THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

EZEKIEL.

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The Canonical order of Ezekiel’s prophecies is Logical, but not strictly Chronological. Later utterances and visions are recorded in their logical connections rather than in their historical sequence. This latter is noted, so that we make no mistake. When this fact is observed, and the records discriminated, the meaning becomes perfectly clear. See the table below.
They may be set out as follows:—

**THE DATED YEARS IN EZEKIEL.**

These are thirteen in number, and cover a period of twenty-one years (a period of three sevens): viz. from 484-3 to 463-2 B.C. Arranged chronologically, the seventh stands in the center, with six on either side. Reckoning the three in the 11th year as one year, and the three in the 12th year, as one year, we have nine several years: viz. the 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th (seven): and then, after a break of thirteen years, we have two: viz. the 25th and 27th.

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The 30th year of 1:1, 2 cannot be in succession to the 27th year of ch. 29:17-21, because the visions of ch. 1 and 10 had already been seen, and the one recorded in ch. 10 is said to have been similar to that already seen in ch. 1. Moreover, if it be in succession to the 27th year, why is it brought into the very beginning of the book without any reason being assigned, or hint given? The 30th year of 1:1 cannot have anything to do with Ezekiel’s age, or with the commencement of his service as priest; for this is to misread Num. 4:3, which states that “all that enter into the host, to do the work of the tabernacle”, were taken after the end of the 29th year, “from thirty years old and upward, even until fifty years”. Moreover, this thirty years’ rule was abrogated by Divine direction to David in 1 Chron. 23:24—27 (cp. 2 Chron. 31:17), and changed to “twenty years old and upward”.

The 30th year cannot be fitted into any sequence of dates commencing with the fifth year of Jehoiachin’s Captivity (1:2), which, in 33:21 and 40:1, he speaks of as “our captivity”. It must therefore be a cross-date to some unnamed terminus a quo, thirty years before the 5th year of the Captivity. This fixes it as being that epoch-making year 513 B.C., which was the year of Josiah’s great Passover, and of the finding the Book of the Law in the 18th year of King Josiah. From 513 B.C. to 484 B.C. is exactly twenty-nine complete years. So also reckons the learned Prideaux (Connection, vol. 1, p.71, McCaul’s ed., 1845)

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1 No month is named; but, by comparing 30:20, it must be the 1st month.
2 No month is named; but it was probably the same as in v. 1.

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And it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifty day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Khabour, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions from God.

In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin’s captivity,

The word of the LORD came in reality unto Ezekiel, the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD became there upon him.

And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire taking hold of itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of glowing metal, in the midst of the fire.

Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures [the Cherubim]. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.

And their feet were unjointed feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf’s foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.

And they had the hand of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

Thus were their faces: and their wings were spread out from above; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went.

As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of the lamp: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire kept going forth lightning.

And the living creatures kept running and returning as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.

And the appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

When they went, they went upon their four sides: and they turned not when they went.

As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings were full of eyes round about them four.

And when the living ones went, the wheels went by them: and when the living ones were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

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Ezekiel. In Heb. Y heze el = y’hazzek-el = El is strong, or El strengthens (cp. Isra-el, Gen. 32:28).

Of the four greater prophets, Ezekiel and Daniel (who prophesied in Babylonia) are compounded with “El” (Ap. 4. IV); while Isaiah and Jeremiah (who prophesied in the land) are compounded with “Jah”.

Ezekiel was a priest (1:3), carried away eleven years before the destruction of the city and temple (1:2; 33:21). 2Kings 24:14). He dwelt in his own house (8:1. Cp. Jer. 29:5). He was married: and his wife died in the year when the siege of Jerusalem began.


fifth day. Dates in Ezekiel are always of the month, not of the week (1:1; 8:1; 20:1; 24:1; 26:1; 29:1; 30:20; 31:1; 32:1; 40:1).


3 Ezekiel. See the Title. the priest. And called, as Jeremiah was, to the office as prophet as well. became. Cp. Elijah (1Kings 18:46); Elisha (2Kings 3:15); Daniel (Dan. 10:10, 18); and John (Rev. 1:17).

4 whirlwind. Heb. ruach = spirit, but it came to be rendered “storm or whirlwind”. Note the three symbols of Jehovah’s glory, Storm, Cloud, and Fire. Cp. Nah. 1:3. Rev. 4:5. out of the north. See note on Ps. 75:6, and Isa. 14:13. taking hold of itself. Human and finite language is unable to find words to express infinite realities. It may mean spontaneous ignition: i.e. without the application of external fire. Cp. Ex. 9:24.

5 four living creatures. These are “the Cherubim”. See Ap. 41. The zoa of Rev. 4:6.

7 unjointed. The living creatures did not move by walking.

8 hand. Heb. text reads “hand”. Some codices, with two early printed editions and Heb. text marg., read “hands” (pl.), followed by A.V. and R.V. The sing. is to be preferred, and is so rendered in 10:17. Why not here?

10 faces. See Ap. 41.


17 turned. The 1611 edition of the A.V. reads “returned”.

19 high. In the sense of sublimity.

19 the living ones. Cp. vv. 21, 22; 9:3; 10:15, 20. The four were one.
20 Whithersoever the 12th spirit was to go, they went, thither was their 12th spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the 12th spirit of the living one was in the wheels.

21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the 12th spirit of the living one was in the wheels.

22 And the likeness of the 0 expanse upon the heads of the living creature was as the colour of the terrible crystal, spread out over their heads upward.

23 And under the expanse were their wings level, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies.

24 And when they went, I heard 0 noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the noise of 0 THE ALMIGHTY, the noise of tumult, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings.

25 And there was a noise from the expanse that was over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings.

26 And above the expanse that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

27 And I saw as the colour of glowing metal, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.

28 As the appearance of 0 the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, 0 I fell upon my face, and I heard a 24 voice of One That spake.

2 And He Who was enthroned said unto me, 0 son of Adam, 0 stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.

2 And 0 the spirit entered into me when He spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard Him That spake unto me.

3 And He said unto me, Son of Adam, I am sending thee to the sons of Israel, to the revolting whole nation, Israel and Judah that hath revolted against Me: they and their fathers have revolted against Me, even unto this very day.

4 For they are hard of face sons and stubborn of heart. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith 0 the Lord GOD.

5 And they, 0 whether they will hear, or whether they will refuse to hear, (for they are 0 a house of rebellion,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

6 And thou, son of Adam, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though 0 briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among 0 scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be 0 a house of rebellion.

7 And thou shalt speak 0 My words unto them, 2 whether they will hear, or 5 whether they will forbear: for they are most 5 rebellious.
8 But thou, Son of Adam, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee. 
9 And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a scroll was therein; 
10 And He spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentation, and mourning, and woe. 

3 Moreover He said unto me, Son of Adam, eat that thou findest; eat this scroll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. 
2 So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that roll. 
3 And He said unto me, Son of Adam, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness. 
4 And He said unto me, Son of Adam, go, get thee to the house of Israel, and speak with My words unto them. 
5 For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, but to the house of Israel; 
6 Not to many peoples of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee. 
7 But the house of Israel will not be willing to hearken unto thee; for they are not willing to hearken unto Me: for all the house of Israel they are hard of face and stubborn of heart. 
8 Behold, I have made thy face strong for endurance against their faces, and thy forehead harder against their foreheads. 
9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a house of rebellion. 
10 Moreover He said unto me, Son of Adam, all My words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. 
11 And go, get thee to them of the captives, unto the sons of thy People, and speak unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear. 
12 Then the spirit laid hold on me, and I heard behind me a sound of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of the LORD from His place. 
13 I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing. 
14 So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away; and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me. 
15 Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I dwelt where they dwelt, and remained there astonished among them seven days. 
16 And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 
17 Son of Adam, I have given thee [to be] a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me.
18 When I say unto the lawless, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the lawless from his lawless way, to save himself alive; the same lawless man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

19 Yet if thou warn the lawless, and he turn not from his lawlessness, nor from his lawless way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thyself.

20 Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

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

22 And the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and He said unto me, Arise, go forth into the valley, and I will there talk with thee.

23 Then I arose, and went forth into the valley: and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face.

24 Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house.

25 But thou, O son of Adam, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them:

26 And I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a man of reproof: for they are a house of rebellion.

27 But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; He that is minded to hear, will hear; and he that is minded to forbear, will forbear: for they are a house of rebellion.

4 Thou also, son of Adam, take thee a brick, and take it before thee, and grave upon it the city, even Jerusalem:

2 And take siege against it, and build a siege tower against it, and cast a embankment against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about.

3 Moreover take thou unto thee a flat plate, as used for baking, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel [less Judah].

4 Lie thou also upon thy left side, and place the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt [symbolically] endure the punishment due to their sin.

5 For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, which represent 390 literal years: so shalt thou endure the punishment due to their sin of the house of Israel.

6 And when thou hast accomplished them, lie a second time on thy right side, and thou shalt [symbolically] endure the punishment due to the sin of the house of Judah forty days: I have given thee each day for a year.

7 Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm shall be uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it.

20 righteousness. Heb. is plural in marg., but some codices, with one early printed edition, read “righteous deeds” (pl.) in text and marg.

23 the glory, &c. See note on 1:28.

4.1 brick. A Babylonian brick, as used for inscription, was about 14 inches by 12.

3 set thy face. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 17:10; 20:3, 5, 6; 26:17).

4 according to the number, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Num. 14:34). This is no evidence that in prophetic scriptures there is a “year day” theory. These exceptions prove the opposite rule. In all them “day” means “day”, and “year” means “year”.

5 three hundred and ninety days. These were to be literal “days” to Ezekiel, and were to represent 390 literal “years”. The date of the command is not material to the understanding of this prophecy. The meaning of the expression “bear their iniquity” [endure the punishment due to their sin] (see note on v. 4) determines the interpretation as referring to the duration of the punishment, and not to the period of iniquity which brought it down. The 390 days stand for 390 years, and the 40 days for 40 years, the duration of the punishment of Israel and Judah respectively. As this has to do with the city of Jerusalem (vv. 1-3), the periods must necessarily be conterminous with something that affects the ending of its punishment. This was effected solely by the decree for the restoration and rebuilding of Jerusalem in 454 B.C. (Ap 50), &c. This symbolical action of Ezekiel shows us how long Jerusalem’s punishment lasted, and when it ended.

6 a second time. Showing that they are not necessarily consecutive or continuous, but are conterminous, though not commencing at the same time.

7 forty days. See note on v. 4.

7 the siege of Jerusalem. This is the point which determines the interpretation, as do vv. 1-3.
8 And, *behold, I will 1lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege.
9 Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and 2fitches [a kind of corn], and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof.
10 And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty 1shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it.
11 Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink.
12 And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt 2bake it upon dung that cometh out of man, in their sight.
13 And the LORD said, Even thus shall the sons of Israel eat their defiled bread among the nations, whither I will drive them.
14 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! *behold, my soul hath not been polluted: and have not kept thy statutes, neither have they kept thy judgments, whither thou hast driven them.

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9—17 FOOD. (Alternation.)

9 fitches. In English, is another spelling of *vetheh, a plant having tendrils. But the Heb. = kussemeth is defined as *triticum spelta, or spelt, a kind of corn, always distinguished from wheat, barely, &c. Cp. Ex. 9:32. Isa. 28:25. Here, in plural.
10 shekels. See Ap.51. II.5.
abominable flesh. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 7:18; 19:7). Elsewhere, only in Isa. 65:3.
16 I will break. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 26:26). Occurring again in 5:16; 14:13; but nowhere else in O.T.

5:1-17 HAIR. (Extended Alternation.)

1. Shaving. (The fourth sign.)
3. 4. Binding in skirts.
13-17. Anger accomplished.

5. 1 sword. As in v. 12, and 11:8, 10. as a barber’s razor, &c. This is the sign of the Assyrian army (Isa. 7:20).

2 in the midst of the city. Which he had graven on the brick. See the signification in v. 12. draw out a sword, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 26:33).
4 the house of Israel. As in 4:3.
5 This is Jerusalem. Cp. 4:1.


7 statutes. See note on Gen. 26:5. Deut. 4:1. and according to the statutes...have not done. Some codices, with two early printed editions and Syr., omit this “not”. Cp. 11:12.
8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: "Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations.
9 And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more any like, because of all thine abominations.
10 Therefore 'fathers shall eat' the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter into all the winds.
11 Wherefore, 'as I live, is Jehovah's oracle; Surely, because thou 'hast defiled My sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also 'diminish thee; neither shall 'Mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity.
12 'A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee and I will scatter a third part into all quarters, and I will draw out a sword after them.
13 Thus shall Mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause My fury to rest upon them, and 'I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the LORD have spoken it in My zeal, when I have accomplished My fury in them.
14 Moreover 'I will make thee waste, and a reproach among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by.
15 So it shall 'be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment among the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I the LORD have spoken it.
16 When 'I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, who shall be for their destruction, and which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread:
17 'So will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and 'I will bring the sword upon thee. I the LORD have spoken it.

