted my hand in an oath against them in the wilderness, to not bring them into the land that I gave to them, which flowed milk and honey, that was the beauty of all the lands,

16 Because they refused my judgments, and (as for) my statutes, they did not walk in them, and profaned my Sabbaths, for their heart went after their idols.

17 My eye did look with pity upon them, so as not to destroy them, and I did not deal with them (to) complete destruction in the wilderness.

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

19 I am the Lord\* your God. Walk in my statutes, keep my judgments, and perform them,

20 And sanctify my Sabbaths, and let them be a sign between me and you, to know that I am the Lord\* your God.

21 But the children rebelled against me. They did not walk in my statutes, nor keep my judgments to do them, which mankind should do and live by them. They profaned my Sabbaths. Thus I spoke to pour out my wrath upon them, to complete my anger against them in the wilderness.

22 Yet I brought back my hand, and acted for the sake of my name, to not profane (it) in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out of.

23 Also I lifted my hand in an oath against them in the wilderness, to disperse them among the nations, and scatter them among the lands,

24 Because they did not perform my judgments, they rejected my statutes, they profaned my Sabbaths, and their eyes were after the idols of their fathers.

25 Then I also gave to them disagreeable statutes and judgments by which they could not live,

26 And I defiled them in their offerings, when devoting all the firstborn of the womb, for the sake that I might cause devastation, in order that they would know that I am the Lord\*.

27 Therefore, speak to the house of Israel, son of man, and you will say to

them, Thus says the Lord God\*, (In) this your fathers continually blasphemed me, when they acted unfaithfully against me in treachery.

28 I brought them into the land, which I lifted up my hand in an oath to give it to them, but they saw every high hill and every leafy tree, and offered their sacrifices there, put the provocation of their offering there, placed their tranquilizing odor there, and poured out their libations there.

29 So I said to them, What is the high place where you are going? And its name is called Bamah [high place] until this day.

30 Therefore, say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God\*, Will you defile yourselves in the way of your fathers, and commit fornication following after their detested things?

31 When bringing your offerings, when devoting your children by fire, you have defiled yourselves to all your idols until today, and will I be sought by you, O house of Israel? (As) I live, declares the Lord God\*, I will surely not be sought by you,

32 And what has come up into your mind will surely not be, (in) that you have said, We will be like the nations, like the families of the lands, to minister to wood and stone.

33 (As) I live, declares the Lord God\*, Surely by a strong hand and a stretched-out arm, and by wrath poured out, I will reign over you.

34 I will bring you out from the peoples, and gather you from the lands where you have been dispersed into, by a strong hand and a stretched-out arm, and by wrath poured out.

35 I will bring you to an uninhabited land of the peoples, and plead with you there, face-to-face.

36 As I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, declares the Lord God\*.

37 I will cause you to pass under the rod, and bring you into the bond of the covenant,

38 And I will purge out the rebels from among you, and (those) who transgress against me. I will bring them out of their sojourning place, but they will not enter into the land of Israel, and you will know that I am the Lord\*.

39 (As for) you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord God\*, Each one, go

serve his idols, but afterward, surely any of you who will listen to me, you will no longer profane my holy name with your offerings and idols.

40 For on my holy mountain, on a high mountain of Israel, declares the Lord God\*, there all the house of Israel will serve me, all of it in the land. There I will accept them, and there I will require your heave offerings and your first fruit offerings, among all your sacred (things).

41 As a soothing aroma, I will accept you, when I lead you out from the peoples, and gather you from the lands where you were dispersed into, and I will show myself sacred among you in the sight of the nations.

42 Then you will know that I am the Lord\*, when I bring you to the ground of Israel, into the land that I lifted my hand in an oath to give it to your fathers.

43 There you will remember your ways and all your evil practices, by which you defiled yourselves, and you will feel a loathing at yourselves, on account of all your wicked deeds that you have done.

44 Then you will know that I am the Lord\*, when I deal with you for the sake of my name, not according to your evil ways, or your corrupt evil practices, O house of Israel, declares the Lord God\*.

45 The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

46 Son of man, set your face the way southward, speak toward the south, and prophesy toward the forest of the field of the Negev.

47 You will say to the forest of the Negev, Hear the word of the Lord\*. Thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, kindling a fire among you, and it will eat away every fresh tree and every dry tree among you. The flame of flame(s) cannot be quenched. All sides will be scorched by it, from the Negev northward,

48 And all flesh will see that I, the Lord\*, have made it burn. It cannot be quenched.

49 Then I said, Alas, Lord God\*, they are saying of me, Is he not a maker of parables?

## Chapter 21

The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:



2 Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, speak toward the sanctuaries, and prophesy toward the country of Israel,

3 And you will say to the country of Israel, Thus says the Lord\*, Here am I, against you, and I will bring out my sword from its sheath. I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked.

4 Because I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore my sword will go out from its sheath against all flesh from the Negev northward,

5 So all flesh will know that I, the Lord\*, have brought out my sword from its sheath. It will not turn back again.

6 (As for) you, son of man, groan. You will groan in their sight with collapse of strength, and with bitterness,

7 Then it will be that they will say to you, Why do you groan? And you will say, To the report that is coming, every heart will grow fearful, all hands will sink, every spirit will grow faint, and all knees will be weak as water. Behold, it comes, and it will happen, declares the Lord God\*.

8 Then the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

9 Son of man, prophesy, and you will say, Thus says the Lord. Say, A sword! A sword has been sharpened, and also polished.

10 For the sake of the slaughter it has been sharpened, in order that there will be a polished glitter to it, else how can the scepter of my son be rejoiced over, (when) it is the rejected of all wood.

11 He has given it to polish, to wield in the palm. The sword, it is sharpened and polished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.

12 Cry out, and make a howling, son of man, for it is (coming) against my people. It is against all rulers of Israel. They are thrown to the sword with my people. Therefore, lament upon the thigh.

13 For the trial has been made, and why should it not be that even a scepter is rejected, declares the Lord God\*.

14 (As for) you, son of man, prophesy and strike palm against palm. Let the sword be doubled! The sword will pierce a third time. It is a sword of great piercing, that encloses about them.

15 I have appointed the slaughter of the sword in order to melt the heart, and make many the stumbling. Surely they have made it to glitter, polished for slaughter.

16 Make yourselves sharp! Go to the right! Make ready! Go to the left! (Go) wherever your face is set.

17 I, too, will strike my palm against my palm, then I will cause my wrath to cease. I, the Lord\*, have spoken.

18 Then the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

19 (As for) you, son of man, set for yourself two ways (for) the sword to go. Out of one land they will go out, both of them. Cut out a marker at the head of the way of the city.

20 You will set a way (for) the sword to go, (to) Rabbah of the Ammonites, and to Judah, into unattainable Jerusalem.

21 For the king of Babylon stands at the division of the way, at the head of two ways, to practice divination. He shakes with arrows. He inquires by teraphim. He looks at the liver.

22 On his right hand is the divination of Jerusalem, to set battering rams, to cry out for the slaughter, to lift up the voice in a war cry, to set battering rams against the gates, to cast up a mound to build a bulwark.

23 It will be to them as a vain divination in their sight, those who have sworn oaths to them. But he will make an accusation of guilt, (so that) they are to be arrested.

24 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Because you have been brought to remembrance (for) your iniquity, as your transgressions have been revealed, your sins to be observed, in all your wicked practices, because you have been remembered, by the palm you will be seized.

25 You are the profaned, wicked one, O ruler of Israel, whose day has come, at the time of final punishment.

26 Thus says the Lord God\*, Remove the turban and lift off the crown. It will be this one, the lowly, and not this one, the exalted in station, so exalt the lowly.

27 Ruin! Ruin! I will appoint ruin. Even this will not come, until he comes whose judgment it is, then I will give it.

28 (As for) you, son of man, prophesy, and you will say, Thus says the Lord God\* to the Ammonites, and to their disgrace, and you will say, A sword! A sword is drawn for the slaughter, polished to endure, for the sake of glittering.

29 While they see vanity for you, divining a lie to you, it is to give you the back of the necks of the slain of the wicked ones, when he comes by day at the time of final punishment.

30 Bring (it) back into the sheath! In the place where you were created, in the land of your origin, I will judge you,

31 And I will pour out upon you my indignation. With the fire of my fury I will blow against you, and give you into the hand of brutish men, skilled (in) destruction.

32 The fire will have you to consume. Your blood will be in the middle of the land. You will not be remembered, for I, the Lord\*, have spoken.

## Chapter 22

The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 (As for) you, son of man, will you decide a controversy? Will you decide a controversy with a city of bloodshed? Then make it know all its abominations,

3 And you will say, Thus says the Lord God\*, The city that sheds blood in the midst of herself, it is her time to come. She also has made idols against herself to become unclean.

4 You have become guilty in your blood that you have shed, and unclean with your idols that you have made. You have brought your days near, and have come up to your years. Therefore I have appointed you a reproach to the nations, and a derision to all the lands,

5 And those who are near, and those who are distant from you, will mock at you, defiled of name, abounding in confusion.

6 Now the rulers of Israel, each one in his strength, are with you, for the sake of shedding blood.

7 They treat father and mother with contempt within you. They deal in oppression for the sojourner in the midst of you. They mistreat the orphan and widow within you.

8 You have despised my consecrated things and profaned my Sabbaths.

9 Men of slander are within you for the sake of shedding blood, and within

you they eat upon the mountains. They do wickedness in the midst of you.

10 One within you will uncover the nakedness of the father. They humble within you the unclean of the impurity,

11 And a man does an abomination with the wife of his fellow citizen, a man defiles his daughter-in-law in wickedness, and a man humbles his sister, the daughter of his father, within you.

12 They take a bribe within you for the sake of shedding blood. You take usury and interest, you have violently made gain of your fellow citizen by extortion, and you have forgotten me, declares the Lord God\*.

13 So behold, I have struck my palm against your violent gain that you have made, and against your bloodshed that is in your midst.

14 Will your heart stand? Will your hands be strong for the days that I am making (for) you? I, the Lord\*, have spoken , and I will act.

15 I will disperse you among the nations, scatter you among the lands, and destroy your uncleanness from you.

16 You will be defiled within yourself in the sight of the nations, and you will know that I am the Lord\*.

17 Then the word of the Lord\* came to me , saying:

18 Son of man, the house of Israel are to me for dross, all of them copper, tin, iron, and lead, in the middle of the furnace. They are the dross of silver.

19 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Because (of) all of you being for dross, therefore, here am I, gathering you to the middle of Jerusalem.

20 It will be a gathering of silver, copper, iron, lead, and tin into the middle of a furnace, to blow fire upon it in order to melt (it). Thus will I gather (it) in my anger and wrath, and I will deposit and melt you.

21 I will gather you together, and blow upon you with the fire of my fury, and you will be poured into the middle of it.

22 Like a melting of silver in the middle of a furnace, thus you will be melted in its midst, and you will know that I, the Lord\*, have poured out my wrath upon you.

23 The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

24 Son of man, say to her, You are a land that is not cleansed. She is not rained upon in the day of indignation.

25 A conspiracy of her rulers is in the midst of her, like a lion who roars, who

tears the prey. They devour a life. They will take wealth and precious thing(s). They multiply her widows in her midst.

26 Her priests have done violence to my Torah, and profaned my sacred things. They have not made a distinction between holiness and commonness, nor between the unclean and the clean. They have hidden their eyes from my Sabbaths, and I have been profaned among them.

27 Her rulers in her midst are like wolves who tear the prey, to shed blood in order to make lives perish, for the sake of making wrongful gain by violence.

28 Her prophets coat whitewash for them, who see vanity, who divine a lie for them, saying, Thus says the Lord God\*, but the Lord\* has not spoken.

29 The people of the land continually oppress and rob. They mistreat the poor and needy, and oppress the sojourner unjustly.

30 Yet I desired from them someone who would continually build the wall, and stand in the breach before me, on behalf of the land to not destroy it, but I found none.

31 So I have poured out my wrath upon them, and destroyed them in the fire of my wrath. I have put their way on their head, declares the Lord God\*.

## Chapter 23

The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, two women, they were daughters of one mother.

3 They played the harlot in Egypt. In their youth they committed fornication. Their breasts were squeezed there, and they pressed the teats of their virginity there.

4 Their names are Oholah, the older (one), and Oholibah her sister. They were mine, and they gave birth to sons and daughters, and their names: Samaria is Oholah, and Jerusalem is Oholibah.

5 Oholah committed fornication (while) under me, and she lusted toward her lovers, toward Assyria, who were nearby,

6 Violet clothed, captains and prefects, desirable young men, all of them, horsemen, riders of horses.

7 So she gave away her fornication to them, the best of the sons of Assyria,

all of them. To all whom she lusted (after), and to all their idols, she defiled herself.

8 She did not abandon her fornication from Egypt, for they lay with her in her youth, pressed the teats of her virginity, and poured out their fornication upon them.

9 Therefore I gave her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the sons of Assyria, whom she lusted toward.

10 They uncovered her nakedness. They took her sons and daughters, and slew her with the sword. She became a byword to the women, and they executed judgments against her.

