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t city,
against kingdom,
Egypt will fail in its
by their counsel,
will consult the idols
changers,
and the sorcerers.
Egyptians I will give
and of a cruel master,
e king will rule over them,”
ord, the Lord of hosts.
will fail from the sea,
will be wasted
up.
will turn foul,
sacks of defense will be
and dried up;
rushes will wither,
reeds by the River,
out of the River,
brighten their way by the River,
be driven away
more.
ten also will mourn;
will lament who cast hooks
River,
will languish who spread nets
stare.
hose who work in fine flax
who weave fine fabric will
saddled;
ations will be broken.
lke wages will be troubled
princes of Zoan are fools;
wise counselors give foolish
u say to Pharaoh,
s son of the wise,
ancient king?”
hely?
your wise men?
ill you now,
m know what the Lord of
purposed against Egypt.
of Zoan have become
of Noph are deceived;
also deft Egypt,
are the mainstay of its

as mingled
spirit in her midst;
ave caused Egypt
all her work;
a man staggered

15 Neither will there be any work
for Egypt.
Which the head or tail,
Palm branch or bulrush, may do. 19

16 In that day Egypt will be like women,
and will be afraid and fear because of the
waving of the hand of the Lord of hosts,
which He waves over it.
17 And the land of Judah will be a terror
to Egypt; everyone who makes mention
of it will be afraid in himself, because of
the counsel of the Lord of hosts which
He has determined against it.

Egypt, Assyria, and Israel Blessed
18 In that day five cities in the land of
Egypt will speak the language of Canaan
and swear by the Lord of hosts; one will
be called the City of Destruction.
19 In that day there will be an altar
to the Lord in the midst of the land of
Egypt, and a pillar to the Lord at its
border.
20 And it will be for a sign and for a
witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of
Egypt; for they will cry to the Lord
because of the oppressors, and He will
send them a Savior and a Mighty One,
and He will deliver them.
21 Then the Lord will be known to
Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the
Lord in that day, and will make sacrifice
and offering; yes, they will make a vow to
the Lord and perform it.
22 And the Lord will strike Egypt, He
will strike and heal it; they will return to
the Lord, and He will be entreated by
them and heal them.
23 In that day there will be a highway
from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian
will come into Egypt and the Egyptian
into Assyria, and the Egyptians will serve
with the Assyrians.
24 In that day Israel will be one of three
with Egypt and Assyria, even a blessing in
the midst of the land,
25 whom the Lord of hosts shall bless,
saying, “Blessed is Egypt My people, and
Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel
My inheritance.”

The Sign Against Egypt and Ethiopia
20 In the year that Tartan came to
Ashdod, when Sargon the king of
Assyria sent him, and he fought against
Ashdod and took it,
2 at the same time the Lord spoke by
Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, “Go, and
remove the sackcloth from your body,
and take your sandals off your feet.”
And he did so, walking naked and bare-
foot.
3 Then the Lord said, “Just as My
servant Isaiah has walked naked and bare-
foot three years for a sign and a wonder
against Egypt and Ethiopia,
4 “so shall the king of Assyria lead
away the Egyptians as prisoners and the
Ethiopians as captives, young and old,
naked and barefoot, with their buttocks
uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.
5 “Then they shall be afraid and
ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation
and Egypt their glory.
6 “And the inhabitant of this territory
will say in that day, ‘Surely such is our
expectation, wherever we flee for help to
be delivered from the king of Assyria,
and how shall we escape?’
The Fall of Babylon Proclaimed
21 The burden against the Wilderness
of the Sea.

As whirlwinds in the South pass
through,
So it comes from the desert,
from a terrible land.
A distressing vision is declared to me;
The treacherous dealer deals
treacherously.
And the plunderer plunders.
Go up, O Elam!
Besiege, O Media!
All its sighing I have made to cease.

Therefore my loins are filled with pain;
Pangs have taken hold of me,
like the pangs of a woman in labor.
I was distressed when I heard it;
I was dismayed when I saw it.
My heart wavered,
fearfulness frightened me;
The night for which I longed
He turned into fear for me.
Prepare the table,
Set a watchman in the tower,
Eat and drink.
Arise, you princes,
Anoint the shield!

For thus has the Lord said to me:
“Go, set a watchman,
Let him declare what he sees.”
19 Compare Isaiah 9:14-16. 20 Or the Commander in Chief.
ISAIAH 22

7 And he saw a chariot
with a pair of horses,
A chariot of donkeys,
and a chariot of camels,
And he listened diligently with great care.
8 Then he cried, “A lion, my Lord!
I stand continually on the watchtower
in the daytime;
I have sat at my post every night.
9 And look, here comes a chariot of men
with a pair of horses!”
And he answered and said,
“Babylon is fallen, is fallen!
And all the carved images of her gods
He has broken to the ground.”