6 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 'Son of Adam, set thy face toward 'the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,
3 And say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of 'the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys; 'Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.
4 And your altars shall be desolate, and your 'sun-images shall be broken: and I will cast down your slain men before your manufactured gods.
5 And I will lay the dead carcases of the sons of Israel before your manufactured gods; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars.
6 In all your dwellingplaces the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your manufactured gods may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.
7 And a slain one shall fall in the midst of you, and 'ye shall know that I am the LORD.
8 Yet will I leave a remnant, that Israel may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries.
9 And they that escape of you shall remember Me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their idolatrous heart, which hath departed from Me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their manufactured gods: and they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.
10 And they shall know that I am the LORD, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.
11 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas for all the evil that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that remaineth is besieged shall die by the famine, and by the pestilence.
12 He that is far off shall die of the pestilence: and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish My fury upon them.
13 Then shall Israel know that I am the LORD, when their slain men shall be among their manufactured gods round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer savour of rest to all their idols.
14 And I will stretch out My hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, more desolate than the wilderness toward Diblah, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

7 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Also, thou son of Adam, thus saith the Lord GOD unto the soil of Israel; An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land.
3 Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send Mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations.
4 And Mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.
5 Thus saith the Lord GOD; calamity after calamity, behold, is come.
6 An end is come, the end is come: she watcheth for thee; behold, she is come.
7 The circle hath come around unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble is near, and not the sounding again of the mountains.
8 Now will I shortly pour out My fury upon thee, and accomplish Mine anger upon thee: and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations.
9 And Mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the LORD That smitteth.
10 Behold the day, behold, it is come: the circle hath come around; the rod hath blossomed, presumption hath budded.
11 Violence is risen up into a rod to punish the lawlessness: none of them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of any of theirs: there shall be no rest for them.
12 The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.
13 For the seller shall not return to the possession which is sold, although they were yet alive: for the vision of indignation is touching the whole multitude thereof, which shall not return; no man by his iniquity shall strengthen his life.
14 Blow ye the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for My wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.

15 The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that is in the field shall die with the sword; and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.

16 But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his judgment, which is the consequence of iniquity.

17 All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water.

18 They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads.

19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to rescue them in the day of the wrath of the LORD: they shall not satisfy their cravings of their animal nature, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumbling-block of their iniquity.

20 As for the beauty of His ornament, He set His Sanctuary in majesty: but they made the images of their abominations and their detestable things therein: therefore have I set it far from them.

21 And I will give it into the hands of the foreigners for a prey, and to the lawless of the earth for a spoil; and they shall profane it.

22 My face will I turn also from them, and they shall profane My secret place: for the robbers shall enter into it, and defile it.

23 Make a chain: for the land is full of crimes of bloodshed [capital crimes], and the city is full of violence.

24 Wherefore I will bring the worst of the nations, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled.

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

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

27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with rent garments, and the hands of the People of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and according to their judgments will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

8 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah [of the Jewish colony at Tel-Abid] sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me.

2 Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of a man: from the appearance of His loins even downward, fire; and from His loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber.

3 And He put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the vision given by God to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.

4 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the valley.
5 Then said He unto me, Son of Adam, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.

6 He said furthermore unto me, Son of Adam, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations [idols and sin of idolatry] that the house of Israel committeeth here, that they or I should remove from My sanctuary? but turn thee yet again; and thou shalt see greater abominations.

7 And He brought me to the entrance of the court; and when I looked, behold one certain mysterious hole in the wall.

8 Then said He unto me, Son of Adam, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a certain mysterious entrance.

9 And He said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.

10 So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the manufactured gods of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about.

11 And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.

12 Then said He unto me, Son of Adam, hast thou seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

13 He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.

14 Then He brought me to the entrance of the gate of the LORD's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for the idyl of Tammuz.

15 Then said He unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of Adam? turn thyself yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these.

16 And He brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and, behold, at the entrance of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar [the place appointed for the priests], were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

17 Then He said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of Adam? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit all the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke Me to anger: and, lo, they put the Asherah to their nose.

18 Therefore will I also deal in fury: Mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in Mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

9 He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapons in his hand.

2 And, behold, six supernatural men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.
9. 3.

3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon It was, to the threshold of the Temple building. And He called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side;

4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

5 And to the others He said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye shield, neither have ye pity:

6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary. Then they began at the elder men which were before the house.

7 And He said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city.

8 And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt Thou destroy all the residue of Israel in Thy pouring out of Thy fury upon Jerusalem?

9 Then said He unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not.

10 And as for Me also, Mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head.

11 And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done according as Thou hast commanded me.

10 Then I looked, and, behold, in the expanse that was above the head of the cherubim there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

2 And He spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in amid the whirling wheels, even under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and toss them over the city. And he went in in my sight.

3 Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.

4 Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory.

5 And the sound of the cherubims' wings was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of the ALMIGHTY GOD when He speaketh.

6 And it came to pass, that when He had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim; then he went in, and stood beside the wheel.

7 And the cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim unto the fire that was between the cherubim, and took thereof; and put it into the hands of him that was clothed with linen: who took it, and went out.

8 And there appeared in the cherubim the form of a human hand under their wings.

9 And when I looked, behold the four wheels by the cherubim, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheel was as the colour of a beryl stone.

10 And as for their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.
11 When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither one head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went.

12 And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheel, was full of eyes round about, to the four of them belonged their wheels.

13 As for the wheel, it was cried unto them in my hearing, Roll, roll whirling wheels.

14 And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of the cherub, and the second face was the face of a human, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15 And the cherubim were lifted up [to bear away the symbol of the Divine presence]. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar.

16 And when the cherubim went, the whirling wheels went by them: and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheel also turned not from beside them.

17 When they stood, these stood; and when they were lifted up, these lifted up themselves also: for the spirit of the living creature was in them.

18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from over the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim.

19 And the cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheel also was beside them, and every one stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD's house: and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

20 This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they were the cherubim.

21 Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a human was under their wings.

22 And the likeness of their faces was the same faces which I saw by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themselves: they went every one straight forward.

11 Moreover the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the LORD's house, which looketh eastward: and behold at the entrance of the gate five and twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, the princes of the people.

2 Then said He unto me, Son of Adam, these are the men that devise vanity, and give evil counsel in this city:

3 Which say, It is not near; let us build houses: she is the caldron, and we be the flesh.

4 Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of Adam.

5 And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your spirit, every one of them.

6 Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain.

7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and she is the caldron: but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it.

8 Ye have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you, saith the Lord GOD.
And I will bring you out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hands of foreigners, and will execute judgments among you.

Ye shall fall by the sword; I will judge you at Riblah, in the extreme north of the land; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

She shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; but I will judge you in the border of Israel:

And ye shall know that I am the LORD: for ye have not walked in My statutes, neither executed My judgments, but have done after the manners of the nations that are round about you.

And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Son of Adam, thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy redemption, and all the house of Israel wholly, are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the LORD: unto us is this land given in possession.

Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet I will become to them as a holy place, and asylum for a little while in the countries where they shall come.

Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the soil of Israel.

And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence.

And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

That they may walk in My statutes, and keep Mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be My People, and I will be their God.

But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD.

Then did the cherubims lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.

Afterwards the spirit took me up, and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me.

Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the LORD had shewed me.
12. 1

The word of Jehovah also came unto me, saying,

2 Son of Adam, thou dwellest in the midst of a perverse house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a perverse house.

3 Therefore, thou son of Adam, prepare thee baggage for removing [for captivity], and remove by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight: it may be they will consider, though they be a perverse house.

4 Then shalt thou bring forth thy baggage by day in their sight, as baggage for removing: and thou shalt go forth ⁶at even in their sight, as they that go forth into captivity.

5 ⁶Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby.

6 In their sight shalt thou bear it upon thy shoulders, and carry it forth in the twilight: thou shalt ⁶cover thy face, that thou see not ⁶the land: for I have set thee ⁶a sign [of things that are to come] unto the house of Israel.

7 And I did so according as I was commanded: I brought forth my baggage by day, as baggage for captivity, and in the even I ⁶digged through the wall with mine hand; I brought it forth in the twilight, and I bare it upon my shoulder in their sight.

8 And in the morning came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,

9 Son of Adam, hath not the house of Israel, the perverse house, said unto thee, What doest thou?

10 Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; This burden concerneth the prince [Zedekiah] in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel that are among them.

11 Say, I am your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them: they shall remove and go into captivity.

12 And the prince that is among them shall bear upon his shoulder in the twilight, and shall go forth: they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall ⁶cover his face, that he see not ⁶the land with his eyes.

13 ⁶My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in My snare: and I will bring him to Babylon to the ⁶land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he ⁶not see it, though he shall die there.

14 And I will scatter toward every wind all that are about him to help him, and all his bands; and I will ⁶draw out the sword after them.

15 And ⁶they shall know that I am the LORD, when ⁶I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries.

16 But ⁶I will leave a few men of them from the sword,
18 Son of Adam, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with carefulness;
19 And say unto the People of the land, Thus saith the Lord GOD to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and concerning the land of Israel; They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from all that is therein, because of the violence of all them that dwell therein.
20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.
21 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
22 Son of Adam, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are postponed, and every vision faieth?
23 Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the fulfilled word of every vision.
24 For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the sons of Israel.
25 For I am the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more delayed: for in your days, O perverse house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord GOD.
26 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
27 Son of Adam, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off.
28 Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; There shall none of My words be delayed any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord GOD.

13 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of Adam, prophesy against the false prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD;
3 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!
4 O Israel, thy prophets are like the jackals in the ruins.
5 Ye have not gone up into the breaches, neither made up the fence of a vineyard for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.
6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that their word would be confirmed.
7 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; albeit I have not spoken?
8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord GOD.
And Mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the secret council of My People, neither shall they be written in the register of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the soil of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

Because, even because they have seduced My People, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and a false prophet built up the outer wall of a house, and, lo, the false prophets coated it with whitewash:

Say unto them which coated it with whitewash, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing rain; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it.

Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the coating wherewith ye have coated it?

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in My fury; and there shall be an overflowing rain in My anger, and great hailstones in My fury to consume it.

So will I break down the outer wall of the house that ye have coated with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and the wind shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Thus will I accomplish My wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have coated it with whitewash, and will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that coated it;

To wit, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see a vision of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord GOD.

Likewise, thou son of Adam, set thy face against the daughters of thy People, which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them,

And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the women that sew together covernings upon all the joints of My hands, and make mantles to cover the heads to ensnare the People! Will ye ensnare the souls of My People, and will ye save the People alive that come unto you?

And will ye pollute Me among My People for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to prophesy falsely that they should be slain, and to promise life to those who should not live, by your lying to My People that hear your lies?

Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against your coverings for purposes of concealment, wherewith ye there hunt the People to make them escape, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the People go, even the People that ye ensnare to make them escape.
EZEKIEL.

14. 11 (D, p. 1097). ELDER.


W 5. Purpose of His answer.

U 6, 7. Sin. Idolaters seeking the Prophet.

V 7–10. Answer of Jehovah.

W 11. Purpose of His answer.

1 Then came certain of the elders of Israel. These are to be distinguished from the elders of Judah (8. 1). They had no knowledge (probably) of what was transpiring in Judaea. They had travelled from Tel-\abir, the elders. See the Structure (p. 1097).

Israel. See 8. 11; 9. 6. In 8. 1 we have Judah’s elders.

2 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

3 Son of man. See note on 2. 1.


idols = manufactured idols.


before their face. Instead of God’s law, according to Dent. 6. 8; 11. 18; and Prov. 8. 11–23.


before = in front of, or right before.

will answer, &c. = have been replied to for him.

how hath come amid (the) multitude of his idols: i.e. he hath answered My claims by classing his idols with Me. The form is *Niphal which in all its three occ. is rendered Passive, except here and v. 7. See Job 11. 2; 19. 7, and Prov. 21. 13.

5 yourselves turn = turn ye.

7 will answer, &c. = and being replied to for him in Myself: i.e. by his comparing his idols with Me. See note on v. 4.


will make him, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Num. 20. 10. Dent. 28. 37). Some codexes, with eight early printed editions, read “will make him desolate, for a sign and a proverb.”


ye shall know, &c. See note on 6. 7.