11 Yet Oholibah, her sister, saw, and she made her lust more corrupt than her, and her fornication more than the fornication of her sister.

12 She lusted toward the sons of Assyria, captains and prefects who were nearby, clothed (to) perfection, horsemen, riders of horses, desirable young men, all of them.

13 I saw that she was defiled, one way for the both of them,

14 But she added to her fornication, and saw men of a carved figure on the wall, images of Chaldeans, carved figures in vermilion,

15 Girded (with) a waistcloth on their loins, overhung of turbans on their heads, the appearance of officers, all of them, the likeness of the sons of Babylon, Chaldeans, the land of their kindred.

16 So she lusted toward them, according to what her eyes saw, and sent messengers to them, to Chaldea.

17 Then the sons of Babylon came into her, to the couch of love, and defiled her by their fornication. She became unclean by them, and her desire became alienated from them.

18 She revealed her fornication, and uncovered her nakedness. My affection became alienated from her, as when my affection became alienated from her sister.

19 Yet she multiplied her fornication, to remember the days of her youth, when she played the harlot in the land of Egypt,

20 And she lusted according to their concubines, when their member was the member of donkeys, and their issue was the issue of horses.

21 So you have looked about for the harlotry of your youth, when some of

the Egyptians pressed your teats in view of the breasts of your youth.

22 Therefore, O Oholibah, +thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, from the city with your lovers, against you, from whom your desire was alienated, and I have brought them against you from all sides,

23 The sons of Babylon and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, Shoa, and Koa, all the sons of Assyria with them, desirable young men, captains and prefects, all of them, officers and the renowned, riders of horses, all of them.

24 They are coming against you (with) rattling of chariot and wheel, and with an assembly of peoples, large shield and (small) shield, and a helmet, they are setting up against you all around. I have set a judgment before them, and they will judge you with their judgments.

25 I will set my jealousy against you, and they will deal with you in my wrath. They will remove your nose and ears, and your posterity will fall by the sword. They will capture your sons and daughters, and your posterity will be consumed by fire.

26 Then they will strip you of your garments, and will take the jewels of your finery.

27 Yes, I will remove your wickedness from you, and your harlotry from the land of Egypt. You will not lift your eyes to them, nor remember Egypt anymore.

28 For thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, giving you into the hand of those whom you hate, into the hand of those from whom your desire was alienated.

29 They will deal with you in hatred, take all your acquired property, and leave you naked and bare. The nakedness of your sexual fornication will be exposed, even your wickedness and fornication.

30 (I am) doing these (things) to you, for your harlotry after the nations, with whom you became defiled by their idols.

31 You have walked in the way of your sister, so I will put her cup into your hand.

32 Thus says the Lord God\*, The cup of your sister you will drink of. It is deep and it is wide. You will be for laughter and derision, too much to contain.

33 You will be full of drunkenness and sorrow. The cup of waste and devastation is the cup of your sister Samaria,

34 And you will drink it, drain (it) out, break (it) into its shards, and tear away your breasts, for I have spoken, declares the Lord God\*.

35 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Because you forgot me, and cast me behind your back, indeed, (as for) you, bear your wickedness and fornication!

36 Then the Lord\* said to me, Son of man, will you decide a controversy with Oholah and Oholibah? Then declare to them their abominations,

37 For they have committed adultery, and blood is on their hands. They have committed adultery with their idols, and have even devoted their children to them to consume, whom they have borne to me.

38 Still more, they have done this to me: they have defiled my sacred places on that (very) day, and profaned my Sabbaths,

39 And when they slaughtered their children for their idols, and on that (very) day entered into my sanctuary to profane it, then behold, they did so in the midst of my house.

40 And also, it happened that you sent for men, coming from a distant place, to whom a messenger was sent, and behold, they came, for whom you washed, painted your eyes, and decked yourself (with) ornaments.

41 You sat upon a glorious couch, a table was arranged in front of it, and you set my perfume and oil upon it.

42 The sound was of a great throng at ease within her, and it was in addition to men from a multitude of mankind, drunkards brought in from the wilderness, and they put bracelets on their hands, and a beautiful crown on their heads.

43 So I said to those worn out, adulterous ones, Now let them play the harlot. It is her fornication, and it is hers.

44 So he came into her, like one comes in to a woman who plays the harlot. Thus they came in to Oholah and Oholibah, the wicked women,

45 And righteous men will judge them, the judgment of women who commit adultery and shed blood, for they are adulteresses, and blood is on their hands.

46 For thus says the Lord God\*, Bring up an assembly against them, and give them to terror, and to be plundered.

47 The assembly will throw stones upon them, and cut them down with



their sword. They will slay their sons and their daughters, and burn their houses with fire.

48 Thus will I cause the wickedness to cease from the land. All the women will take correction, and will no longer do the like of your wickedness.

49 They will put your wickedness upon you, you will bear the sins of your idolatry, and you will know that I am the Lord God\*.

## Chapter 24

The word of the Lord\* came to me in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth (day) of the month, saying:

2 Son of man, write down for yourself a date mark, this very day. The king of Babylon has rested his weight upon Jerusalem on this very day.

3 So speak a parable to the rebellious house, and you will say to them, Thus says the Lord God\*, Set on the pot! Set (it), and also pour water into it.

4 Collect pieces of her carcass into it, every good piece of the thigh, and the shoulder of choice meat. Fill (it with) the best of the bones.

5 Take the best of the flock, and also heap up the bones below it. Make it boil vigorously. Even her bones boil in the middle of it.

6 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Woe, the city of bloodshed, a pot that rust is in, and her rust will not come out of her. Bring her out piece by piece, piece by piece! Did the lot not fall upon her?

7 For her blood is in the midst of her. She has set it upon a shiny cliff. She has not poured it out upon the land, the dust to cover it over.

8 To cause wrath to ascend, to take vengeance, I have put her blood upon a shiny cliff, not to be covered over.

9 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Woe, the city of bloodshed! I will also make high the pile.

10 Increase the wood! Flame up the fire! Finish cooking the flesh, spice it well, and let the bones be burned.

11 Make her stand upon her coals empty, in order that she will become warm, her bronze will become hot, and her uncleanness will be melted out in her midst, (that) her rust would be consumed.

12 She has wearied (herself with) toil, but much of her rust will not come out of her, her rust in the fire.

13 In your uncleanness is wickedness, because I have purified you, yet you will not become pure again. So I have rested my wrath against you.

14 I, the Lord\*, have spoken. It is coming, and I will act. I will not refrain, nor will I pity, nor will I repent. According to your ways and evil deeds, I will judge you, declares the Lord God\*.

15 The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

16 Son of man, here am I, taking from you the desire of your eyes in a blow, but you will not wail, you will not weep, and she will not enter into your tears.

17 (In) lamenting, be silent. You will not do the mourning (of) deaths. Bind your turban upon you. You will put your sandals on your feet. You will not cover yourself upon the beard, and the food of the people you will not eat.

18 Then I spoke to the people in the morning, my wife died in the evening, and in the morning I did according to what I was commanded,

19 And the people said to me, Will you not declare to us, what are these (things) to us that you are doing?

20 Then I said to them, The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

21 Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, defiling my sanctuary, the majesty of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and the object of your compassion. Your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind will fall by the sword.

22 So you will do according to what I have done. You will not cover yourself upon the beard, and the food of the people you will not eat.

23 Your turbans will be upon your heads, and your sandals will be upon your feet. You will not wail, nor will you weep, but you will pine away in your iniquities, and each one will groan to his brother.

24 Ezekiel will be for a portent to you. According to all he has done, you will do. When it comes, then you will know that I am the Lord God\*.

25 (As for) you, son of man, do I not in a day take from them, their place of safety, the exultation of their beauty, the desire of their eyes, and the uplifting of their soul, their sons and their daughters.

26 On that day, the fugitive will come to you to bring tidings.

27 On that day, your mouth will be opened to the fugitive, and you will speak and no longer be silent. You will be to them for a portent, and they will know that I am the Lord\*.

## Chapter 25

The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

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

3 You will say to the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord God\*, Thus says the Lord God\*, Because (of) your saying, Aha, to my sanctuary, that it was defiled, to the territory of Israel, that it was desolated, and to the house of Judah, that they went into exile,

4 Therefore, here am I, giving you to the sons of the East for a possession, and they will set their encampments within you, and put their dwellings within you. They will eat your fruit and drink your milk.

5 I will appoint Rabbah to the habitation of camels, and the Ammonites to the resting place of the flock, and you will know that I am the Lord\*.

6 For thus says the Lord God\*, Because of your clapping of hand(s), your stamping with the feet, that you rejoiced in all your contempt in your soul against the territory of Israel,

7 Therefore, here am I. I stretch out my hand against you, and give you for the nations to spoil. I will cut you off from the peoples, and destroy you from the lands. I will annihilate you, and you will know that I am the Lord\*.

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

9 Therefore, here am I, the one who opens the shoulder of Moab, those who made it bare, from the cities to its borders, the beauty of the land, Beth Jeshimoth, Baal-Meon, even to Kirjathaim.

10 Concerning the Ammonites, the sons of the East will have them, as I will give it for a possession, for the sake (that) the Ammonites should not be remembered among the nations.

11 Yes, against Moab I will perform judgments, and they will know that I am

the Lord\*.

12 Thus says the Lord God\*, Because of what Edom did, in taking vengeance against the house of Judah, and they committed lasting wrong, (as) they avenged themselves against them,

13 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, I will stretch out my hand against Edom, and cut off man and beast from it. I will make it a ruin from Teman, and to Dedan they will fall by the sword.

14 I will requite my vengeance against Edom by the hand of my people Israel, and they will act against Edom according to my anger and my wrath. They will know my vengeance, declares the Lord God\*.

15 Thus says the Lord God\*, Because of what the Philistines did in vengeance, as they took for themselves vengeance with contempt in the soul, the continual enmity to destroy,

16 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, stretching out my hand against the Philistines. I will cut off the Cherethites, and destroy the remainder of the coast of the sea.

17 I will do great vengeance against them in the rebuke of them, and they will know that I am the Lord\*, when I make my vengeance against them.

## Chapter 26

It was in the eleventh year, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord \* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, Aha! The gate of the peoples is broken. She has reverted to me. I will be satisfied. She is laid waste.

3 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, against you, O Tyre, and I will bring up many nations against you, like the sea bringing up of its waves.

4 They will ruin the walls of Tyre, they will tear down her towers, and I will scrape clean her dust from her. I will set her for a shiny cliff.

5 She will be a spreading place of fishing nets in the middle of the sea, for I have spoken, declares the Lord God\*. She will be for a spoil to the nations,

6 And her daughters that are in the field, they will be slain by the sword.

Then they will know that I am the Lord\*.

7 For thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, bringing against Tyre, Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon from the north, a king of kings, with horse, chariot, and horsemen, an assembly, and many people.

8 He will slay your daughters by the sword in the field. He will set a bulwark against you, pour out a mound against you, and raise up a large shield against you.

9 He will put the stroke of his battering ram against your walls, and pull down your towers with his tools.

10 From the multitude of his horses, their dust will cover you. Your walls will shake from the sound of horseman, wheel, and chariot, when he enters through your gates, like the entering of a city broken into.

11 He will trample all your streets with the hooves of his horses. He will slay your people by the sword, and your strong pillars will go down to the ground.

12 They will plunder your wealth, take your goods for a spoil, tear down your walls, and they will pull down the houses of your delight. They will put your stones, wood, and debris in the middle of the water.

13 I will cause the sound of your songs to cease, and the sound of your lyres will be heard no more.

14 I will set you for a shiny cliff. You will be a spreading place for fishing nets. You will never be rebuilt, for I, the Lord\*, have spoken, declares the Lord God\*.

15 Thus says the Lord God\* to Tyre, Is it not from the sound of their fall, with the groaning of the pierced when he is slain? The slaughter is in the midst of you. The coasts will quake.

16 All the rulers of the sea will go down from upon their thrones, take off their robes, and put off their variegated fabric garments. They will clothe themselves with trembling. They will sit upon the ground, tremble at every moment, and be appalled because of you.

17 They will lift up a dirge over you, and say to you, How you have perished, (you) who was inhabited from the seas! It was she and her inhabitants, who made their terrors for all her inhabitants.

18 Now they will tremble (on) the coast the day of your overthrow, and the

coasts that are by the sea will be dismayed because of your departure.

19 For thus says the Lord God\*, When I make you a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited, when bringing up the deep over you, then many waters will cover you.

20 I will cause you to go down with those who go down (to) the pit, to the people of long ago, and I will cause you to dwell on the land of the lowest places, like the old waste places, with those who go down (to) the pit, in order that you will not be inhabited. Then I will make honor in the land of the living.

21 I will appoint you destruction, and you will not be. You may be sought after, but you will never be found, forever, declares the Lord God\*.

## Chapter 27

And the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 (As for) you, son of man, lift up over Tyre a dirge.

3 You will say to Tyre, the inhabitant by the entrance of the sea, trader of peoples on many coasts, Thus says the Lord God\*, O Tyre, you have said, I am perfect in beauty.

