**The Book of Isaiah**

**Isaiah Chapter 1**

1The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz that he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Judah on Trial

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| 2 | Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth,  for Yahweh has spoken.  “I have nourished and brought up children,  but they have rebelled against me. |
| 3 | The ox knows his owner,  and the donkey his master’s feeding trough;  but Israel does not know,  my people do not understand.” |
| 4 | Woe *to the* sinful nation,  a people weighed down with iniquity,  a seed of evildoers,  children who deal corruptly!  They have forsaken Yahweh.  They have spurned the Holy One of Israel.  They have turned their backs *on Him*. |
| 5 | Why would you want to be beaten any more?  Why do you rebel more and more?  The whole head is sick,  and the whole heart faint. |
| 6 | From the sole of the foot even to the head,  there is no soundness in it,  only wounds, welts and open sores.  They have not been cleansed, nor bandaged,  nor softened with oil. |
| 7 | Your country is desolate.  Your cities are burned with fire.  Strangers devour your land  right before your eyes,  and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. |
| 8 | Daughter Zion is left  like a booth in a vineyard,  like a *watchman’s* hut in a field of melons,  like a besieged city. |
| 9 | Unless Yahweh of Armies  had left to us a very small remnant,  we would have been like Sodom;  we would have been like Gomorrah. |
| 10 | Hear the word of Yahweh,  you rulers of Sodom!  Listen to the law of our God,  you people of Gomorrah! |
| 11 | “What are the multitude of your sacrifices to me?”  says Yahweh.  “I have had enough of the burnt offerings of rams  and the fat of fed animals.  I do not delight in the blood of bulls  or of lambs or of male goats. |
| 12 | When you come to appear before me,  who has required this at your hand,  this trampling of my courts? |
| 13 | Do not bring your worthless offerings any more.  Incense is an abomination to me.  New moons, sabbaths and the calling of assemblies—  I cannot endure iniquity  with the solemn assemblies. |
| 14 | My soul hates your New Moons and your appointed feasts.  They are a burden to me.  I am weary of bearing them. |
| 15 | When you spread out your hands *in prayer*,  I will hide my eyes from you.  Yes, when you make many prayers,  I will not listen.  Your hands are full of blood. |
| 16 | Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean.  Eliminate the evil of your doings from before my eyes.  Cease to do evil. |
| 17 | Learn to do well.  Seek justice.  Relieve the oppressed.  Bring justice to the fatherless.  Plead for the widow.” |
| 18 | “Come now and let’s reason together,”  says Yahweh.  “Though your sins are *red* as scarlet,  they will be as white as snow.  Though they are red like crimson,  they will be as wool. |
| 19 | If you are willing and obedient,  you will eat the good of the land, |
| 20 | but if you refuse and rebel,  you will be devoured by the sword;  for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken it.” |

The Unfaithful City

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| 21 | How the faithful city  has become a prostitute!  She was full of justice;  righteousness lodged in her,  but now murderers. |
| 22 | Your silver has become dross,  your wine is mixed with water. |
| 23 | Your leaders are rebellious  and companions of thieves.  Every one loves a bribe  and chases after rewards.  They do not bring justice to the fatherless,  nor does the cause of the widow come before them. |
| 24 | Therefore the Lord, Yahweh of Armies,  the Mighty One of Israel, says:  “Ah, I will get relief from my adversaries,  and I will avenge myself on my enemies. |
| 25 | I will also turn my hand against you,  and smelt away your dross as with lye  and remove all your slag. |
| 26 | I will restore your judges as at the first,  and your counselors as at the beginning.  After that you will be called ‘City of Righteousness;  Faithful Town.’ |
| 27 | Zion will be redeemed with justice,  and those in her who repent, by righteousness. |
| 28 | But both rebels and sinners will be broken,  and those who forsake Yahweh will come to an end. |
| 29 | For they will be ashamed of the *sacred* oaks  that you have desired,  and you will be embarrassed for the gardens  that you have chosen. |
| 30 | For you will be as an oak  whose leaf fades  and as a garden that has no water. |
| 31 | The strong man will be like tinder,  and his work like a spark.  They will both burn together,  and no one will quench them.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 2**

The City of Peace

1The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

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| 2 | And in the last days  the mountain of Yahweh’s house will be established  as the chief of the mountains,  and will be raised up above the hills,  and all nations will stream to it. |
| 3 | And many peoples will come and say,  “Come and let’s go up to the mountain of Yahweh,  to the house of the God of Jacob;  so that he can teach us about his ways,  so that we can walk in his paths.”  For the law will go forth out from Zion,  and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. |
| 4 | He will judge between the nations,  and will decide concerning many peoples,  and they will beat their swords into plowblades  and their spears into pruning hooks.  Nation will not lift up sword against nation,  nor will they train for war any more. |
| 5 | House of Jacob,  come and let’s walk in the light of Yahweh. |

The Day of the Lord

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| 6 | For you have forsaken your people,  the house of Jacob,  because they are filled *with influences* from the east  and with those who practice divination like the Philistines,  and they clasp hands with the children of foreigners. |
| 7 | Their land is full of silver and gold,  neither is there any end of their treasures.  Their land also is full of horses,  neither is there any end of their chariots. |
| 8 | Their land also is full of idols.  They worship the work of their own hands,  what their own fingers have made. |
| 9 | Man will be brought low,  and each one will be humbled—do not lift them up![[1]](#footnote-25174) |
| 10 | Go into the rocks  and hide in the dust,  from before the terror of Yahweh  and from the glory of his majesty. |
| 11 | The lofty looks of man will be brought low,  the haughtiness of men will be bowed down,  and Yahweh alone will be exalted in that day. |
| 12 | For there will be a Day of Yahweh of Armies  upon all that is proud and haughty  and upon all that is lifted up,  and it will be brought low— |
| 13 | upon all the cedars of Lebanon  that are high and lifted up,  upon all the oaks of Bashan, |
| 14 | upon all the high mountains,  upon all the hills that are lifted up, |
| 15 | upon every lofty tower,  upon every fortified wall, |
| 16 | upon all the ships of Tarshish,  and upon all the magnificent ships. |
| 17 | The loftiness of man will be brought down,  and the haughtiness of men will be brought low,  and Yahweh alone will be exalted in that day. |
| 18 | And the idols will completely pass away. |
| 19 | People will go into the caves of the rocks  and into the holes of the earth  from before the terror of Yahweh,  and from the glory of his majesty  when he arises to shake the earth mightily. |
| 20 | In that day, *each* person will throw away  their idols of silver and their idols of gold  that they made for themselves to worship,  to the moles and to the bats, |
| 21 | to enter the caverns of the rocks  and into the clefts of the cliffs,  from before the terror of Yahweh,  and from the glory of his majesty  when he arises to terrify the earth. |
| 22 | Stop trusting in man  whose breath is in his nostrils,  for of what account is he? |

**Isaiah Chapter 3**

Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem

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| 1 | For behold, the Lord, Yahweh of Armies,  will take away from Jerusalem and from Judah  supply and support,  the whole supply of bread and the whole supply of water, |
| 2 | the mighty man, the man of war,  the judge, the prophet,  the diviner, the elder, |
| 3 | the captain of 50, the honorable man,  the counselor, the skilled craftsman, and the clever enchanter. |
| 4 | I will make boys to be their leaders,  and capricious children will rule over them. |
| 5 | The people will be oppressed,  everyone by another and everyone by his neighbor.  The child will behave himself proudly against the old man,  and the base against the honorable. |
| 6 | Indeed a man will take hold of his brother  in the house of his father, saying,  “You have clothing; you be our ruler,  and these ruins will be under your hand.” |
| 7 | In that day he will cry out, saying,  “I cannot be the one to bind *your wounds*,  for in my house is neither bread nor clothing.  You should not make me the ruler of the people.” |
| 8 | For Jerusalem has stumbled  and Judah has fallen  because their tongue and their actions are against Yahweh,  rebelling before the eyes of his glory. |
| 9 | The look of their faces testifies against them.  They parade their sin like Sodom.  They do not hide it.  Woe to their soul!  For they have brought disaster upon themselves. |
| 10 | Tell the righteous it will go well *with them*,  for they will eat the fruit of their deeds. |
| 11 | Woe to the wicked! Disaster is upon them,  for the deeds of his hands will be paid back to him. |
| 12 | As for my people, children are their oppressors,  and women rule over them.  O my people, those who lead you cause you to err,  and destroy the way of your paths. |
| 13 | Yahweh stands up to contend,  and stands to judge the peoples. |
| 14 | Yahweh will enter into judgment  against the elders of his people and their leaders:  “It is you who have eaten up the vineyard.  The plunder *you have taken* from the poor is in your houses. |
| 15 | What do you mean by crushing my people,  and grinding the faces of the poor?”  says the Lord, Yahweh of Armies. |

Jerusalem’s Women Judged

16Moreover Yahweh said,

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|  | “Because the daughters of Zion are haughty,  and walk with outstretched necks  and flirting eyes,  walking and mincing as they go,  jingling the ornaments on their feet, |
| 17 | therefore the Lord will bring sores on the crown of the head  of the women of Zion,  and Yahweh will make their scalps bald.” |

18In that day the Lord will take away their finery: the ankle bracelets, the headbands, the crescent necklaces, 19the earrings, the bracelets, the veils, 20the headdresses, the ankle chains, the sashes, the perfume bottles, the charms, 21the signet rings, the nose rings, 22the rich clothing, the capes, the cloaks, the purses, 23the hand mirrors, the fine linen garments, the tiaras and the shawls.

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| 24 | It will happen that instead of fragrant spices, there will be rottenness;  instead of a belt, a rope;  instead of well-set hair, baldness;  instead of a cloak, a wearing of sackcloth;  and instead of beauty, shame.[[2]](#footnote-26377) |
| 25 | Your men will fall by the sword,  and your mighty *will fall* in the war. |
| 26 | Her gates will lament and mourn,  and she will be desolate, and sit on the ground. |

**Isaiah Chapter 4**

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

Zion’s Future Glory

2In that day, the Branch of Yahweh will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be for beauty and for glory for those of Israel who have escaped. 3It will happen that he who is left in Zion and he who remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, even everyone who is written among the living in Jerusalem, 4when the Lord will have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and will have purged the blood of Jerusalem from its midst by the spirit of justice and by the spirit of burning. 5Yahweh will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud, even smoke, by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night, for over all the glory will be a canopy. 6There will be a pavilion for a shade in the daytime from the heat and for a refuge and for a shelter from storm and from rain.

**Isaiah Chapter 5**

The Song of the Vineyard

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| 1 | Let me sing for my beloved,  a song of my beloved about his vineyard.  My beloved had a vineyard  on a very fertile hill. |
| 2 | He thoroughly dug it, removed its stones,  and planted it with the choicest vines.  He built a watchtower in the midst of it,  and also hewed out a winepress in it.  He looked for it to yield grapes,  but it yielded wild grapes. |
| 3 | “Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  and men of Judah,  judge between me  and my vineyard. |
| 4 | What more was there to do for my vineyard,  that I have not done in it?  When I looked for it to yield grapes,  why did it yield wild grapes? |
| 5 | And now I will tell you  what I will do to my vineyard.  I will take away its hedge,  and it will be eaten up.  I will break down its wall,  and it will be trampled down. |
| 6 | I will make it a wasteland.  It will not be pruned nor hoed,  but it will grow briars and thorns.  I will also command the clouds  that they rain no rain on it.” |
| 7 | Surely the vineyard of Yahweh of Armies  is the house of Israel,  and the men of Judah  are his delightful plant.  And he looked for justice,  but behold, bloodshed;  for righteousness,  but behold, a cry of distress. |

Woe to the Wicked

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| 8 | Woe to those who add house to house,  who join field to field  until there is no more room,  and you live alone in the midst of the land! |

9In my ears, Yahweh of Armies *has spoken*:

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|  | “Surely many houses will be desolate,  even great and beautiful *ones* *will be* unoccupied. |
| 10 | For a ten-yoke vineyard  will yield *only* six gallons,  and ten bushels of seed  will yield only a bushel.” |
| 11 | Woe to those who rise up early in the morning  in pursuit of beer;  who stay up late into the night  until wine inflames them! |
| 12 | The harp, lyre, tambourine and flute,  *along* with wine, are at their banquets,  but they do not respect what Yahweh is doing,  nor have they considered the work of his hands. |
| 13 | Therefore my people will go into captivity  because of lack of knowledge.  Their honorable men will be starving,  and their multitudes will be parched with thirst. |
| 14 | Therefore Sheol has enlarged her throat,  and opened her mouth beyond measure,  and *into her* will descend *Jerusalem’s* dignitaries,  her multitude, her revelers, and the jubilant. |
| 15 | So humankind is brought low; people are humbled,  and the eyes of the arrogant ones are humbled, |
| 16 | but Yahweh of Armies is exalted by justice,  and God the Holy One shows himself holy by righteousness. |
| 17 | Then the lambs will graze  as in their own pasture,  and strangers will eat  among the ruins of the rich. |
| 18 | Woe to those who drag iniquity  with cords *made* of deceit,  and sin as if with cart ropes, |
| 19 | who say, “Let him make speed,  let him hasten his work,  that we may see it,  and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come,  that we may know it!” |
| 20 | Woe to those who call evil good  and good evil,  who put darkness for light  and light for darkness,  who substitute bitter for sweet  and sweet for bitter! |
| 21 | Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes  and prudent in their own sight! |
| 22 | Woe to those who are mighty to drink wine,  and champions at mixing beer, |
| 23 | who acquit the guilty for a bribe  and deny justice for the innocent! |
| 24 | Therefore as a tongue of fire devours the stubble  and as the dry grass sinks down in the flame,  so their root will be as rottenness  and their blossom will go up as dust,  because they have rejected  the law of Yahweh of Armies  and spurned  the word of the Holy One of Israel. |
| 25 | Therefore Yahweh’s anger burns against his people,  and he has stretched out his hand against them and has struck them.  The mountains tremble,  and their dead bodies are as refuse in the midst of the streets.  Despite all this, his anger is not turned away,  but his hand is still stretched out. |
| 26 | He will lift up a banner for the nations far away,  and he will whistle for them from the end of the earth.  Behold, they will come speedily and swiftly. |
| 27 | None will be weary nor stumble among them;  none will slumber nor sleep,  nor will the belt of their waist be untied,  nor the latchet of their sandals be broken, |
| 28 | whose arrows are sharp  and all their bows bent.  Their horses’ hoofs will be like flint,  and their *chariot* wheels like a windstorm. |
| 29 | Their roaring will be like a lioness.  They will roar like young lions.  They will roar and seize their prey  and carry it off,  and there will be no one to rescue. |
| 30 | They will roar against them in that day  like the roaring of the sea.  If one looks to the land,  behold, darkness and distress;  and the light is darkened by its clouds. |