9 have deceived. Heb. *idolam = have permitted him to be deceived: i.e. as a judicial punishment for his own deception of the People.

I will stretch out, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 5. 20, &c.).

10 they shall bear the punishment, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 29. 38. Lev. 6. 1, 17. Num. 14. 34, &c.).


saith the LORD GOD = is (is) Adonai Jehovah’s oracle.


X 2 | 15. 1–8. Symbolical.

14. 12–23 (XI, above). LITERAL.

(Repeated Alternation).

X 1 | n 1 | 12, 13. Famine.


n 2 | 15. Beasts.

o 2 | 16. The three men.

n 3 | 17. Sword.

o 3 | 18. The three men.

n 4 | 19. Pestilence.


n 5 | 21. The four sore judgments.

o 5 | 22, 23. A remnant.

21 Your wraps also will I tear, and deliver My People out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be ensnared; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

22 Because with lies ye have made the heart of a righteous one sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of a lawless one, that he should not return from his wrong way, by promising him escape from judgment:

23 Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver My People out of your hand: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

14 1 Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

3 Son of Adam, these men have set up their manufactured gods in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their perversity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them?

4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his manufactured gods in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his perversity in front of his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD have been replied to for him; he hath answered My claims by classing his idols with Me.

5 That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from Me through their idols.

6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn ye from your manufactured gods; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

7 For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from Me, and setteth up his manufactured gods in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his perversity in front of his face, and cometh to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me; I the LORD will answer him by Myself:

8 And I will set My face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of My People; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

9 And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have permitted him to be deceived: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

10 And they shall bear the punishment of their perversity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh unto him;

11 That the house of Israel may go no more astray from Me, neither be polluted any more with all their rebellions; but that they may be My People, and I may be their God, saith the Lord GOD.
12 The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,
13 Son of Adam, when a land sinneth against Me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out Mine hand upon it, and will break the staff that is to say the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:

14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own soul by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.

15 If I cause annoying, hurtful beasts to pass through the land, and they spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts:

16 Though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate.

17 Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I send man and beast from it:

18 Though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.

19 Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out My fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast:

20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters: they shall but deliver their own soul by their righteousness.

21 For thus saith the Lord GOD; How much more when I send My four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the annoying, hurtful beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?

22 Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their good way and doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it.

23 And the remnant shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord GOD.

15 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of Adam, What is the vine tree more than any tree, or [What is a vine ] branch which hath come to be among the trees of the forest?

3 Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will men take a peg of it to hang any vessel thereon?

4 Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. Is it meet for any work?

5 Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work: how much less shall it be meet yet for any work, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned?

6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from one fire, and another fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I set My face against them.

And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a great trespass, saith the Lord GOD.

Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of Adam, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,

And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem; Thy excisions and kinships is of the land of Canaan; thy founder was an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite.

And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to cleanse thee; thou wast not rubbed, or washed with salt at all, nor swaddled at all.

None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the loathing of thy soul, in the day that thou wast born.

And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live.

I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou didst increase and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: thy breasts are developed, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou wast naked and bare.

Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread My skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest Mine.

Then washed I thee with water; yea, I throughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil.

I clothed thee also with broidered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk.

I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck.

And I put a jewel in thy nose, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head.

Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and broidered work; thou didst eat all kinds of delicacies, and honey, and oil: and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom.
14 And thy renown went forth among the nations for thy beauty: for it was perfect through My comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD.

15 But thou didst confide in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy idolatrous acts on every one that passed by; his it was.

16 And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places with divers colours, and playedst the harlot thereupon: saying the curses come not, and the threatened judgment will not be.

17 Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of My gold and of My silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of the male, and didst commit idolatry with them,

18 And tookest thy broidered garments, and coveredst these images: and thou hast set Mine oil and Mine incense before these images.

19 My food also which I gave thee, all kinds of delicacies, and oil, and honey, wherewith I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for a sweet savour: and so it became, saith the Lord GOD.

20 Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto Me, and these hast thou sacrificed [as offerings to idols] unto them to be devoured. Is this of thy idolatries a small matter,

21 That thou hast slain My sons, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?

22 And in all thine abominations and thy idolatries thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast wallowing in thy blood.

23 And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, *woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord GOD;

24 That thou hast also built unto thee an idol's temple, and hast made thee an high place in every street.

25 Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy idolatries.

26 Thou hast also committed idolatrous acts with the Egyptians thy neighbours, lustful of flesh; and hast increased thy idolatrous acts, to provoke Me to anger.

27 Behold, therefore I have stretched out My hand against thee, and have diminished thine allowance, and delivered thee unto the desire of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of thy lewd way.

28 Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldst not be satisfied.

29 Thou hast moreover multiplied thy idolatrous acts in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

30 How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an headstrong whorish wife;
31 In that thou buildest thine idol's temple in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scorcest ° hire;

32 Thou hast been a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband!

33 They give fees to all whores: but thou givest thy presents to all thy lovers, and briestest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy idolatries.

34 And the contrary is in thee from other women in thy idolatries, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou givest a hire, and no hire is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

35 Wherefore, O idolress, hear the word of the LORD:

36 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thy ° filthiness [the money of the brothel] was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy idolatries with thy lovers, and with all the manufactured gods of thy ° abominations, even as the blood of thy sons, which thou didst give unto them;

37 Behold, therefore I will gather out all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all them that thou hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated; I will even gather out them round about against thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto these images, that they may see all thy nakedness.

38 And I will judge thee, with the judgment meted out to women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy.

39 And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine idol's temple, and shall break down thy high places: they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare.

40 They shall also bring up a military host against thee, and they shall stone thee with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many idolatrous cities: and I will make My fury toward thee to rest, and My jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be no more angry.

41 And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many idolatrous cities: and I will cause thee to cease from ° playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no ° hire any more.

42 So will I make My fury toward thee to rest, and My jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.

43 Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast enraged Me in all these things; ° behold, therefore I also will recompense thy way upon thine head, saith the Lord GOD: and I will not allow this greatest evil by suffering it to go unpunished, and thus conniving at it (referring to Lev. 19. 29). Ap. 92.

44 ° Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this derisive proverb against thee, saying, As is her mother.

45 Thou art thy mother's daughter, that loathed her husband and her sons; and thou art the sister of thy sisters, which loathed their husbands and their sons: your ° mother was an Hittite, and your father an Amorite.

46 And thy greater sister is Samaria, she and her ° daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and thy lesser sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sodom and her ° daughters.
47 Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations: but, *quickly*, thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways.

48 *As I live*, saith the Lord GOD, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her *daughters*, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters.

49 *Behold, this came to be* the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and *luxurious* idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

50 And they were haughty, and committed abomination before Me: therefore I took them away *according to what I saw* ...

51 Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy *sins*; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than *Samaria and Sodom*, and hast justified thy sisters in all thine *abominations* which thou hast done.

52 Thou also, which hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they: they *will prove* more righteous than thou: yea, be thou confounded also, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters [Samaria and Sodom].

53 *When therefore I shall restore them prosperity*, the captivity of *Sodom* and her *daughters*, and the captivity of Samaria and her *daughters*, then *will I bring again* the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them:

54 That thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them.

55 When thy sisters, *Sodom* and her *daughters*, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate.

56 For thy sister *Sodom* was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy pride,

57 Before thy *wickedness* was *as* at the time of *thy reproach of the daughters of Syria*, and all *that are* round about her, the daughters of the Philistines, which despise thee round about.

58 Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith the Lord.

59 *For thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even deal with thee according to what thou hast done*, which hast despised the *oath* in breaking the covenant.

60 Nevertheless *I will remember My covenant* with thee in the days of thy youth, and *I will establish unto thee* an *everlasting covenant*. 
Then thou shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy younger: and I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not by thy covenant.

And I will establish My covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD:

That thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I have accepted a propitiatory covering for thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord GOD.

And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Son of Adam, put forth a riddle [enigma], and speak a parable unto the house of Israel;

And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; A great eagle [the king of Babylon] with great wings, long-pinioned, full of plumage, which had divers colours, came unto Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar [Jehoiachin];

He cropped off the topmost of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffic [Babylon]; he set it in a city of merchants.

He took also of the seed of the land [Zedekiah], and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed it by great waters, and set it as a willow tree.

And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and, behold, this vine did bend her roots toward him, and shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it [from the Nile] by the furrows of her plantation.

It was planted in a good field by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.

Say thou, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Shall it prosper? shall He not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it wither? it shall wither in all the leaves of her sproutings, even without great power or many people to pluck it up by the roots thereof.

Yea, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? shall the vine not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? the vine shall wither in the furrows where it grew.

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

Say now to the house of rebellion, Know ye not what these things mean? tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem, and hath taken the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and led them with him to Babylon;
And hath taken of the king's seed, and made a covenant with him, and hath taken an oath of him: he hath also taken the mighty of the land:

That the kingdom might be low, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping of his covenant it might stand.

But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much People. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such things? or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered?

As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely in the place where the king dwelleth that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake, even with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die.

Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great gathered force help him in the war, by casting up mounts, and building forts, to cut off many souls:

Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had made a covenant, and hath done all these things, he shall not escape.

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; As I live, surely Mine oath that he hath despised, and My covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head.

And I will spread My net upon him, and he shall be taken in My snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will reckon with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against Me.

And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward all winds: and ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken it.

Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender One, and will plant it upon an high mountain and eminent:

In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall exalt its branch, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell.

And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: If the LORD have spoken and have done it.

And the word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,

What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the soil of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the sons' teeth are set on edge?
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3 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.

4 Behold, all souls [persons] are Mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is Mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

5 But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, and hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes [for worship] to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman,

7 And hath not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;

8 He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from trickery, hath executed true judgment between man and man,

9 Hath walked in My statutes, and hath kept My judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord GOD.

10 If he beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and that doeth the like to any one of these things,

11 And that doeth not any of those duties, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's wife,

12 Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination,

13 Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; his blood shall be upon him.

14 Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like,

15 That hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, and hath not defiled his neighbour's wife,

16 Neither hath oppressed any, hath not withholden the pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment,

17 That hath taken off his hand from the oppressed, that hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed My judgments, hath walked in My statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

18 As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did that which is not good among his peoples, lo, even he shall die in his iniquity.

19 Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all My statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live.

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But if a lawless one will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all My statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, and not die.

All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be remembered against him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.

Have I any pleasure at all that the lawless should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his way, and live?

But when a righteous one turneth away from his righteousness, and comitteth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that a lawless one doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be remembered: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not My way equal? are not your ways equal?

When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth trickery, and dieth in them; for his trickery that he hath done shall he die.

Again, when a lawless one turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not My ways equal? are not your ways unequal?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

Cast away from you all your transgressions, which ye have committed against Me; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

Moreover take thou up a lamentation for the prince of Judah,

And say, What is thy mother? A lioness: she lay down among lions, she nourished her whelps among young lions.

And she brought up one of her whelps: it became a young lion, and it learned to rend the prey; it devoured men.

The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they [Pharaoh-necho] brought him with chains unto the land of Egypt.
5 Now when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, and made him a young lion.
6 And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, and devoured men.
7 And he knew carnally their desolate palaces, and he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fulness thereof, by the noise of his roaring.
8 Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him: he was taken in their pit.
9 And they put him in a cage with hoops, and brought him to the king of Babylon: they brought him into holds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel.
10 Thy mother is like a vine in thy vineyard, planted by the waters: she was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters.
11 And she had strong rods for the sceptres of them that bare rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.
12 But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them.
13 And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground.
14 And fire is gone out of the rod of her branches, which hath devoured her fruit, so that she hath no strong rod to be a sceptre to rule. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

20 And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me.

1 Then came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,
2 Son of Adam, speak unto the elders of Israel in the captivity, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Are ye come to inquire of Me? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you.