10 Oh, my threshing
and the grain of my floor!
That which I have heard
from the LORD of hosts,
The God of Israel,
I have declared to you.

Proclamation Against Edom
11 The burden against Dumah.
He calls to me out of Seir,
“Watchman, what of the night?”
Watchman, what of the night?”
12 The watchman said,
“The morning comes, and also the night.
If you will inquire, inquire;
Return! Come back!”

Proclamation Against Arabia
13 The burden against Arabia.
In the forest in Arabia you will lodge,
O you traveling companies of Dedanites.
14 O inhabitants of the land of Tema,
Bring water to him who is thirsty;
With their bread they met him who fled.
15 For they fled from the swords,
from the drawn sword,
From the bent bow,
and from the distress of war.

16 For thus the LORD has said to me:
“Within a year, according to the year of a hired man,
all the glory of Kedar will fail;
17 And the remainder of the number of archers,
the mighty men of the people of Kedar,
will be diminished; for the LORD God of Israel has spoken it.”

21 Dead Sea Scrolls read Then the observer cried.

Proclamation Against Jerusalem
22 The burden against the Valley of Vision.
What ails you now, that you have
gone up to the housetops,
You who are all of noise,
A tumultuous city, a joyous city?
Your slain men are not slain
with the sword,
Nor dead in battle.
3 All your rulers have fled together;
They are captured by the archers.
All who are found in you are bound
Together,
Who have fled from afar.
4 Therefore I said, “Look away from me,
I will weep bitterly;
Do not labor to comfort me
Because of the plundering of the
daughter of my people.”
5 For it is a day of trouble
and trembling and perplexity
By the LORD of hosts—
In the Valley of Vision—
Breaking down the walls
And of crying to the mountain.
6 Elam bore the quiver
With chariots of men and horses,
And Kir uncovered the shield.
7 It shall come to pass that your choicest
valleys
Shall be full of chariots,
And the horsemen shall set themselves
in array at the gate.
8 He removed the protection of Judah.
You looked in that day to the armor
of the House of the Forest;
9 You also saw the damage to the city
of David,
That it was great;
And you gathered together the waters
of the lower pool.
10 You numbered the houses of Jerusalem.
And the houses you broke down
To fortify the wall.
11 You also made a reservoir
between the two walls
For the water of the old pool.
But you did not look to its Maker,
Nor did you have respect for Him who
fashioned it long ago.
12 And in that day the Lord God of hosts
Called for weeping and for mourning,
For baldness and for girding with sackcloth.

But instead, joy and
Slaying oxen and kinsmen
Eating meat and drinking
“Let us eat and drink
for tomorrow we
shall die.”

Then it was revealed
by the Lord of hosts
“Surely for this indiscretion for ytd.
Even to your death
says the Lord God of hosts.”

The Judgment on Sheba
15 Thus says the Lord to Sheba
Go, proceed to the horsemen—
To Sheba, who is
and say:
16 What have you heard
and what have
That you have heard?
As he who hews wood high;
Who cars a tumbling
in a rock?
17 Indeed, the Lord
violently strikes
O mighty man,
And He will surely
18 He will surely turn
and toss you as
Into a large cauldron.
There you shall d
and there your
Shall be the chariot house.
19 So I will drive you
And from your
20 Then it shall be
That I will call out
the son of Hamath
And I will clothe him
And strengthen him
I will commit to his hand.
He shall be a fat
of Jerusalem
And to the horse.
22 The key of the
I will lay on his
So be he open
and no one shall
And he shall sh
and no one shall
23 I will fasten him
place.
22 Hebrew Kinnim, west
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11 But instead, joy and gladness, Slaying oxen and killing sheep, Eating meat and drinking wine: "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"

12 Then it was revealed in my hearing by the LORD of hosts, "Surely for this iniquity there will be no atonement for you, Even to your death," says the LORD God of hosts.

The Judgment on Shebah
13 Thus says the LORD God of hosts:

"Go, proceed to this steward, To Shebah, who is over the house, and say:
14 "What have you here, and whom have you here, That you have heen a sepulcher here, As he who heaws himself a sepulcher on high, Who carves a tomb for himself in a rock?
16 Indeed, the LORD will throw you away violently, O mighty man, And will surely seize you.
17 He will surely turn violently and toss you like a ball Into a large country; There you shall die, and there your glorious chariots Shall be the shame of your master's house.
19 So I will drive you out of your office, And from your position he will pull you down.