**Isaiah Chapter 6**

Isaiah’s Commission

1In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the edges *of his robe* filled the Temple. 2Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two he covered his face. With two he covered his feet. With two he flew. 3One called to another and said,

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|  | “Holy, holy, holy, is Yahweh of Armies!  The whole earth is full of his glory!” |

4The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

5Then I said,

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|  | “Woe is me! For I am ruined,  because I am a man of unclean lips  and I live in the midst of a people of unclean lips,  for my eyes have seen the King,  Yahweh of Armies!” |

6Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having a live coal in his hand that he had taken from the altar with tongs. 7He touched my mouth with it and said,

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|  | “Behold, this has touched your lips,  and your iniquity is taken away  and your sin forgiven.” |

8I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,

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|  | “Whom should I send,  and who will go for us?”  Then I said,  “Here I am. Send me!” |

9He said,

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|  | “Go, and tell this people,  ‘Hear, yes, hear, but do not understand;  and see, yes, see, but do not perceive.’ |
| 10 | “Make the heart of this people fat.  Make their ears heavy and shut their eyes,  lest they see with their eyes  and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart,  and repent and be healed.” |

11Then I said, “Lord, how long?” He answered,

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|  | “Until cities are waste without inhabitant,  and houses without man,  and the land becomes utterly waste, |
| 12 | and Yahweh has removed people far away,  and the abandoned places are many in the midst of the land. |
| 13 | And if a tenth remains in it,  it will be burned again,  like a terebinth or like an oak  whose stump remains when it is cut down.  The holy seed is its stump.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 7**

Isaiah Sent to King Ahaz

1In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah, the king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it. 2When it was reported to the house of David, saying, “Syria is allied with Ephraim,” his heart trembled, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest tremble with the wind.

3Then Yahweh said to Isaiah, “Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub[[3]](#footnote-25839) your son, at the end of the channel from the upper pool on the highway to the Launderer’s Field. 4Tell him, ‘Make sure you stay calm. Do not be afraid, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two stubs of smoldering firewood; because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria and of the son of Remaliah. 5Because Syria, *along with* Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, have plotted evil against you, saying, 6“Let’s go up against Judah and terrorize it, and let’s break it open and set up a king in its midst, even the son of Tabeel.” 7But this is what the Lord Yahweh says:

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|  | “It will not take place; it will not happen.” |
| 8 | For the head of Syria is Damascus,  and the head of Damascus is Rezin,  and within 65 years  Ephraim will be broken in pieces so that it will not be a people; |
| 9 | and the head of Ephraim is Samaria,  and the head of Samaria is Remaliah’s son.  If you are not firm *in your trust*,  you will not be firm *in life*.’” |

10Yahweh spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 11“Ask a sign of Yahweh your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above.”

12But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I tempt Yahweh.”

13And he said, “Listen now, house of David. Is it not enough for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God also? 14Therefore the Lord himself will give you all a sign. Behold, the young woman is pregnant and about to bear a son, and you, *young woman,* will call his name Immanuel. 15He will eat butter and honey before he knows to refuse the evil, and choose the good. 16For before the child knows to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you abhor will be forsaken. 17Yahweh will bring on you, on your people and on your father’s house, days that have not happened since the day that Ephraim separated from Judah—the king of Assyria.

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| 18 | It will happen in that day  that Yahweh will whistle for the fly  that is in the uttermost part of the streams of Egypt  and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. |
| 19 | They will come and will all rest  in the steep ravines, and in the clefts of the rocks,  and on all thornbushes, and in all the water holes. |

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

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| 21 | In that day  a man will keep alive a young cow and two sheep, |
| 22 | and because of the abundance of milk that they will give  he will eat butter,  for everyone that is left in the midst of the land will eat butter and honey. |
| 23 | It will happen in that day  that every place where there used to be 1,000 vines,  *valued* at 1,000 *shekels* of silver,[[4]](#footnote-23390)  will become briars and thorns. |
| 24 | A person will go there with arrows and with bow  because all the land will be briars and thorns. |
| 25 | And all the hills  that had been cultivated with the hoe,  you will not go there  for fear of briars and thorns;  but it will be for cattle to roam  and for sheep to tread.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 8**

The Coming Assyrian Invasion

1Yahweh said to me, “Take a large tablet and write on it with an ordinary stylus,[[5]](#footnote-16814) ‘For Maher-shalal-hash-baz,’[[6]](#footnote-28894) 2and call reliable witnesses[[7]](#footnote-26433) to testify; Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.”

3And I went into the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. Then Yahweh said to me, “Call his name ‘Maher-shalal-hash-baz.’ 4For before the child knows how to say, ‘My father,’ and, ‘My mother,’ the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be carried away by the king of Assyria.”

5Yahweh spoke to me again, saying,

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| 6 | “Because this people have refused  the waters of Shiloah that go softly,  and rejoice in Rezin  and Remaliah’s son, |
| 7 | so now, behold, the Lord will bring upon them  the mighty flood waters of the River:  the king of Assyria and all his glory.  It will come up over all its channels  and go over all its banks. |
| 8 | It will sweep onward into Judah.  It will overflow and pass through;  it will reach even to the neck,  and the stretching out of its wings  will fill the width of your land, O Immanuel. |
| 9 | Make an uproar, O peoples, and be broken in pieces!  Listen, all you from far countries:  dress for battle and be shattered!  Dress for battle and be shattered! |
| 10 | Take counsel together, and it will be brought to nothing;  speak the word and it will not stand,  because God is with us.”[[8]](#footnote-28328) |

Yahweh of Armies, the Only Refuge

11For Yahweh spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying,

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| 12 | “Do not say, ‘A conspiracy!’  concerning everything about which these people say, ‘A conspiracy!’  And do not fear what they fear,  nor be terrorized. |
| 13 | It is Yahweh of Armies *alone* who you all must regard as holy.  He is the one you must fear.  He is the one you must dread. |
| 14 | And he can be a refuge  or *he* *can be* a stone of offense  and a rock of stumbling  to both houses of Israel,  *and* a trap and a snare  for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. |
| 15 | Many will stumble over it,  fall, be broken,  be snared and be captured.” |
| 16 | Bind up the testimony,  seal the law among my disciples. |
| 17 | I will wait for Yahweh,  who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob,  and I will look for him. |

18Behold, I and the children whom Yahweh has given me[[9]](#footnote-25760) are for signs and for wonders in Israel from Yahweh of Armies who dwells on Mount Zion. 19When they tell you, “Consult the spirits of the dead and the spiritists who chirp and mutter,” shouldn’t a people consult with their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? 20Turn to the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no *light of* dawn in them.

21And they will pass through it, very distressed and hungry, and when they are hungry they will become enraged and curse their king and their God, and they will turn their faces upward. 22And they look to the earth and see distress, darkness, and the gloom of anguish. They will be driven into thick darkness.

**Isaiah Chapter 9**

The Coming Messiah

1There will be no more gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt; but in the last *time* he will make glorious the Way of the Sea,[[10]](#footnote-13255) the other side of the Jordan, *and* Galilee of the nations.

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| 2 | The people walking in darkness  have seen a great light.  Those living in the land of the shadow of death,  on them the light has shined. |
| 3 | You have enlarged the nation.  You have increased their joy.  They rejoice before you  as with the joy in harvest,  as men rejoice when they are dividing up the spoil. |
| 4 | For the yoke of their burden  and the staff of their shoulder,  the rod of their oppressor,  you have broken as in the day of Midian. |
| 5 | For every boot of the tramping warrior in the noisy *battle*,  and the garments rolled in blood,  will be for burning; *will be* fuel for the fire. |
| 6 | For a child will be born[[11]](#footnote-32401) to us,  a son will be given to us,  and the government will be on his shoulders.  And he will call his name:  The Mighty God is an Extraordinary Advisor,  The Everlasting Father is a Ruler of Peace. |
| 7 | Of the greatness of his government  and peace there will be no end.  *He will reign* on the throne of David  and over his kingdom,  to establish it and to sustain it  with justice and with righteousness  from that time on and forever.  The zeal of Yahweh of Armies will do this. |

Yahweh’s Anger Against Israel

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| 8 | The Lord sent a word against Jacob,  and it falls on Israel. |
| 9 | All the people will know,  including Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria,  who say in pride and in arrogance of heart, |
| 10 | “The bricks have fallen,  but we will build with cut stone.  The sycamore fig trees have been cut down,  but we will put cedars in their place.” |
| 11 | Therefore Yahweh will set up on high against him the adversaries of Rezin,  and will stir up his enemies, |
| 12 | the Syrians in front and the Philistines behind;  and they will devour Israel with open mouth.  For all this, his anger is not turned away,  but his hand is stretched out still. |
| 13 | Yet the people have not turned to him who struck them,  nor have they sought Yahweh of Armies. |
| 14 | Therefore Yahweh will cut off from Israel head and tail,  palm branch and reed, in one day. |
| 15 | The elder and the honorable man is the head,  and the prophet who teaches lies is the tail. |
| 16 | For those who lead this people lead them astray,  and those who are led by them are destroyed. |
| 17 | Therefore the Lord will not rejoice  over their young men,  nor will he have compassion  on their fatherless and widows,  for everyone is profane and an evildoer,  and every mouth speaks folly.  For all this his anger is not turned away,  but his hand is stretched out still. |
| 18 | For wickedness burns like a fire.  It devours the briars and thorns,  yes, it sets the forest thickets ablaze  and they roll upward in a column of smoke. |
| 19 | Through the wrath of Yahweh of Armies,  the land is burned up,  and the people are the fuel for the fire.  No one spares his brother. |
| 20 | One will devour on the right hand  but be hungry;  and he will eat on the left hand,  but they will not be satisfied.  Everyone will eat the flesh of his own arm. |
| 21 | Manasseh, Ephraim;  and Ephraim, Manasseh;  and they together will be against Judah.  For all this his anger is not turned away,  but his hand is stretched out still. |

**Isaiah Chapter 10**

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| 1 | Woe to those who enact unrighteous laws,  and to the writers who write oppressive regulations, |
| 2 | to deprive the needy of justice  and to rob the poor among my people of their rights,  so that widows may be their spoil,  and so that they may make the fatherless their prey! |
| 3 | What will you do in the day of visitation,  and in the desolation that will come from afar?  To whom will you flee for help?  Where will you leave your wealth? |
| 4 | Nothing remains but to crouch among the captives  or fall among the slain.  In spite of all this His anger does not turn away,  and his hand is still stretched out. |
| 5 | Woe to Assyria, the rod of my anger,  the staff in whose hand is my indignation! |
| 6 | I will send him against a godless nation,  and against the people of my wrath  I will give him a command,  to take the spoil and to take the prey,  and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. |
| 7 | But this is not what he intends,  and his heart does not think that way;  but it is in his heart to destroy  and to cut off nations—not a few. |
| 8 | For he says,  “Aren’t all of my officials kings? |
| 9 | Is not Calno like Carchemish?  Is not Hamath like Arpad?  Is not Samaria like Damascus?” |
| 10 | As my hand has reached to the kingdoms of the idols,  whose carved images exceeded those of Jerusalem and of Samaria, |
| 11 | will I not, as I have done to Samaria and her Worthless Ones,  do also to Jerusalem and her idols? |

Judgment on Assyria

12Therefore it will happen that when the Lord has performed his whole work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, “I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and the boastfulness of his haughty looks.” 13For he has said,

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|  | “By the strength of my hand I have done it,  and by my wisdom, for I have understanding,  and I have removed the boundaries of the peoples,  and have robbed their treasures.  Like a valiant man I have brought down their rulers. |
| 14 | My hand has found  the riches of the peoples like a nest,  and like one gathers eggs  that are abandoned  I have gathered all the earth.  There was no one who moved their wing,  or that opened their mouth, or chirped.” |
| 15 | Should an axe brag  against him who chops with it?  Should a saw exalt itself  above him who saws with it?  As if a rod could lift those who lift it up,  or as if a staff could lift itself up as if it were not wood. |
| 16 | Therefore the Lord, Yahweh of Armies,  will send leanness among his fat ones,  and under his glory a burning will be kindled  like the burning of fire. |
| 17 | The Light of Israel will be a fire,  and their Holy One a flame;  and it will burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day. |
| 18 | He will consume the glory of his forest,  and of his fruitful field, both soul and body.  It will be as when a standard bearer faints. |
| 19 | The remnant of the trees of his forest  will be few,  so that a child could write their number. |

The Remnant of Israel Will Return

20It will come to pass in that day that the remnant of Israel and those of the house of Jacob who have escaped will no more lean on him who struck them, but will lean on Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

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| 21 | A remnant will return, even the remnant of Jacob,  to the mighty God. |
| 22 | For though your people, Israel,  are like the sand of the sea,  only a remnant of them will return.  A destruction is determined *that is* overflowing with justice. |
| 23 | For the Lord, Yahweh of Armies,  will make a full end, and that is determined,  in the midst of all the earth. |

24Therefore the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, says “My people who dwell in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrian, though he strike you with the rod and lift up his staff against you as Egypt did. 25For yet a very little while, and the indignation against you will be accomplished and my anger will be directed to his destruction.” 26Yahweh of Armies will stir up a scourge against him, as in the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb. His rod will be over the sea, and he will lift it up like he did against Egypt.