4 In the midst of your seas were your borders. Your builders had perfected your beauty.

5 They built all the planks (of) the firs from Senir for you. They took a cedar out of Lebanon to make a mast over you.

6 They made your oars (of) oaks from Bashan. They made your boards (of the deck) ivory, with box wood from the coasts of the Cypriotes.

7 Your sail was byssus, in variegated work from Egypt, to be yours for a signal. Your covering was violet and reddish-violet from the coasts of Elishah.

8 The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were oarsmen for you. Your skilled men, O Tyre, were within you. They became your sailors.

9 The elders of Gebal and its skilled men were within you, who repaired your fissures. All the ships of the sea and their mariners were within you, to exchange your merchandise.

10 Paras [Persia], Lud, and Put [Libya] were with your armies, the men of

your wars. They hung up shield and helmet by you. They gave splendor to you.

11 The Arvadites and your armies were upon your walls all around, and Gammadites were on your towers. They hung their small shields on your walls all around. They perfected your beauty.

12 Tarshish were your merchants from a multitude of all the wealth. They exchanged in silver, iron, tin, and lead for your wares.

13 Greece, Tubal, and Meshech were your traders. They exchanged in humans and vessels of bronze (for) your wares.

14 From Beth Togarmah, they exchanged horses, steeds, and mules for your wares.

15 The Dedanites were your traders. The merchandise (at) your hand was of many coasts. They gave you ivory tusks and ebony in exchange, (as) your gift.

16 Aram [Syria] was your merchant from a multitude of your products. They exchanged for your wares, with carbuncle, red-violet, variegated fabric, byssus, corals, and ruby.

17 Judah and the land of Israel were your traders. They exchanged in wheat of Minnith, pannag [kind of food], honey, oil, and balsam for your articles of exchange.

18 Damascus was your merchant with a multitude of your products, from a multitude of all the wealth, with the wine of Helbon and tawny wool.

19 Vedan and Javan from Uzal exchanged for your wares. Wrought iron, cassia, and calamus were among your articles of exchange.

20 Dedan was your trader, in widespread garments for riding.

21 The steppe-dwellers and all the rulers of Kedar, they were merchants (at) your hand. Lambs, rams, and he-goats, they were your merchants in them.

22 The traders of Sheba and Raamah, they were your traders. With the best of every spice, and every precious stone and gold, they exchanged for your wares.

23 Haran, Canneh, and Eden, traders of Sheba, Assyria, Chilmad, were your traders.

24 They were your traders in gorgeous garments, with violet wrapping and variegated fabric, and chests with variegated fabric, with cords twisted and strong, in your marketplace.

25 Ships of Tarshish were your traffickers of your articles of exchange, and you were filled and very honored in the midst of the seas.

26 Those who rowed you brought you into many waters. The east wind wrecked you in the midst of the seas.

27 Your wealth and your wares, your articles of exchange, your mariners and your sailors, those who repair your fissures, those who exchange your articles of exchange, all your men of war who are within you, and within all your assembly who are in your midst, will fall into the sea on the day of your ruin.

28 To the sound of the cry of your sailors, the open country will quake.

29 All who grasp an oar, mariners, all the sailors of the sea, will descend from their ships. They will stand upon the land.

30 They will declare on your account with their voice, and cry out bitterly, throw dust upon their heads, and roll themselves in ashes.

31 They will make a baldness regarding you, and gird on sackcloth. They will weep regarding you, in bitterness of soul, a bitter wailing.

32 Their children will lift up a dirge over you, and chant a dirge regarding you, Who was like Tyre, like the one who was silenced in the middle of the sea?

33 When your wares were going out by means of the seas, you satisfied many peoples. With a multitude of your wealth, and your articles of exchange, you made kings of the earth rich.

34 Now (you) are wrecked by the seas, in the depths of the waters. Your articles of exchange and all your assembly have fallen in the midst of you.

35 All the inhabitants of the coasts are appalled over you, and their kings are bristling (with) horror. The faces tremble.

36 The merchants among the peoples hiss over you, You have become a calamity, and you will never again be.

## Chapter 28

Then the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre, Thus says the Lord God\*, Because



your heart is haughty, and you have said, I am a god. I will sit on the seat of a god in the midst of the seas, but you are a man and not a god, and you have set your heart like the heart of gods.

3 Behold, you are wiser than Daniel! They hold no secret (too) dark for you.

4 In your wisdom and understanding, you have made wealth for yourself, and taken gold and silver into your treasuries.

5 By an abundance of your wisdom in your trade, you have increased your wealth, and your heart has become lofty by your treasuries.

6 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Because you set your heart like the heart of a god,

7 Therefore I am bringing foreigners against you, the most terrifying of nations. They will draw out their swords against the beauty of your wisdom and profane your brightness.

8 They will bring you down to the pit, and you will die the death of the slain, in the midst of the seas.

9 Will you indeed say, I am a god, in front of your slayer (but you are a man and not God), in the hand of the ones wounding you?

10 You will die the death of the uncircumcised, by the hand of foreigners, for I have spoken, declares the Lord God\*.

11 Then the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

12 Son of man, lift up a dirge upon the king of Tyre, and you will say to him, Thus says the Lord God\*, You were one sealing up the measure, full of wisdom, and perfect (in) beauty.

13 You were in Eden, the garden of God. Every precious stone was your covering: carnelian, topaz and onyx, yellow jasper, beryl and jasper, sapphire, carbuncle, and emerald, and gold. The workmanship of your sockets and grooves is with you. On the day you were created, they were prepared.

14 You were a cherub of expansion that covers, and I extended you. You were on the holy mountain of God. You walked about in the midst of stones of fire.

15 You were innocent in your ways from the day you were created until unrighteousness was discovered in you.

16 In a multitude of your traffic, they have filled up violence in your midst,

and you have sinned. I have defiled you from the mountain of God, and have caused you to perish, O cherub of your cover, out of the midst of the stones of fire.

17 Your heart became lofty in your beauty. You corrupted your wisdom over your brightness. I cast you upon the land. I set you in front of kings for gloating at you.

18 From a multitude of your iniquities in the unrighteousness of your traffic, you profaned your sacred places, so I made fire go out from your midst. It has consumed you, and I have set you for ashes upon the land.

19 All who knew you among the peoples are appalled concerning you. You have become a calamity, and you will never again be.

20 The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

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

22 You will say, Thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, against you, O Sidon. I will get myself glory in your midst, and they will know that I am the Lord\*, when I do judgments against her, and I show myself sacred against her.

23 I will send pestilence against her, and blood in her streets. The pierced will be in her midst, with the sword against her from all sides, and they will know that I am the Lord\*.

24 Then the house of Israel will no longer have a pricking brier and a thorn causing pain from all surrounding them, who treat them with contempt, and they will know that I am the Lord God\*.

25 Thus says the Lord God\*, When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples whom they were scattered among, and sanctify myself among them in the sight of the nations, then they will dwell upon their land that I gave to my servant, to Jacob.

26 They will dwell securely upon it, build houses, and plant vineyards. They will dwell securely when I do judgments on all those who treated them with contempt on all sides of them, and they will know that I am the Lord\* their God.

## Chapter 29

In the tenth year, in the tenth (month), on the twelfth (day) of the month, the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and prophesy against him and against Egypt, all of it.

3 Speak, and you will say, Thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, against you, O Pharaoh, king of Egypt, the great river monster, who lies down in the middle of his Nile streams, who says to me, It is my Nile, and I made it.

4 Yet I will put hooks in your jaw, and make fish of your Nile streams cling on your scales. I will lift you up from the middle of your Nile streams, and every fish of your Nile streams will cling on your scales.

5 I will leave you to the wilderness, you and every fish of your Nile streams. Upon the surface of the field you will fall. You will not be assembled nor gathered. I give you to the beast of the land, and to the bird of the heavens for food.

6 Then all the inhabitants of Egypt will know that I am the Lord\*, because they have been a staff of a reed to the house of Israel.

7 When they take hold on you with their palm, you are crushed and tear every shoulder. When they lean on you, you are broken, and make all their loins to shake.

8 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, bringing against you a sword, and I will cut off from you man and beast,

9 And the land of Egypt will be for a devastation and a ruin, and they will know that I am the Lord\*, because he said, The Nile is mine, and I made (it).

10 Therefore, here am I, against you and your Nile streams, and I will give the land of Egypt to ruins of desolation, a devastation from Migdol (to) Syene, and up to the border of Cush.

11 Not a foot of a man or beast will pass through it, and it will not be inhabited forty years.

12 I will make the land of Egypt a devastation in the midst of the desolated lands, and its cities will be a devastation in the midst of the cities laid waste, forty years. I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and I will disperse them among the lands.

13 For thus says the Lord God\*, At the end of forty years, I will gather the Egyptians from the peoples where they were scattered,

14 And I will restore the captivity of Egypt, and bring back those of the land of Pathros to the land of their origin, and they will become a lowly kingdom there.

15 It will be the lowest of kingdoms, and it will not lift itself up anymore over the nations. I will diminish them to have no dominion among the nations.

16 The house of Israel will not have it for confidence anymore, bringing to memory the guilt when they turned after them, and they will know that I am the Lord God\*.

17 It was in the twenty-seventh year, in the first (month), on the first (day) of the month, the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon, compelled his army to serve a great labor against Tyre. Every head was made bald, and every shoulder laid bare, and there were no wages to him, or to his army from Tyre, according to the labor that he served against her.

19 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, giving to Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon, the land of Egypt. He will carry off her multitude, and take as plunder her plunder, and as spoil her spoil. Then his army will have wages.

20 His wages that he served against her, that he did for me, I have paid to him with the land of Egypt, declares the Lord God\*.

21 On that day I will cause the horn of the house of Israel to grow, and I will give to you an opening of the mouth in their midst. Then they will know that I am the Lord\*.

## Chapter 30

The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, prophesy, and you will say, Thus says the Lord God\*, and you will say, Thus says the Lord God\*, Give a howl, Woe for the day!

3 For the day is near, and near is the day of the Lord\*, a day of the cloud mass. It will be the time of the nations.

4 The sword will come against Egypt, and there will be anguish in Cush.

When the pierced fall in Egypt, they will take her multitude, and her foundations will be thrown down.

5 Cush, Put, Lud, all the northern Arab tribes, Cub, and the sons of the land of the alliance will fall by the sword with them.

6 Thus says the Lord\*, And those who uphold Egypt will fall, and the pride of her strength will descend. They will fall within her, by the sword, from Migdol (to) Syene, declares the Lord God\*.

7 They will be desolate in the midst of the desolate lands, and its cities will be in the midst of cities laid waste.

8 They will know that I am the Lord\*, when I put fire into Egypt, and all who helped her are broken.

9 On that day, messengers will go out from my presence in ships, to rout Cush, out (of) security, and there will be anguish among them, on the day of Egypt, for behold it comes.

10 Thus says the Lord God\*, And I will cause the multitude of Egypt to cease, by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon.

11 He and his people with him, the most terror-striking of the nations, who come to spoil the land, will draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land (with) the slain.

12 I will make the Nile streams dry, and sell the land into the hand of evil men. I will devastate the land and its entirety by the hand of foreigners. I, the Lord\*, have spoken.

13 Thus says the Lord God\*, And I will destroy the idols, and put an end to the worthless gods from Noph. There will not be a prince from the land of Egypt anymore, and I will put fear into the land of Egypt.

14 I will devastate Pathros, put fire into Zoan, and do judgments in No.

15 I will pour out my wrath upon Sin, a place of safety (for) Egypt, and I will cut off the multitude of No.

16 Yes, I will put fire into Egypt. Sin will be in severe pain, No will be broken into, and (for) Noph, daily adversaries.

17 The young men of On and Pabast will fall by the sword, and behold, into captivity they will go.

18 In Tahpahnes, the day grows dark, when I break the bars of yoke of Egypt there, and the pride of her strength will be put to an end in her. A cloud

mass will cover her, and her daughters will go into captivity.

19 So I will do judgments on the Egyptians, and they will know that I am the Lord\*.

20 It was in the eleventh year, in the first (month), on the seventh (day) of the month, the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and behold, it has not been bound up to give healing, to set a bandage to bind it up, to give it strength to grasp the sword.

22 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, against Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and I will break his arms, the strong (one), and (the one) that was broken, and make the sword fall from his hand.

23 Then I will scatter Egypt among the nations, and disperse them among the lands.

24 I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword into his hand. I will break the arms of Pharaoh, and he will groan the groaning of the pierced in front of him.

25 So I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, but the arms of Pharaoh will drop. Then they will know that I am the Lord\*, when I put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he stretches it out against the land of Egypt.

26 Yes, I will scatter Egypt among the nations, and disperse them among the lands. Then they will know that I am the Lord\*.

## Chapter 31

It was in the eleventh year, in the third (month), on the first (day) of the month, the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, Say to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and to his multitude, To whom are you like in your greatness?

3 Behold, Assyria was a cedar of Lebanon, beautiful of branches, a shadowing wood, and an elevated height. His tree top was among interwoven foliage.