10 Then it shall be in that day, That I will call My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah;
21 I will clothe him with your robe And strengthen him with your belt; I will commit your responsibility into his hand. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem And to the house of Judah.
22 The king of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder; So he shall open, and no one shall shut; And he shall shut, and no one shall open.
23 I will fasten him as a peg in a secure place;

And he will become a glorious throne To his father's house.

24 'They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the cups to all the pitchers.
25 'In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'the peg that is fastened in the secure place will be removed and be cut down and fall, and the burden that was on it will be cut off; for the LORD has spoken.'

Proclamation Against Tyre
23 The burden against Tyre.

Wail, you ships of Tarshish! For it is laid waste, So that there is no house, no harbor; From the land of Cyprus it is revealed to them.

2 Be still, you inhabitants of the coastland, You merchants of Sidon, Whom those who cross the sea have filled.
3 And on great waters the grain of Shihor, The harvest of the River, is her revenue; And she is a marketplace for the nations.

4 Be ashamed, O Sidon; For the sea has spoken, The strength of the sea, saying, "I do not labor, nor bring forth children; Neither do I rear young men, Nor bring up virgins;"
5 When the report comes to Egypt, They also will be in agony at the report of Tyre.

6 Cross over to Tarshish; Wail, you inhabitants of the coastland!
7 Is this your joyous city, Whose antiquity is from ancient days, Whose feet carried her far off to sojourn? 8 Who has taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, Whose merchants are princes, Whose traders are the honorable of the earth?
9 The LORD of hosts has purposed it, To bring to dishonor the pride of all glory,
And to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth.

10 Overflow through your land like the River, 24 O daughter of Tarshish; There is no more strength.

11 He stretched out His hand over the sea, He shook the kingdoms; The Lord has given a commandment against Canaan To destroy its strongholds.

12 And He said, "You will rejoice no more, O you oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon. Arise, cross over to Cyprus; There also you will have no rest."

13 Behold, the land of the Chaldeans, This people which was not; Assyria founded it for wild beasts of the desert. They set up its towers, They raised up its palaces; And brought it to ruin.

14 Wait, you ships of Tarshish! For your strength is laid waste.

15 Now it shall come to pass in that day that Tyre will be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king. At the end of seventy years it will happen to Tyre as in the song of the harlot:

16 "Take a harp, go about the city, You forgotten harlot; Make sweet melody, sing many songs, That you may be remembered."

17 And it shall be, at the end of seventy years, that the Lord will visit Tyre. She will return to her pay, and commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth.

18 Her gain and her pay will be set apart for the Lord; it will not be treasured nor laid up, for her gain will be for those who dwell before the Lord, to eat sufficiently, and for fine clothing.

Impending Judgment on the Earth

24 Behold, the Lord makes the earth empty and makes it waste, Distorts its surface And scatters abroad its inhabitants.

25 O Lord, You will exact; Y I will praise You For You have done...
For the majesty of the Lord
They shall cry aloud from the sea.
Therefore glorify the Lord in the
dawning light,
The name of the Lord God of Israel
in the coastslands of the sea.
From the ends of the earth we have
heard songs;
"Glory to the righteous!"
But I said, "I am ruined, ruined!
Woe to me!
The treacherous dealers have dealt
treacherously,
Indeed, the treacherous dealers have
dealt very treacherously."

Fear and the pit and the snare
Are upon you,
O inhabitant of the earth.
And it shall be
That he who flees from the noise
of the fear
Shall fall into the pit,
And he who comes up from the midst
of the pit
Shall be caught in the snare;
For the windows from on high are
open,
And the foundations of the earth
are shaken.

The earth is violently broken,
The earth is split open.
The earth is shaken exceedingly.
The earth shall reel to and fro
like a drunkard,
And shall totter like a hut;
Its transgression shall be heavy upon it,
And it will fall, and not rise again.

It shall come to pass in that day:
That the Lord will punish on high
the host of exalted ones,
And on the earth
the kings of the earth.
They will be gathered together,
As prisoners are gathered in the pit,
And will be shut up in the prison;
After many days they will be punished.
Then the moon will be disgraced
And the sun ashamed;
For the Lord of hosts will reign
On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
And before His elders, gloriously.

Praise to God

O Lord, You are my God, I will exalt You,
I will praise Your name,
For You have done wonderful things;
Your counsels of old are faithfulness
and truth.