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| 27 | It will happen in that day  that his burden will depart from off your shoulder  and his yoke from off your neck,  and the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil. |
| 28 | He has come against Ai.[[12]](#footnote-24584)  He has passed through Migron.  At Michmash he stores his supplies. |
| 29 | They have gone over the pass.  They have taken up their lodging at Geba.  Ramah trembles.  Gibeah of Saul has fled. |
| 30 | Cry aloud with your voice, daughter of Gallim!  Listen, Laishah!  You poor Anathoth! |
| 31 | Madmenah is a fugitive.  The inhabitants of Gebim flee for safety. |
| 32 | This very day he will halt at Nob.  He shakes his fist at the mountain of Daughter Zion,  the hill of Jerusalem. |
| 33 | Behold, the Lord, Yahweh of Armies,  will lop the boughs with terror.  The tall will be cut down,  and the lofty will be brought low. |
| 34 | He will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron,  and Lebanon will fall by the Mighty One. |

**Isaiah Chapter 11**

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| 1 | A shoot will come out of the stump of Jesse,  and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. |
| 2 | And the spirit of Yahweh will rest on him—  a spirit of wisdom and understanding,  a spirit of counsel and power,  a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yahweh. |
| 3 | His delight will be in the fear of Yahweh.  He will not judge  by what he sees with his eyes,  nor will he decide  by what he hears with his ears; |
| 4 | but with righteousness he will judge the poor,  and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth.  He will strike the earth  with the rod of his mouth,  and with the spirit from his lips  he will kill the wicked. |
| 5 | Righteousness will be the belt of his waist,  and faithfulness the belt of his hips. |
| 6 | The wolf will live with the lamb  and the leopard will lie down with the young goat;  the calf, the young lion, and the fattened calf together,  and a little child will lead them. |
| 7 | The cow and the bear will graze.  Their young ones will lie down together.  The lion will eat straw like the ox. |
| 8 | The nursing child will play near a cobra’s hole,  and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper’s den. |
| 9 | They will not hurt nor destroy  in all my holy mountain,  for the earth will be full  of the knowledge of Yahweh  like the waters cover the sea. |
| 10 | It will happen in that day  that the nations will seek the root from Jesse  who stands as a banner of the peoples,  and his resting place will be glorious. |

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

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| 12 | He will set up a banner for the nations  and will assemble the outcasts of Israel,  and gather together the dispersed of Judah  from the four corners of the earth. |
| 13 | And the envy of Ephraim will depart,  and those who persecute Judah will be cut off.  Ephraim will not envy Judah,  and Judah will not persecute Ephraim. |
| 14 | They will fly down  on the shoulders of the Philistines on the west.  Together they will plunder the children of the east.  They will extend their power over Edom and Moab,  and the children of Ammon will obey them. |
| 15 | Yahweh will utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea,  and with his scorching wind he will wave his hand over the *Euphrates* River,  and will split it into seven streams  and so that people can cross over in sandals. |
| 16 | There will be a highway for the remnant that is left  of his people from Assyria,  like there was for Israel  in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt. |

**Isaiah Chapter 12**

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| 1 | In that day you will say,  “I will give thanks to you, Yahweh;  for though you were angry with me,  your anger has turned away  and you comfort me. |
| 2 | Behold, God is my salvation.  I will trust, and will not be afraid;  for Yah, Yahweh,  is my strength and song,  and he has become my salvation.” |
| 3 | Therefore with joy you will draw water  out of the wells of salvation. |
| 4 | In that day you will say,  “Give thanks to Yahweh! Call on his name.  Declare his doings among the peoples.  Proclaim that his name is exalted! |
| 5 | Sing to Yahweh, for he has done excellent things!  Let this be known in all the earth! |
| 6 | Cry aloud and shout, you inhabitant of Zion,  for the Holy One of Israel  is great in the midst of you!” |

**Isaiah Chapter 13**

1The burden of Babylon that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw:

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| 2 | Set up a banner on the bare mountain!  Lift up your voice to them!  Wave your hand, that they may go  into the gates of the nobles. |
| 3 | I have commanded my consecrated ones,  yes, I have called my mighty men  for my anger,  even my proudly exulting ones. |
| 4 | The noise of a multitude  is in the mountains as of a great people,  the noise of an uproar of the kingdoms  of the nations gathered together!  Yahweh of Armies is mustering the army for the battle. |
| 5 | They come from a far country,  from the uttermost part of heaven,  even Yahweh and the weapons of his indignation,  to destroy the whole land. |
| 6 | Wail, for the Day of Yahweh is at hand!  It will come as destruction from *El* Shaddai. |
| 7 | Therefore all hands will be feeble,  and everyone’s heart will melt. |
| 8 | They will be dismayed.  Pangs and sorrows will seize them.  They will be in pain like a woman in labor.  They will look in amazement one at another.  Their faces will be faces of flame. |
| 9 | Behold, the Day of Yahweh is coming,  cruel, with wrath and fierce anger,  to make the land a desolation  and to destroy its sinners out of it. |
| 10 | For the stars of heaven and its constellations  will not give their light.  The sun will be dark when it rises,  and the moon will not shine forth its light. |
| 11 | I will punish the world for *their* evil  and the wicked for their iniquity.  I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease  and will humble the haughtiness of the ruthless. |
| 12 | I will make people more rare than fine gold,  even a person than the pure gold of Ophir. |
| 13 | Therefore I will make the heavens tremble,  and the earth will be shaken out of its place  in the wrath of Yahweh of Armies,  and in the day of his fierce anger. |
| 14 | It will happen that like a hunted gazelle  and like sheep that no one gathers,  they will each turn to their own people,  and will each flee to their own land. |
| 15 | Everyone who is found will be thrust through.  Everyone who is captured will fall by the sword. |
| 16 | Their infants also will be dashed in pieces before their eyes.  Their houses will be ransacked  and their wives raped. |
| 17 | Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them,  who will not value silver,  and as for gold, they will not delight in it. |
| 18 | Their bows will dash the young men in pieces,  and they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb.  Their eyes will not spare children. |
| 19 | Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,  the beauty of the Chaldeans’ pride,  will be like when God overthrew  Sodom and Gomorrah. |
| 20 | It will never be inhabited,  nor will it be lived in from generation to generation.  The Arabian will not pitch a tent there,  nor will shepherds make their flocks lie down there. |
| 21 | But wild animals of the desert will lie there,  and their houses will be full of jackals.  Ostriches will dwell there,  and wild goats will frolic there. |
| 22 | Wolves will cry out in their castles,  and jackals in the pleasant palaces.  Her time is near to come,  and her days will not be prolonged. |

**Isaiah Chapter 14**

1For Yahweh will have compassion on Jacob and will once again choose Israel, and settle them in their own land. The foreigner will join himself with them, and they will attach themselves to the house of Jacob. 2And the people will take them and bring them to their place. The house of Israel will possess them in Yahweh’s land for male servants and for female servants. They will take as captives those whose captives they were, and they will rule over their oppressors.

3It will happen in the day that Yahweh will give you rest from your sorrow, from your trouble and from the hard service in which you were made to serve, 4that you will take up this parable against the king of Babylon and say,

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|  | “How the oppressor has ceased!  The golden city has ceased!” |
| 5 | Yahweh has broken the staff of the wicked,  the scepter of the rulers |
| 6 | who struck the peoples in wrath  with a relentless stroke,  who ruled the nations in anger  with a persecution that none restrained. |
| 7 | The whole earth is at rest and is quiet.  They break out song. |
| 8 | Yes, the fir trees rejoice with you,  with the cedars of Lebanon, saying,  “Since you are humbled,  no lumberjack has come up against us.” |
| 9 | Sheol from beneath has moved for you  to meet you at your coming.  It stirs up the dead for you,  even all the male goats of the earth.  It has raised up from their thrones  all the kings of the nations. |
| 10 | They all will answer and ask you,  “Have you also become as weak as we are?  Have you become like us?” |
| 11 | Your pomp is brought down to Sheol  along with the sound of your stringed instruments.  Maggots are spread out under you,  and worms cover you. |
| 12 | How you have fallen from heaven,  Shining One, son of Dawn!  How you are cut down to the ground,  you who laid the nations low! |
| 13 | You said in your heart,  “I will scale the heavens!  I will raise my throne high  above the stars of God![[13]](#footnote-14264)  I will sit *enthroned* on the Mountain of Assembly;  on the heights of *Mount* Zaphon![[14]](#footnote-19445) |
| 14 | I will ascend above the heights of the clouds!  I will make myself like the Most High!” |
| 15 | Yet you will be brought down to Sheol,  to the depths of the pit. |
| 16 | Those who see you will stare at you.  They will ponder you, saying,  “Is this the man who made the earth to tremble,  who shook kingdoms, |
| 17 | who made the world like a wilderness  and overthrew its cities,  who didn’t release his prisoners to their home?” |
| 18 | All the kings of the nations,  sleep in glory, everyone in his own house. |
| 19 | But you are cast away from your tomb  like an abominable branch,  clothed with the slain who are thrust through with the sword,  who go down to the stones of the pit;  like a dead body trampled underfoot. |
| 20 | You will not join them in burial,  because you have destroyed your land.  You have killed your people.  The seed of evildoers  will not be named forever. |
| 21 | Prepare for slaughter of his children  because of the iniquity of their fathers,  that they not rise up and possess the earth  and fill the surface of the world with cities. |

22“I will rise up against them,” says Yahweh of Armies, “and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and son and son’s son,” says Yahweh. 23“I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and pools of water. I will sweep it with the broom of destruction,” says Yahweh of Armies.

24Yahweh of Armies has sworn, saying,

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|  | “Surely, as I have thought, so will it happen,  and as I have purposed, so will it stand: |
| 25 | that I will break the Assyrian in my land  and tread him under foot on my mountains.  Then his yoke will leave them,  and his burden leave their shoulders. |
| 26 | This is the plan  that is determined for the whole earth.  This is the hand that is stretched out  over all the nations. |
| 27 | For Yahweh of Armies has planned,  and who can stop it?  His hand is stretched out,  and who can turn it back?” |

28In the year that King Ahaz died this *prophetic* burden came:

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| 29 | Do not rejoice, O Philistia, all of you,  because the rod that struck you is broken;  for out of the serpent’s root an adder will emerge,  and his fruit will be a fiery flying serpent. |
| 30 | The poorest of the poor will eat *plenty*,  and the needy will lie down in safety;  but I will kill your root with famine,  and your remnant it will kill. |
| 31 | Howl, O gate! Cry out, O city!  Melt away *in fear*, Philistia, all of you;  for smoke comes out of the north,  and there is no straggler in its ranks. |
| 32 | What will they answer the messengers of the nation?  That Yahweh has founded Zion,  and in her the afflicted of his people will take refuge. |

**Isaiah Chapter 15**

1The burden of Moab:

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|  | for in a night,  Ar of Moab is laid waste and brought to nothing;  for in a night  Kir of Moab is laid waste and brought to nothing. |
| 2 | They have gone up to Bayith, and to Dibon,  to the shrines to weep.  Moab wails over Nebo and over Medeba.  Every head is shaved bald.  Every beard is cut off. |
| 3 | In their streets, they clothe themselves in sackcloth.  In their streets and on their housetops, everyone wails,  weeping abundantly. |
| 4 | Heshbon cries out with Elealeh.  Their voice is heard even to Jahaz.  Therefore the armed men of Moab cry out aloud.  Their souls tremble inside them. |
| 5 | My heart cries out for Moab!  Her nobles flee to Zoar,  to Eglath Shelishiyah,  for they go up by the ascent of Luhith with weeping;  for in the way of Horonaim,  they raise up a cry of destruction. |
| 6 | For the waters of Nimrim will be desolate;  for the grass has withered away, the tender grass fails,  there is no green thing. |
| 7 | Therefore they will carry away the abundance they have gotten and what they have stored up,  over the brook of the willows. |
| 8 | For the cry has gone  around the borders of Moab,  its wailing to Eglaim  and its wailing to Beer-elim. |
| 9 | For the waters of Dimon are full of blood;  for I will bring yet more on Dimon,  a lion on those of Moab who escape,  and on the remnant of the land. |

**Isaiah Chapter 16**

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| 1 | Send the *tribute* rams to the ruler of the land  from Selah across the desert  to the mountain of Daughter Zion. |
| 2 | For it will be that like fleeing birds,  like a scattered nest,  so will the daughters of Moab  be at the fords of the Arnon. |
| 3 | Give counsel! Execute justice!  Make your shade like the night in the middle of the noonday!  Hide the outcasts!  Do not betray the fugitive! |
| 4 | Let my outcasts dwell with you!  As for Moab, be a hiding place for him from the face of the destroyer.  For the extortioner has come to an end.  Destruction has ceased.  Those who trample down have disappeared out of the land. |
| 5 | A throne will be established in covenant faithfulness.  And one will sit on it in faithfulness  in the tent of David;  one who judges and seeks justice,  and swift to do what is right. |
| 6 | We have heard of the pride of Moab—  he is very proud—  and of his arrogance, his pride, and his wrath.  His boastings are nothing. |
| 7 | Therefore Moab will wail for Moab.  Everyone will wail.  You will mourn for the raisin cakes of Kir Hareseth,  utterly stricken. |
| 8 | For the fields of Heshbon languish  with the vine of Sibmah.  The lords of the nations  have broken down its choice branches  that reached even to Jazer,  which wandered into the wilderness.  Its shoots were spread abroad.  They passed over the sea. |
| 9 | Therefore I will weep with the weeping of Jazer  for the vine of Sibmah.  I will water you with my tears, Heshbon and Elealeh,  for on your summer fruit  and on your harvest  the battle shout has fallen. |
| 10 | Gladness is taken away, and joy out of the fruitful field,  and in the vineyards there will be no singing or joyful noise.  Nobody will tread out wine in the presses.  I have made the *joyful* shouting stop. |
| 11 | Therefore my bowels moan like a harp for Moab  and my inward parts for Kir-heres. |
| 12 | It will happen that when Moab presents himself,  when he wearies himself on the high place  and comes to his sanctuary to pray,  that he will not prevail. |

13This is the word that Yahweh spoke concerning Moab in time past. 14But now Yahweh has spoken, saying, “Within three years, as a worker bound by contract would count them, the glory of Moab will be brought into contempt with all his great multitude, and the remnant will be very small and feeble.”