4 Wilt thou judge them, son of Adam, wilt thou judge them? cause them to know the abominations of their fathers:
5 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up Mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made Myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up Mine hand unto them, saying, I am the LORD your God;
6 In that day that I lifted up Mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had spied out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the gazelle [beauty] of all lands:

9 in ward in chains - in a cage with hooks (or hoops), as lions are represented on the monuments. See 2 Chron. 36, 7-7, and Jer. 22, 13-19.
10 Thy mother. Another Simile. See the Structure W, p. 1150.
11 in thy blood: or, in thy vineyard (acc. to Dr. C. D. Ginsburg).
13 now, &c. Referring to Jeconiah and Ezekiel's own days (1, 5; and 2 Kings 24, 13-16).
14 of a rod: or, of the rod: i.e. Zechariah, who by his prerogary brought about the destruction of Jerusalem by fire.
Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the manufactured gods of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

But they rebelled against Me, and would not hearken unto Me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the manufactured gods of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out My fury upon them to accomplish My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

But I wrought for My name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the nations, among whom they were, in whose sight I made Myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. And I gave them My statutes, and shewed them My judgments, which if a man do them, he shall even live in them. Moreover also I gave them My sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness: they walked not in My statutes, and they despised My judgments, which if a man do them, he shall even live in them; and My sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out My fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. But I wrought for My name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the nations, in whose sight I brought them out. Yet also I lifted up My hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given to them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands; Because they despised My judgments, and walked not in My statutes, but polluted My sabbaths: for their heart went after their manufactured gods.

Nevertheless Mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

But I said unto their sons in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their manufactured gods:

I am the LORD your God; walk in My statutes, and keep My judgments, and do them:

And hallow My sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.

Notwithstanding the sons rebelled against Me: they walked not in My statutes, neither kept My judgments to do them, which if a man do them, he shall even live in them; they polluted My sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out My fury upon them, to accomplish My anger against them in the wilderness.

Nevertheless I withdrew Mine hand, and wrought for My name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them forth.

I lifted up Mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the nations, and disperse them through the countries.
24 Because they had not executed My judgments, but had despised My statutes, and had polluted My sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.
25 Wherefore "I suffered others to give them statutes [in their captivity], and judgments whereby they should not live;
26 And "I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass over the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am the LORD.
27 Therefore, son of Adam, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed Me, in that they have committed a great trespass against Me.
28 For when I had brought them into the land, for the which I lifted up Mine hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering: there also they made their sweet savour, and poured out there their drink offerings.
29 Then I said unto them, What is the high place whereunto ye go? And the name thereof is called Bamah unto this day.
30 Wherefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye whoredom after their abominations?
31 For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons and your daughters to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your manufactured gods, even unto this day: and shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you.
32 And that which cometh into your spirit shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.
33 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I become king over you:
34 And I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.
35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there will I plead with you face to face.
36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD.
37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the binding obligation of the covenant:
38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against Me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter on the soil of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.
39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; Go ye, serve ye every man his idols, and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto Me: yet pollute ye My holy name no more with your gifts, and with your manufactured gods.
40 For in Mine holy mountain, in the mountain of Moriah and Zion of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve Me: there will I accept them, and there will I seek your heave offerings, and the firstfruit gifts of your oblations, with all your holy things.

41 I will accept you with your sweet savour, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen.

42 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you on the soil of Israel, into the country for the which I lifted up Mine hand to give it to your fathers.

43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed.

44 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have wrought with you for My name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

45 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

46 Son of Adam, set thy face toward the south [the Negeb], and drop thy word toward the south, and prophesy unto the forest of the south field [Judah and Jerusalem];

47 And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein.

48 And all people, every one shall see that I the LORD have kindled it: it shall not be quenched.

49 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?

21 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of Adam, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and drop thy word toward the holy places, and prophesy against the soil of Israel,

3 And say to the soil of Israel, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I am against thee, and will draw forth My sword out of his sheath, and will cut off from thee a righteous one and a lawless one.

4 Seeing then that I will cut off from thee a righteous one and a lawless one, therefore shall My sword go forth out of his sheath against all flesh from the south to the north:

5 That all flesh may know that I the LORD have drawn forth My sword out of his sheath: it shall not return any more [until it has executed its mission].
6 Sigh therefore, thou son of Adam, with the breaking of thy loins; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes.

7 And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore seighest thou? that thou shalt answer, For the tidings; because it cometh: and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak as water: 'behold, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord GOD.

8 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 Son of Adam, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD; Say, a great sword is sharpened, and also furbished:

10 It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter; it is furbished that it may flash as lightning: should we flourish the sceptre of My son Judah? Jehovah's sword despiseth the wooden sceptre of My son Judah, as it despiseth every tree.

11 And He hath give it to be furbished, that it may be handled: this sword is sharpened, and it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slayer [the king of Babylon].

12 Cry and howl, son of Adam: for the sword of Jehovah, the king of Babylon shall come upon My people, it shall be upon all the leaders of Israel: who shall be delivered to the sword with My people: smite therefore upon thy thigh.

13 Because Jehovah's sword has been proved, and what will happen or be the result if Jehovah's sword shall not despise the wooden sceptre? it will not despise it, saith the Lord GOD.

14 Thou therefore, son of Adam, prophesy, and smite thine hands together, and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain, it is the sword of the great men that are slain, which entereth into their privy chambers.

15 I have set the point of the sword against all their gates, that their heart may faint, and the overthrown be multiplied: ah! it is made bright as lightning, it is sharp for the slaughter.

16 Go, thou sword of the living, and smite Mine hands together, and I will cause My fury to rest: I the Lord have said it.

17 The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,

18 Also, thou son of Adam, appoint thee two ways, for the sword of the king of Babylon to come: the two ways shall come forth out of one land: and set up a sign post, choose it at the head of the way to the city.

19 Appoint a way, that the sword may come to Rabbath of the Ammonites, and to Judah in Jerusalem the defenced.

20 For the king of Babylon hath come to a stand at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to divine a divination: he hath shaken his arrows, he consulted with teraphim, he inspected the liver.
22 At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to set up battering-rams, to open a hole by a breach, to lift up the voice with a war-shout, to appoint battering rams against the gates, to cast a mount, and to build a siege wall.

23 And it shall be unto them [Zedekiah and the rulers in Jerusalem] as a false divination in their sight, to sworn oaths: but he will call to remembrance the treachery, that they may be taken.

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have made your treachery to be remembered, in that your great rebellion are discovered, so that in all your doings your great sins do appear; because, I say, that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be made captives.

25 And thou, pierced through lawless prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end,

26 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not endure: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high.

27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until He come (Gen. 49.10). Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 49.10). Ap. 92. See Isa. 9.6; 7.42. Jer. 23.5; 53.17. Zech. 6.12; 13.1, &c.

28 their reproach, or their hatred. See Jer. 49.1, Zeph. 9.8. to consume = that when it beginneth it may flash like lightning. the wicked = wicked ones (pl.). their. Refer to “them” (v. 22).


1 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

2 son of man. See note on 2.1. judge = pronounce judgment on. See 20.4; 20.34. bloody city = city of bloods; bloods (pl. of Majesty) = much blood. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for great bloodshed: referring to those put to death for the truth’s sake by the wicked rulers. See in 1.3, 4, 6, 12, 27. abominations = idolatries.

3 the Lord GOD. Heb. Adonai Jehovah. See note on 2.4. idols = manufactured gods.

4 days. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for the judgment inflicted in them. come even unto. Some codices, with four early printed editions (one Rabbinito in marg.), Aram., Sept., and Syr., read this “and” in the text.

22 appoint captains = set up battering-rams. Cp. 4. 2.

22 mouth in the slaughter = a hole by a breach. shouting = a war-shout. and. Some codices, with four early printed editions (one Rabbinito in marg.), Aram., Sept., and Syr., read this “and” in the text.

22 them: i.e. Zedekiah and the rulers in Jerusalem. sworn oaths. Referring to Zedekiah’s treacherous breach of faith with the king of Babylon. See 17. 11-41.


22 profane = pierced through: i.e. deadly wounded one. Zedekiah a type of the future Antichrist. Cp. Rev. 13.3

27 overturn, &c. Fig. Epizeuxis (Ap. 6), for great emphasis.


28 their reproach. Brought against Jerusalem. See Jer. 49.1, Zeph. 9.8.

29 that when it beginneth it may flash like lightning. 29 the wicked = wicked ones (pl.).


30 Shall I cause it to return into his sheath? I will judge thee in the place where thou wast created, in the land of thy nativity.

31 And I will pour out Mine indignation upon thee, I will blow against thee in the fire of My wrath, and deliver thee into the hand of brutish men, and skilful to destroy.

32 Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shalt be no more remembered: for I the LORD have spoken it.

22 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Now, thou son of Adam, wilt thou pronounce judgment on, wilt thou judge the city of bloods? yea, thou shalt shew her all her idolatries.

3 Then say thou, Thus saith the Lord GOD, The city sheddeth blood in the midst of it, that her time may come, and maketh manufactured gods against herself to defile herself.

4 Thou art become guilty in thy bloods that thou hast shed; and hast defiled thyself in thine manufactured gods which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days of judgment to draw near, and hast entered the time of thy years: therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the nations, and a mocking to all countries.

5 Those cities that be near, and those that be far from thee, shall mock thee, which art infamous and full of confusion.
6 *Behold, the leaders* of Israel, every one were in the *according to their* power to shed blood.

7 In thee have they *set light by father and mother*: in the midst of thee have they *dealt by oppression with the stranger*: in thee have they *vexed the fatherless and the widow*.

8 Thou hast despised Mine *holy things*, and hast *profaned* My sabbaths.

9 In thee are men that *carry tales to shed blood*: and in thee they eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they commit lewdness.

10 In thee have they *discovered their fathers' nakedness*: in thee have they humbled her that was *set apart for pollution*.

11 And one hath *committed abomination with his neighbour's wife*: and another hath *lewdly defiled his daughter in law*: and another in thee hath *humbled his sister*, his father's daughter.

12 In thee have they *taken gifts to shed blood*: thou hast *taken usury and increase*, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and *hast forgotten me*, saith the Lord God.

13 Behold, therefore *I have smitten* Mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee.

14 Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? *I the LORD* *have spoken it*, and will do it.

15 And *I will scatter thee among the heathen*, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee.

16 And thou **shall be profaned on thine own account** in the *sight of the nations*, and thou shalt know that **I am** the Lord.

17 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

18 **Son of man**, the house of Israel is to **Me become dross**: all they are *copper*, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are even the *dross of silver*.

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye are all become dross, *behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem*.

20 As they gather silver, and *copper*, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in Mine anger and in My fury, and *I will leave you there*, and melt you.

21 Yea, *I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of My wrath*, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.

22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the Lord have poured out My fury upon you.

23 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

24 **Son of Adam**, say unto her, Thou **art** the land that is not to be rained upon, nor to receive fruitful showers in the day of indignation.
25. There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.
26. Her priests have violated My law, and have profaned Mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from My sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27. Her leaders in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.
28. And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.

29. And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.
30. Therefore have I poured out Mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

23. 1-49 (F, p. 1104). JERUSALEM. (TWO SISTERS.) (Introversion.)

2. Son of Adam, there were two women, the daughters of one mother:
3. And they committed idolatries in Egypt; they committed idolatries in their youth: there were their breasts handled, and there they squeezed the teats of their virginity.
4. And the names of them were Aholah (she has her own tent) the elder, and Aholibah (my tent is in her) her sister: and they were Mine, and they bare sons and daughters. Thus were their names; Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah.
5. And Aholah played the harlot when she was Mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians her neighbours,
6. Which were clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses.
7. Thus she committed her idolatries with them, with all them that were the choice of Asshur's sons, and with all on whom she doted: with all their idols she defiled herself.
8. Neither left she her idolatries brought from Egypt: for in her youth they lay with her, and they squeezed the breasts of her virginity, and poured their idolatries upon her.
9. Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted.
13 Then I saw that she was defiled, that they took both one way,
14 And that she increased her idolatries: for when she saw men
pourtrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans
pourtrayed with vermilion,
15 Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire
upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner
of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity:
16 And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon
them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea.
17 And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and
they defiled her with their idolatries, and she was polluted with
them, and her soul was alienated from them.
18 So she discovered her idolatries, and discovered her
nakedness: then My mind was alienated from her, according
as My mind was alienated from her sister.
19 Yet she multiplied her idolatries, in calling to remembrance
the days of her youth, wherein she had played the harlot in the
land of Egypt.
20 For she doted upon their paramours, whose flesh is as the
flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses.
21 Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy
youth, in handling thy teats by the Egyptians for the paps of
thy youth.
22 There, O Aholibah, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I
will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy soul is
alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side;
23 The Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, and
Shoa, and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them: all of them
desirable young men, captains and rulers, great lords and
renowned, all of them riding upon horses.
24 And they shall come against thee with chariots, chariots,
and wheels, and with a gathered host of peoples, which shall
set against thee buckler and shield and helmet round about:
and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge thee
according to their judgments.
25 And I will set My jealousy against thee, and they shall deal
furiously with thee: they shall take away thy nose and thine
26 They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away
thy fair jewels.