For You have made a city a ruin,
A fortified city a ruin,
A palace of foreigners to be a city no
more;
It will never be rebuilt.
Therefore the strong people
will glory You;
The city of the terrible nations
will fear You.
For You have been a strength to the
poor,
A strength to the needy in his distress,
A refuge from the storm,
A shade from the heat;
For the blast of the terrible ones is as a
storm against the wall.
You will reduce the noise of aliens,
As heat in a dry place;
As heat in the shadow of a cloud,
The song of the terrible ones
will be diminished.

And in this mountain
The Lord of hosts will make
for all people
A feast of choice pieces,
A feast of wines on the lees,
Of fat things full of marrow,
Of well-refined wines on the lees.
And He will destroy on this mountain
The surface of the covering cast over
all people,
And the veil that is spread over all
nations.
He will swallow up death forever,
And the Lord God will wipe away
tears from all faces;
The rebuke of His people
He will take away from all the earth;
For the Lord has spoken.

And it will be said in that day:
"Behold, this is our God;
We have waited for Him,
And He will save us.
This is the Lord;
We have waited for Him;
We will be glad and rejoice
in His salvation."

For on this mountain the hand
of the Lord will rest,
And Moab shall be trampled down
under Him,
As straw is trampled down for the
refuse heap.
And He will spread out His hands
in their midst.
As he who swims spreads out his hands to swim; And He will bring down their pride Together with the trickery of their hands.

The fortress of the high fort of your walls He will bring down, lay low, And bring to the ground, down to the dust.

A Song of Salvation

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

"We have a strong city; God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks. Open the gates, That the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in. You will keep him in perfect peace, Where mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD is everlasting strength. For He brings down those who dwell on high, The lofty city; He lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He brings it down to the dust. The foot shall tread it down— The feeblest of the feeble And the steps of the needy."

The way of the just is uprightness; O Most Upright, You weigh the path of the just. Yes, in the way of Your judgments, O LORD, we have waited for You; The desire of our soul is for Your name And for the remembrance of You. With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Let grace be shown to the wicked, Yet he will not learn righteousness; In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly And will not behold the majesty of the LORD.

The LORD, when Your hand is lifted up, they will not see. But they will see and be ashamed For their envy of people; Yes, the fire of Your enemies shall devour them.

The LORD, You will establish peace for us, For You have also done all our works in us. O LORD, our God, other masters besides You Have had dominion over us; But by You only we make mention of Your name. They are dead, they will not live; They are deceased, they will not rise. Therefore You have punished and destroyed them, And made all their memory to perish. You have increased the nation, O LORD, You have increased the nation; You are glorified; You have expanded all the borders of the land.

In trouble they have visited You, They poured out a prayer when Your chastening was upon them. As a woman with child Is in pain and cries out in her pangs, When she draws near the time of her delivery, So have we been in Your sight, O LORD. We have been with child, we have been in pain; We have, as it were, brought forth wind; We have not accomplished any delivery in the earth, Nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dust is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead.

Take Refuge from the Coming Judgment

Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is over To punish the iniquity of His people; For behold, the LORD is coming out of His place To punish the inhabitant for their iniquity; The earth will also disclose And will no more cover

In that day the LORD will slay with a great sword; strong and fierce. Leviathan will twist the rope And He will slay the rep that is in the sea.

The Restoration of Israel

In that day song to her, "A vineyard of red wine! I love your people, I water it every moment Lest any hurt it, I keep it night and day. Fury is not in Me, Who would set briers an Against Me in battle? I would go through then I would burn them together Or let him take hold of That he may make peace And he shall make peace Those who come He shall take root in Jacob; Israel shall blossom and And fill the face of the fruit.

Has He struck Israel as those who stricken? Or has He been slain as slaughter of those who Him? In measure, by sending You contended with it. He removes it by His rod In the day of the east wind Therefore by this the nations will be covered; And this is all the fruit his sin: When he makes all the altar Like chalkstones that are dust, When wooden images altars do not stand up
Your hand is lifted up, not to see;  
its confusion covers the earth;  
its rulers go into exile.

Your enemies will establish peace for us,  
we also done all our works  
for the Lord will judge the people  
and cut off all who are exalted in the earth.

She will be given to a people together  
and be punished by a strong nation.

God,  
He will punish the land of Jacob for its sins;  
Israel’s cities will be devastated.

In that day the Lord with His severe sword, great and strong,  
will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent,  
Leviathan that twisted serpent;  
And He will slay the reptile  
that is in the sea.

The Restoration of Israel

1 In that day sing to her,  
“A vineyard of red wine!  
I, the Lord, keep it,  
I water it every moment;  
Lest any hurt it,  
I keep it night and day.

2 Fury is not in Me,  
Who would set briers and thorns  
Against Me in battle?  
I would go through them,  
I would burn them together.