**Isaiah Chapter 17**

1The burden of Damascus:

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|  | “Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city,  and it will be a ruinous heap. |
| 2 | The cities of Aroer are forsaken.  They will be for flocks, which will lie down  and none will make them afraid. |
| 3 | The fortress will disappear from Ephraim,  and the kingdom from Damascus.  And the remnant of Syria  will be like the glory of the children of Israel,”  says Yahweh of Armies. |
| 4 | “It will happen in that day  that the glory of Jacob will be made thin,  and the fatness of his flesh will become lean. |
| 5 | It will be like when the harvester gathers the wheat  and his arm reaps the grain.  Yes, it will be like when one gleans grain  in the valley of Rephaim. |
| 6 | Yet gleanings will be left there,  like the shaking of an olive tree,  two or three olives in the top of the uppermost bough,  four or five in the outermost branches of a fruitful tree,”  says Yahweh, the God of Israel. |

7In that day, people will look to their Maker and their eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel. 8They will not look to the altars, the work of their hands, nor will they respect what their fingers have made, either the Asherah poles or the incense altars.

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| 9 | In that day, their strong cities will be  like the abandoned places in the woods and on the mountaintop,  which were abandoned because of the children of Israel;  and there will be desolation. |
| 10 | For you have forgotten the God of your salvation  and have not remembered the rock of your strength.  Therefore you plant pleasant plants  and set out foreign seedlings. |
| 11 | In the day of your planting,  you hedge it in.  In the morning,  you make your seed blossom,  but the harvest flees away  in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow. |
| 12 | Ah, the uproar of many peoples  who roar like the roaring of the seas,  and the rushing of nations  that rush like the rushing of mighty waters! |
| 13 | The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters,  but he will rebuke them and they will flee far off,  and will be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind  and like the whirling dust before the storm. |
| 14 | At evening, behold, terror!  Before the morning, they are no more.  This is the portion of those who plunder us  and the lot of those who rob us. |

**Isaiah Chapter 18**

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| 1 | Ah, the land of the whirring wings  that is beyond the rivers of Cush, |
| 2 | that sends ambassadors by the sea,  even in vessels of papyrus on the waters, saying,  “Go, you swift messengers,  to a nation tall and smooth,  to a people awesome from their beginning onward,  a nation that measures out and treads down,  whose land the rivers divide!” |
| 3 | All you inhabitants of the world  and you dwellers on the earth,  when a banner is lifted up on the mountains, look!  When the shofar is blown, listen! |

4For Yahweh said to me,

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|  | “I will be still, and I will see in my dwelling place  like clear heat in sunshine,  like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.” |
| 5 | For before the harvest, when the blossom is over  and the flower becomes a ripening grape,  he will cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks,  and he will cut down and take away the spreading branches. |
| 6 | They will be left together for the ravenous birds of the mountains  and for the animals of the earth.  The ravenous birds will summer on them,  and all the animals of the earth will winter on them. |

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

**Isaiah Chapter 19**

1The burden of Egypt:

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|  | “Behold, Yahweh rides on a swift cloud  and comes to Egypt.  The idols of Egypt will tremble at his presence  and the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst. |
| 2 | I will stir up the Egyptians against the Egyptians,  and they will fight everyone against his brother  and everyone against his neighbor,  city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. |
| 3 | The spirit of Egypt within them will be poured out.  I will swallow up their strategy.  They will seek the idols, the charmers,  those who have familiar spirits, and the wizards. |
| 4 | I will give over the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel lord.  A fierce king will rule over them,”  says the Lord, Yahweh of Armies. |
| 5 | The waters will fail from the sea  and the river will be wasted and become dry. |
| 6 | The rivers will become foul.  The streams of Egypt will be diminished and dried up.  The reeds and flags will wither away. |
| 7 | The meadows by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile,  and all the sown fields of the Nile  will become dry, be driven away and be no more. |
| 8 | The fishermen will lament,  and all those who fish in the Nile will mourn,  and those who spread nets on the waters will languish. |
| 9 | Moreover those who work in combed flax  and those who weave white cloth will be confounded. |
| 10 | The pillars will be broken in pieces.  All those who work for hire will be grieved in soul. |
| 11 | The officials of Zoan are utterly foolish.  The counsel of the wisest counselors of Pharaoh has become stupid.  How do you say to Pharaoh,  “I am the son of the wise,  the son of ancient kings?” |
| 12 | Where then are your wise men?  Let them tell you now, and let them know  what Yahweh of Armies has purposed concerning Egypt. |
| 13 | The officials of Zoan have become fools.  The officials of Memphis are deceived.  They have caused Egypt to go astray who are the cornerstone of her tribes. |
| 14 | Yahweh has mixed a spirit of perverseness in the midst of her,  and they have caused Egypt to go astray in all of its works  like a drunken man staggers in his vomit. |
| 15 | Neither will there be any work for Egypt that head or tail,  palm branch or rush, may do. |

16In that day the Egyptians will be like women. They will tremble and fear because of the shaking of the hand of Yahweh of Armies that he shakes over them. 17The land of Judah will become a terror to Egypt. Everyone to whom mention is made of it will be afraid, because of the plans of Yahweh of Armies that he determines against it.

18In that day there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan and swear to Yahweh of Armies. One will be called the “City of Destruction.”

19In that day, there will be an altar to Yahweh in the middle of the land of Egypt and a standing-stone to Yahweh at its border. 20It will be for a sign and for a witness to Yahweh of Armies in the land of Egypt, for they will cry out to Yahweh because of oppressors and he will send them a savior and a defender, and he will deliver them. 21Yahweh will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know Yahweh in that day. Yes, they will worship with sacrifice and offering, and will vow a vow to Yahweh and will perform it. 22Yahweh will strike Egypt, striking and healing. They will return to Yahweh, and he will allow himself to be entreated by them and will heal them.

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

24In that day, Israel will be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, 25because Yahweh of Armies has blessed them, saying, “Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance.”

**Isaiah Chapter 20**

1In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him and he fought against Ashdod and took it, 2at that time Yahweh spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, “Go and loosen the sackcloth from off your waist and take your sandals from off your feet.” He did so, walking naked and barefoot. 3Yahweh said, “As my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder concerning Egypt and concerning Ethiopia, 4so the king of Assyria will lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old, naked and barefoot and with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. 5They will be dismayed and confounded, because of Ethiopia their expectation and of Egypt their glory. 6The inhabitants of this coast land will say in that day, ‘Behold, this is our expectation, where we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria. And we, how will we escape?’”

**Isaiah Chapter 21**

1The burden of the desert of the sea.

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|  | As whirlwinds in the Negev sweep through,  it comes from the wilderness, from an awesome land. |
| 2 | A grievous vision is declared to me.  The treacherous man deals treacherously,  and the destroyer destroys.  Go up, Elam; attack!  I have stopped all of Media’s sighing. |
| 3 | Therefore my thighs are filled with anguish.  Pains have taken hold on me like the pains of a woman in labor.  I am in so much pain that I cannot hear.  I so am dismayed that I cannot see. |
| 4 | My heart flutters.  Horror has frightened me.  The twilight that I desired  has been turned into trembling for me. |
| 5 | They prepare the table. They set the watch.  They eat. They drink.  Rise up, you officials, oil the shield! |
| 6 | For the Lord said to me,  “Go, set a watchman.  Let him declare what he sees. |
| 7 | When he sees a troop,  horsemen in pairs,  a troop of donkeys,  a troop of camels,  he will listen diligently with great attentiveness.” |
| 8 | He cried out like a lion:  “Lord, I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime,  and every night I stay at my post. |
| 9 | Behold, here comes a troop of men,  horsemen in pairs.”  He answered,  “Fallen, fallen is Babylon,  and all the carved images of her gods  are broken to the ground. |
| 10 | You are my threshing  and the grain of my floor!”  What I have heard from Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel,  I have declared to you. |

11The burden of Dumah.

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|  | One calls to me out of Seir,  “Watchman, what of the night?  Watchman, what of the night?” |
| 12 | The watchman said,  “The morning comes, and also the night.  If you will inquire, inquire.  Come back again.” |

13The burden on Arabia.

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|  | In the forest in Arabia  you will lodge,  you caravans of Dedanites. |
| 14 | They brought water to him who was thirsty.  The inhabitants of the land of Tema  met the fugitives with their bread. |
| 15 | For they fled away from the swords,  from the drawn sword,  from the bent bow  and from the heat of battle. |

16For the Lord said to me, “Within a year, as a worker bound by contract would count it, all the glory of Kedar will fail, 17and the residue of the number of the archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, will be few; for Yahweh, the God of Israel, has spoken it.”

**Isaiah Chapter 22**

1The burden of the valley of vision.

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|  | What ails you now,  that you have all gone up to the housetops? |
| 2 | You who are full of shouting,  a tumultuous city, a joyous town,  your slain are not slain with the sword,  nor are they dead in battle. |
| 3 | All your rulers fled away together.  They were bound by the archers.  All who were found by you were bound together.  They fled far away. |
| 4 | Therefore I said,  “Look away from me. I will weep bitterly.  Do not labor to comfort me  for the destruction of the daughter of my people. |
| 5 | For it is a day of confusion and of treading down,  and of perplexity from the Lord, Yahweh of Armies,  in the valley of vision;  a breaking down of the walls and a crying to the mountains.” |
| 6 | Elam carried his quiver  with chariots of men and horsemen,  and Kir uncovered the shield. |
| 7 | It came to pass that your choicest valleys were full of chariots,  and the horsemen set themselves in *battle* formation at the gate. |
| 8 | He took away the covering of Judah, |

and you looked in that day to the armor in the House of the Forest.9You saw the breaches of the city of David, that they were many, and you gathered together the waters of the lower pool. 10You counted the houses of Jerusalem, and you broke down the houses to fortify the wall. 11You also made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool. But you didn’t look to him who had done this, neither did you have respect for him who purposed it long ago.

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| 12 | In that day the Lord, Yahweh of Armies,  called for weeping, and for mourning, and for baldness,  and for dressing in sackcloth, |
| 13 | but look! *Instead, there is* joy and gladness,  slaying cattle and killing sheep,  eating of meat and drinking of wine:  “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we will die.” |
| 14 | Yahweh of Armies revealed himself in my ears,  “Surely this iniquity will not be forgiven you until you die,”  says the Lord, Yahweh of Armies. |

15This is what the Lord, Yahweh of Armies, says: “Go, get yourself to this treasurer, even to Shebna who is *the man who is* Over the House, and say, 16‘What are you doing here? Who have you here, that you have dug out a tomb here?’ Cutting himself out a tomb on high, chiseling a habitation for himself in the rock!” 17Behold, Yahweh will throw you down violently, O *mere* man! Yes, he will grasp you firmly. 18He will surely wind you around and around, and throw you like a ball into a large country. There you will die and there the chariots of your glory will be, you shame of your lord’s house. 19I will thrust you from your office. You will be pulled down from your station.

20It will happen in that day that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, 21and I will clothe him with your cloak and strengthen him with your belt. I will commit your government into his hand, and he will be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. 22I will lay the key of the house of David on his shoulder. He will open, and no one will shut. He will shut, and no one will open. 23I will fasten him like a peg in a sure place. He will be for a throne of glory to his father’s house. 24They will hang on him all the glory of his father’s house, the offspring and the issue, every small vessel from the cups even to all the pitchers. 25“In that day,” says Yahweh of Armies, “the nail that was fastened in a sure place will give way. It will be cut down, and fall. The burden that was on it will be cut off, for Yahweh has spoken it.”

**Isaiah Chapter 23**

1The burden of Tyre.

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|  | Howl, you ships of Tarshish!  For it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in.  From the land of Kittim it is revealed to them. |
| 2 | Be still, you inhabitants of the coast,  you whom the merchants of Sidon  that pass over the sea have replenished. |
| 3 | On great waters,  the seed of the Shihor,  the harvest of the Nile,  was her revenue.  She was the market of nations. |
| 4 | Be ashamed, Sidon;  for the sea has spoken,  the stronghold of the sea, saying,  “I have not travailed, nor brought forth,  neither have I nourished young men  nor brought up virgins.” |
| 5 | When the report comes to Egypt,  they will be in anguish at the report of Tyre. |
| 6 | Pass over to Tarshish!  Wail, you inhabitants of the coast! |
| 7 | Is this your joyous city  whose antiquity is of ancient days,  whose feet carried her  far away to travel? |
| 8 | Who has planned this against Tyre,  the giver of crowns,  whose merchants are rulers,  whose traders are the honorable of the earth? |
| 9 | Yahweh of Armies has planned it,  to stain the pride of all glory,  to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth. |
| 10 | Pass through your land like the Nile, daughter of Tarshish.  There is no restraint any more. |
| 11 | He has stretched out his hand over the sea.  He has shaken the kingdoms.  Yahweh has ordered  the destruction of Canaan’s strongholds. |
| 12 | He said,  “You will rejoice no more,  you oppressed virgin daughter Sidon.  Arise, pass over to Kittim.  Even there you will have no rest.” |
| 13 | Behold, the land of the Chaldeans.  This people was not.  The Assyrians founded it for those who dwell in the wilderness.  They set up their towers.  They overthrew its palaces.  They made it a ruin. |
| 14 | Howl, you ships of Tarshish,  for your stronghold is laid waste! |

15It will come to pass in that day that Tyre will be forgotten 70 years, according to the days of one king. After the end of 70 years it will be to Tyre like in the song of the prostitute.

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

17It will happen after the end of 70 years that Yahweh will visit Tyre, and she will return to her wages and will prostitute herself with all the kingdoms of the world on the surface of the earth. 18Her merchandise and her wages will be holiness to Yahweh. It will not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise will be for those who dwell before Yahweh, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.