4 Waters made him grow. The deep caused him to grow, with his streams

going all around his planting place. He shot forth his water course to all the trees of the field.

5 Therefore his height was higher than all the trees of the field, his branches multiplied, and his boughs became long on account of many waters, when he shot forth.

6 In his branches, every bird of the heavens made a nest, and underneath his boughs, every beast of the field gave birth. All of the many nations would dwell in his shade.

7 He was beautiful in his greatness, in the length of his branches, for his root was by many waters.

8 The cedars of the garden of God did not eclipse him. The cypresses were not similar to his branches, and the plane trees were not like his boughs. No tree in the garden of God was similar to him in his beauty.

9 I made him beautiful in the abundance of his branches, and all the trees of Eden that were in the garden of God were envious of him.

10 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Because that he was elevated in height, stretched his tree top among interwoven foliage, and his heart rose with his height,

11 I gave him into the hand of a leader of the nations. He severely dealt with him. I drove him out according to his transgression.

12 Foreigners cut him off, the most terror-striking of the nations, and abandoned him. Upon the mountains and in all the valleys, his branches fell, and his boughs were broken off in all river beds of the land. All the peoples of the earth came down from his shade and abandoned him.

13 Every bird of the heavens and beast of the field were upon his boughs,

14 In order that none (of) the trees (by) the waters would ascend into their height, and put their tree tops in among interwoven foliage, and none who drank water would stand near them with their height, for all of them were put to death upon the lowest land in the midst of the children of mankind, together with those who went down to the pit.

15 Thus says the Lord God\*, On the day of his descending to Sheol, I caused the deep, my covering over him, to mourn, and I held back his rivers, and many waters were restrained. I caused Lebanon to mourn over him, and all the trees of the field were enshrouded over him.

16 I caused the nations to quake from the sound of his overthrow, when I brought him down to Sheol with those who went down to the pit, and all the trees of Eden consoled themselves in the lowest land, the best and the good of Lebanon, all who drank water.

17 Those with him also descended to Sheol, together with those pierced of the sword, and his right arm who sat down in his shade in the midst of the nations.

18 Thus to whom are you the like in splendor and greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the lowest land. You will lie down in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those pierced by the sword, that is, Pharaoh and all his multitude, declares the Lord God\*.

## Chapter 32

It was in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first (day) of the month, the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, lift up a dirge upon Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and you will say to him, You are like a young lion of the nations, like the monster in the seas. You have burst forth in your rivers, made the waters turbid with your feet, and fouled their rivers by stamping.

3 Thus says the Lord God\*, So I will spread my net over you in the assembly of many peoples, and they will bring you up in my seine.

4 I will abandon you on the land. I will hurl you upon the surface of the field, cause every bird of the heavens to settle upon you, and satisfy the beast of every land out of you.

5 I will put your flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys (with) your lofty stature,

6 And I will water the land of your outflow from your blood upon the mountains, and the channels will fill out of you.

7 I will cover the heavens when (I) quench you, and darken their stars. I will cover the sun with a cloud mass, and the moon will not give its light.

8 All the luminaries of light in the heavens, I will darken them over you, and put darkness over your land, declares the Lord God\*.



9 I will vex the heart of many peoples, when I bring your fracture into nations, upon lands that you have not known.

10 I will make many peoples appalled at you, and their kings will bristle at you, when I brandish my sword before them. They will tremble at every moment, each one for his life, on the day of your overthrow.

11 For thus says the Lord God\*, The sword of the king of Babylon will come to you.

12 I will make your multitude fall by the swords of strong men, the most terror-striking of the nations, all of them. They will devastate the exaltation of Egypt, and all her multitude will be annihilated.

13 I will destroy all its beasts from beside many waters. The foot of mankind will not make them turbid anymore, nor will the hooves of a beast make them turbid.

14 Then I will make their waters settle, and make their rivers flow like oil, declares the Lord God\*.

15 When I make the land of Egypt a devastation, and the land becomes desolated in its entirety, when I strike all the inhabitants in it, then they will know that I am the Lord\*.

16 There will be a dirge, and they will chant it. The daughters of the nations will chant it. They will chant it upon Egypt, and all her multitude, declares the Lord God\*.

17 It was in the twelfth year, on the fifteenth (day) of the month, the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

18 Son of man, wail over the multitude of Egypt, and bring it down. I will bring her down, and the daughters of the nations, to the land of the lowest places, with those who have gone down to the pit.

19 You will be beautiful, apart from me. Go down and lie with the uncircumcised!

20 They will fall in the middle of those slain of the sword. She is delivered to the sword. Drag her down and all her multitudes!

21 The leaders of the strong men will speak to one in the midst of Sheol with his helpers, They have gone down, lain down with the uncircumcised, those slain of the sword.

22 There is Assyria and all its assembly, its graves surrounding it, all of them

slain, those who fell by the sword,

23 Whose graves were put in the extreme parts of the pit. Its assembly is surrounding its graves, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who made terror in the land of the living.

24 There is Elam and all its multitude, surrounding their graves, all of them slain, those who fell by the sword, who have descended uncircumcised to the land of the lowest places, who made their terror in the land of the living, and they bear their reproach with those who have gone down to the pit.

25 They made a bed for it among all its multitude, in the middle of the slain, its graves surrounding it, all of them uncircumcised, slain of the sword, for their terror was made in the land of the living. They bear their reproach with those who have gone down to the pit. It was put in the middle of the slain.

26 There is Meshech, Tubal, and all its multitude, its graves surrounding it, all of them uncircumcised, pierced by the sword, for they made their terror in the land of the living.

27 Will they not lie down with the strong men, those fallen of the uncircumcised, who have gone down (to) Sheol with their weapons of war, and put their swords beneath their heads? Their iniquity is upon their remains, for the terror of the strong men in the land of the living,

28 And you, you will be crushed in the middle of the uncircumcised, and lie down with those slain of the sword.

29 There is Edom, its kings and all its princes, who were put with their might with those slain of the sword. They lie down with the uncircumcised, with those who have gone down to the pit.

30 There are the princes of the North, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who have descended with those slain in their terror, ashamed on account of their strong men. They have lain down uncircumcised with those slain of the sword, and bear their reproach with those who have gone down to the pit.

31 Pharaoh will see them, and comfort himself over all the multitude, those slain of the sword, Pharaoh and all his army, declares the Lord God\*.

32 For I am putting my terror in the land of the living, and he will be laid in the middle of the uncircumcised, with those slain of the sword, Pharaoh and all his multitude, declares the Lord God\*.

## Chapter 33

The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, speak to the sons of your people, and you will say to them, A land, when I bring a sword against it, and the people of the land take one man of the entirety, and make him to keep watch for them,

3 And he sees the sword coming against the land, gives a blast with the shofar, and gives the people a warning,

4 Then the one who is listening hears the sound of the shofar. He hears, but does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away. His blood will be on his head.

5 He heard the sound of the shofar, and did not take warning. His blood will be on him, but should he take warning, he has delivered his life.

6 But the watchman that sees the sword coming, does not give a blast on the shofar, the people are not warned, the sword comes, and a person is taken away from them, he has been taken in his iniquity, but I will require his blood from the hand of the watchman.

7 You, son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel. You will hear a word from my mouth, and give them a warning from me.

8 When I say to the guilty one, O guilty one, you will surely die, and you did not speak to warn the guilty one, he, the guilty one, will die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand.

9 But you, if you give the guilty one a warning of his way, to repent from it, and he does not repent from his way, he will die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your soul.

10 You, son of man, say to the house of Israel, In this manner you have spoken, saying, For our transgressions and sins are upon us, we are pining away in them, and how will we live?

11 Say to them, (As) I live, declares the Lord God\*, surely I do not delight in the death of the wicked, but in the wicked turning from his way, and he lives. Repent! Repent from your evil ways. Why should you die, O house of Israel?

12 You, son of man, say to the sons of your people, The righteousness of the righteous will not rescue him on the day of his transgression, and the wickedness of the wicked one, he will not stumble on it, on the day of his

repentance from his wickedness, but the righteous will not be able to live with it, on the day of his sin.

13 When I say to the righteous he will surely live, and he trusts upon his righteousness, and does unrighteousness, all his righteousness will not be remembered, and in his unrighteousness that he did, he will die in it.

14 Yet when I say to the wicked, You will surely die, and he repents from his sin, and does justice and righteousness,

15 The wicked restores a pledge. He makes good the spoil. He walks in the statutes of the living, to not do unrighteousness. He will surely live. He will not die.

16 All his sin that he has sinned will not be brought to memory against him, for he has done justice and righteousness. He will surely live.

17 Yet the sons of your people say, The way of the Lord is not equitable, but it is they, their way is not equitable.

18 When the righteous turns from his righteousness, and does unrighteous acts, then he will die with them,

19 And when the wicked repents from his wickedness, and does justice and righteousness, he will live by them.

20 But you have said, The way of the Lord is not equitable. Each one according to his ways, I will judge you, O house of Israel.

21 It was in the twelfth year, in the tenth (month), on the fifth (day) of the month of our exile, the fugitive came to me from Jerusalem, saying, The city has been attacked and captured.

22 The hand of the Lord\* came to me in the evening before the coming of the fugitive, and opened my mouth until the coming of the morning to me. My mouth was open and I was able to speak again.

23 Then the word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

24 Son of man, the inhabitants of these waste places toward the end of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one (man), and he possessed the land, but we are many, and the land was given to us for a possession.

25 Therefore, say to them, Thus says the Lord God\*, On account of the blood you eat, and you lift up your eyes to your idols, and you shed blood, should you possess the land?

26 You have stood by your sword. You have done an abomination, and each

(of you), a wife of his fellow citizen, you have defiled, and should you possess the land?

27 Thus will you say to them, Thus says the Lord God\*, It will be the life of me, if those who are in the waste places do not fall by the sword, (anyone) who is on the surface of the field I do not give him to the beast to devour him, and (those) who are in the mountain strongholds and the caves do not die by the pestilence.

28 I will make the land a devastation and a waste, and the pride of her strength will cease. The mountains of Israel will be desolated, without (anyone) who would pass through.

29 Then they will know that I am the Lord\*, when I make the land a desolation and a waste on account of all their abominations that they have done.

30 (As for) you, son of man, there are the sons of your people who speak with one another about you beside the outer walls, and in the entrance of the houses, and one will speak with another, each one with his brother, saying, Come now and listen. What is the word that comes forth from the Lord\*?

31 They will come to you like the coming together of people, and my people will sit down before you and hear your words, but they will not do them. Their heart goes after their unjust gain, though they may act (in) love with their mouth.

32 Behold, you are to them as a love song, beautiful of voice, and who plays well, but they will hear your words, and not be doers of them.

33 Yet when it comes, behold it comes, then they will know that a prophet has been in their midst.

## Chapter 34

The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy, and you will say to them, Thus says the Lord God\* to the shepherds, Woe to the shepherds of Israel who are pasturing themselves! Should it not be the flock

the shepherds are pasturing?

3 You eat the fat, and wear the wool. You slaughter the fat sheep for sacrifice. You do not pasture the flock.

4 You have not restored the diseased to health, or healed those who feel weak. For the maimed you have not bound up (the wound). You have not brought back the outcast, or sought to find the lost. You rule them by force and severity.

5 They have been scattered without a shepherd, and they have been for food for every beast of the field. Yes, they have been scattered.

6 My flock go astray on every mountain, and on every high hill. My flock are scattered over all the surface of the land, but no one is inquiring, and no one is seeking to find.

7 Therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the Lord\*:

8 (As) I live, declares the Lord God\*, Is it not because my flock has become for a spoil, and for food for every beast of the field, from being without a shepherd, and my shepherds did not seek after my flock, but the shepherds pastured themselves, and did not pasture the flock?

9 Therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the Lord\*.

10 Thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, against the shepherds, and I will require my flock from their hand, and cause them to cease from pasturing a flock, and the shepherds will pasture themselves no more. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and they will not have them for food.

11 For thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, and I will require my flock, and I will seek them.

12 Like a shepherd seeking his flock, on a day of his being in the midst of his flock, who were scattered, thus will I seek my flock, and rescue them from all the places where they have been scattered, on a day of a cloud mass and a heavy cloud.

13 I will bring them out from the peoples, gather them from the lands, bring them to their ground, and I will pasture them upon the mountains of Israel, by the river beds, and in all the habitable places of the land.

14 I will pasture them in good pasture, and on the high mountains of Israel will be their abode. There they will lie down in a good abode, and graze a fertile pasture upon the mountains of Israel.

15 I will pasture my flock myself, and cause them to lie down, declares the Lord God\*.

16 I will seek to find the lost, bring back the outcast, bind up the wound of the maimed, and restore to health those who feel weak, but the fat and the strong I will annihilate. I will pasture in justice.

17 (As for) you, my flock, thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, judging between sheep to sheep, to rams, and to he-goats.

18 Is it too little for you (that) you graze the good pasture, and the rest of your pastures you trample down with your feet? Should you drink the clear waters, and that left over foul by stamping with your feet?