27 Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy idolatries brought from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more.
28 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand of them whom thou hatest, into the hand of them from whom thy soul is alienated:
29 And they shall deal with thee hatefully, and shall take away all thy labour, and shall leave thee naked and bare: and the nakedness of thy idolatries shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy idolatries.
30 I will do these things unto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the nations, and because thou art polluted with their manufactured gods.
31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into thine hand
Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it containeth much.

Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria.

Thou shalt even drink it and suck it out, and thou shalt gnaw the shers thereof, and tear out thine own breasts: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast forgotten Me, and cast Me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

The LORD said moreover unto me; Son of man, wilt thou judge Aholah and Aholibah? yea, declare unto them their abominations;

That they have committed idolatry, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed idolatry, and have also set apart their sons, whom they bare unto Me, to pass for them through the fire, to devour them.

Moreover this they have done unto Me: they have defiled My sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned My sabbaths.

For when they had slain their sons to their manufactured gods, then they came the same day into My sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of Mine house.

And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments, And satest upon a stately bed, and a table prepared before it, whereupon thou hast set Mine incense and Mine oil.

And a voice of a careless throng being at ease was in her [Jerusalem]: and with the men out of the mass of mankind were brought drunkards [Sabeans] from the wilderness, which put bracelets upon their hands, and beautiful crowns upon their heads.

Then said I unto her that was old in idolatries, Will they now commit idolatries with her, even hers with them?

Yet came they in unto her, as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot: so went they in unto Aholah and unto Aholibah, the lewd women.

And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands.

For thus saith the Lord GOD; I will bring up a gathered host upon them, and will give them to be removed and spoiled.

And the gathered host shall stone them with stones, and dispatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.

Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.

And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your manufactured gods: and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD.
24.1 Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of Adam, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day.

3 And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Set on a caldron, set it on, and also pour water into it:

4 Gather the pieces thereof into it, even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones.

5 Take the choice of the flock, and pile up also the wood under it, and make it boil well, and let them seethe the bones of it therein.

6 Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the city of bloods, to the caldron whose verdigris [rust] is therein, and whose verdigris is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall up on it.

7 For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the top of a rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust;

8 That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance; I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered.

9 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the city of bloods! I will even make the pile for fire great.

10 Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and boil it down till only the bones are left, and let the bones be burned.

11 Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the copper of it may be scorched, and may burn, and that the filthiness of it may be molten in it, that the verdigris of it may be consumed.

12 She hath wearied herself with lies, and her great verdigris went not forth out of her; her scum shall be in the fire.

13 In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused My fury to rest upon thee.

14 I the LORD have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord GOD.

15 Also the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

16 Son of Adam, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a plague: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down.

17 Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thy lips, and eat not the food brought to the house of mourners.

18 So I spake unto the People in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning according as I was commanded.

19 And the People said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so?

20 Then I answered them, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
21 Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will profane My sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the ‘desire of your eyes, and that which your ‘soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left behind shall fall by the sword.

22 And ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover your lips, nor eat the food brought to the house of mourners.

23 And your tires shall be upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet: ‘ye shall not moan nor weep; but ye shall pine away for your iniquities, and moan one toward another.

24 Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

25 Also, thou son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the delight of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their souls, their sons and their daughters,

26 That he that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears?

27 In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of Adam, set thy face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them;

3 And say unto the ‘Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou saidst, Aha, against My sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the soil of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity.

4 ‘Behold, therefore I will deliver thee to the sons of the east [the Babylonians] for a possession, and they shall set their encampments in thee, and make their dwellings in thee: they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk.

5 And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the Ammonites a couchingplace for flocks: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

6 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast clapped thine hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in ‘heart with all thy despite against the soil of Israel.

7 ‘Behold, therefore I will stretch out Mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the nations; and I will cut thee off from the peoples, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.
10 Unto the sons of the east with the Ammonites, and will give them in possession, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations.
11 And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I am the LORD.
12 Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them;
13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: I will also stretch out Mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.
14 And I will lay My vengeance upon Edom "by the hand of My People Israel: and they shall do in Edom according to Mine anger and according to My fury; and they shall know My vengeance, saith the Lord GOD.
15 Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart, to destroy it for the old hatred;
16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I will stretch out Mine hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethims, and destroy the remnant of the sea coast.
17 And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall lay My great vengeance upon them.

26 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of Adam, because that Tyr[e, the city] hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken that was the gates of the peoples: she is turned unto me: I shall be replenished, now she is laid waste:
3 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against thee, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up.
4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like a bare rock.
5 It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD: and it shall become a spoil to the nations.
6 And her daughter cities and towns inland shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I am the LORD.
7 For thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and a gathered host, and much people.
8 He shall slay with the sword thy daughter cities and inland towns: and he shall make a fort against thee, and cast a mount against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee.
9 And he shall set battering rams against thy walls, and with his weapons he shall break down thy towers.
10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach.
11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong pillars shall go down to the ground.
12 And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy dust in the midst of the water.
13 And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.
14 And I will make thee like a bare rock: thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more: for I the LORD have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.
15 Thus saith the Lord GOD to Tyre; Shall not the coastlands shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in the midst of thee?
16 Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and put off their brocaded garments: they shall clothe themselves with a great trembling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble at every moment, and be astonished at thee.
17 And they shall raise a dirge for thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, that was an abode from the seas, the renowned city, which wast strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which cause their terror to be on all that haunt it!
18 Now shall the coastlands tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the coastlands that are in the sea shall be troubled at thy departure.
19 For thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters shall cover thee;
20 When I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I shall set glory in the land of the living;
21 I will make thee a terror, and thou shalt be no more: though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord GOD.

27. The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,
2 Now, thou son of Adam, take up a lamentation for Tyre;
3 And say unto Tyrus, O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, which art a merchant of the peoples for many maritime lands, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O Tyre, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty.
4 Thy borders are in the midst of the seas, thy sons have perfected thy beauty.
5 They have made all thy planks of cypress trees of Mount Hermon: they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee.
6 Of the oaks of Bashan have they made thine oars; a branch of the Ashurites have made thy benches of ivory, brought out of the isles of Chittim [Cyprus].

7 Fine linen with brodered work from Egypt was that which thou spreadest forth to be thy sail; blue and purple from the isles of Elishah was that which covered thee.

8 The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were thy rowers: thy wise men, O Tyrus, they were in thee, were thy pilots.

9 The elders of Gebal and the wise men thereof were in thee thy calkers: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to trade thy merchandise.

10 They of Persia and of Lud and of Phut were in thine army, thy men of war: they hanged the shield and helmet in thee; they set forth thy comeliness.

11 The sons of Arvad were thy merchants beneath thy walls round about, and the valiant men were in thy towers: they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about; they have made thy beauty perfect.

12 Tarshish was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all kind of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs.

13 Ionia, Tubal, and Meshech, they were thy merchants: they traded the souls of mankind and vessels of brass in thy market.

14 They of the descendants of Togarmah traded in thy fairs with horses and horsemen and mules.

15 The sons of Dedan were thy merchants; many maritime lands were the merchandise of thine hand: they brought thee for a present horns of ivory and ebony.

16 Syria was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of the wares of thy making: they traded in thy market wheat of Minnith, and Pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm.

17 Judah, and the land of Israel, they were thy merchants: they traded in thy market wheat of Minnith, and Pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm.

18 Damascus was thy merchant in the multitude of the wares of thy making, for the multitude of all riches; in the wine of Helbon, and white wool.

19 Dan also and Javan going to and fro from Uzal traded in thy fairs: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were in thy market.

20 Dedan was thy merchant in precious clothes for chariots.

21 Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they were thy merchants: they traded in thy market, in lambs, and rams, and goats: in these were they thy merchants.

22 The merchants of Sheba and Raamah, they were thy merchants: they traded in thy fairs with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold.

23 Harran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Assyria, and Kalwadh, near Baghdad, were thy merchants.
24 These were thy merchants in all sorts of things, in blue clothes, and brodered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar, among thy merchandise.

25 The ships of 12Tarshish did sing of thee in thy market: and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in the midst of the seas.

26 Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas.

27 Thy riches, and thy 12fairs, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and the traders of thy merchandise, and all thy men of war, that are in thee, and ... all thy gathered host which is in the midst of thee, shall fall into the midst of the seas in the day of thy ruin.

28 The suburbs shall shake at the sound of the cry of thy pilots.

29 And all that handle the oar, the mariners, and all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships, they shall stand upon the land;

30 And shall cause their voice to be heard against thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes:

31 And they shall make themselves utterly bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee with bitterness of soul and bitter wailing.

32 And in their wailing their sons shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, saying, What city is like Tyre, like the silent one in the midst of the sea?

33 When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledest many peoples; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise.

34 Now thou art wrecked by the seas in the depths of the waters thy merchandise and all thy gathered host in the midst of thee shall fall.

35 All the inhabitants of the maritime lands shall be astonished at thee, and their kings shall be sore afraid, they shall be troubled in their countenances.

36 The merchants among the people shall hiss at thee; thou shalt be a terror, and never shall be for ever.

28 The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of Adam, say unto the prince of Tyre [the city], Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the heart of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:

3 Behold, thou art wiser [in thine own eyes] than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee:

4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:
5 By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches:
6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God;
7 Behold, therefore I will bring foreigners upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall profane thy splendour.
8 They shall bring thee down to the pit [corruption], and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are wounded in the heart of the seas.
9 Wilt thou yet say before Him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou art a man, and no GOD, in the hand of Him that wounded thee.
10 Thou shalt come to the miserable end of the ungodly by the hand of foreigners: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.
11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
12 Son of Adam, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou art the finished pattern, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.
13 Thou wast in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy drums and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.
14 Thou wast the anointed cherub that covereth; when I appointed thee thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou didst walk to and fro in the midst of the stones of fire.
15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till perversity was found in thee.
16 By the multitude of thy traffic they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou didst sin: therefore I cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou didst corrupt thy wisdom by reason of thy splendour: I did cast thee to the earth, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.
18 Thou didst defile thy sanctuary by the abounding of thine iniquity, by the perversity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.
19 All they that know thee among the peoples shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt become a terror, and never shalt thou be any more [for ever].
20 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
21 Son of Adam, set thy face against Zidon, and prophesy against it,
22 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; behold, I am against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.

23 For I will send into her pestilence, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall be judged in the midst of her by the sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

24 And there shall be no more a prickling brier unto the house of Israel, nor any grieving thorn of all that are round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

25 Thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then shall they dwell on their soil that I have given to My servant Jacob.

26 And they shall dwell with confidence therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am the Lord their God.

29 In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of Adam, set thy face against Pharaoh [Hophra] king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt:

3 Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great crocodile that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, the Nile is mine own, and I have made it for myself.

4 But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales.

5 And I will leave thee thrown into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the open fields; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered: I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven.

6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the Lord, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.

7 (When they took hold of thee by thy hand, thou didst break, and rend all their shoulder: and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest, and madest all their loins to come to a halt).

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee.

29 a prickling brier. Ref to Pent. (Num. 33. 66).


29. 8 sanctified. Cp. u. 22; 36, 23; 55. Is. 5. 16; heathen= nations.

then shall, &c. Cp. 88. 28; 87. 25. Jer. 28. 8; 27. 11, in their land—in their soil. given, &c. See Gen. 29. 17; and cp. note on Gen. 50. 24.


29. 1–32. 32 (F, p. 1140). EGYPT. (Alternation.)

29. 1—30. 26 (X, above). DESTRUCTION. (Alternation.)

29. 1–8 (A, above). EGYPT. PHARAOH. (Extended Alternation.)

1 In the tenth year, &c.; i.e. a year and two days after the siege of Jerusalem began (Jer. 39. 1), and six months, less three days, before its fall. See notes on p. 1160. the Lord. Heb. Jehovah. 4. II. 2 Son of man. See note on 2. 1.

Pharaoh. Namely, Pharaoh Hophra, called Apries by the Greeks. Cp. Jer. 44. 30. He besieged and captured Gaza (Jer. 47. 1); attacked Zidon and encountered the prince of Tyre on the sea (Herodotus, ii. 161; cp. 2 Kings 24. 7. Jer. 46. 8); and said, “no god could deprive him of his kingdom” (Herodotus, ii. 169). Zedekiah relied on him. See Jer. 37. 5–8. Egypt was thus the cause of Jerusalem’s destruction. See Jer. 44. 30; and cp. Jer. 46. 25, 26.

3 the Lord GOD. Heb. Adonai Jehovah. See note on 2. 4.

Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6. the great dragon—the great crocodile, to which Egypt was likened on Roman coins. Cp. Isa. 51. 9, where “Rahab” is used of Egypt (Isa. 80. 7). My river—the Nile. they have made it. Referring probably to the artificial system of canals and water-ways.

4 fish. Symbols of Pharaoh’s subjects.

5 shall know. See note on 6. 7, a staff of reed. This was by inciting Israel to resist and rebel against Assyria by promises of help which failed. See 2 Kings 18. 21. Isa. 20. 5, 6; 30. 6, 7; 31. 2. Jer. 2. 50; 37. 7.

6 the house of Israel. See note on Ex. 16. 31.
9 And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they *shall know that I am the LORD: because he hath said, The river is mine, and I have made it.
10 *Behold, therefore I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from Migdol to °Synene even unto the border of Ethiopia.
11 No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years.
12 And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.
13 Yet thus saith the Lord GOD; At the end of forty years °will I gather the Egyptians from the peoples whither they were scattered:
14 And I will turn the fortunes [of] °the Egyptian captives, and will cause them to return into the land of °Pathros [Southern Egypt], into the land of their nativity; and they shall be there a low kingdom.
15 It shall be the lowest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations.
16 And it shall be no more the confidence of °the house of Israel, which bringeth their iniquity to remembrance, when they shall look after them: but they °shall know that I am the Lord GOD.
17 And it came to pass in °the seven and twentieth year, in the first month, in the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,
18 Son of Adam, °Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon °caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every °head was made bald, and every °shoulder was peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it:
19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; °Behold, °I will give the land of Egypt unto °Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and °it shall be the wages for his army.
20 °I have given him the land of Egypt for his labour wherewith he served against it, because they wrought for Me, saith the Lord GOD.
21 In that day will °I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and °I will give thee the opening of the mouth °in the midst of them; and they °shall know that I am the LORD.

The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,
5 Ethiopia, and Libya [Phut], and Lydia [Lud], and all the mixed multitude, and Chub, and the men of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

6 Thus saith the LORD; They also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: from Migdol to Syene shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord GOD.

7 And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are wasted.

8 And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and when all her helpers shall be destroyed.

9 In that day shall messengers go forth from before Me in ships [going up the Nile] to make the careless Ethiopians afraid, and great pain shall come upon them, in the day of Egypt: for, "lo, it cometh.

10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.

11 He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land: and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain.

12 And I will make the rivers dry, and walk the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the land waste, and all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I the LORD have spoken it.

13 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also destroy the manufactured gods, and I will cause their things of nought to cease out of Memphis; and there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt.

14 And I will make Southern Egypt desolate, and will set fire in Tanis, and will execute judgments in No Ammon.

15 And I will pour My fury upon Pelusium, in the Egyptian delta, the strength of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No. And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put My sword in his hand: but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded man.

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; 'Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.

22 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

23 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put My sword in his hand: but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded man.
25 But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall put My sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.

26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them among the countries; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

31 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of Adam, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou like in thy greatness?

3 Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing foliage, and of an high stature; and his top was among the thick boughs.

4 The waters made him great, the deep set him up on high with her rivers running round about his plants, and sent out her little rivers unto all the trees of the field.

5 Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when he shot forth.

6 All the fowls of heaven made their nests in his arms, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations.

7 Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches: for his root was by great waters.

8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his arms, and the chestnut trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.

9 I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied him.

10 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height;

11 I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the nations; he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out according to his lawlessness.

12 And foreigners, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the torrents of the land; and all the people of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him.

13 Upon his ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches:

14 To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the sons of men, with them that go down to the pit.
15 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day when he went down to the grave [Sheol] I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him.

16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I caused him to descend to Sheol with them that descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth.

17 They also went down into hell with him unto them that be slain with the sword; and his seed, that dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the nations.

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

32 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of Adam, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou hast been likened to a young lion of the nations, yet art thou as a crocodile in the branches of the Nile: and thou camest forth with thy ravines, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers.

3 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will therefore spread out My net over thee with a gathered host of mighty peoples; and they shall bring thee up in My net.

4 Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will satisfy the beasts of the whole earth with thee.

5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy high heap [of thy slain].

6 I will also water with thy blood the land of thy overflowing, even to the mountains; and the ravines shall be full of thee.

7 And when I shall extinguish thee, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

8 All the light-bearers of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD.

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

10 Yea, I will make many peoples amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish My sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own soul, in the day of thy fall.

11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee.

12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall, the terrible of the nations, all of them: and they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.
13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside the great waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them.
14 Then will I make their waters subside, and cause their rivers to run like oil, saith the Lord GOD.
15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, and the country shall be destitute of that whereof it was full, when I shall smite all them that dwell therein, then shall they know that I am the LORD.
16 This is the lamentation wherewith they shall lament her: the daughters of the nations shall lament her: they shall lament for her, even for Egypt, and for all her multitude, saith the Lord GOD.
17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the twelfth month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
18 Son of Adam, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and declare by the dirge that they shall descend, even her, and the daughters of the famous nations, unto the lower parts of the earth, with them that go down into a grave dug in the earth.
19 Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised.
20 They shall fall in the midst of them that are slain by the sword: she is delivered to the sword; drag her away to the grave and all her multitudes.
21 The strongest among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of the grave with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword.
22 Assyria is there and all her company: his sepulchres are set in the sides of the pit, and her gathered host is round about her sepulchres: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused terror in the land of the living.
23 Whose sepulchres are set in the sides of the pit, and her gathered host is round about her sepulchres: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused terror in the land of the living.
24 There is Elam and all her multitude round about her sepulchre, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the lower parts of the earth, which caused their terror in the land of the living: yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit.
25 They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude: her sepulchres are round about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword: though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of them that be slain.
26 There is Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude: her sepulchres are round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living.
27 And they shall not lie with the mighty that are fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to the grave with their weapons of war: and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.
28 Yea, thou shalt be overthrown in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with them that are slain with the sword.
29 There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes, which with their might are laid by them that were slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the grave.
30 There be the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the grave.

31 Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, even Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, saith the Lord GOD.

32 For I have given His terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that are slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

33 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of Adam, speak to the sons of thy People, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take one man out from within the borders of their land, and set him for their watchman:

3 If when he seeth judgment come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;

4 Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon himself.

5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

7 So thou, O son of Adam, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at My mouth, and warn them from Me.

8 When I say unto the lawless, O lawless man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the lawless from his way, that lawless man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the lawless of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die for his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

10 Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?

11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the lawless; but that the lawless turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

12 Therefore, thou son of Adam, say unto the sons of thy People, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the lawlessness of the lawless, he shall not fall therein when that he turneth from his lawlessness; neither shall the righteous be able to live therein, when that he sinneth.
13 When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he confide to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteous deeds shall not be remembered; but in his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die therein.

14 Again, when I say unto the lawless, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do judgment and righteousness;

15 If the lawless restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

16 None of his sin that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

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

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

19 But if the lawless turn from his lawlessness, and do judgment and righteousness, he shall live in those deeds.

20 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The city is smitten.

22 Now the hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening, aforesaid; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened [in prophecy], and I was no more silent from prophesying.

23 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, they that inhabit those ruins of the soil of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many; the land is given us for inheritance.

25 Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Ye eat over the blood [as the heathen in necromancy], and lift up your eyes toward your manufactured gods, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land?

26 Ye men take your stand upon your sword, ye women work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land?

27 Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; As I live, surely they that are in the ruins shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that be in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.

28 For I will lay the land most desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through.
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Then shall they know that I am the LORD, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.

30 Also, thou son of Adam, the sons of thy people still are talking about thee by the walls and in the entrances of the houses, and speak one to another, every one with his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.

31 And they come unto thee according as an assembly cometh together, and they sit before thee as My People, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love [counterfeit lovers], but their heart goeth after their covetousness.

32 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song [a song for the pipes] of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

33 And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

34 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of Adam, prophesy against the shepherds [rulers] of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill for sacrifice, and eating the fat ewe: but ye feed not the flock.

4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with rigour have ye ruled them.

5 And they were scattered, without a shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, My flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

8 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became meat to every beast of the field, without a shepherd, neither did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not My flock;

9 Therefore I repeat O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require My flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search My sheep, and seek them out.

12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock, and I in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.
13 And I will bring them out from the nations, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own soil, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

15 I will feed My flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.

16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will watch the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

17 And as for you, O My flock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge between the sheep and the goats, between the rams and the he goats.

18 It is a small thing unto ye goats to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet?

19 And as for My flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with the goats feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled with the goats feet.

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD unto them; Behold, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.

21 Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad;

22 Therefore will I bring salvation to My flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between the sheep and the goats.

23 And I will set up one ruler over them, and he shall feed them, even °My servant °David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

24 And I the LORD will be their God, and °My servant David a leader among them; °I the LORD have spoken it.

25 And I will make with them °a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in a place of pasture, and sleep in the woods.

26 And I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.

27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and °they shall be confident on their soil, and °shall know that °I am the LORD, by °My breaking the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of the false rulers.

28 And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, neither shall the beast of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.

29 And I will raise up for them °a plant [Messiah] for fame, and they shall be no more pinched with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the nations any more.
30 Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are My People, saith the Lord GOD.

31 And ye My flock, the flock of My pasture, ye are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord GOD.

35 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of Adam, set thy face against ő mount Seir [Edom], and prophesy against it,

3 And say unto it, Thus saith the Lord GOD; ḃ Behold, O ő mount Seir, I am against thee, and I will stretch out Mine hand against thee, and I will make thee most desolate.

4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

5 Because thou hast had a hatred of old, and hast shed the blood of the sons of Israel by the hands of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of the final punishment for their iniquity:

6 Therefore, ḋ as I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: since thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee.

7 Thus will I make ő mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it him that passeth out and him that returneth.

8 And I will fill his mountains with his slain men: in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword.

9 I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not be inhabited: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

10 Because thou hast said, These two nations [Israel and Judah] and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; though the LORD was there:

11 Therefore, ḍ as I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will even deal according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them; and I will make Myself known among them, when I have judged thee.

12 And thou shalt know that I am the LORD, and that I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to consume.

13 Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against Me, and have multiplied your words against Me: I have heard them.

14 Thus saith the Lord GOD; When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate.

15 As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O ő mount Seir, and all Edom, even all of it: and they shall know that I am the LORD.
36. Also, thou son of Adam, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD:

2 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha, even the everlasting hills, promised to Israel are ours in possession:

3 Therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; "Because, even because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up [like a beast of prey] on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen, and ye have been taken up in the lips of talkers, and are an evil report of the people:

4 Therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision to the residue of the heathen that are round about;

5 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Surely in the fire of My jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the nations, and against all Edom, which have appointed My land into their possession with the joy of all their heart, with despiteful souls, to cast it out for a prey.

6 Prophesy therefore concerning the soil of Israel, and say unto the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My fury, because ye have borne the shame of the heathen:

7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I have sworn, Surely the nations that are about you, they shall bear their shame.

8 But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to My People of Israel; for they are at hand to come.

9 For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown:

10 And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded:

11 And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your former estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

12 Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even My People Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of men.

13 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because they say unto you, Thou land devoureust up men, and hast bereaved thy nations;
Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
Son of Adam, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own soil, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before Me as the uncleanness of a removed woman.
Wherefore I poured My fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their dirty idols wherewith they had polluted it:
And I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.
And when he entered unto the nations, whither they went, they profaned My holy name, when men said unto them, These are the People of the LORD, and are come forth out of His land.
But I had pity for Mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, whither they went.
Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for Mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the nations, whither ye went.
And I will sanctify My great name, which was profaned among the nations, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in them before your eyes.
For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you on to your own soil. Then will I throw clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your dirty idols, will I cleanse you.
A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them.
And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall become to Me a People, and I will become to you a God.
I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.
And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the nations.
Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your idolatries.
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Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: °be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.

33 Thus saith the Lord GOD; when I shall have cleansed you from all your °iniquities I will also cause the cities to be inhabited, and the wastes shall be built.

34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become °like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fortified, and are inhabited.

36 Then the °nations that are left round about you °shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that which was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it.

37 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will °yet be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

38 Like a flock of °holy offerings, as the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed seasons; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall °know that I am the LORD.

37 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out by the °spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the plain which was full of bones,

2 And caused me to pass by them °on every side: and, °behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, °lo, they were very dry.

3 And °He said unto me, Son of Adam, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

4 Again °He said unto me, Prophesy °over these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; °Behold, I will cause °breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and °put °breath in you, and ye shall live; and °ye shall know that I am the LORD.