**Isaiah Chapter 24**

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| 1 | Behold, Yahweh will make the earth empty,  make it waste,  turn it upside down and scatter its inhabitants. |
| 2 | It will be as with the people, so with the priest;  as with the servant, so with his master;  as with the maid, so with her mistress;  as with the buyer, so with the seller;  as with the creditor, so with the debtor;  as with the lender, so with the borrower. |
| 3 | The earth will be utterly emptied  and utterly laid waste,  for Yahweh has spoken this word. |
| 4 | The earth mourns and fades away.  The world languishes and fades away.  The lofty people of the earth languish. |
| 5 | The earth also is polluted by its inhabitants,  because they have transgressed the laws,  violated the statutes  and broken the everlasting covenant. |
| 6 | Therefore the curse has devoured the earth,  and those who dwell in it are found guilty.  Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned up,  and few people are left. |
| 7 | The new wine mourns.  The vine languishes.  All the merry-hearted sigh. |
| 8 | The joyful sound of tambourines ceases.  The sound of those who rejoice ends.  The joy of the harp ceases. |
| 9 | They will not drink wine with a song.  Beer will be bitter to those who drink it. |
| 10 | The confused city is broken down.  Every house is shut up so that no one can enter. |
| 11 | There is a crying in the streets because of the wine.  All joy is darkened.  The rejoicing in the land is gone. |
| 12 | The city is left in desolation,  and the gate is struck with destruction. |
| 13 | For this is how it will be on earth  among the peoples:  *it will be* like the beating of an olive tree,  like the gleanings when the vintage is done. |
| 14 | These will lift up their voice.  They will shout for joy.  They will cry aloud from the west  over the majesty of Yahweh. |
| 15 | Therefore glorify Yahweh in the east!  In the islands of the sea  *glorify* the name of Yahweh,  the God of Israel! |
| 16 | From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs.  Glory to the righteous!  But I said, “I pine away! I pine away!  Woe is me!”  The treacherous have dealt treacherously.  Yes, the treacherous have dealt very treacherously. |
| 17 | Fear and the pit and the snare are upon you  who inhabit the earth. |
| 18 | It will happen that he who flees from the noise of the fear  will fall into the pit,  and he who comes up out of the middle of the pit  will be taken in the snare;  for the windows on high are opened,  and the foundations of the earth tremble. |
| 19 | The earth is utterly broken.  The earth is torn apart.  The earth is shaken violently. |
| 20 | The earth will stagger like a drunken man  and will sway back and forth like a hammock.  Its disobedience will be heavy on it,  and it will fall and not rise again. |
| 21 | In that day Yahweh will punish  the army of the heavens in the heavens,  and the kings of the earth on the earth. |
| 22 | They will be gathered together, gathered together as prisoners in a pit,  and will be shut up in the prison;  and after many days they will be visited. |
| 23 | Then the moon will be confounded  and the sun ashamed,  for Yahweh of Armies will reign  on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem,  and will be glorious in the presence of his elders. |

**Isaiah Chapter 25**

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| 1 | Yahweh, you are my God.  I will exalt you! I will praise your name,  for you have done wonderful things,  things planned long ago, in complete faithfulness and truth. |
| 2 | For you have made a city into a heap;  a fortified city into a ruin;  a palace of foreigners is a city no more.  It will never be rebuilt. |
| 3 | Therefore a strong people will glorify you.  A city of awesome nations will fear you. |
| 4 | For you have been a stronghold to the poor,  a stronghold to the needy in his distress,  a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat.  For the breath of the ruthless is like a *rain* storm *battering against* a wall, |
| 5 | like the heat in a dry place.  You subdue the uproar of foreigners;  like the heat *is subdued* by the shadow of a cloud,  so the song of the ruthless ones will be brought low. |
| 6 | On this mountain, Yahweh of Armies  will throw a banquet of fat *meat* for all people,  a banquet of choice wines, of fat *meat* full of marrow,  of wine on the lees *that has been* thoroughly strained. |
| 7 | On this mountain He will swallow up  the *burial* shroud; the one that covers all people,  the veil that is spread over all nations. |
| 8 | He will swallow up death forever!  The Lord Yahweh will wipe away tears  from off all faces.  He will take the reproach of his people  away from off all the earth,  for Yahweh has spoken it. |
| 9 | It will be said in that day,  “Behold, this is our God!  We have waited for him, and he will save us!  This is Yahweh! We have waited for him.  We will be glad and rejoice in his salvation!” |
| 10 | For on this mountain the hand of Yahweh will rest.  Moab will be trampled down in his place,  even like straw is trampled down in the water of a manure pile. |
| 11 | He will spread out his hands in the middle of it  like a swimmer spreads out *his hands* to swim,  but his pride will be humbled  along with the skill of his hands. |
| 12 | And the high fortifications of your walls he will bring down,  he will cast it to the ground, even to the dust. |

**Isaiah Chapter 26**

1In that day, this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

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|  | “We have a strong city.  God appoints salvation for walls and bulwarks. |
| 2 | Open the gates  so that the righteous nation may enter,  the one that remains faithful. |
| 3 | You will keep in perfect peace the one whose mind is steadfast,  because he trusts in you. |
| 4 | Trust in Yahweh forever,  for in Yah, Yahweh, is an everlasting Rock. |
| 5 | For he has brought down those who dwell on high,  the lofty city.  He lays it low. He lays it low to the ground.  He casts it to the dust. |
| 6 | The foot will tread it down,  even the feet of the poor  and the steps of the needy.” |
| 7 | The path of the righteous is level.  You, O Upright One, make the way of the righteous level. |
| 8 | Yes, *as we walk* in the way of your judgments, Yahweh,  we wait for you.  Your name and remembering you are the desire of our soul. |
| 9 | With my soul I have desired you in the night.  Yes, with my spirit within me I kept seeking you earnestly,  for when your judgments are in the earth,  the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. |
| 10 | Let favor be shown to the wicked,  yet he will not learn righteousness.  In the land of uprightness he will deal wrongfully  and will not see Yahweh’s majesty. |
| 11 | Yahweh, your hand is lifted up,  yet they do not see;  but they will see your zeal for the people,  and be disappointed.  Yes, fire will consume your adversaries. |
| 12 | Yahweh, you will grant peace for us,  for all we have done you have done for us. |
| 13 | Yahweh our God, other lords besides you have had dominion over us,  but by you only will we make mention of your name. |
| 14 | The dead do not live.  The deceased do not rise.  To that end you have visited and destroyed them  and caused all memory of them to perish. |
| 15 | You have increased the nation, O Yahweh.  You have increased the nation! You are glorified!  You have enlarged all the borders of the land. |
| 16 | Yahweh, *when they were* in distress they sought you.  They poured out a prayer  when your discipline was on them. |
| 17 | Like as a woman with child  who draws near the time of her delivery is in pain,  and cries out in her pangs,  so we have been before you, Yahweh. |
| 18 | We have been with child. We have been in pain.  We gave birth, it seems, only to wind.  We have not worked any deliverance in the earth,  neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. |
| 19 | Your dead will live. My dead bodies will arise.  Awake and sing for joy, you who dwell in the dust!  For your dew is like the dew of the *morning* light;  and the earth will give birth to her dead. |
| 20 | Come, my people, enter into your rooms  and shut your doors behind you.  Hide yourself for a little moment until the indignation is past. |
| 21 | For behold, Yahweh comes out of his place  to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity.  And the earth will reveal the blood shed upon it,  and will no longer conceal her slain. |

**Isaiah Chapter 27**

1In that day, Yahweh with his fierce and great and strong sword will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, and Leviathan the twisted serpent, and he will kill the sea monster that is in the sea.

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| 2 | In that day,  sing to her, “A pleasant vineyard! |
| 3 | I, Yahweh, am its guardian.  I will water it every moment.  Lest anyone damage it,  I will guard it night and day. |
| 4 | Wrath is not in me,  but if it produces briars and thorns for me,  I would do battle! I would march against them  and I would burn them together. |
| 5 | Or else let him take hold of my protection.  Let them make peace with me,  *yes,* let them make peace with me.” |
| 6 | In the *days* to come, Jacob will take root.  Israel will blossom and bud.  They will fill the surface of the world with fruit. |
| 7 | Has he struck them  as he struck those who struck them?  Or are they killed like those who killed them were killed? |
| 8 | In measure, when you sent her away,  you contended with her.  He removed her with his rough blast  in the day of the east wind. |
| 9 | Therefore by this the iniquity of Jacob will be forgiven,  and this will be the full fruit of taking away his sin:  that he makes all the stones of the altar as chalk stones  that are beaten in pieces,  so that the Asherah poles and the incense altars will rise no more. |
| 10 | For the fortified city is solitary,  a habitation deserted and forsaken like the wilderness.  The calf will feed there,  and there he will lie down and consume its branches. |
| 11 | When its boughs are withered, they will be broken off.  The women will come and set them on fire,  for they are a people of no understanding.  Therefore he who made them will not have compassion on them,  and he who formed them will show them no favor. |
| 12 | And it will come to pass in that day  that Yahweh will thresh from the flowing stream of the Euphrates  to the Brook of Egypt,  and you will be gathered one by one,  children of Israel. |
| 13 | And it will come to pass in that day  that a great shofar will be blown,  and those who were lost in the land of Assyria  and those who were outcasts in the land of Egypt  will come, and they will worship Yahweh  on the holy mountain at Jerusalem. |

**Isaiah Chapter 28**

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| 1 | Woe to the proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim  and to the fading flower of its glorious beauty  that is on the head of the fertile valley  *the crown* of those who are overcome with wine! |
| 2 | Behold, the Lord has a strong and powerful one.  Like a storm of hail, a destroying storm,  and like a storm of mighty overflowing waters,  he will cast *it* down to the earth with his hand. |
| 3 | The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim  will be trampled underfoot. |
| 4 | The fading flower of its glorious beauty  that is on the head of the fertile valley  will be like the first-ripe fig before the summer,  which when someone sees it, he eats it as soon as it is in his hand. |
| 5 | (In that day,  Yahweh of Armies will become a crown of glory  and a diadem of beauty  to the remnant of his people, |
| 6 | and a spirit of justice  to him who sits in judgment  and strength  to those who turn back the battle at the gate). |
| 7 | And these also stumble around because of wine  and stagger because of beer.  The priest and the prophet stumble around because of beer.  They are confused by wine.  They stagger because of beer.  They stumble around *while having* visions.  They totter *when giving* judgments. |
| 8 | Indeed, all the tables are full of filthy vomit,  with no *clean* space left. |
| 9 | To whom will he teach knowledge?  To whom will he explain the message?  Those who are weaned from the milk  and just taken from the breasts? |
| 10 | For it is precept by precept, precept by precept;  line by line, line by line;  here a little, there a little. |
| 11 | Indeed, he will speak to this nation  with stammering lips  and in another language. |
| 12 | He had said to them,  “This is the resting place,  let the weary rest,”  and “This is the place of repose,”  yet they would not listen. |
| 13 | Therefore the word of Yahweh will be to them  precept on precept, precept on precept;  line on line, line on line;  here a little, there a little;  that they may go, fall backward,  be broken, be snared, and be captured. |
| 14 | Therefore hear the word of Yahweh, you scoffers  that rule this people in Jerusalem: |
| 15 | “Because you have said, ‘We have cut a covenant with death,  and with Sheol are we in agreement.  When the overflowing scourge passes through,  it will not come to us,  for we have made lies our refuge  and we have hidden ourselves under falsehood.’” |
| 16 | Therefore this is what the Lord Yahweh says,  “Behold, I lay in Zion a foundation, a stone,  a tested stone,  a precious cornerstone, as a sure foundation.  He who believes will not act hastily. |
| 17 | I will make justice the measuring line  and righteousness the plumb line.  The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies,  and the waters will overflow the hiding place. |
| 18 | Your covenant with death will be annulled,  and your agreement with Sheol will not stand.  When the overflowing scourge passes through,  then you will be trampled down by it. |
| 19 | As often as it passes through,  it will seize you;  for morning by morning it will pass through,  by day and by night,  and it will be nothing but terror  to understand the message.” |
| 20 | For the bed is too short to stretch out on,  and the blanket is too narrow to wrap oneself in. |
| 21 | For Yahweh will rise up as on Mount Perazim.  He will be angry as in the valley of Gibeon,  that he may do his work, his unusual work,  and bring to pass his act, his extraordinary act. |
| 22 | Now therefore do not be scoffers,  lest your bonds be made strong;  for I have heard a decree of destruction  from the Lord, Yahweh of Armies,  on the whole earth. |
| 23 | Give ear, and hear my voice!  Listen, and hear my speech! |
| 24 | Does he who plows to sow plow continually?  Does he keep turning the soil and breaking the clods? |
| 25 | When he has leveled its surface,  doesn’t he plant the dill and scatter the cumin seed,  and put in the wheat in rows,  the barley in the appointed place  and the spelt in its place? |
| 26 | For his God instructs him in right judgment,  and teaches him. |
| 27 | For the dill are not threshed  with a sharp instrument,  neither is a cart wheel turned over the cumin;  but the dill is beaten out with a stick,  and the cumin with a rod. |
| 28 | Bread flour must be ground,  so he will not always be threshing it.  Although he drives the wheel of his threshing cart over it,  his horses do not grind it. |
| 29 | This also comes forth from Yahweh of Armies,  who is wonderful in counsel  and excellent in wisdom. |

**Isaiah Chapter 29**

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| 1 | Woe to Ariel! Ariel,  the city where David encamped!  Add year to year,  let the feasts come around; |
| 2 | then I will distress Ariel,  and there will be mourning and lamentation.  She will be to me as an altar hearth. |
| 3 | I will encamp against you all around you  and will lay siege against you with posted troops.  I will raise siege works against you. |
| 4 | You will be brought down  and will speak out of the ground.  Your speech will mumble out of the dust.  Your voice will be as of one who has a familiar spirit,  out of the ground,  and your speech will whisper out of the dust. |
| 5 | But the multitude of your foes will be like fine dust,  and the multitude of the ruthless ones like chaff that blows away.  Yes, it will be in an instant, suddenly. |
| 6 | She will be visited by Yahweh of Armies  with thunder, with earthquake, with great noise,  with whirlwind and storm and with the flame of a devouring fire. |
| 7 | The multitude of all the nations  that fight against Ariel,  even all who fight against her and her stronghold  and who distress her  will be like a dream, a vision of the night. |
| 8 | It will be like when a hungry man dreams, and behold, he eats,  but he awakes and his hunger isn’t satisfied;  or like when a thirsty man dreams, and behold, he drinks,  but he awakes, and behold, he is faint, and he is still thirsty.  The multitude of all the nations that fight against Mount Zion  will be like that. |
| 9 | Pause and wonder!  Blind yourselves and be blind!  They are drunken, but not with wine;  they stagger, but not with beer. |
| 10 | For Yahweh has poured out on you  a spirit of deep sleep,  and has closed your eyes, the prophets;  and he has covered your heads, the seers. |

11All vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which men give to one who is educated, saying, “Read this, please,” and he says, “I cannot, because it is sealed,” 12and the book is given to one who is not educated, saying, “Read this, please,” and he says, “I am not able to read.”