19 Yet it is my flock. They graze the trampling place of your feet, and drink the (waters) fouled by the stamping of your feet.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\* to them, Here am I, and I will judge between the fat and the lean sheep.

21 Because you have pushed with the side and shoulder, and you have thrust with your horns all the diseased ones, until that you have scattered them toward the outside,

22 I will give deliverance to my flock. They will no longer be for a spoil, and I will judge between sheep to sheep.

23 I will raise up over them one shepherd, and he will pasture them, my servant David. He will pasture them, and be for a shepherd to them.

24 I, the Lord\*, will be to them for God, and my servant David will be a ruler among them. I, the Lord\*, have spoken.

25 I will cut a covenant of shalom for them, and destroy the harmful beast from the land. They will dwell in the wilderness in security, and sleep in the forests.

26 I will bestow upon them, and those round about my hill, a blessing, and I will cause the rain to descend in its time. There will be showers of a blessing.

27 The tree of the field will give its fruit, the land will yield its produce, they will be upon their land in security, and they will know that I am the Lord\*, when I break the bars of their yoke, and rescue them from the hand of those who worked by means of them.

28 They will no longer be spoil for the nations, and the beast of the land will not devour them. They will dwell in security, and none will terrify.

29 I will raise up a planting place for them for a reputation. They will no longer be destroyed with hunger in the land, and no longer bear the insult of the nations.

30 Then they will know that I am the Lord\* their God with them, and they are my people, the house of Israel, declares the Lord God\*.

31 You, my flock, the flock of my shepherding, are mankind. I am your God, declares the Lord God\*.

## Chapter 35

The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir, and prophesy against it.

3 You will say to it, Thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, against you, O Mount Seir, and I will stretch out my hand against you, and make you a devastation and a waste.

4 I will set your cities (as) a ruin, you will be a devastation, and you will know that I am the Lord\*.

5 Because of you having continual enmity, and you delivered over the children of Israel to the hands of the sword, in the time of their calamity, in the time of the final punishment,

6 Therefore, (as) I live, declares the Lord God\*, that to blood I will appoint you, and blood will pursue you. Surely you have not hated blood, so blood will pursue you.

7 I will appoint Mount Seir for a devastation and a waste, and cut off from it anyone who passes through and returns,

8 And I will fill its mountains (with) its slain. Your hills, your valleys, and all your ravines, those slain of the sword will fall in them.

9 I will make you a devastation forever, and your cities will not be inhabited. Then you will know that I am the Lord\*.

10 Because you have said, The two nations and the two countries, they will be mine, and we will take possession of it, but the Lord\* was there,

11 Therefore, (as) I live, declares the Lord God\*, I will act according to your anger, and according to your jealousy you have done, from your hatred



against them, and I will be known by them when I judge you.

12 Then you will know that I am the Lord\*. I have heard all your contempt that you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are desolate. They are given to us for devouring.

13 You have also by your mouth done great things against me, and multiplied your words against me. I myself have heard.

14 Thus says the Lord God\*, I will make a devastation of you, as all the land rejoices.

15 As you rejoiced for the inheritance of the house of Israel, for the cause that it became desolate, thus will I do to you. A devastation you will be, O Mount Seir, and all of Edom, all of it. Then they will know that I am the Lord\*.

## Chapter 36

You, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and you will say, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord\*:

2 Thus says the Lord God\*, Because the enemy spoke against you, Aha, and The ancient mountains have become ours for a possession.

3 Therefore prophesy, and you will say, Thus says the Lord God\*, Because, and by the cause, that they made you desolate and trampled you from all sides, to your being a possession for the rest of the nations, and you have been taken up upon the tip of the tongue, even an evil report of the people,

4 Therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God\*, Thus says the Lord God\* to the mountains and the hills, to the ravines and the valleys, and to the desolate ruins, and to the desolate ruins, and to the forsaken cities that are for spoil and the derision of the rest of the nations that are from all sides.

5 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Surely in the fire of my zeal I have spoken, against the rest of the nations, and against Edom, all of it, when they gave my land to them for a possession, with joy of every heart, with contempt of the soul, in order to plunder its open land.

6 Therefore, prophesy over the ground of Israel, and you will say to the

mountains, the hills, the ravines, and the valleys, Thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, in my zeal and my wrath I have spoken, because you have carried the reproach of the nations.

7 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, I myself lift my hand in an oath, surely the nations that are near you from all sides, they will bear their insult.

8 (As for) you, O mountains of Israel, you will put forth your branches, and bear your fruit for my people Israel, for they have brought (their) coming near.

9 For here am I, disposed toward you. I will turn and look at you, and you will be cultivated and sown.

10 I will multiply mankind upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it. The cities will be inhabited, and the ruins will be rebuilt.

11 Yes, I will multiply mankind and cattle upon you, they will increase and be fruitful, I will make you inhabited according to your former state, I will deal well according to your beginning, and you will know that I am the Lord\*.

12 I will cause mankind to walk upon you, my people Israel, they will take possession of you, and you will be to them for inheritance. You will no longer act to make them childless.

13 Thus says the Lord God\*, Because of those who say to you, You have devoured mankind, and made your nation childless,

14 Therefore, you will not devour mankind, nor make your nation childless anymore.

15 I will not proclaim upon you the reproach of the nations anymore, and you will not bear the disgrace of the peoples anymore, and you will not make your nation childless anymore, declares the Lord God\*.

16 The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

17 Son of man, the house of Israel dwelled upon their ground, and defiled it by their way and evil deeds. Their way was before me like the uncleanness of menstruation.

18 So I poured out my wrath upon them, according to the blood that they shed upon the land, and their idols they defiled it with.

19 I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed among the lands. I judged them according to their way and evil deeds.

20 But it entered into the nations where they came, and they profaned my

holy name, when they said of them, These are the people of the Lord\*, yet from his land they went out.

21 But I had compassion over my holy name, since they, the house of Israel, profaned it among the nations where they entered into.

22 Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God\*, Not for your sake do I act, O house of Israel, but instead for my holy name, that you profaned among the nations where you entered into.

23 So I will sanctify my great name (that is) profaned among the nations, which you profaned in their midst, and the nations will know that I am the Lord\*, declares the Lord God\*, when I show myself sacred with you in their sight.

24 I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you to your ground.

25 I will even toss handfuls of pure water over you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your uncleanness and all your idols.

26 I will also give to you a new heart, put a new spirit in your inner being, remove the heart of stone from your flesh, and give to you a heart of flesh.

27 Yes, I will put my Spirit in your inner being, and ordain that in my statutes you will walk, and my judgments you will keep and do.

28 You will dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers. You will be mine for a people, and I will be yours for God.

29 I will deliver you from all your uncleanness, I will call upon the grain, and multiply it, and I will not put famine upon you.

30 I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the produce of the field, in order that you will not get the reproach of famine anymore among the nations.

31 Then you will remember your evil ways, and your practices that were not good ones, and you will feel a loathing at yourselves over your iniquities and abominations.

32 I act not for your sake, declares the Lord God\*, it will become known to you. Be ashamed and be humiliated from your ways, O house of Israel!

33 Thus says the Lord God\*, On the day I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will make the cities inhabited, and the ruins will be rebuilt.

34 The desolate land will be cultivated, instead of your being a devastation in the sight of all who pass by.

35 Then they will say, This city that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the wasted, desolate, and torn down cities are inhabited, fortified.

36 Then the nations surrounding you that are remaining will know that I, the Lord\*, have built up the torn down ones. I have planted the desolate ones. I, the Lord\*, have spoken, and I will act.

37 Thus says the Lord God\*, This (time) again I will let myself be consulted of the house of Israel to act for them. I will multiply them like a flock of mankind.

38 Like a sacred flock, like the flock of Jerusalem at its appointed seasons, thus will the wasted cities be, full of the flock of mankind, and they will know that I am the Lord\*.

## Chapter 37

The hand of the Lord\* was upon me, it sent me out in the Spirit of the Lord\*, and it set me down in the middle of the valley. It was full of bones.

2 He caused me to pass by them round about, round about, and behold, there were very many upon the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry.

3 He said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I said, O Lord God\*, you know.

4 Then he said to me, Prophecy over these bones, and you will say to them, Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord\*.

5 Thus says the Lord God\* to these bones, Behold, I am bringing into you breath, and you will live.

6 I will put sinew upon you, bring up flesh upon you, spread skin over you, put breath into you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the Lord\*.

7 So I prophesied according to what I was commanded. There was a sound as I prophesied, and behold, a quaking, and the bones drew near, a bone to its bone.

8 I looked, and behold, sinew was upon them, flesh came up, and skin

spread over them from above, but breath was not in them.

9 Then he said to me, Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and you will say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God\*, Come in from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, and they will live.

10 So I prophesied according to what he commanded me. The breath came into them, they were revived, and they stood upon their feet, a very, very great army.

11 He said to me, Son of man, these bones, they are all the house of Israel. Behold, they are saying, Our bones are dry, and our hope is vanished. We are quite cut off.

12 Therefore prophesy, and you will say to them, Thus says the Lord God\*, Behold, I am opening your graves, and I will bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will bring you to the ground of Israel.

13 Then you will know that I am the Lord\*, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

14 I will put my Spirit into you, and you will live. I will lead you to your ground, and you will know that I, the Lord\*, have spoken, and I will act, declares the Lord\*.

15 The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

16 (As for) you, son of man, take for yourself one wooden (plank), and write upon it, Judah, and for its associated children of Israel, and take one wooden plank, and write upon it, Joseph, a wooden (plank) of Ephraim, and all its associated house of Israel.

17 Then bring them together, one to one, to yourself, into one wooden (plank), and they will be as one in your hand,

18 And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, Will you not declare to us, what are these to you?

19 Say to them, Thus says the Lord God\*, Behold, I am taking the wooden (plank) of Joseph that is in the hand of Ephraim, and his associated tribes of Israel. I will put them upon it, the wooden (plank) of Judah, I will make them into one wooden (plank), and they will be one in my hand.

20 The wooden (planks) that you wrote on will be in your hand in their sight.

21 Say to them, Thus says the Lord God\*, Behold, I am taking the children of Israel from among the nations where they went, and I will gather them from

all sides, and bring them to their ground.

22 I will make them into one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel, and one king will be for a king to all of them. They will not belong to two nations anymore, and they will never again be divided into two kingdoms.

23 They will not make themselves unclean anymore with their idols, detested things, and all their transgressions. I will deliver them from their dwelling places, where they have sinned, and I will make them clean. They will be mine for a people, and I will be theirs for God.

24 My servant David will be king over them, and all of them will have one shepherd. They will walk in my judgments, keep my statutes, and do them.

25 They will dwell upon the land that I gave to my servant, to Jacob, in which your fathers dwelled. They will dwell upon it, they, their children, and the children of their children, forever, and David my servant will be ruler of them forever.

26 I will cut a covenant of shalom with regard to them. It will be an everlasting covenant (to) them. I will set them, multiply them, and put my sanctuary in their midst forever.

27 My dwelling place will be together with them, and I will be theirs for God, and they will be mine for a people.

28 Then the nations will know that I am the Lord\* who consecrates Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forever.

## Chapter 38

The word of the Lord\* came to me, saying:

2 Son of man, set your face against Gog of the land of Magog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him.

3 You will say, Thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.

4 I will lead you away, put hooks in your jaws, and bring you out, and all your army, horses, and horsemen, clothed (in) gorgeous attire, all of them, a great assembly, large shield, and small shield, those who grasp swords, all of them.

5 Paras [Persia], Cush, and Put [Libya] are with them, all of them (with) small

shield and helmet,

6 Gomer, and all its hordes, Beth Togarmah, the remote parts of the north, and all its bands, many peoples with you.

7 Be ready and prepare for yourself, you and all your assembly, those who assemble together with you, and you will be to them for a guard.

8 After many days you will be visited. At the end of the years, you will enter into a land restored from the sword, who were gathered together from many peoples upon the mountains of Israel, which had been continually for a ruin. It will be those who were brought out from peoples, and all of them dwell securely.

9 So you will go up, and you will enter in as a devastating storm. You will be like a cloud mass covering the land, you and all your hordes, and many peoples with you.

10 Thus says the Lord God\*, And it will be on that day, that things will come up to your mind, and you will devise a wicked plan.

11 You will say, I will ascend upon a land of hamlets. I will enter into those who are undisturbed, who dwell securely, all of them, who dwell without a wall, and they have no bars or gates,

12 To plunder the plunder, and to spoil the spoil, to set your hand upon the inhabited ruins, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who acquire cattle and property, who dwell upon the center of the earth.

13 Sheba, Dedan, the traders of Tarshish and all its young lions, will say to you, Are you coming to plunder a plunder? Have you summoned your assembly to spoil a spoil, to carry off silver and gold, to take livestock and property, to plunder great plunder?

14 Therefore, prophesy, son of man, and you will say to Gog, Thus says the Lord God\*, Will you not know on that day when my people Israel are dwelling securely?

15 You will come from your place, out of the remote parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, riders (on) horses, all of them, a large assembly and a great army.