7 So I prophesied according as °I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a °voice, and °behold a commotion, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

8 And when I beheld, °lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no °breath [spirit] in them.

9 Then °said °He unto me, Prophesy unto the °spirit, prophesy, °son of man, and say to the °spirit, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four °winds [spirit], O °spirit, and blow upon these °dead [by violent death] slain, that they may live.

10 So I prophesied according as °He commanded me, and the °spirit came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.
11 Then He said unto me, *son of Adam,* these bones they are *the whole house of Israel:* *behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost:* *as for us, we are clean cut off.*

12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD: *Behold, O My People, I will open your *sepulchres,* and cause you to come up out of your *sepulchres,* and bring you upon the soil of Israel.

13 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, by My opening your *graves,* O My People, and by My causing you to come up out of your *graves,* therefore prophesy and say to them, *Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, O My People, I will open your sepulchres, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you upon the soil of Israel.*

14 Therefore prophesy and say to them, *Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O My People, I will open your sepulchres, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you upon the soil of Israel.*

15 The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, *Moreover, thou son of Adam, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the sons of Israel his companions [Benjamin and Levi]: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions [the other tribes]: and join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hands.*

16 And when the sons of thy People shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these?

17 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; *Behold, *I even I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: and I will make them one nation in the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: neither shall they defile themselves any more with their dirty gods, nor with their abominable things, nor with any of their rebellions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, whereby they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be to Me a People, and I will be to them a God.*

18 And My servant David shall be king over them; and they all shall have one ruler: they shall also walk in My judgments, and observe My statutes, and do them.
25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob My servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their sons, and their son's sons for ever: and David My servant shall be their prince for ever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will settle them, and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a People.

28 And the nations shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, by existence of My sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

38 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2Son of Adam, set thy face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the head of Rosh of Meshech and Tubal [regions about the Caucasus], and prophesy against him, 3And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will lead thee away enticingly, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great gathered host with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

5 Persia, Ethiopia [Cush], and Libya [Phut] with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah [Armenia] of the north quarters, and all his hordes: and many peoples with thee.

7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.

8 After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many peoples, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell confidently all of them.

9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou, and all thy hordes, and many peoples with thee.

10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, at the same time shall words come into thy mind, and thou shalt devise a mischievous device:

put hooks, &c. Cp. Isa. 37:29. Heb. “curbs”. company = gathered host. Cp. 16:40. Gog. A symbolical name for the nations north and east of Palestine, or the nations as a whole. That the prophecies of chs. 38 and 39 are still future is clear from 38, 3:14, 15; 39, 3, 25, 26; as Israel will have then already been gathered, and complete restoration enjoyed immediately following the destruction of Gog: “Now will I bring again the captivity of Israel”. It must therefore precede the Millenium; and on that account must be distinguished from Rev. 20, 8, 10; and may perhaps be identified with Rev. 19, 14; 19, 17. Gog and the Sept. read “Agog”. The historical interpretation of this prophecy is confessedly impossible.

The land of Magog = of the land of the Magog. If “Gog” denotes and symbolizes all that is powerful, gigantic, and proud, then “Magog” is symbolical of the same lands and peoples. Magog was a son of Japheth, the chief prince of the head, or leader of Rosh. Heb. Both, which may point to Russia, Meshech and Tubal. The Sept. renders these Mesoch and Thobel: i.e. the Moachi and Tibarni, occupying regions about the Caucasus. All these are nations distant from Palestine: not near nations, or nations connected by consanguinity. They were also descended from Japheth (Gen. 10, 2).

3 the Lord GOD. Heb. Adonai Jehovah. See note on 2, 4. Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6. 4 turn thee back: oz, lead thee away enticingly. Cp. 13, 8, 19 (perverted). Jer. 30, 6. See the Oxford Genesis. 5 Ethiopia = Cush. Libya = Phut. Cp. 27, 10; 30, 3. These were descended from Ham (Gen. 10, 6). 6 Gomer. Also descended from Japheth (Gen. 10, 3). 8 in the latter years. See notes above on v. 2.
And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of mere hamlets; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell confidently, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, to spoil a spoil and to prey a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and against the People [Israel] that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the middle of the earth.

Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy gathered host to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when My People of Israel dwelleth confidently, shalt thou not know it?

And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many peoples with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great gathered host, and a mighty army:

And thou shalt come up against My People of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the end of days, and I will bring thee against My land, that the nations may know Me, by My hallowing Myself, &c.

Therefore, thou son of adam, prophesy against Gog, and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will lead thee away enticingly, and will lead thee on, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: And I will call for a sword against him throughout all My mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother.

And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many peoples that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

Thus will I magnify Myself, and sanctify Myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.
6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the maritime lands: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

7 So will I make My holy name known in the midst of My People Israel; and I will not let them profane My holy name any more: and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

8 Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD; this is the day whereof I have spoken.

9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:

10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and make a prey of those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of memorial for burial in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall obstructeth the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamon-gog [the multitude of Gog].

12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.

13 Yea, all the People of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD.

14 And they shall sever out constantly, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.

15 And the passengers that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog.

16 And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah [to the multitudes]. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

17 And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to My sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the leaders of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 Thus ye shall be filled at My table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD.

21 And I will set My glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see My judgment that I have executed, and My hand that I have laid upon them. So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward.

22 And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they committed treachery against Me, therefore hid I My face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword.

23 According to their uncleanness and according to their rebellions have I done unto them, and hid My face from them.

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now [after the destruction of Gog.] will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for My holy name;
26 After that they have borne their shame, and all their treachery whereby they have trespassed against Me, when they dwelt confidently on their soil, and none made them afraid.

27 When I have brought them again from the peoples, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;

28 Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which cause them to be led into captivity among the nations: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.

29 Neither will I hide My face any more from them: for I have poured out My spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

40 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day the hand of the LORD was upon me, and brought me thither.

2 In the visions of God brought He me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, upon which was as the structure of a city on the south.

3 And He brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.

4 And the man said unto me, son of Adam, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew them unto thee art thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.

5 And He brought me a wall went on outside of the Temple round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits long by the cubit and an hand breadth: so he measured the breadth of the wall and its contents, one reed; and the height, one reed.

6 Then came he unto the gate which looketh toward the east, and went up the stairs thereof, and measured the threshold of the gate, which was one reed broad; and the other threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate which was one reed broad.

7 And every chamber was one reed long, and one reed broad; and between the little chambers were five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate within was one reed.

8 He measured also the porch of the gate within, one reed.

9 Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the projections thereof, two cubits; and the porch of the gate was toward the house.
10 And the ... chambers of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; they three were of one measure: and the projections had one measure on this side and on that side.

11 And he measured the breadth of the entrance of the gate, ten cubits; and the way of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12 The border also before the ... chambers was one cubit on this side, and three on that side: and the ... chambers were six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.

13 He measured then the gate from the roof of one ... chamber to the roof of another: the breadth was five and twenty cubits, entrance against entrance.

14 He measured also projections of threescore cubits, even unto the projections of the court round about the gate.

15 And from the front of the gate of the entrance unto the face of the porch of the inner gate were fifty cubits.

16 And there were latticed windows to the ... chambers, and to their projections within the gate round about, and likewise to the porches: and windows were round about within: and against each projection were palm trees.

17 Then brought he me into the outward court, and, lo, there were attachments, and a pavement made for the court round about: thirty attachments were upon the pavement.

18 And the pavement by the shoulder of the gates all along the length of the gates was the lower pavement.

19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court from without, an hundred cubits eastward and northward.

20 And the gate of the outward court that looked toward the north, he measured the length thereof, and the breadth thereof.

21 And the ... chambers thereof were three on this side and three on that side; and the projections thereof and the porches thereof were after the measure of the first gate: the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

22 And their windows, and their porches, and their palm trees, were after the measure of the gate that looketh toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the porches thereof were before them.

23 And the gate of the inner court was over against the gate toward the north, and toward the east; and he measured from gate to gate an hundred cubits.

24 After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts thereof and the arches thereof according to these measures.

25 And there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

26 And there were seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof were before them: and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the projections thereof.

27 And there was a gate in the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south an hundred cubits.

28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these measures.
29 And the ... chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the porches thereof, according to these measures: and there were windows in it and in the porches thereof round about: it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

30 And the porches round about were five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad.

31 And the porches thereof were toward the outer court; and palm trees were upon the projections thereof: and the ascent to it had eight steps.

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

33 And the ... chambers thereof, and the projections thereof, were according to these measures: and there were windows therein and in the porches thereof round about: it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

34 And the porches thereof were toward the outward court; and palm trees were upon the projections thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it had eight steps.

35 And he brought me to the north gate, and measured it according to these measures;

36 The ... chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the porches thereof, and the windows to it round about: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

37 And the projections thereof were toward the outer court; and palm trees were upon the projections thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it had eight steps.

38 And the chambers and the entries thereof were by the posts of the gates, where they took out the entrails of the burnt offering.

39 And in the porch of the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering.

40 And at the side without, as one goeth up to the entry of the north gate, were two tables; and on the other side, which was at the porch of the gate, were two tables.

41 Four tables were on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon their slaying was done.

42 And the four tables were of hewn stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and an half long, and a cubit and an half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon also they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 And within were the ranges, an hand broad, fastened round about: and upon the tables was the flesh of the offering [corban].

44 And without the inner gate were the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which was at the shoulder of the north gate; and their prospect was toward the south: one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north.

45 And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house.

46 And the chamber whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these are the sons of Zadok: those from the sons of Levi, which come near to the LORD to minister unto Him.

47 So he measured the court, an hundred cubits long, and an hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar that was before the house.

48 And he brought me to the vestibule of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side:

49 The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; and he brought me by the steps whereby they went up to it: and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.
Afterward he brought me to the palace, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, ... 

2 The breadth of the tent and the breadth of the entrance was ten cubits; and the shoulders of the entrance were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits: and the breadth, twenty cubits.

3 Then went he inward, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the entrance, six cubits; and the breadth of the entrance, seven cubits.

4 So he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the palace: and he said unto me, This is the Holy of Holies.

5 After he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of every side chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side.

6 And the side chambers were three, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which was of the house for the side chambers round about, that they might have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house.

7 And there was a broadening, and a winding about still upward to the side chambers: for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house was still upward, and so increased from the lowest chamber to the highest by the midst.

8 I saw also that the house had an elevation round about: the foundations of the side chambers were a full reed of six great cubits.

9 The thickness of the wall, which was for the side chamber without, was five cubits: and that which was left was the place of the side chambers that were within.

10 And between the storerooms was the wideness of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.

11 And the entrances of the side chambers were toward the place that was left, one entrance toward the north, and another entrance toward the south: and the breadth of the place that was left was five cubits round about.

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

13 So he measured the house, an hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, an hundred cubits long;

14 Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, an hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the building over against the separate place which was behind it, and the galleries [balconies] thereof on the one side and on the other side, an hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the porches of the court;

16 The thresholds, and the latticed windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the entrance, panelled with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows were covered;

17 To that above the entrance, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by measure.

18 And it was made with cherubims and artificial palm trees, so that a palm tree was between a cherub and a cherub; and every cherub had two faces;
20 From the ground unto above the entrance were cherubims and palm trees made, and on the wall of the temple.

21 The post of the temple were squared, and the face of the sanctuary; the appearance of the one as the appearance of the other.

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

23 And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

24 And the doors had two leaves apiece, two turning leaves; two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other door.

25 And there were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubims and palm trees, like as were made upon the walls; and there were thick planks upon the face of the porch without.

26 And there were latticed windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the shoulders of the porch, and upon the side chambers of the house, and thick planks.

42 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the storeroom that was over against the separate place, and which was before the building toward the north.

2 Before the length of an hundred cubits was the north entrance, and the breadth was fifty cubits.

3 Over against the twenty cubits which were for the inner court, and over against the pavement which was for the outer court, was gallery against gallery in three stories.

4 And before the storerooms was a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors toward the north.

5 Now the upper storerooms were shorter: for the galleries took away from these, than the lower, and than the middlemost of the building.

6 For they were in three stories, but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore the building was straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground.

7 And the wall that was without over against the storerooms, toward the outer court on the forepart of the storerooms, the length thereof was fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the storerooms that were in the outer court was fifty cubits: and, lo, towards the holy place were an hundred cubits.

9 And underneath were these storerooms the entrance was on the east side, as one goeth into them from the outer court.

10 The storerooms were in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, over against the separate place, and over against the building.

11 And the way before them was like the appearance of the storerooms which were toward the north, as long as they, and as broad as they: and all their goings out were both according to their fashions. And according to their entrances.

12 And according to the doors of the storerooms that were toward the south was a entrance in the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one entereth into them.