13The Lord said,

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|  | “Because this people draws near with their mouth  and with their lips to honor me,  but they have moved their heart far away from me  and their fear of me is a commandment of men  that has been taught, |
| 14 | therefore, behold, I am going to do wonders among this people,  wonder upon wonder,  and the wisdom of their wise men will perish,  and the discernment of their discerning men will be hidden.” |
| 15 | Woe to those who deeply hide  their counsel from Yahweh  and whose works are in the dark,  and who say, “Who sees us?” and “Who knows us?” |
| 16 | You turn things upside down!  Should the potter be considered like the clay,  that the thing made should say about the one who made it,  “He did not make me,”  or the thing formed say of him who formed it,  “He has no understanding?” |
| 17 | Is it not yet *only* a very little while  and Lebanon will be turned into a fruitful field,  and the fruitful field will be regarded as a forest? |
| 18 | In that day the deaf will hear  the words of a book,  and the eyes of the blind will see  out of obscurity and out of darkness. |
| 19 | The afflicted will find  joy in Yahweh once again,  and the poor among humankind will rejoice  in the Holy One of Israel. |
| 20 | For the ruthless person will be brought to nothing,  and the scoffer will cease,  and all those who watch *for an opportunity* to do evil  will be cut off— |
| 21 | those who by a word make a person out to be an offender  and lay a snare for the one who arbitrates at the *city* gate,  and who deprive the innocent of justice  by false testimony. |

22Therefore this is what Yahweh, who redeemed Abraham, says concerning the house of Jacob:

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|  | “Jacob will no longer be ashamed,  nor will his face grow pale. |
| 23 | But when he sees his children,  the work of my hands, in his midst,  they will keep my name holy;  they will acknowledge the holiness of the Holy One of Jacob  and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. |
| 24 | And those who err in spirit will come to understanding,  and those who grumble will accept instruction.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 30**

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| 1 | “Woe to the rebellious children,”  says Yahweh,  “who take counsel, but not from me,  and who make an alliance,  but not by my spirit,  so that sin is added to sin; |
| 2 | who set out to go down into Egypt  (but have not asked at my mouth),  to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh  and to take refuge in the shadow of Egypt! |
| 3 | Therefore the stronghold of Pharaoh will become your shame,  and the refuge in the shadow of Egypt *will become* your confusion. |
| 4 | Although his officials are at Zoan,  and their ambassadors have come to Hanes, |
| 5 | they will all be put to shame  because of a people that cannot profit them,  who are not a help or profit  but are a shame and also a reproach.” |

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|  | Through the land of trouble and anguish,  where the lioness and the lion,  the viper and fiery flying serpent come from,  they carry their riches on the backs of young donkeys  and their treasures on the humps of camels  to a people who cannot profit them. |
| 7 | For Egypt’s help is worthless and empty,  so I have called her  “Rahab who sits still.” |
| 8 | Now go, write it on a tablet in their presence  and inscribe it on a scroll,  that it may be for the time to come  forever and ever. |
| 9 | For it is a rebellious people,  lying children,  children who refuse to listen to the law of Yahweh, |
| 10 | who tell the seers, “Do not see!”  and to the prophets,  “Do not prophesy to us right things.  Tell us pleasant things.  Prophesy deceits. |
| 11 | Get out of the way!  Turn aside from the path!  Let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.” |
| 12 | Therefore this is what the Holy One of Israel says,  “Because you have rejected this word,  and trust in oppression and perverseness,  and rely on it, |
| 13 | therefore this iniquity will be to you  like a breach ready to fall,  swelling out in a high wall,  whose breaking comes suddenly in an instant. |
| 14 | He will break it as a potter’s vessel is broken,  breaking it in pieces without sparing,  so that there will not be found among the broken piece  a piece good enough to take fire from the hearth  or to dip up water out of the cistern.” |
| 15 | For thus said the Lord Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel,  “You will be saved in returning and rest.  Your strength will be in quietness and in confidence.”  You refused, |
| 16 | and you said, “No,  for we will flee on horses,”  therefore you will flee;  and, “We will ride on the swift,”  therefore those who pursue you will be swift. |
| 17 | 1,000 will flee at the threat of one.  At the threat of five, you will flee  until you are left  like a beacon on the top of a mountain  and like a banner on a hill. |
| 18 | Therefore Yahweh will wait,  that he may be gracious to you;  and therefore he will be exalted,  that he may have mercy on you,  for Yahweh is a God of justice.  Blessed are all those who wait for him. |

19For the people will live in Zion at Jerusalem. You will weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. When he hears you, he will answer you. 20Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your teachers will not be hidden anymore, but your eyes will see your teachers, 21and when you turn to the right hand and when you turn to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way. Walk in it.” 22You will defile your carved images *that are* overlaid with silver and your cast *metal* images covered with gold. You will cast them away like menstrual cloths. You will say to them, “Be gone!”

23And he will give the rain for your seed with which you sow the ground, and food, the produce of the ground, will be rich and plentiful. In that day, your livestock will feed in large pastures. 24And the oxen and the young donkeys that work the ground will eat seasoned fodder that has been winnowed with the shovel and with the *winnowing* fork. 25There will be brooks and streams of water on every lofty mountain and on every high hill in the day of the great slaughter when the towers fall. 26Moreover, the light of the moon will be like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times *brighter*, like the light of seven days, in the day that Yahweh binds up the fracture of his people and when the severe wound caused by striking them he heals.

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| 27 | Behold, the name of Yahweh comes from far away,  burning with his anger and in thick rising smoke.  His lips are full of indignation  and his tongue is as a devouring fire. |
| 28 | His breath is as an overflowing stream  that reaches even to the neck,  to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction;  and a bridle that leads to ruin  will be in the jaws of the peoples. |
| 29 | You will have a song as in the night  when a holy feast is kept,  and gladness of heart  as when one goes with a flute  to come to Yahweh’s mountain,  to Israel’s Rock. |
| 30 | Yahweh will cause his glorious voice to be heard  and will show the descent of his arm,  with the indignation of his anger  and the flame of a devouring fire,  with a driving rain, storm, and hailstones. |
| 31 | For through the voice of Yahweh the Assyrian will be dismayed.  He will strike him with his rod. |
| 32 | Every stroke of the rod of punishment  that Yahweh will lay on him  will be with the sound of tambourines and harps.  He will fight with them in battles, brandishing weapons. |
| 33 | For his Topheth has long been ready.  Yes, for the king it is prepared.  He has made its pyre deep and large  with fire and much wood.  Yahweh’s breath, like a stream of sulfur,  kindles it. |

**Isaiah Chapter 31**

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| 1 | Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help,  and rely on horses  and trust in chariots because they are many,  and in horsemen because they are very strong,  but they do not look to the Holy One of Israel  nor seek Yahweh! |
| 2 | Yet he also is wise, and will bring disaster  and will not call back his words,  but will arise against the house of the evildoers  and against the helpers of those who work iniquity. |
| 3 | Now the Egyptians are men and not God,  and their horses are flesh and not spirit.  When Yahweh stretches out his hand,  the one who helps will stumble,  and the one who is helped will fall,  and all of them will come to an end together. |

4For this is what Yahweh said to me:

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|  | “Just as the lion or the young lion growls over his prey,  and when a multitude of shepherds is called out together against him,  he will not be afraid because of their shouting  nor intimidated by their noise,  so Yahweh of Armies will come down to fight  on Mount Zion  and on its hill. |
| 5 | Like birds hovering,  so Yahweh of Armies will protect Jerusalem.  He will protect and deliver it.  He will pass over and preserve it.” |

6Return to him from whom you have deeply rebelled, O children of Israel! 7For in that day everyone will cast away his idols of silver and his idols of gold that your own hands have made for you—a sin!

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| 8 | The Assyrian will fall  *but* not by the sword of people;  and the sword *that is* not of humankind  will devour him.  He will flee from the sword,  and his young men will become subject to forced labor. |
| 9 | And his rock will pass away because of terror,  and his officials will be afraid of the banner,” |

says Yahweh, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

**Isaiah Chapter 32**

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| 1 | Behold, a king will reign in righteousness,  and rulers will govern with justice. |
| 2 | Each one will be like a shelter from the wind  and a refuge from the storm;  like streams of water in a dry land,  like the shade of a great rock in a weary land. |
| 3 | The eyes of those who see will not be closed,  and the ears of those who hear will listen. |
| 4 | The mind of the rash will understand knowledge,  and the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak clearly. |
| 5 | The fool will no longer be called noble,  nor the scoundrel be highly respected. |
| 6 | For the fool speaks folly  and his heart plans iniquity,  to do what is godless  and to speak error concerning Yahweh,  to make empty the soul of the hungry  and to cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. |
| 7 | The ways of the scoundrel are evil.  He devises wicked devices to destroy the humble with lying words,  even when the needy speaks right. |
| 8 | But the noble devises noble things,  and he will continue in noble things. |
| 9 | Rise up, you women who are at ease!  Hear my voice!  You carefree daughters,  give ear to my speech! |
| 10 | For days beyond a year  you will be troubled, you carefree women,  for the vintage will fail.  The harvest will not come. |
| 11 | Tremble, you women who are at ease!  Be troubled, you carefree ones!  Strip yourselves, make yourselves naked  and put sackcloth on your waist. |
| 12 | Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields,  for the fruitful vine. |
| 13 | Thorns and briars  will come up on my people’s land,  yes, on all the houses of joy in the joyous city. |
| 14 | For the palace will be forsaken.  The populous city will be deserted.  The hill and the watchtower will be for dens forever,  a delight for wild donkeys,  a pasture of flocks; |
| 15 | until the spirit is poured on us from on high,  and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,  and the fruitful field is considered a forest. |
| 16 | Then justice will dwell in the wilderness  and righteousness will reside in the fruitful field. |
| 17 | The work of righteousness will be peace,  and the effect of righteousness  *will be* quietness and confidence forever. |
| 18 | My people will live in a peaceful habitation,  in safe dwellings and in quiet resting places. |
| 19 | Though hail flattens the forest  and the city is leveled completely. |
| 20 | Blessed are you who sow  beside all waters,  who send out the feet of the ox and the donkey. |

**Isaiah Chapter 33**

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| 1 | Woe to you who destroy, but were never destroyed,  and who betray, but who have never been betrayed!  When you have finished destroying,  you will be destroyed;  and when you have finished betraying,  they will betray you. |
| 2 | Yahweh, be gracious to us. We have waited for you.  Be our strength every morning,  yes, our salvation in the time of trouble. |
| 3 | At the noise of the tumult, the peoples flee.  When you lift yourself up, the nations scatter. |
| 4 | Your spoil will be harvested as the young locust harvests.  People will leap upon it as locusts leap. |
| 5 | Yahweh is exalted, for he dwells on high.  He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness. |
| 6 | And he will be the stability in your times;  an abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge.  The fear of Yahweh is Zion’s treasure. |
| 7 | Behold, their valiant ones cry out in the streets;  the ambassadors of peace weep bitterly. |
| 8 | The highways are deserted.  The traveler has ceased.  He has broken a covenant.  He has despised witnesses.  He does not respect man. |
| 9 | The land mourns and languishes.  Lebanon is ashamed and withers away.  Sharon is like the Arabah,  and Bashan and Carmel shake off *their leaves*. |
| 10 | “Now I will arise,” says Yahweh,  “Now I will lift myself up.  Now I will be exalted. |
| 11 | You conceive chaff.  You give birth to stubble.  Your breath is a fire that will devour you. |
| 12 | The peoples will be as if burned into lime,  like thorns that are cut down and burned in the fire. |
| 13 | Hear, you who are far off, what I have done;  and, you who are near, acknowledge my might.” |
| 14 | The sinners in Zion are afraid.  Trembling has seized the godless ones.  Who among us can live with *the* devouring fire?  Who among us can live with *the* age-enduring hearth fire? |
| 15 | He who walks righteously  and speaks blamelessly;  he who despises what is gained by oppression,  who shakes his hands lest they take a bribe,  who stops his ears from hearing about bloodshed  and shuts his eyes from looking at evil— |
| 16 | he will dwell on high.  His place of defense will be the fortress of rocks.  His bread will be supplied. His waters will be sure. |
| 17 | Your eyes will see the king in his beauty.  They will see a land that stretches afar. |
| 18 | Your heart will meditate on the terror.  Where is he who counted?  Where is he who weighed?  Where is he who counted the towers? |
| 19 | You will no longer see the fierce people,  a people of a deep speech that you cannot comprehend,  with a strange language that you cannot understand. |
| 20 | Look at Zion, the city of our appointed festivals.  Your eyes will see Jerusalem,  a quiet habitation, a tent that won’t be removed.  Its stakes will never be plucked up,  nor will any of its cords be broken. |
| 21 | But there Yahweh will be with us in majesty,  a place of wide rivers and streams  where no galley with oars will go,  nor will any gallant ship pass by there. |
| 22 | For Yahweh is our judge.  Yahweh is our lawgiver.  Yahweh is our king.  He will save us. |
| 23 | Your rigging is untied.  They could not strengthen the foot of their mast.  They could not spread the sail.  Then the prey of a great spoil was divided.  The lame took the prey. |
| 24 | No resident *of Zion* will say, “I am sick.”  The people who live in it  will be forgiven their iniquity. |