16 You will ascend upon my people Israel like a cloud mass to cover the land. At the end of days it will happen, and I will lead you against my land so that the nations will know me, when I show myself majestic against you before

their eyes, O Gog.

17 Thus says the Lord God\*, Was that you whom I spoke of in the former days by the hand of my servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days for years, of leading you against them?

18 It will be on that day, on the day Gog comes upon the ground of Israel, declares the Lord God\*, my rage will rise up in my anger.

19 In my zeal, in the fire of my overflowing rage I speak. Surely on that day a great earthquake will happen upon the ground of Israel.

20 The fish of the sea, the fliers of the heavens, the beast of the field, every creeping thing that creeps on the ground, and all mankind who are upon the surface of the ground, will shake from my presence. The mountains will be thrown down, the steep places will fall, and every wall will fall to the earth.

21 I will summon the sword of all my mountains against him, declares the Lord God\*. It will be the sword of each man against his brother.

22 I will enter into controversy with him by the pestilence, and with blood. I will rain flooding rain, and hailstones of fire and brimstone upon him, upon all his hordes, and upon all the many peoples who are with him.

23 Thus I will magnify myself, cause myself to be hallowed, and make myself known in the sight of many nations, and they will know that I am the Lord\*.

## Chapter 39

You, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and you will say, Thus says the Lord God\*, Here am I, against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.

2 I will lure you away, lead you on, and bring you up from the remote parts of the north. Then I will bring you in upon the mountains of Israel,

3 And I will strike down your bow from your left hand, and make your arrows drop from your right hand.

4 Upon the mountains of Israel you will fall, you and all your hordes, and the peoples who are with you. I will give you to the birds of prey, all the winged (birds), and the beast of the field, for devouring.

5 Upon the surface of the field you will fall, for I have spoken, declares the Lord God\*.



6 I will send fire on Magog, and on those who dwell securely (on) the coasts, and they will know that I am the Lord\*.

7 I will make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel, and I will not let my holy name be profaned anymore. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord\*, the Holy One in Israel.

8 Now it is coming, and it will happen, declares the Lord God\*. It is the day (of) which I have spoken.

9 The inhabitants of the cities of Israel will come out, and burn and kindle (fires) with war equipment – small shield, large shield, bow and arrows, riding stick of the hand, and spear, and they will be burning a fire seven years with them.

10 They will not carry wood from the field, nor cut firewood from the forest, for with war equipment they will make a fire burn. They will plunder those who plundered them, and spoil those who spoiled them, declares the Lord God\*.

11 So it will happen on that day, I will give a burial place there in Israel to Gog, a valley of those who pass through east of the sea, and it would stop those who pass by. They will bury Gog and all his multitude there, and they will name (it), the Valley of Hamon Gog [multitude of Gog].

12 The house of Israel will bury them, in order (to) purify the land, seven months.

13 All the people of the land will be burying, and it will be to them for a name, the day I get myself glory, declares the Lord God\*.

14 Men of continual employment, those that pass through the land, undertakers together with those who pass through, will set apart those who remain upon the surface of the land, to purify it. They will search at the end of seven months.

15 Those who pass through will be passing through the land, and one will see a bone of a man, and build a sign post beside it, until the undertakers bury it upon the Valley of Hamon Gog.

16 Also the name of the city will be Hamonah [multitude], and they will purify the land.

17 (As for) you, son of man, thus says the Lord God\*, Say to every winged (bird), and to every beast of the field, Assemble and come! Gather from all

sides over my sacrifice that I am sacrificing for you, the great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, and you will eat flesh and drink blood.

18 The flesh of warriors you will eat, and the blood of rulers you will drink: rams, lambs, and goats, bulls, fatlings of Bashan, all of them.

19 You will eat the choice parts to satiety, and drink blood to drunkenness, from my sacrifice that I sacrifice for you.

20 Yes, you will be satisfied at my table of horse and rider, strong man and every man of war, declares the Lord God\*.

21 Thus I will put my glory on the nations. All the nations will see my judgment that I perform, and my hand that I set on them.

22 The house of Israel will know that I am the Lord\* their God from that day and onward,

23 And the nations will know that the house of Israel by their iniquity went into exile, on the ground that they acted treacherously against me, so I concealed my presence from them. I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they fell by the sword, all of them.

24 According to their uncleanness and transgressions, I dealt with them, and concealed my presence from them.

25 Therefore, thus says the Lord God\*, Now I will bring back the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy on all the house of Israel. I will be zealous for my holy name.

26 They will bear their reproach and all their treacherous acts that they have done treacherously, when they dwelled on their ground securely, and none terrified,

27 When I bring them back from the peoples, gather them from the lands of their enemies, and show myself majestic by them, in the sight of many nations.

28 Then they will know that I am the Lord\* their God, in my carrying them away into exile to the nations, then I collect them upon their ground, and leave no more of them there.

29 I will not conceal .my presence from them anymore, in that I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord God\*.

## Chapter 40

In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the head of the year, on the tenth (day) of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city had been attacked and captured, on this selfsame day, the hand of the Lord\* came upon me, and he brought me into there.

2 In visions of God, he brought me into the land of Israel, and set me down upon a very high mountain, and on it was like the structure of a city out of the Negev.

3 He brought me there, and behold, a man, his appearance like the appearance of bronze, and a cord of flax was in his hand, and a measuring reed, and he was standing in the gate.

4 The man said to me, Son of man, see with your eyes, hear with your ears, and set your mind to all that I show you, because for the sake of your seeing you were brought here. Declare all that you are seeing to the house of Israel.

5 Behold, a wall was on the outside of the temple round about. In the hand of the man was a measuring reed of six cubits, by the cubit and span, and he measured the thickness of the structure of the structure, one reed, and the wall was one reed (high).

6 He came to the gate that was facing him toward the east, ascended by its stairs, and he measured the threshold of the gate, one reed wide, and the other threshold, one reed wide.

7 The chamber was one reed long and one reed wide, and five cubits between the chambers. The threshold of the gate beside the porch of the temple was one reed.

8 He measured the porch of the gate on the side of the temple, one reed.

9 He measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits, and its projecting pillar, two cubits, and the porch of the gate was on the side of the temple.

10 The chambers of the gate toward the east were three on this side, and three on that side, one measurement for their three, and one measurement for their projecting pillars, on this side and that side.

11 He measured the width of the entrance of the gate, ten cubits. The length of the gate was thirteen cubits.

12 And the barrier in front of the chambers was one cubit, and the barrier

on the other side was one cubit. The chamber was six cubits on this side and six cubits on that side.

13 He measured the gate from the roof of the chamber to its (other) roof, a width of twenty-five cubits, (between) opposite entrances.

14 He did (a measurement of) the projecting pillars , even the projecting pillar of the court all around the gate, sixty cubits.

15 In front of the gate of the entrance, to the front of the porch of the inner gate, was fifty cubits,

16 And narrowed windows were on the chambers, and on their projecting pillars inside by the gate round about, and likewise for the porches.

Windows were all around within, and upon a projecting pillar were palm-tree figures.

17 Then he brought me into the outer court, and behold, rooms and pavement made for the court round about, thirty rooms toward the pavement.

18 The pavement was against the opposite side of the gate corresponding to the length of the gate. It was the lower pavement.

19 Then he measured the width from the front of the lower gate to the front of the inner court on the outside, one hundred cubits, eastward and northward.

20 The gate that was facing toward the north, to the outer court, he measured its length and its width.

21 Its chamber(s) were three on this side and three on that side, and its projecting pillars and its porch. It was according to the measure of the first gate, its length fifty cubits, and width twenty-five by the cubit.

22 Its window, porch, and palm-tree figure were according to the measure of the gate that it was facing toward the east, and with the seven stairs they ascended on it, and its porch was in front of them.

23 There was a gate of the inner court opposite the gate to the north, also (one) to the east. He measured from gate to gate one hundred cubits.

24 Then he brought me toward the south, and behold, a gate was toward the south, and he measured its projecting pillars and its porch, according to these measurements.

25 There were windows to it, and to its porches round about, according to

these windows: fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits wide,  
26 And seven stairs ascending it, its porch in front of them, and its palm-tree figures, one on this side and one on that side, upon its projecting pillars.  
27 There was also a gate of the inner court toward the south, and he measured from gate to gate toward the south, one hundred cubits.  
28 Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate, and he measured the south gate according to these measurements.  
29 Its chambers, projecting pillars, and porches were according to these measurements, and there were windows to it, and to its porches round about, fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits wide.  
30 The porches round about were twenty-five cubits long, and five cubits wide.  
31 Its porches were toward the outer court, and there were palm-tree figures on its projecting pillars, and eight stairs ascending them.  
32 Then he brought me to the inner court toward the east, and he measured the gate according to these measurements.  
33 Its chambers, projecting pillars, and porches were according to these measurements, and there were windows to it, and to its porches round about, fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits wide.  
34 Its porches were toward the outer court, and there were palm-tree figures on its projecting pillars, on this side and that side, and there were eight stairs ascending them.  
35 Then he brought me to the northern gate, and measured according to these measurements.  
36 There were its chambers, projecting pillars, and porches, and there were windows to it round about, fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits wide,  
37 And its projecting pillars were toward the outer court, and palm-tree figures were on the projecting pillars, on this side and that side, and there were eight stairs ascending them.  
38 There was one room and its entrance by the porches of the gates. There they would rinse the whole burnt offering.  
39 On the porch of the gate were two tables on this side and two tables on that side, to slaughter upon them the whole burnt offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering.

40 Toward the opposite side, on the outside of the ascension to the entrance of the northern gate, were two tables, and toward the opposite side were another two tables that were at the porch of the gate.

41 There were four tables on this side and four tables on that side, to the opposite side of the gate, eight tables upon which they slaughtered.

42 Four tables were for the whole burnt offering: hewn stones one and a half cubits long, one and a half cubits wide, and one cubit high. Upon them they would set down the utensils with which they would slaughter the whole burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 The hooks were one span, fastened against the temple round about, and upon the tables was the flesh of the offering.

44 On the outside of the inner gate were rooms (for) singers inside the inner court that was toward the opposite side of the northern gate, and they faced toward the south. One was toward the opposite side of the eastern gate, which faced toward the north.

45 Then he said to me, This, the room whose face is toward the south, is for the priests who have charge of the function of the temple.

46 The room whose face is toward the north is for the priests who have charge of the function of the altar. They are the sons of Zadok, from the sons of Levi, those who draw near to the Lord\* to minister to him.

47 Then he measured the court, one hundred cubits long, and one hundred cubits wide, square, and the altar was in the front of the temple.

48 Then he brought me to a porch of the temple, and measured the projecting pillar of the porch, five cubits on this side and five cubits on that side. The width of the gate was three cubits on this side and three cubits on that side.

49 The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the width was twelve cubits. There were stairs that went up upon it. There were pillars by the projecting pillars, one on this side and one on that side.

## Chapter 41

Then he brought me into the temple (hall), and measured the projecting

pillars: six cubits wide on this side, and six cubits wide on that side, the width of the tent.

2 The width of the entrance was ten cubits, and the opposite (sides) of the entrance were five cubits on this side and five cubits on that side, and he measured its length, forty cubits, and width, twenty cubits.

3 Then he went inside and measured a projecting pillar of the entrance, two cubits. The entrance was six cubits (high), and the width of the entrance was seven cubits.

4 He measured its length, twenty cubits, and width, twenty cubits, toward the front of the temple (hall), and said to me, This is the Holy of Holies.

5 He measured the wall of the temple, six cubits, and the width of a side chamber was four cubits round about every side of the temple,

6 And there were thirty-three instances of side chambers, side chamber to side chamber, and they went into the wall, (there) being those of the side chambers that belonged to the temple that were fastened, and there would be those that were not fastened into the wall of the temple.

7 (Each one) of the side chambers enlarged and widened higher and higher, for those were encompassing the temple higher and higher all around. Thus was the width of the temple upwards, and from the lowest story it ascended up to the highest side chamber by the middle story.

8 I saw the height of the temple round about, the foundations to the side chambers, a full reed, six cubits to the joining.

9 The thickness of the wall that was at the side chamber on the outside was five cubits, and which was the open space of the temple side chambers that the temple had.

10 Between the rooms was a width of twenty cubits, a circuit of the temple round about.

11 The entrance of the side chambers was into the open space, one entrance toward the north, and one entrance toward the south, and the width of the place of the uncovered space was five cubits round about.

12 The structure that was in front of the separation, the side toward the west, was seventy cubits wide. The wall of the structure was five cubits thick all around, and its length was ninety cubits.

13 He measured the temple, one hundred cubits long. The separation, the

structure, and its walls, was one hundred cubits long.

14 The width of the front of the temple, and the separation toward the east, was one hundred cubits.

15 He measured the length of the structure in front of the separation that was at the back of it, and its galleries on this side and on that side, one hundred cubits, and the inner temple (hall), and the porches of the court.

16 The sills, the narrowed windows, and the galleries surrounding the three of them, in front of the sill, were panelled of wood round about. The ground was up to the windows, and the windows were covered,

17 Above the entrance and up to the inner temple, to the outside, and upon every wall all around, by inner and outer measurements.