3 Or let him take hold of My strength,  
That he may make peace with Me,  
And he shall make peace with Me.”

4 Those who come He shall cause  
to take root in Jacob;  
Israel shall blossom and bud,  
And fill the face of the world with fruit.

5 Has He struck Israel as He struck those who struck him?  
Or has He been slain according to the slaughter of those who were slain by Him?

6 In measure, by sending it away,  
You contended with it.  
He removes it by His rough wind  
In the day of the east wind.

7 Therefore by this the iniquity of Jacob  
will be covered;  
And this is all the fruit of taking away  
is his sin:  
When he makes all the stones of the altar  
Like chalkstones that are beaten to dust,  
When wooden images 26 and incense altars do not stand up.

8 Yet the fortified city will be desolate,  
The habitation forsaken  
and left like a wilderness;

9 There the calf will feed,  
and there it will lie down  
And consume its branches.

10 When its boughs are withered,  
they will be broken off;  
The women come and set them on fire.  
For it is a people of no understanding;  
Therefore He who made them will not have mercy on them,  
And He who formed them will show them no favor.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day  
That the Lord will thresh,  
From the channel of the River 27  
to the Brook of Egypt;  
And you will be gathered one by one,  
O you children of Israel.

12 So it shall be in that day,  
That the great trumpet will be blown;  
They will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria,  
And they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt,  
And shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Woe to Ephraim and Jerusalem

28 Woe to the crown of pride,  
to the drunkards of Ephraim,  
Whose glorious beauty is a fading flower  
Which is at the head of the verdant valleys,  
To those who are overcome with wine!

2 Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one,  
Like a tempest of hail  
and a destroying storm,  
Like a flood of mighty waters  
overflowing,  
Who will bring them down  
to the earth with His hand.

3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim,  
Will be trampled under foot;  
And the glorious beauty is a fading flower  
Which is at the head of the verdant valley,  
Like the first fruit before the summer,  
Which an observer sees;  
He eats it up while it is still in his hand.

5 In that day the Lord of hosts will be

26 Hebrew Asherim, Canaanite deities.  27 That is, the Euphrates
For a crown of glory
and a diadem of beauty
To the remnant of His people,
For a spirit of justice to him
who sits in judgment,
And for strength to those who turn
back the battle at the gate.

But they also have erred through wine,
And through intoxicating drink are out of the way;
The priest and the prophet have erred
through intoxicating drink,
They are swallowed up by wine,
They are out of the way through
intoxicating drink;
They err in vision,
they stumble in judgment.

For all tables are full of vomit
and filthiness,
So that no place is clean.

Whom will he teach knowledge?
And whom will he make to understand the message?
Those just weaned from milk?
Those just drawn from the breasts?
For precept must be upon precept,
precept upon precept,
Line upon line, line upon line,
Here a little, there a little.

For with stammering lips
and another tongue
He will speak to this people,
To whom He said,
"This is the rest with which
You may cause the weary to rest."
And, "This is the refreshing";
Yet they would not hear.

But the word of the Lord was to them,
"Precept upon precept,
precept upon precept,
Line upon line, line upon line,
Here a little, there a little,"
That they might go and fall backward,
and be broken
And snared and caught.

Therefore hear the word of the Lord,
you scornful men,
Who rule this people who are in Jerusalem,
Because you have said,
"We have made a covenant with death,
And with Sheol we are in agreement.
When the overflowing scourge passes through,
It will not come to us,
For we have made lies our refuge,
And under falsehood we have hidden ourselves."

A Cornerstone in Zion
Therefore thus says the Lord God:
"Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation,
A tried stone, a precious cornerstone,
a sure foundation;
Whoever believes will not perish;
Also I will make justice the measuring line,
And righteousness the plummet;
The hall will sweep away
the refuge of lies,
And the waters will overflow
the hiding place.
Your covenant with death
will be annulled,
And your agreement with Sheol
will not stand;
When the overflowing scourge passes through,
Then you will be trampled down by it.
As often as it goes out it will take you;
For morning by morning it will pass over,
And by day and by night;
It will be a terror just to understand
the report."

For the bed is too short for a man
to stretch out on,
And the covering so narrow that he
cannot wrap himself in it.
For the Lord will rise up as at Mount Perazim,
He will be angry as in the Valley of Gilboa;
That He may do His work,
His awesome work,
And bring to pass His act,
His unusual act.

Now therefore, do not be mockers,
Lest your bonds be made strong;
For I have heard from the Lord God
of hosts,
A destruction determined even upon
the whole earth.

Listen to the Teaching of God
Give ear and hear my voice,
Listen and hear my speech.
Does the plowman keep plowing all
day to sow?
Does he keep turning his soil
and breaking the clods?