**Isaiah Chapter 34**

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| 1 | Come near, you nations, to hear!  Listen, you peoples.  Let the earth and all it contains hear;  the world, and everything that comes from it. |
| 2 | For Yahweh is enraged against all the nations  and angry with all their armies.  He will devote them to destruction.  He will give them over for slaughter. |
| 3 | Their slain will also be cast out,  and the stench of their dead bodies will come up,  and the mountains will melt away by their blood. |
| 4 | All of the army of the heavens will rot.  The heavens will be rolled up like a scroll,  and all its armies will fall  like a leaf falls from off a vine  and as a *fig* falls from the fig tree. |
| 5 | For my sword will drink its fill in the heavens.  Behold, it will come down on Edom  and on the people I have devoted to destruction. |
| 6 | Yahweh’s sword will be filled with blood.  It will be covered with fat,  with the blood of lambs and goats,  with the fat of the kidneys of rams;  for Yahweh has a sacrifice in Bozrah  and a great slaughter in the land of Edom. |
| 7 | The wild oxen will come down with them,  and the young bulls with the mighty bulls;  and their land will be drunken with blood  and their dust made greasy with fat. |
| 8 | For Yahweh has a day of vengeance,  a year of recompense  for the cause of Zion. |
| 9 | Its streams will be turned into pitch,  its dust into sulfur,  and its land will become burning pitch. |
| 10 | It will not be quenched night or day.  Its smoke will go up for ages.  From generation to generation, it will lie waste.  No one will pass through it forever and ever. |
| 11 | But the pelican and the porcupine will possess it.  The owl and the raven will dwell in it.  He will stretch the line of confusion over it,  and the plumb line of emptiness. |
| 12 | Its nobles—there is no one there who they can call *to* the kingship—and all its princes will be nothing. |
| 13 | Thorns will come up in its palaces,  nettles and thistles in its fortresses,  and it will be a habitation of jackals,  a court for ostriches. |
| 14 | The wild animals of the desert will meet with the wolves,  and the wild goat will cry out to his fellow.  Yes, Lilith will settle there  and will find herself a place of rest. |
| 15 | The arrow snake will make her nest there,  and lay, hatch,  and gather *them* under her shade.  Yes, the kites will be gathered there,  every one with her mate. |
| 16 | Search in the scroll of Yahweh, and read;  not one of these will be missing,  none will lack her mate.  For my mouth has commanded,  and his spirit has gathered them. |
| 17 | And he himself has cast the lot for them,  and his hand has divided it to them with a measuring line.  They will possess it forever.  From generation to generation they will dwell in it. |

**Isaiah Chapter 35**

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| 1 | The wilderness and the dry land will be glad.  The desert will rejoice and blossom like a rose. |
| 2 | It will blossom abundantly,  and rejoice even with joy and singing.  Lebanon’s glory will be given to it,  the splendor of Carmel and Sharon.  They will see Yahweh’s glory,  the splendor of our God. |
| 3 | Strengthen the weak hands  and make firm the feeble knees. |
| 4 | Tell those who have a fearful heart,  “Be strong. Do not be afraid.  Behold, your God will come with vengeance,  with the retribution of God. He will come and save you.” |
| 5 | Then the eyes of the blind will be opened  and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. |
| 6 | Then the lame man will leap like a deer  and the tongue of the mute will sing,  for waters will break out in the wilderness,  and streams in the desert. |
| 7 | The burning sand will become a pool,  and the thirsty ground *will become* springs of water.  In the habitation of jackals—where they lay—  will be grass, with reeds and papyrus. |
| 8 | A highway will be there, a road,  and it will be called The Holy Way.  The unclean will not travel on it,  but it will be for those who walk in *God’s* way.  Wicked fools will not go there. |
| 9 | No lion will be there,  nor will any ravenous animal go up on it.  They will not be found there,  but the redeemed will walk there. |
| 10 | And the ransomed of Yahweh will return,  and will come to Zion with singing,  and everlasting joy will be on their heads.  Joy and gladness will overtake them,  and sorrow and sighing will flee away. |

**Isaiah Chapter 36**

1Now in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all of the fortified cities of Judah and captured them. 2The king of Assyria sent Rab-shakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a large army. He stood by the aqueduct from the upper pool, which is on the highway of the Launderers Field. 3Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was Over the House, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, went out to him. 4Rab-shakeh said to them,

“Say now to Hezekiah, ‘This is what the great king, the king of Assyria, says: “What is this trust in which you are trusting? 5I say that *your* counsel and strength for war are only words from the lips? Now in whom do you trust, that you have rebelled against me? 6Behold, you trust in that broken reed of a staff, on Egypt, on which if any man leans on it, it will go into his hand and pierce it. Such is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him. 7But if you say to me, ‘We trust in Yahweh our god,’ isn’t he the one whose shrines and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, ‘You must worship before this altar’?”

8“Come now, make a wager with my lord the king of Assyria. I will give you 2,000 horses if you are able on your part to set riders on them. 9How then will you *be able to* turn away the face of one captain of the least of my lord’s servants when you put your trust in Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? 10And have I now come up without Yahweh against this land to destroy it? Yahweh said to me, “Go up against this land and destroy it.”

11Then Eliakim and Shebnah and Joah said to Rab-shakeh, “Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand it, and do not speak with us *in* Judean within earshot of the people who are on the wall.”

12But Rab-shakeh said to them, “Has my lord sent me to your lord and to you to speak these words? Is it not to the men who sit on the wall, *who will have* to eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?”

13Then Rab-shakeh stood and cried out in a loud voice in Judean and said,

“Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! 14This is what the king says, ‘Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to rescue you. 15And do not let Hezekiah cause you to trust in Yahweh, saying, “Yahweh will rescue, yes, rescue us, and this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.”’

16“Do not listen to Hezekiah. For this is what the king of Assyria says, ‘Make your peace with me and come out to me. Then each one of you will eat from his own vine, and each one from his own fig tree, and each one will drink the waters of his own cistern 17until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards. 18Beware lest Hezekiah misleads you, saying, “Yahweh will rescue us.” Have any of the gods of the nations rescued their land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 19Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they rescued Samaria from my hand? 20Who are they among all the gods of these countries that have rescued their country out of my hand, that Yahweh should rescue Jerusalem out of my hand?’”

21But they were silent and answered him not a word, for the king’s command was, “Do not answer him.” 22Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah who was Over the House, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

**Isaiah Chapter 37**

1And when King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth and went into the house of Yahweh. 2Then he sent Eliakim, who was Over the House, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz. 3And they said to him, “This is what Hezekiah says, ‘This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke and of disgrace, for the children have come to the point of birth and there is no strength for giving birth. 4It may be Yahweh your God will hear the words of Rab-shakeh, whom his lord, the king of Assyria, has sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words that Yahweh your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.’”

5So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6And Isaiah said to them, “Tell your lord this: ‘This is what Yahweh says, “Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servant boys of the king of Assyria have reviled me. 7Behold, I will put a spirit in him so that he will hear a rumor and will return to his own land, and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.”’”

8And Rab-shakeh returned and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he had heard that he had departed from Lachish. 9Now Sennacherib had heard *a report* concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia saying, “He has come out to fight against you.” When he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, 10“This is what you are to say to Hezekiah king of Judah: ‘Do not let your god in whom you trust deceive you, saying, “Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.” 11Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the *other* lands, devoting them to destruction. So will you be rescued? 12Have the gods of the nations rescued those whom my fathers have destroyed, *such as* Gozan and Haran and Rezeph, and the children of Eden that were in Telassar? 13Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah?’”

14And Hezekiah took the letters from the hand of the messengers and read them. Then he went up to the house of Yahweh and Hezekiah spread it out before Yahweh. 15Then Hezekiah prayed to Yahweh, saying,

16“O Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel, who sits *enthroned* between the cherubim, you are God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made the heavens and the earth. 17Incline your ear, O Yahweh, and hear! Open your eyes, O Yahweh, and see! And hear all the words of Sennacherib that he has sent to defy the living God. 18It is true, O Yahweh, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the countries and their lands, 19putting their gods into the fire, for they were not gods, but the work of men’s hands, wood and stone, so they have destroyed them. 20But now, Yahweh our God, save us out of his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone are Yahweh!”

21Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, “This is what Yahweh the God of Israel says: ‘Because you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria, 22this is the word that Yahweh has spoken concerning him:

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|  | “The virgin Daughter Zion  has despised you and ridiculed you.  Daughter Jerusalem  has shaken her head at you. |
| 23 | Whom have you defied and blasphemed?  Against whom have you exalted your voice  and lifted up your eyes on high?  Against the Holy One of Israel. |
| 24 | By the hand of your servants you have defied the Lord,  and have said, ‘With the multitude of my chariots  I have come up to the height of the mountains,  to the innermost parts of Lebanon.  I have cut down its tall cedars  and its choice fir trees.  I have entered into its farthest height,  the forest of its fruitful field. |
| 25 | I have dug *wells* and drunk waters,  and with the sole of my feet  I will dry up all the rivers of Egypt.’ |
| 26 | “Have you not heard?  Long ago I made it  and I formed it in ancient times.  Now I have brought it to pass,  crashing fortified cities into ruinous heaps. |
| 27 | Therefore their inhabitants had little power.  They were dismayed and put to shame.  They were like the plants of the field  and like the green vegetation,  like the grass on the housetops  and like a field before its crop has *fully* grown. |
| 28 | “But I know your sitting down,  and your going out and your coming in  and your raging against me. |
| 29 | Because of your raging against me  and because your arrogance has come up into my ears,  therefore I will put my hook in your nose  and my bridle in your lips,  and I will make you return  by the road on which you came. |

30“And this will be the sign to you, *Hezekiah*: this year you will eat what grows on its own, and in the second year what springs up that same way, but in the third year sow and reap and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. 31The remnant of the house of Judah that has escaped will again take root downward and bear fruit upward. 32For out of Jerusalem will come a remnant, and survivors will come from Mount Zion. The zeal of Yahweh of Armies will accomplish this!”’ 33Therefore this is what Yahweh says concerning the king of Assyria,

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|  | ‘He will not come to this city,  nor shoot an arrow there,  nor will he come before it with shield,  nor build up a *siege* ramp against it. |
| 34 | By the road that he came,  by the same he will return,  and he will not come into this city,’  says Yahweh. |
| 35 | ‘For I will defend this city to save it  for my own sake and for my servant David’s sake.’” |

36The angel of Yahweh went out and struck 185,000 *men* in the camp of the Assyrians. And when they got up early in the morning, look, all of them were corpses; dead *men*. 37So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and he went away and returned *home*, and lived at Nineveh.

38And as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons struck him down with the sword, and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esar-haddon his son reigned in his place.

**Isaiah Chapter 38**

1In those days Hezekiah became sick to *the point of* death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to him and said to him, “This is what Yahweh says: ‘Set your house in order, for you are going to die and will not live.’”

2Then he turned his face to the wall and prayed to Yahweh 3and said, “Please Yahweh, remember now how I have walked before you in truth and with a wholly devoted heart, and have done what is good in your eyes.” And Hezekiah wept; *it was* a great weeping.

4Then the word of Yahweh came to Isaiah, saying, 5“Go and tell Hezekiah, ‘This is what Yahweh, the God of David your father, says: “I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Behold, I will add 15 years to your life. 6I will rescue you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city. 7This is to be the sign to you from Yahweh, that Yahweh will do this thing that he has spoken. 8Behold, I will cause the shadow on the sundial, which has gone down with the sun on the sundial of Ahaz, to go back ten steps.” So the sun’s shadow went back ten steps on the sundial on which it had gone down.

9The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, after he had been sick and had recovered of his sickness:

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| 10 | I said, “In the prime of my days I am to enter the gates of Sheol.  I am deprived of the remainder of my years.” |
| 11 | I said, “I will not see Yah,  Yah in the land of the living.  I will no longer look on humankind  along with those who live in this world. |
| 12 | My dwelling is pulled up and removed from me  like a shepherd’s tent.  I have rolled up my life like a weaver.  He will cut me off from the loom.  From day to night you bring me to an end. |
| 13 | I waited patiently until morning,  *but* he breaks all my bones like a lion.  From day to night you bring me to an end. |
| 14 | I chirp like a swallow or a crane,  I moan like a dove.  My eyes weaken looking upward.  Lord, I am oppressed. Support me!” |
| 15 | What can I say?  He has spoken to me,  and he himself has done it.  I will walk carefully all my years  because of the anguish my soul *experienced*. |
| 16 | O Lord, by these things people live,  and my spirit finds life in all of them:  you restore me  and cause me to live. |
| 17 | Behold, it was for *my own* welfare I had anguish—anguish—  but in love you delivered my soul from the pit of oblivion,  for you have cast all my sins behind your back. |
| 18 | For Sheol cannot praise you.  Death cannot celebrate you.  Those who go down into the pit  cannot have hope for your faithfulness. |
| 19 | The living *person*, the living *person*, he gives you thanks,  as I do this day;  the father makes known your faithfulness to the children. |
| 20 | Yahweh will save me.  Therefore we will sing my songs with stringed instruments  all the days of our life  in the house of Yahweh. |

21Now Isaiah had said, “Let them take a cake of figs and lay it for a poultice on the boil, and he may recover.” 22Hezekiah also had said, “What is the sign that I will go up to the house of Yahweh?”

**Isaiah Chapter 39**

1At that time, Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, because he heard that he had been sick and had recovered. 2Hezekiah listened to them and showed them all his treasure house; the silver and the gold and the spices and the fine oil and all the house of his armor and all that was found in his treasures; there was nothing in his house or in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.

3Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, “What did these men say and from where did they come to you?”

And Hezekiah said, “They have come from a far country to me, from Babylon.”

4Then he said, “What have they seen in your house?”

Hezekiah answered, “They have seen all that is in my house. There was nothing among my treasures that I did not show them.”

5Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of Yahweh of Armies: 6‘Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house and that your fathers have stored up until this day will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left,’ says Yahweh. 7‘And some of your sons who will come from you, whom you will father, they will take away, and they will be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’”

8Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of Yahweh that you have spoken is good.” For he said, “There will be trustworthy peace in my days.”