18 The cherubim and the palm-tree figures were arranged, a palm-tree figure between cherub with respect to cherub, and two faces to the cherub.

19 The face of a man was toward the palm-tree figure on this side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm-tree figure on that side, arranged according to all the temple round about.

20 From the land up to above the entrance, and the wall of the temple (hall), the cherubim and the palm-tree figures were arranged.

21 The temple (hall) doorpost was square, also the sacred place, appearance similar to appearance.

22 The altar of wood was three cubits high, its length was two cubits, and it had corner posts. Its length and sides were of wood. He said to me, This is the table that is before the Lord\*.

23 The temple (hall) and the sacred place had two doors.

24 The two doors had doors, two turning doors, two (doors) to one door, and two doors to the other (door).

25 Arranged upon them, upon the doors of the temple (hall), were cherubim and palm-tree figures, according to what was done for the walls, and a projecting roof of wood was toward the front of the porch on the outside.

26 Narrowed windows and palm-tree figures were on this side and that side, on opposite sides of the porch, side chambers, and the projecting roofs.



## Chapter 42

Then he brought me out to the outer court, the way toward the north, and he brought me to the room that was in front of the separation, and that was in front of the structure to the north.

2 Toward the front was a length of one hundred cubits, an entrance of the north, and the width was fifty cubits.

3 In front were twenty cubits that belonged to the inner court. In front also was pavement that belonged to the outer court. A gallery was toward the front of a gallery in the third (story).

4 Before the rooms was a walk of ten cubits width. Toward the inside was a path of one cubit, and their entrances were toward the north.

5 The upper rooms were shorter, so that the galleries were able to reach out from them, past the lowest, and past the middle, structure.

6 For they were three-storied, and did not have pillars, like the pillars of the courts. Therefore, they were shortened more than the lowest, and more than the middle, from the ground.

7 There was a fence that was to the outside, alongside of the rooms, the way of the outer court, on the front of the rooms. Its length was fifty cubits,

8 So that the length of the rooms that were toward the outer court was fifty cubits, and now in front of the temple (hall) was one hundred cubits.

9 Now, belonging to these rooms underneath it, was the entrance on the east (side), as one comes in from the outer court to them.

10 Inside a thickness of wall, the court toward the east had rooms, in front of the separation, and in front of the structure.

11 Toward the front of them was a path, as the appearance of the rooms that were toward the north. According to their length, so was their width. All of their exits, they also were after their manner, and according to their entrances,

12 And they were like the entrances of the rooms toward the south. There was an entrance at the front of the path, the path in front of the corresponding wall toward the east as one comes in.

13 Then he said to me, The north rooms, the south rooms, that are toward the front of the separation, behold, they are the holy rooms where the

priests who draw near to the Lord\* eat the holiest of sacrificial food. There they set the holiest of sacrificial food, the grain offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering, for the place is holy.

14 When the priests enter in, they must not go out from the holy place to the outer court, but there they lay down their garments in which they minister, for they are holy. They will put on other garments, then they will approach to where (it is) for the people.

15 He completed the measurements of the inner temple, brought me out the way of the gate that the front of it was toward the east, and measured it all around.

16 He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, by the reeds of measure, all around.

17 He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, by the reeds of measure, all around.

18 He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, by the reeds of measure.

19 He went around to the west side. He measured five hundred reeds, by the reeds of measure.

20 For the four sides he measured it, its wall round about, five hundred long and five hundred wide, to make a distinction between the holy with respect to the profane.

## Chapter 43

Then he walked me to the gate, a gate facing toward the east,

2 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice was as the sound of many waters, and the land shined from his glory,

3 As the appearance of the vision that I saw, as the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city. The appearances were as the vision that I saw by the river Chebar, and I fell down to my face.

4 Then the glory of the Lord\* came into the temple, the way of the gate that was before him toward the east,

5 And the Spirit lifted me, and brought me to the inner court, and behold, the glory of the Lord\* filled the temple.

6 I heard (someone) speaking to me from the temple, and a man was standing beside me.

7 He said to me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet where I will abide, is in the midst of the children of Israel forever. The house of Israel will not defile my holy name anymore, nor their kings with their fornications, nor with the corpses of their kings, their funeral mounds.

8 When they put their threshold with my threshold, their doorpost beside my doorpost, and the wall between me and them, and defiled my holy name with their abomination, I thus consumed them in my anger.

9 Now they must put far away their fornication, and the corpses of their kings from me, and I will abide in their midst forever.

10 You, son of man, tell about the temple (to) the house of Israel, let them be put to shame from their iniquities, and let them measure the proportion.

11 If they are ashamed of all they have done, inform them of the design of the temple, its measurement, its exits and entrances, all its form, all its statutes, customs, and Torah, and write (it) in front of them. They must keep all its design and statutes, and do them.

12 This is the Torah of the temple. Upon the peak of the mountain, all its territory round about is the Holy of Holies. Behold, this is the Torah of the temple.

13 These are the measurements of the altar in cubits, a cubit (being) a cubit and a span, and the hollow bottom, a cubit, and a cubit wide. Its boundary to its surrounding edge is one span, and this is the elevation of the altar:

14 From inside the hollow bottom, the ground to the lower ledge is two cubits, and one cubit wide, and from the smaller ledge to the larger ledge is four cubits, and a cubit wide.

15 The altar hearth is four cubits, and from the altar hearth and upwards are the four horns.

16 The altar hearth is twelve length by twelve width square with regard to its four sides.

17 The ledge is fourteen length by fourteen width according to its four sides.

Its boundary all around it is a half cubit, the hollow bottom of it is a cubit all around, and its stairs are facing east.

18 Then he said to me, Son of man, thus says the Lord God\*, These are the ordinances of the altar on the day of its making, to offer up upon it a whole burnt offering, and to throw blood (from a bowl) upon it.

19 You will entrust to the priests, the Levites, who are those of the offspring of Zadok, who will come near to me to serve me, a young bull of the herd, for a sin offering, declares the Lord God\*.

20 You will take some of his blood and put (it) upon its four horns, upon the four corners of the ledge, and upon the boundary all around, and you will purify it from sin, and make an atonement for it.

21 You will take the bull of the sin offering, and burn it in the appointed place of the temple, on the outside of the sanctuary.

22 On the second day, you will present a buck of the goats, complete, for a sin offering. They will purify the altar from sin according to how they purified (it) with the bull.

23 When you finish purifying (it), you will present a young bull of the herd, complete, and a ram from the flock, complete.

24 You will present them before the Lord\*. The priests will throw salt upon them, and offer them up, a whole burnt offering to the Lord\*.

25 Seven days you will make a daily offering (of) a male goat (for) a sin offering, and they will make an offering (of) a young bull of the herd, and a ram of the flock, complete.

26 Seven days they will make an atonement (for) the altar, purify it, and consecrate it.

27 So they will complete the days. It will be on the eighth day and onward, the priests will make a sacrifice upon the altar of your whole burnt offerings, and your peace offerings, and I will accept you favorably, declares the Lord God\*.

## Chapter 44

Then he turned me toward the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faced

east, and it was shut.

2 The Lord\* said to me, This gate will be shut. It will not be opened, and no man will enter in by it, for the Lord\* God of Israel enters in by it, and it will be shut.

3 He will be together with the prince. He, the prince, will sit down within it to eat food before the Lord\*. He will enter in through the way of the porch of the gate, and he will go out through the way of the porch of the gate.

4 Then he brought me the way of the north gate, to the front of the temple, and I looked, and behold, the glory of the Lord\* filled the temple of the Lord\*, and I fell to my face.

5 The Lord\* said to me, Son of man, set your mind, see with your eyes, and hear with your ears, all that I am telling you concerning all the ordinances of the temple of the Lord\* and all its Torah. You will set your mind to the entrance of the temple, (along) with all the exits of the sanctuary.

6 You will say to the rebellious one, to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God\*, You have too much of all your abominations, O house of Israel,

7 When you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised of heart, and uncircumcised of flesh, to be in my sanctuary to defile it, my temple, when you presented my food, fat and blood, and they broke my covenant on account of all your abominations.

8 You did not keep watch of my sacred things, and you have appointed (them) for keepers of my watch in my sanctuary for you.

9 Thus says the Lord God\*, Any foreigner, uncircumcised of heart and uncircumcised of flesh, must not come into my sanctuary, in regard to any foreigner who is in the midst of the children [descendants] of Israel.

10 But instead, it will be the Levites, who became far from attachment to me, when Israel wandered, who wandered from attachment to me after their idols, and they bear their guilt.

11 They will be ministers in my sanctuary, overseers to the gates of the temple, and ministers of the temple. They will slaughter the whole burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they will stand before them to minister to them.

12 On account of that they used to minister to them in front of their idols, and they have been to the house of Israel for a stumbling block of iniquity,

therefore I will lift up my hand in an oath upon them, declares the Lord God\*, that they will bear their guilt.

13 They must not draw near to me to minister to me as priest, or to come near to any of my sacred things, into the Holy of Holies, and they will bear their reproach, and their abominations that they have done.

14 I will appoint them keepers of the watch of the temple, regarding all its service, and all that is done in it.

15 But the priests of the Levites, will be the sons of Zadok, who kept the guard of my sanctuary, when the children of Israel wandered from attachment to me. They will come near to me to minister to me, and they will stand before me to present to me fat and blood, declares the Lord God\*.

16 They will enter into my sanctuary, and come near to my table to minister to me. They will keep my watch.

17 It will be when they enter in through the gates of the inner court, they will put on garments of linen, and wool must not come up against them when they minister in the gates of the inner court or inside.

18 Turbans of linen will be upon their head, and drawers of linen will be upon their loins. They must not gird on sweaty (things).

19 When they go out to the outer court, to the outer court in among the people, they will strip off their garments in which they minister to them, and leave them in the sacred rooms. They will put on other garments, and they will not consecrate the people in them.

20 They must not shave off their heads, and not let locks grow long. They will by all means clip their heads.

21 No priest will drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

22 They must not take to themselves a widow or a divorced woman for wives, but only virgins from the offspring of the house of Israel, or the widow who is a widow of a priest, they may be taken.

23 They will teach my people between the holy with respect to the profane, and make them discern between the unclean with respect to the clean.

24 Upon dispute, they will stand to judge and decide one's controversy by my judgments, and they will keep my law and statutes, (along) with all my appointed times. They will keep all my Sabbaths holy.

25 A man must not come in upon the dead to become unclean, but only for

a father, a mother, a son, a daughter, a brother, or a sister who has not been (a wife) to a man, may they defile themselves.

26 After his cleansing, they will count seven days for him.

27 On the day when he comes to the holy place, into the inner court, to minister in the holy place, he will present his sin offering, declares the Lord God\*.

28 Let (this) be theirs for an inheritance: I am their inheritance, and you will not give them a possession in Israel. I am their possession.

29 The grain offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering, they will eat them, and every devoted thing in Israel will be theirs.

30 The first of all the firstfruits of everything, and every contribution of all, out of all your contributions, will be for the priests. Also for the priest is the first of your course meal, to cause a blessing to rest upon your house.

31 The priests must not eat any carcass, or animal torn, of the fowl or of the cattle.

## Chapter 45

When you apportion the land among your inheritance by lot, you will lift up a land offering, holy to the Lord\*, from the land, a length of twenty-five thousand long, and a breadth of ten thousand. It will be a holy land within all its surrounding borders.

2 From this, for the sake of the holy place, will be a five hundred by five hundred square on all sides, and fifty cubits of open land for it all around.

3 By this measurement you will measure a length of twenty-five thousand, and a breadth of ten thousand, and within it will be the sanctuary, the Holy of Holies.

4 It is set apart from the land. It will be for the priests, ministers of the sanctuary, those approaching to minister to the Lord\*. It will be to them a place for houses, and set apart for the sanctuary.

5 Twenty-five thousand length, and ten thousand breadth will be for the Levites, ministers of the temple, twenty areas to them for possessions.

6 You will set the property of the city at five thousand breadth, and twenty-

five thousand length, alongside the holy land offering. It will be for all the house of Israel.

7 On one side and the other side of the holy land offering and the property of the city belongs to the prince, on the front of the holy land offering and the property of the city, from the west side westward and the east side eastward. The length is parallel (to) one of the portions from the border of the sea to the eastern border.

8 Regarding the land, it will be his for a possession in Israel, and my princes will not oppress my people anymore, but will give the land to the house of Israel for their tribes.

9 Thus says the Lord God\*, (Let it be) enough for you, O princes of Israel. Take away ruthlessness and havoc. Do justice and righteousness. Do away with your acts of expulsion from upon my people, declares the Lord God\*.

10 Let there be to you just weights, a just ephah, and a just bath.

11 The ephah and the bath will be one measurement, the bath to contain a tenth of a homer, and a tenth of a homer will be an ephah. To the homer will be its proportion.