When he has leveled its
Does he not sow the blac
And scatter the cummin,
Plant the wheat in rows,
The barley in the appoint.
And the spelt in its place,
For He instructs him in
judgment,
His God teaches him.

For the black cummin is
with a threshing sled;
Nor is a cartwheel rolled
cummin;
But the black cummin is
with a stick,
And the cummin with a
Bread flour must be got.
Therefore he does not break
it with his cartwheel,
Or crush it with his

This also comes from th
hosts,
Who is wonderful in coax
and excellent in guidn

Woe to Jerusalem
Woe to Ariel, to a
the city where Da
Add year to year;
Let feasts come around
Yet I will distress Ariel
There shall be heaviness
And it shall be to Me a
I will encamp against y
I will lay siege against

You shall be raised
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When he has leveled its surface, 
Does he not sow the black cummin 
And scatter the cummin, 
Plant the wheat in rows, 
The barley in the appointed place, 
And the spelt in its place?

For He instructs him in right 
judgment, 
His God teaches him.

For the black cummin is not threshed 
with a threshing sledge, 
Nor is a cartwheel rolled over the 
cummin; 
But the black cummin is beaten out 
with a stick, 
And the cummin with a rod.

Bread flour must be ground; 
Therefore he does not thresh it forever, 
Break it with his cartwheel, 
Or crush it with his horsemen.

This also comes from the Lord of 
hosts, 
Who is wonderful in counsel 
and excellent in guidance.

Woe to Jerusalem

29 “Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, 
the city where David dwelt! 
Add year to year; 
Let feast come around.

Yet I will distress Ariel; 
There shall be heaviness and sorrow, 
And it shall be to Me as Ariel.

I will encamp against you all around, 
I will lay siege against you with a 
mound, 
And I will raise siegeworks against you.

You shall be brought down, 
You shall speak out of the ground; 
Your speech shall be low, 
out of the dust; 
Your voice shall be like a medium’s, 
out of the ground; 
And your speech shall whisper 
out of the dust.

Moreover the multitude of your foes 
Shall be like fine dust, 
And the multitude of the terrible ones 
Shall be as chaff that passes away; 
Yes, it shall be in an instant, suddenly.

You will be punished by the Lord of 
hosts, 
With thunder and earthquake 
and great noise, 
With storm and tempest 
And the flame of devouring fire. 
The multitude of all the nations 
who fight against Ariel,

That is, Jerusalem

Even all who fight against her 
and her fortress, 
And distress her.

Shall be as a dream of a night vision.

It shall even be as when a hungry man 
dreams, 
And look—he eats; 
But he awakes, 
and his soul is still empty; 
Or as when a thirsty man dreams, 
And look—he drinks; 
But he awakes, and indeed he is faint, 
And his soul still craves: 
So the multitude of all the nations 
shall be, 
Who fight against Mount Zion.”

The Blindness of Disobedience

9 Pause and wonder! 
Blind yourselves and be blind! 
They are drunk, but not with wine; 
They stagger, but not with 
toxicating drink.

10 For the Lord has poured out on you 
The spirit of deep sleep, 
And has closed your eyes, 
namely, the prophets; 
And He has covered your heads, 
namely, the seers.

11 The whole vision has become to you 
like the words of a book that is sealed, 
which men deliver to one who is literate, 
saying, “Read this, please”; 
and he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.”

12 Then the book is delivered to one who 
is illiterate, saying, “Read this, please”; 
and he says, “I am not literate.”

13 Therefore the Lord said:

“Inasmuch as these people draw near to 
Me with their mouths 
And honor Me with their lips, 
But have removed their hearts 
far from Me, 
And their fear toward Me is taught by 
the commandment of men, 
Therefore, behold, I will again do a 
miraculous work; 
Among this people, 
a marvelous work and a wonder; 
For the wisdom of their wise men shall 
perish, 
And the understanding of their prudent 
men shall be hidden.”

15 Woe to those who seek deep to hide 
their counsel far from the Lord,
And their works are in the dark; They say, “Who sees us?” and, “Who knows us?”

Surely you have things turned around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; For shall the thing made say of him who made it, “He did not make me?” Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding?”

Future Recovery of Wisdom

17 Is it not yet a very little while Till Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, And the fruitful field be esteemed as a forest?

18 In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness.

19 The humble also shall increase their joy in the Lord, And the poor among men shall rejoice In the Holy One of Israel.

20 For the terrible one is brought to nothing, The scornful one is consumed, And all who watch for iniquity are cut off—

21 Who make a man an offender by a word, And lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, And turn aside the just for a thing of naught.