13 Then said he unto me, The north storerooms and the south storerooms, which are before the separate place, they be the chambers of the Holy place, where the priests that approach unto the LORD shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the gift offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy.
14 When the priests enter therein, then shall they not go out of the "holy place into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they are "holy; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to those things which are for the people.

15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and measured it round about.

16 He measured the east wind with the measuring 16 reed, five hundred 16 reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

17 He measured the north wind, five hundred 16 reeds, with the measuring 16 reed round about.

18 He measured the south wind, five hundred reeds, with the measuring 16 reed.

19 He turned about to the "west wind, and measured five hundred 16 reeds with the measuring 16 reed.

20 He measured it by the four winds: it had a wall round about, five hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

43 Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east:

2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and His voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with His glory.

3 And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face.

4 And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east.

5 So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.

6 And I heard Him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man was standing by me.

7 And He said unto me, son of Adam, the place of My throne, and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the sons of Israel for ever, and My holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their idolatries, nor by the carcases of their kings in their death.

8 In their setting of their threshold by My thresholds, and their post close by, alongside of My posts, for there was but a wall between Me and them, they have even defiled My 7 holy name by their idolatries that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in Mine anger.

9 Now let them put away their idolatries, and the carcases of their kings, far from Me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

10 Thou therefore son of Adam, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the plan.
11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, 10shew them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the exits thereof, and the entrances thereof, and all the models thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

12 This will be the law of the house; 10Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be the holy of holies. 11Behold, this will be the law of the house.

13 And these are the measures of the altar after the cubits: The cubit is a cubit and an hand breadth; even the bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about shall be a span: and this shall be the ash-pit of the altar.

14 And from the hollow upon the ground even to the lower ledge shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser ledge even to the greater ledge shall be four cubits, and the breadth one cubit.

15 So the hearth shall be four cubits; and from the hearth and upward shall be four horns.

16 And the hearth shall be twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof.

17 And the ledge shall be fourteen cubits long and fourteen broad in the four squares thereof; and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and the bottom thereof shall be a cubit about; and his 10stairs shall look toward the east.

18 And he said unto me, son of Adam, thus saith the Lord GOD; These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to throw blood thereon.

19 And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which approach unto Me, to minister unto Me, saith the Lord GOD, a young 10bullock for a sin offering.

20 And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the ledge, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse and purge it.

21 Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary.

22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse it with the bullock.

23 When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.
24 And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering unto the LORD.
25 Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat for a sin offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.
26 Seven days shall they atone for the altar and purify it; and they shall consecrate it.
27 And when these days are expired, it shall be, that upon the eighth day, and so forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord GOD.

44 Then he brought me back the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it was shut.
2 Then said the LORD unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.
3 It is for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.
4 Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I fell upon my face.
5 And the LORD said unto me, son of Adam, set thine heart, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the statutes of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof; and set thine heart the entrance of the house, with every outgoings of the sanctuary.
6 And thou shalt say to the rebellious people, even to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations,
7 In that ye have brought into My sanctuary aliens, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary, to profane it, even My house, when ye bring near My bread, the fat and the blood, and ye have broken My covenant because of all your abominations.
8 And ye have not kept the charge of Mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of My charge in My sanctuary for your own pleasure.
9 Thus saith the Lord GOD; No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into My sanctuary, of any foreigner that is among the sons of Israel.
10 And the Levites that went astray far from Me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from Me after their dirty idols; they shall even bear their iniquity.
11 Yet they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the Nation, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them.

12 Because they ministered unto them before their dirty idols, and were to the house of Israel for a stumblingblock of iniquity; therefore have I lifted up Mine hand against them, saith the Lord GOD, and they shall bear their iniquity.

13 And they shall not come near unto Me, to do the office of a priest unto Me, nor to come near to any of My holy things, in the holy of holies: but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.

14 But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of My sanctuary when the sons of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near to Me to minister unto Me, and they shall stand before Me to bring near unto Me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD:

16 They shall enter into My sanctuary, and they shall come near to My table, to minister unto Me, and they shall keep My charge.

17 And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and toward the house.

18 They shall have linen turbans upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; and they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causeth sweat.

19 And when they go forth into the outer court, even into the outer court to the People, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy storerooms, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the People with their garments.

20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall surely clip their heads.

21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor a harlot, nor one that had been put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.

23 And they shall teach My People the difference between the holy and common, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

24 And in strife they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to My judgments: and they shall keep My laws and My statutes in all Mine appointed seasons; and they shall hallow My sabbaths.

25 And they shall come at no dead human being to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, or for brother, or for sister that hath no husband, they may defile themselves.

26 And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days.
And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall bring near his sin offering, saith the Lord GOD.

And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I am their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I am their possession.

They shall eat the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs.

And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every heave offering of all, of every sort of your heave offerings, shall be the priest’s: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.

The priests shall not eat of any thing that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

Moreover, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall heave up a heave offering unto the LORD, an holy portion of the land: the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand reeds, and the breadth shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all the borders thereof round about.

Of this there shall be for the sanctuary [the outer court] five hundred in length, with five hundred in breadth, square round about; and fifty cubits round about for the void ground outside the outer court, to prevent contact thereof.

And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of about sixty or seventy miles, according to the length of the cubit, and the breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary and the holy of holies.

The holy portion of the land it shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, which shall come near to minister unto the LORD: and it shall be a place for their houses, and an holy place for the sanctuary.

And the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, as a possession as twenty chambers.

And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, over against the heave offering of the holy portion: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

And a portion shall be for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the heave offering of the holy portion: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

And a portion shall be for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the heave offering of the holy portion, and of the possession of the city, in front of the heave offering of the holy portion, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward: and the length shall be over against one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border.

In the land shall be his possession in Israel: and My princes shall no more oppress My People; and the rest of the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.
Thus saith the Lord GOD: Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your evictions from My People, saith the Lord GOD.

Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath.

The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of an homer, and the ephah the tenth part of an homer: the measure thereof shall be after the homer.

And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your manneh.

This is the heave offering that ye shall offer up; the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of barley:

Concerning the ordinance of oil, the bath of oil, ye shall offer the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, which is an homer of ten baths; for ten baths are an homer:

And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the well-watered land of Israel; for a gift offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make atonement for them, saith the Lord GOD.

All the People of the land shall be for a heave offering for the prince in Israel.

But on the prince himself shall rest to give burnt offerings, and gift offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, and in all appointed seasons of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the gift offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel.

Thus saith the Lord GOD: In the first month, in the first day of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary: and the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.

And so thou shalt do the seventh day of the month for every one that err eth, and for him that is undesigning: so shall ye make atonement for the house.

In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the People of the land a bullock for a sin offering.

And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily for a sin offering.
And he shall prepare a gift offering of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and an hin of oil for an ephah.

In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the gift offering, and according to the oil.

Thus saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the entrance of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons.

And the burnt offering that the prince shall bring near unto the LORD in the sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

And the gift offering shall be an ephah for a ram, and the gift offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

And in the day of the new moon it shall be a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish.

And he shall prepare a gift offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

And in the day of the new moon it shall be a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish.

And thou shalt daily prepare a gift offering thereupon every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of an hin of oil, to mix with the fine flour; a gift offering continually by a perpetual ordinance unto the LORD.
15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the gift offering, and the oil, every morning for a continual burnt offering.
16 "Thus saith the Lord GOD; If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, the inheritance thereof shall be his son's; it shall be their possession by inheritance.
17 But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of jubilee; after it shall return to the prince: truly, it is his own inheritance; as to his sons, to them it shall go.
18 Moreover the prince shall not take of the People's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; but he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession: that My People be not scattered every man from his possession.
19 After he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy storerooms of the priests, which looked toward the north: and, behold, there was a place on the farthest side westward.
20 Then said he unto me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the gift offering; that they bear not out into the outer court, to sanctify the people.
21 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court there was a court.
22 In the four corners of the court there were closed courts of forty cubits long and thirty broad: these four were of the same measure.
23 And there was an enclosure round about in them, round about them four, and it was made with boiling places under the rows round about.
24 Then said he unto me, These are the places of them that boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the People.

47 Afterward he brought me again unto the entrance of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house the east, and the waters were coming down from beneath from the right side [south side] of the house, at the south side of the altar.
2 Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the outer gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.
3 And when the man that had a measuring line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; waters reaching to the ankle.

10 sons'. The Sept. and Syr. read "son's".
17 the year of liberty = the year of jubilee. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 25, 10). Ap. 92. This shows that this prophesy will, and must yet, be literally fulfilled. Moreover, the jubilee occurred only twice in a century, but, &c. = truly, it is his own inheritance; as to his sons, to them it shall go.


19 holy. See note on Ex. 3, 5.
20 to sanctify the People. Cp. 44, 19.
21 outer = outer. The boiling places.
22 courts joined = courts covered over, or closed courts, cloisters.

23 And there was a row of building = And there was an enclosure. The 1611 edition of the A.V. reads "And there was a new building".

47. 1–48. 35 (B. p. 1163). THE LAND, (Division.)

47. 1–12 (B1, above). THE HEALING OF THE LAND. (Anotation.)

47. 4 Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; waters reaching to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; waters reaching to the loins.
5 Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

6 And he said unto me, Son of Adam, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

7 Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.

8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the circular border-land, and go down into the plain, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the Dead sea, the waters shall be healed.

9 And it shall come to pass, that every soul that liveth, which swarmeth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

10 And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from En-gedi even unto En-eglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the Mediterranean sea, exceeding many.

11 But the swamps thereof and the marshes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt.

12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof fail: it shall bring forth ripe fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for healing.

13 Thus saith the Lord GOD; This shall be the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph shall inherit two portions.

14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another: concerning the which I lifted up Mine hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance.

15 And this shall be the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad;

16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazar-hatticon, which is by the border of Hauran.

17 And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And this is the north side.

18 And the east side ye shall measure from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel by Jordan, from the border unto the east sea. And this is the east side.

19 And the south side southward, from Tamar even to the waters of strife in Kadesh, the torrent to the Mediterranean sea. And this is the south side southward.

20 The west side also shall be the Mediterranean sea from the border, till a man come over against Hamath. This is the west side.

21 So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel.
22 And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the foreign sojourners that sojourn among you, which shall beget sons among you: and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the sons of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

23 And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the foreign sojourner sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord God.

48 Now these are the names of the tribes. From the north end to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goeth to Hamath, Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; for these are his sides east and west; a portion for Dan.

2 And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, a portion for Asher.

3 And by the border of Asher, from the east side even unto the west side, a portion for Naphtali.

4 And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side, a portion for Manasseh.

5 And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the west side, a portion for Ephraim.

6 And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even unto the west side, a portion for Reuben.

7 And by the border of Reuben, from the east side unto the west side, a portion for Judah.

8 And by the border of Judah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the heave offering which ye shall offer up of five and twenty thousand reeds in breadth, and in length as one of the other parts, from the east side unto the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of him [Judah].

9 The heave offering that ye shall offer unto the LORD shall be of five and twenty thousand in length, and of ten thousand in breadth.

10 And for them, even for the priests, shall be this holy heave offering; toward the north five and twenty thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five and twenty thousand in length: and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the midst thereof.

11 It shall be for the priests the consecrated body of Zadok’s sons; which have kept My ordinance, which went not astray when the sons of Israel went astray, according as the Levites went astray.

12 And this heave offering of the land that is offered up shall be unto them a thing most holy reaching to the border of the Levites.
15 And the five thousand, that are left in the breadth over against the five and twenty thousand, it shall be a common place for the city, for dwelling, and for suburbs: and the city shall be in the midst thereof.

16 And these shall be the measures thereof; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.

17 And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.

18 And the residue in length over against the oblation of the holy portion shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward: and it shall be over against the heave offering of the holy portion; and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that serve the city.

19 And they that serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel.

20 All the heave offering shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand: ye shall offer up the holy heave offering foursquare, with the possession of the city.

21 And the residue shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city, over against the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward over against the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, over against the portions for the prince: and it shall be the holy heave offering; and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst thereof.

22 Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, being in the midst of that which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.

23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side unto the west side, Benjamin shall have one portion.

24 And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side, Simeon shall have one portion.

25 And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side, Issachar one portion.

26 And by the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side, Zebulun one portion.

27 And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side unto the west side, Gad one portion.

28 And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar unto the waters of strife in Kadesh, and to the river as far as the great sea.

29 This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their portions, saith the Lord GOD.

30 And these are the outlets of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures.

31 And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.

32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; ... one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.

33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun.

34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.

35 It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, 'The LORD is there.'