12 A shekel will be twenty gerah, (be it) twenty or twenty-five shekels, and fifteen shekels will be one mina to you.

13 This will be the offering that you will offer: a sixth of an ephah from a homer of wheat, and a sixth of an ephah from a homer of barley.

14 The prescribed due of the oil, of the bath of the oil, will be a tenth of a bath from the kor, ten baths a homer, for ten of the baths will be a homer.

15 One sheep from the flock will be out of two hundred, from the well-irrigated (areas) of Israel, for the grain offering, the whole burnt offering, and the peace offering, to provide atonement over them, declares the Lord God\*.

16 All the people of the land will be together with this offering, to the prince in Israel.

17 It will be incumbent on the prince, the whole burnt offerings, the grain offering, and the drink offering, at the pilgrim feasts, the new moons, and the Sabbaths, at all the appointed times of the house of Israel. He will make the sin offering, the grain offering, the whole burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to provide atonement on behalf of the house of Israel.



18 Thus says the Lord God\*, In the first (month), on the first day of the month, you will take a perfect young bull of the herd, and purify the sanctuary from sin.

19 The priest will take some of the blood of the sin offering, and put (it) upon the doorpost of the temple, the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and the doorpost of the gate of the inner court.

20 Thus you will do on the seventh (day) of the month, for someone who commits an inadvertent sin, and for the simple-minded. You will provide an atonement for the temple.

21 In the first (month), on the fourteenth day of the month, it will be the passover for you, the pilgrim feast of seven days. Unleavened bread will be eaten.

22 On that day, the prince will prepare on his behalf, and on behalf of all the people of the land, the bull of the sin offering.

23 The seven days of the pilgrim feast, he will make a whole burnt offering to the Lord\* of seven perfect bulls and rams daily, seven days. The sin offering will be a male of the goats, daily.

24 He will also make a grain offering of an ephah to a bull, and an ephah to a ram, and a hin of oil to the ephah.

25 In the seventh (month), on the fifteenth day of the month, in the pilgrim feast, he will make preparations the like of these seven days, according to the sin offering, whole burnt offering, grain offering, and oil.

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Thus says the Lord God\*, The gate of the inner court facing east will be shut the six days of work, but on the Sabbath day and on the day of the new moon, it will be open.

2 The prince will enter in the way of the porch of the gate on the outside, and stand by the porch of the gate. The priests will make his whole burnt offering and his peace offerings. He will bow down in worship upon the threshold of the gate, then he will go out. The gate will not be shut until the evening.

3 The people of the land will bow down in worship (at) the entrance of that gate on the Sabbaths and new moons before the Lord\*.

4 The whole burnt offering is what the prince will present to the Lord\* on the Sabbath day, six perfect lambs and a perfect ram.

5 There will be a grain offering of an ephah for the ram, and a grain offering for the lambs, what he is able to give, and a hin of oil for an ephah.

6 On the day of the new moon, there will be a perfect young bull of the herd, six lambs, and a ram, and they must be perfect.

7 He will make a grain offering, an ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs what he is able to get, and a hin of oil for an ephah.

8 When the prince enters in, he will enter in (by) way of the porch of the gate, and he will go out by way of it.

9 When the people of the land come in before the Lord\* at the appointed times, (one) who comes in (by) way of the north gate to bow down in worship, he will go out (by) way of the south gate, and (one) who comes in (by) way of the south gate, he will go out (by) way of the gate toward the north. He will not return (by) way of the gate in which he came, so that he will go out straightforward.

10 The prince will be in their midst. When they come in, he will come in, and when they go out, he will go out.

11 At the pilgrim feasts and the appointed times, there will be a grain offering, an ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs, what he is able to give, and a hin of oil for an ephah.

12 When the prince makes a freewill offering to the Lord\*, a whole burnt offering, or peace offerings, he will open the gate facing east for it, and make his whole burnt offering or peace offerings according to what he does on the Sabbath day. Then he will go out, and shut the gate after he goes out.

13 He will make a one year old perfect lamb a whole burnt offering daily to the Lord\*. He will make it morning by morning.

14 He will make a grain offering with it, morning by morning, a sixth of an ephah, and oil, a third of a hin, to moisten the fine flour, the grain offering to the Lord\*. They are statutes forever, continually.

15 They will prepare the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil, morning by morning forever, continually.

16 Thus says the Lord God\*, When the prince gives a gift to one of his sons of his inheritance, it will belong to his sons. It is their possession by right of inheritance.

17 But when he gives a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, it will be his until the year of liberty, then it will return to the prince. Surely it will be his inheritance (to) his sons. It will be theirs.

18 The prince will not take away from the inheritance of the people, to maltreat them out of their possession. He will give his sons an inheritance out of his possession, in order that my people will not be scattered away from his possession.

19 Then he brought me through the entrance that was on the opposite side of the gate, toward the sacred rooms with regard to the priests, that were facing toward the north, and behold, a place, in the extreme parts westward.

20 He said to me, This is the place where the priests will boil the guilt offering and the sin offering, to not bring (them) out to the outer court to consecrate the people.

21 Then he brought me out to the outer court, and led me across to the four corner-buttresses of the court, and behold, a court was within a corner-buttress of the court.

22 In the four corner-buttresses of the court were the shortened courts, forty long and thirty wide, one measure for their four corner-buttresses.

23 A row was within them round about, into those four round about, and boiling was done from beneath the rows round about.

24 Then he said to me, These are the temple cooking places where the ministers of the temple will boil the sacrifices of the people.

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Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and behold, water was going out from underneath the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the temple faced east, and the water was going down from underneath of the right side of the temple, from south of the altar.

2 Then he brought me out the way of the gate toward the north, and led me around the way outside to the outside gate, the way facing east, and behold, water was trickling on the south side.

3 When the man went out eastward, a measuring line was in his hand. He measured one thousand by cubits, and led me across into the water, the water being (at) the soles of the feet.

4 He measured a thousand, and led me across into the water. The water was (at) the knees. He measured one thousand, and led me across. The water was (at) the loins.

5 He measured a thousand. It was a river that I was not able to cross, because the water rose up, water (for) swimming, a river that could not be crossed.

6 Then he said to me, Do you see, son of man? And he led me along, and brought me back (to) the bank of the river.

7 When he brought me back, then behold, at the bank of the river were trees, a great many, on one side and on the other side.

8 He said to me, These waters are going out to the eastern territory. They will descend upon the steppe, and will go toward the sea. They will be brought forth into the sea, and the waters will be made fresh.

9 Then every creature will live that swarms in. All that enter into the river there will live, and there will be an abundance of fish, for these waters come in there, and they are made fresh, and everything lives where the river goes.

10 It will happen, that the fishermen will stand by it, from Engedi and on to En Eglaim. They will be a spreading place for the nets of fishermen. It will be because of the variety of their fish, like the fish of the Great [Mediterranean] Sea, very many.

11 There will be its swamps and marshes, and they will not be made fresh. They will be given over to salt.

12 Every tree of food by the river will spring up on its bank, on this side and that side. Its leaf will not wither, nor will its fruit be spent. It will bear new fruit monthly, for its waters will be going out from the sanctuary. Its fruit will be for food, and its leaves for healing.

13 Thus says the Lord God\*, This is the territory that you will apportion for yourselves (of) the land of the twelve tribes of Israel, Joseph, a double

portion.

14 You will inherit it, each (one) as his brother, for I lifted up my hand in an oath to give it to your fathers, and this land will fall into an inheritance for you.

15 This will be the boundary of the land, to the north side, from the Great Sea toward Hethlon as far as Zedad,

16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, that is between the border of Damascus and Hamath, Hazar Haticon, that is toward the border of Havran.

17 The border will be from the sea, Hazar Enon, the border of Damascus, and north, toward the north, and the border of Hamath. It is the north side.

18 You will measure the east side from between Havrah and Damascus, and from between Gilead and the land of Israel, the Jordan, from the border by the Eastern [Dead] Sea. It is the east side.

19 And the side of the Negev, toward the south, from Tamar on to the waters of Meribah Kadesh, toward a wady, to the Great Sea. It is the south side, toward the Negev,

20 And the west side, the Great Sea, from the border as far as in front of the entering of Hamath. This is the west side.

21 You will apportion this land for yourselves to the tribes of Israel.

22 It will happen, you will assign it by lot, by inheritance for yourselves, and the sojourners, sojourners in your midst, who have borne children in your midst, they will be as a native to you among the children of Israel. With you, they will be assigned with the inheritance by lot in the midst of the tribes of Israel.

23 It will be in the tribe where the sojourner sojourns with it, you will give his inheritance, declares the Lord God\*.

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These are the names of the tribes: at the northern extremity by the side of the way of Hethlon as far as Hamath, Hazar Enan, the border of Damascus, toward the north by the side of Hamath, they will belong to Dan, the east side westward, one (lot).

2 Next to the boundary of Dan from the east side on to the west side, Asher, one (lot).

3 Next to the boundary of Asher from the side toward the east, and on to the west side, Naphtali, one (lot).

4 Next to the boundary of Naphtali from the east side on to the west side, Manasseh, one (lot).

5 Next to the boundary of Manasseh from the east side on to the west side, Ephraim, one (lot).

6 Next to the boundary of Ephraim from the east side and on to the west side, Reuben, one (lot).

7 Next to the boundary of Reuben from the east side on to the west side, Judah, one (lot),

8 And next to the boundary of Judah from the east side on to the west side, there will be a land offering that you will offer, twenty-five thousand wide, and length according to one of the lots, from the east side to the west side, and the sanctuary will be in the middle of it.

9 The land offering that you will offer to the Lord\* will be twenty-five thousand long and ten thousand wide.

10 For these (men), for the priests, these will be a sacred tract of land, northward (a length of) twenty-five thousand, westward a width of ten thousand, eastward a width of ten thousand, and southward a length of twenty-five thousand, and the sanctuary of the Lord\* will be in the middle of it.

11 It is for the priests consecrated from the sons of Zadok, who kept my watch, who did not go astray, as the children of Israel went astray when the Levites went astray.

12 It will be to them a secondary contribution, a sacred tract of the land, most holy, by the border of the Levites.

13 The Levites will be alongside the border of the priests, twenty-five thousand long, and ten thousand wide. All the length will be twenty-five thousand, and width ten thousand.

14 They must not sell some of it, do not let it change (hands), and the firstfruits of the land must not pass on, for it is holy to the Lord\*.

15 Five thousand, the remainder of the width in front of the twenty-five

thousand, that will be a common (place) belonging to the city for a dwelling place and common land, and the city will be in its midst.

16 These will be its measurements: the north side, four thousand five hundred, the south side, four thousand five hundred, the east side, four thousand five hundred, and the west side, four thousand five hundred.

17 The city will have common land, to the north, two hundred fifty, to the south, two hundred fifty, to the east, two hundred fifty, and to the west two hundred fifty.

18 The remainder along the length, alongside the sacred land offering, will be ten thousand to the east, and ten thousand to the west, and it will be alongside the sacred land offering. Its produce will be for food for servants of the city.

19 The servants of the city, out of all the tribes of Israel, will till it.

20 The entire land offering will be twenty-five thousand by twenty-five thousand, four square. You will present the sacred land offering together with the property of the city.

21 The remainder will belong to the prince, on this side and that side of the sacred land offering and the property of the city. It will be at the front of the twenty-five thousand of the land offering, up to the eastern border, and westward on to the western border, in front of the twenty-five thousand, alongside the lots. It will belong to the prince. There will be the sacred land offering, and the sanctuary of the temple will be in the middle of it.

22 Except the property of the Levites and the property of the city, in the middle of what is for the prince, between the boundary of Judah and Benjamin will belong to the prince.

23 The rest of the tribes: from the side toward the east on to the west side, Benjamin, one (lot).

24 Next to the boundary of Benjamin, from the side toward the east, on to the west side, Simeon, one (lot).

25 Next to the boundary of Simeon, from the side toward the east, on to the west side, Issachar, one (lot).

26 Next to the boundary of Issachar, from the side toward the east, on to the west side, Zebulun, one (lot).

27 Next to the boundary of Zebulun, from the east side on to the west side,

Gad, one (lot).

28 Next to the boundary of Gad, on the side of the Negev, toward the south, the boundary will be from Tamar, the waters of Meribah Kadesh, a wady, on to the Great Sea.

29 This is the land that you will assign from the property to the tribes of Israel, and these are their divisions, declares the Lord God\*.

30 These are the outskirts of the city, from the north side, four thousand five hundred (by) measure.

31 The gates of the city will be by the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates to the north, the gate of Reuben, one, the gate of Judah, one, the gate of Levi, one.

32 To the side toward the east, four thousand five hundred, and three gates: the gate of Joseph, one, the gate of Benjamin, one, the gate of Dan, one.

33 The side toward the south, four thousand five hundred (by) measure, and three gates: the gate of Simeon, one, the gate of Issachar, one, the gate of Zebulun, one.

34 The west side, four thousand five hundred, and their three gates: the gate of Gad, one, the gate of Asher, one, the gate of Naphtali, one.

35 All around it will be eighteen thousand, and the name of the city from this day forth will be Yahweh Shammah [The Lord\* is there].