22 Therefore thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

“Jacob shall not now be ashamed, Nor shall his face now grow pale; But when he sees his children, The work of My hands, in his midst, They will hallow My name, And hallow the Holy One of Jacob, And fear the God of Israel.

24 These also who erred in spirit will come to understanding, And those who murmured will learn doctrine.”

Futile Confidence in Egypt

30 “Woe to the rebellious children,” says the Lord, “Who take counsel, but not of Me, And who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, That they may add sin to sin;

2 Who walk to go down to Egypt, And have not asked My advice, To strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, And to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

3 Therefore the strength of Pharaoh Shall be your shame, And trust in the shadow of Egypt Shall be your humiliation.

4 For his princes were at Zoan, And his ambassadors came to Hanes, They were all ashamed of a people who could not benefit them, Or be help or benefit, But a shame and also a reproach.”

6 The burden against the beasts of the South.

Through a land of trouble and anguish, From which came the lioness and the lion, The viper and fiery flying serpent, They will carry their riches on the backs of young donkeys, And their treasures on the humps of camels,

7 To a people who shall not benefit them; For the Egyptians shall help in vain and to no purpose.

Therefore I have called her Rahab-Hem-Shebeth.

A Rebellious People

8 Now go, write it before them on a tablet, And note it on a scroll, That it may be for time to come, Forever and ever:

9 That this is a rebellious people, Lying children, Children who will not hear the law of the Lord;

10 Who say to the seers, “Do not see,” And to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us right things; Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits.

11 Get out of the way, Turn aside from the path, Cause the Holy One of Israel To cease from before us.”

12 Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel:

“Because you despise this word, And trust in oppression and perversity, And rely on them,

13 Therefore this iniquity of A breach ready to fall A bulge in a high wall, Whose breaking comes in an instant.

14 And He shall break it in pieces He shall not spare. So there shall not be for fragments A shard to take fire from Or to take water from it.

15 For thus says the Lord One of Israel:

“In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength But you would not, And you said,”

“No, for we will flee Therefore you shall flee And, “We will ride on Therefore those who pursue will be swift.

17 One thousand shall flee of one At the threat of five yo Till you are left as a pole of a mountain And as a banner on a

God Will Be Gracious

18 Therefore the Lord wi that He may be gracious And therefore He will that He may have pity For the Lord is a God Blessed are all those who seek Him, You shall weep no more He will be very gracious sound of your cry; When He hears it, He And though the Lord And the bread of adversity And the water of afflict Yet your teachers will into a corner And your eyes shall see Your cars shall hear a you, saying, “This is the way, walk
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Therefore this iniquity shall be to you 
Like a breach ready to fall, 
A bulge in a high wall, 
Whose breaking comes suddenly, 
in an instant. 
And He shall break it like the breaking 
of the potter's vessel, 
Which is broken in pieces; 
He shall not spare, 
So there shall not be found among its 
fragments 
A shard to take fire from the hearth, 
Or to take water from the cistern."

For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:
"In returning and rest 
you shall be saved; 
In quietness and confidence 
shall be your strength." 
But you would not, 
And you said, 
"No, for we will flee on horses"— 
Therefore you shall flee! 
And, "We will ride on swift horses"— 
Therefore those who pursue you shall 

Be Swift!

One thousand shall flee at the threat 
of one, 
At the threat of five you shall flee, 
Till you are left as a pole on top 
of a mountain 
And as a banner on a hill.

God Will Be Gracious

Therefore the Lord will wait, 
that He may be gracious to you; 
And therefore He will be exalted, 
that He may have mercy on you. 
For the Lord is a God of justice; 
Blessed are all those who wait for Him.

For the people shall dwell in Zion at 
Jerusalem: 
You shall weep no more. 
He will be very gracious to you at the 
sound of your cry: 
When He hears it, He will answer you. 
And though the Lord gives you 
The bread of adversity 
and the water of affliction, 
Yet your teachers will not be moved 
into a corner anymore, 
But your eyes shall see your teachers. 
Your ears shall hear a word behind 
you, saying, 
"This is the way, walk in it," 
Whenever you turn to the right hand 
Or whenever you turn to the left.

You will also defile the covering of 
your graven images of silver; 
And the ornament of your molded 
images of gold.

You will throw them away as an 
unclean thing; 
You will say to them, "Get away!"

Then He will give the rain for your 
seed 
With which you sow the ground, 
And bread of the increase of the earth; 
It will be fat and plentiful. 
In that day your cattle will feed 
In large pastures. 
Likewise the oxen and the young 
donkeys that work the ground 
will eat the stubble, 
Which has been winnowed with the 
shovel and fan.

There will be on every high mountain 
And on every high hill 
Rivers and streams of waters, 
In the day of the great slaughter, 
When the towers fall.

Moreover the light of the moon 
will be as the light of the sun, 
And the light of the sun will be 
sevenfold, 
As the light of seven days. 
In the day that the Lord hides up the 
husk of His people 
And heals the stroke of their wound.

Judgment on Assyria

Behold, the name of the Lord comes 
from afar; 
Burning with His anger, 
And His burden is heavy; 
His lips are full of indignation, 
And His tongue like a devouring fire;

His breath is like an overflowing 
stream, 
Which reaches up to the neck, 
To sift the nations with the sieve of 
futility; 
And there shall be a bridle in the jaws 
of the people, 
Cauing them to err.

You shall have a song 
As in the night when a holy festival is 
kept, 
And gladness of heart as when one 
goes with a flute, 
To come into the mountain of the 
Lord, 
To the Mighty One of Israel.
The Lord will cause His glorious voice to be heard, 
And show the descent of His arm, 
With the indignation of His anger 
And the flame of a devouring fire, 
With scattering, tempest, and hailstones.

For through the voice of the Lord 
Assyria will be beaten down, 
Who struck with a rod. 
And in every place where the staff of punishment passes, 
Which the Lord lays on him, 
It will be with tambourines and harps; And in battles of brandishing He will fight with it.

For Tophet was established of old, 
Yes, for the king it is prepared. 
He has made it deep and large; 
Its pit is fire with much wood; 
The breath of the Lord, like a stream of brimstone, 
Kindles it.

The Folly of Not Trusting God

Wee to those who go down to Egypt for help, 
And rely on horses. 
Who trust in chariots because they are many, 
And in horsemen because they are very strong, 
But who do not look to the Holy One of Israel, 
Nor seek the Lord!

Yet He also is wise, 
And will bring disaster, 
And will not call back His words, 
But will arise against the house of evildoers, 
And against the help of those who work iniquity.

Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; 
And their horses are flesh, and not spirit; 
When the Lord stretches out His hand, 
Both he who helps will fall, 
And he who is helped will fall down; 
They all will perish together.

God Will Deliver Jerusalem

For thus the Lord has spoken to me:

"As a lion roars, 
And a young lion over his prey 
(When a multitude of shepherds is summoned against him, 
He will not be afraid of their voice 
Nor be disturbed by their noise), 
So the Lord of hosts will come down 
To fight for Mount Zion 
And for its hill.

Like birds flying about, 
So will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem. 
Defending, He will also deliver it; 
Passing over, He will preserve it.

Return to Him against whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted.

For in that day every man shall throw away his idols of silver and his idols of gold—sin, which your own hands have made for yourselves.

"Then Assyria shall fall 
by a sword not of man, 
And a sword not of mankind shall devour him. 
But he shall flee from the sword, 
And his young men shall become forced labor.

He shall cross over to his stronghold for fear, 
And his princes shall be afraid of the banner, " 
Says the Lord, 
Whose fire is in Zion 
And whose furnace is in Jerusalem.

A Reign of Righteousness

Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, 
And princes will rule with justice. 
A man will be as a hiding place from the wind, 
And a covert from the tempest, 
As rivers of water in a dry place, 
As the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

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

Also the heart of the rash 
will understand knowledge, 
And the tongue of the stammerers 
will be ready to speak plainly.

The foolish person will no longer be called generous, 
Nor the miser said to be bountiful; 
For the foolish person will speak foolishness, 
And his heart will work iniquity: 
To practice ungodliness, 
To utter error against the Lord,

To keep the hungry 
And he will cause the thirsty to fail.

He devises wicked 
To destroy the poor 
Even when the need.

But a generous man 
Things, 
And by generosity

Consequences of Complacency

Rise up, you prudent, 
Hear my voice. 
You complacent 
Give ear to my speech.

In a year and someday, 
You will be troubled, 
you who complacent 
For the vintage, 
The gathering will 
Tremble, you will 
Strip yourselves, you 
And gird sackcloth.

People shall mourn 
For the pleasant 
On the land of mirth and gladness, 
Yes, on all the haughty city.

Because the palace 
The bustling city, 
The forts and towers 
A joy of wild doves 
a pasture of figs.

Until the Spirit is 
From on high, 
And the wilderness 
And the fruitful hill 
is counted as a

The Peace of God's Ruler

Then justice will prevail 
within wilderness, 
Righteousness 
A fruitful field.

The work of righteousness 
And the effect of quietness and 
My people will dwell 
Habitation.