**Isaiah Chapter 40**

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| 1 | “Comfort, comfort my people,”  says your God. |
| 2 | “Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  and call out to her  that her time of forced labor is completed,  that her iniquity is paid for,  *and* that she has received of Yahweh’s hand  double for all her sins.” |

3A voice of someone calling out,

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|  | “Prepare a road for Yahweh in the wilderness!  Make a level highway in the desert for our God. |
| 4 | Every valley will be lifted up  and every mountain and hill will be made low.  The uneven *ground* will be made level,  and the rough places a plain. |
| 5 | The glory of Yahweh will be revealed,  and all flesh will see it together,  for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken it.” |
| 6 | A voice saying, “Cry out!”  I said, “What should I cry out?”  “All flesh is like grass,  and all its dependability is like the flower of the field. |
| 7 | The grass withers, the flower fades,  because Yahweh’s breath blows on it.  Surely the people are like grass. |
| 8 | The grass withers, the flower fades,  but the word of our God stands forever.” |
| 9 | You who tell good news to Zion,  go up on a high mountain!  You who tell good news to Jerusalem,  lift up your voice with strength.  Lift it up. Do not be afraid.  Say to the cities of Judah,  “Behold, your God!” |
| 10 | Behold, the Lord Yahweh will come as a mighty one,  and his arm will rule for him.  Behold, his reward is with him  and his repayment accompanies him. |
| 11 | He will feed his flock like a shepherd.  He will gather the lambs in his arm  and carry them in his bosom.  He will gently lead those who have their young. |
| 12 | Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,  and marked off the heavens with his span,  and enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,  and weighed the mountains in scales  and the hills in a balance? |
| 13 | Who has directed the spirit of Yahweh,  or *who* has instructed him as his counselor? |
| 14 | Who was his counselor  so he could make him understand?  Who taught him the path of justice,  and taught him knowledge,  and showed him the way of understanding? |
| 15 | Behold, the nations are like a drop in a bucket,  and are regarded as a speck of dust on a balance.  Behold, he lifts up the islands[[15]](#footnote-16160) like a very little thing. |
| 16 | Lebanon would not suffice to burn *a sacrifice*,  nor its animals sufficient for a burnt offering. |
| 17 | All the nations are like nothing before him.  They are regarded by him  as less than nothing, and emptiness. |
| 18 | To whom then will you compare God?  Or to what likeness will you compare him? |
| 19 | A workman has cast an image,  and the goldsmith overlays it with gold  and casts silver chains for it. |
| 20 | He who is too impoverished for such an offering  chooses a tree that will not rot.  He seeks a skillful workman  to set up a carved image for him  that will not be moved. |
| 21 | Have you not known?  Have you not heard?  Have you not been told from the beginning?  Have you not understood  from the foundations of the earth? |
| 22 | It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  who stretches out the heavens like a curtain  and spreads them out like a tent to live in; |
| 23 | who brings rulers to nothing,  who makes the judges of the earth nothing at all. |
| 24 | They are barely planted; they are barely sown,  their trunk has barely taken root in the ground  when he blows on them and they wither  and the whirlwind takes them away as stubble. |
| 25 | “To whom then will you compare me?  Who is my equal?” says the Holy One. |
| 26 | Lift up your eyes on high and see  who has created these,  who brings out their army by number.  He calls them all by name.  By the greatness of his might  and because he is strong in power,  not one is lacking. |
| 27 | Why do you say, O Jacob,  and speak, O Israel,  “My way is hidden from Yahweh,  and the justice due me is disregarded by my God?” |
| 28 | Have you not known?  Have you not heard?  The everlasting God, Yahweh,  the Creator of the ends of the earth,  does not grow faint, he is not weary.  His understanding is unsearchable. |
| 29 | He gives power to the weak.  He increases the strength of him who has no might. |
| 30 | Even the youths faint and get weary,  and the young men stumble, yes, stumble, |
| 31 | but those who wait for Yahweh  will renew their strength.  They will mount up with wings like eagles.  They will run and not be weary.  They will walk and not faint. |

**Isaiah Chapter 41**

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| 1 | “Keep silent before me, O islands,  and let the peoples renew their strength.  Let them come near, then let them speak.  Let us meet together for judgment. |
| 2 | Who has raised up one from the east  who he calls in righteousness to his feet?  He delivers up nations before him  and makes *him* rule over kings.  He makes them like dust with his sword,  like the *wind-*driven stubble with his bow. |
| 3 | He pursues them and passes by safely,  even by paths his feet had not trod. |
| 4 | Who has worked and done it,  calling the generations from the beginning?  I, Yahweh, the first,  and with the last, I am he.” |
| 5 | The islands have seen, and fear.  The ends of the earth tremble.  They approach, and come. |
| 6 | Everyone helps his neighbor.  They say to their brothers, “Be strong!” |
| 7 | So the carpenter encourages the goldsmith.  He who smooths with the hammer  encourages him who strikes the anvil,  saying of the soldering, “It is good,”  and he fastens it with nails, that it might not totter. |
| 8 | “But you, Israel my servant,  Jacob whom I have chosen,  the seed of Abraham my friend, |
| 9 | you whom I have taken from the ends of the earth  and called from its corners,  and said to you, ‘You are my servant,  I have chosen you and not cast you away,’ |
| 10 | do not be afraid, for I am with you.  Do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you.  Yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness. |
| 11 | Behold, all those who are enraged against you  will be put to shame and humiliated.  Those who contended against you  will be reduced to nothing and will perish. |
| 12 | You will seek them but will not find them,  those who quarrel with you.  Those who war against you will be as nothing,  as a nonexistent thing. |
| 13 | For I, Yahweh your God,  will hold your right hand,  saying to you, ‘Do not be afraid.  I will help you.’ |
| 14 | Do not be afraid, you worm Jacob,  and you men of Israel.  I will help you,”  says Yahweh,  “and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel. |
| 15 | Behold, I have made you into a new sharp threshing instrument  with teeth.  You will thresh the mountains and beat them small,  and will make the hills like chaff. |
| 16 | You will winnow them,  and the wind will carry them away,  and the whirlwind will scatter them.  You will rejoice in Yahweh.  You will glory in the Holy One of Israel. |
| 17 | “The poor and needy seek water, but there is none.  Their tongue fails for thirst.  I, Yahweh, will answer them.  I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. |
| 18 | I will open rivers on the bare heights  and springs in the middle of the valleys.  I will make the wilderness a pool of water  and the dry land springs of water. |
| 19 | I will put cedar, acacia, myrtle and olive trees  in the wilderness.  I will set fir trees, pine, and cypress  together in the desert, |
| 20 | that they may see, know,  consider and understand together  that the hand of Yahweh has done this  and the Holy One of Israel has created it. |
| 21 | “Present your case,” says Yahweh.  “Bring forth your strong *evidence*,” says the King of Jacob. |
| 22 | “Let them draw near and declare to us  what will happen.  Declare the former things, what they are,  that we may consider them,  and know the end of them;  and let us know the things to come. |
| 23 | Declare the things that are to come hereafter,  so that we may know that you are gods.  In fact, do good or do evil,  so that we will be frightened and afraid. |
| 24 | Behold, you are from nothing,  and your work is less than nothing.  The one who chooses you is an abomination. |
| 25 | “I have raised up one from the north, and he comes;  from the rising of the sun he will call upon my name,  and he will trample on rulers as on mortar,  and as the potter treads clay. |
| 26 | Who has declared it from the beginning,  that we may know?  And before,  that we may say, ‘He is right?’  Surely, there is no one who declares.  Surely, there is no one who shows.  Surely, there is no one who hears your words. |
| 27 | I am the first to say to Zion,  ‘Behold, look at them,’  and I will give one who brings good news to Jerusalem. |
| 28 | When I look, there is no man;  even among them there is no counselor who,  when I ask of them, can answer a word. |
| 29 | Behold, all of them,  their works are vanity and nothing.  Their cast *metal* images are wind and confusion.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 42**

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| 1 | “Behold, my servant whom I uphold;  my chosen, *in whom* my soul delights.  I have put my spirit upon him;  he will bring justice to the nations. |
| 2 | He will not cry out or lift up his voice,  or cause it to be heard in the street. |
| 3 | A bent reed he will not break *off*.  He will not put out a dimly burning wick.  He will faithfully bring forth justice. |
| 4 | He will not grow faint or be discouraged  until he has established justice on the earth,  and the coastlands[[16]](#footnote-29624) will wait expectantly for his law.” |
| 5 | This is what God Yahweh says—  he who created the heavens and stretched them out,  he who spread out the earth and *gave* all that comes from it,  he who gives breath to its people  and spirit to those who walk in it— |
| 6 | “I, Yahweh, have called you in righteousness,  and will hold your hand and will watch over you,  and set you as a covenant for the people,  *and* a light for the nations, |
| 7 | to open the eyes of the blind,  to bring the prisoners out of the dungeon,  and those who sit in darkness out of the prison. |
| 8 | I am Yahweh. That is my name.  I will not give my glory to another,  nor my praise to carved images. |
| 9 | Behold, the former things have happened,  and I declare new things.  I tell you about them before they come up.” |
| 10 | Sing to Yahweh a new song,  and his praise from the end of the earth,  you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it,  the islands and their inhabitants. |
| 11 | Let the wilderness and its cities raise their voices,  with the villages that Kedar inhabits.  Let the inhabitants of Sela sing.  Let them shout from the top of the mountains! |
| 12 | Let them give glory to Yahweh  and declare his praise in the islands.[[17]](#footnote-11697) |
| 13 | Yahweh will go out like a mighty man.  He will stir up zeal like a man of war.  He will raise a war cry. Yes, he will shout aloud.  He will triumph over his enemies. |
| 14 | “I have been silent a long time.  I have been quiet and restrained myself.  Now I will cry out like a travailing woman.  I will both gasp and pant. |
| 15 | I will destroy mountains and hills  and dry up all their vegetation.  I will make the rivers into islands  and will dry up the pools. |
| 16 | I will bring the blind by a way that they do not know.  I will lead them in paths that they do not know.  I will make darkness light before them,  and crooked places straight.  I will do these things,  and I will not forsake them. |
| 17 | They will be turned back and be utterly put to shame, those who trust in carved images,  *and* who say to cast *metal* images,  ‘You are our gods.’ |
| 18 | Hear, you deaf,  and look, you blind, that you may see. |
| 19 | Who is blind but my servant?  Or who is as deaf as my messenger whom I send?  Who is as blind as he who is at peace,  and as blind as Yahweh’s servant? |
| 20 | You see many things, but do not observe.  His ears are open, but he doesn’t listen.” |
| 21 | It pleased Yahweh, for his righteousness’ sake,  to magnify the law and make it honorable. |
| 22 | But this is a robbed and plundered people.  All of them are snared in holes,  and they are hidden in prisons.  They have become a prey, and no one delivers;  and a spoil, and no one says, ‘Restore them!’ |
| 23 | Who is there among you who will give ear to this?  Who will listen and hear for the time to come? |
| 24 | Who gave Jacob as plunder,  and Israel to the robbers?  Didn’t Yahweh, he against whom we have sinned?  For they would not walk in his ways,  and they disobeyed his law. |
| 25 | Therefore he poured the fierceness of his anger on him,  and the strength of battle;  and it set him on fire all around, but he didn’t know;  and it burned him, but he didn’t take it to heart. |

**Isaiah Chapter 43**

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| 1 | But now this is what Yahweh who created you, Jacob,  and he who formed you, Israel, says:  “Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.  I have called you by your name. You are mine. |
| 2 | When you pass through the waters,  I will be with you;  and through the rivers,  they will not overflow you.  When you walk through the fire,  you will not be burned,  and flame will not scorch you. |
| 3 | For I am Yahweh your God,  the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  I have given Egypt as your ransom,  Ethiopia and Seba in your place. |
| 4 | Because you have been precious in my eyes, and honored,  and I have loved you,  I will give people in return for you  and nations instead of your life. |
| 5 | Do not be afraid, for I am with you.  I will bring your seed from the east  and gather you from the west. |
| 6 | I will tell the north, ‘Give them up!’  and tell the south, ‘Do not hold them back!  Bring my sons from far,  and my daughters from the ends of the earth— |
| 7 | everyone who is called by my name  and whom I have created for my glory,  whom I have formed, yes, whom I have made.’” |
| 8 | Bring out the blind people who have eyes,  and the deaf who have ears. |
| 9 | Let all the nations be gathered together  and let the peoples be assembled.  Who among them can declare this  and show us former things?  Let them bring their witnesses,  that they may be justified;  or let them hear, and say, “That is true.” |
| 10 | “You are my witnesses,”  says Yahweh,  “and my servant whom I have chosen,  that you may know and believe me,  and understand that I am he.  Before me there was no God formed,  nor will there be after me. |
| 11 | I, *even* I, am Yahweh,  and besides me there is no savior. |
| 12 | I have declared, I have saved, and I have shown,  and there was no strange god among you.  Therefore you are my witnesses,”  says Yahweh,  “and I am God. |
| 13 | Yes, before the day was I am he,  and there is no one who can deliver out of my hand.  I will work, and who can hinder it?” |

14This is what Yahweh your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, says:

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|  | “For your sake, I have sent to Babylon,  and I will bring all of them down as fugitives,  even the Chaldeans, in the ships of their rejoicing. |
| 15 | I am Yahweh, your Holy One,  the Creator of Israel, your King.” |
| 16 | This is what Yahweh says,  who makes a way in the sea  and a path in the mighty waters, |
| 17 | who brings forth the chariot and horse,  the army and the mighty man  (they lie down together, they do not rise;  they are extinct, they are quenched like a wick): |
| 18 | “Do not remember the former things,  and do not consider the things of old. |
| 19 | Behold, I will do a new thing.  It springs forth now. Do you not know it?  I will even make a road in the wilderness  and rivers in the desert. |
| 20 | The animals of the field will honor me,  the jackals and the ostriches,  because I give water in the wilderness  and rivers in the desert,  to give drink to my people, my chosen, |
| 21 | the people that I formed for myself  so that they would declare my praise. |
| 22 | Yet you have not called on me, Jacob;  but you have been weary of me, Israel. |
| 23 | You have not brought me of your sheep for burnt offerings,  neither have you honored me with your sacrifices.  I have not burdened you with offerings,  nor wearied you with frankincense. |
| 24 | You have not bought me sweet cane with money,  nor have you satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices,  but you have burdened me with your sins;  you have wearied me with your iniquities. |
| 25 | I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions  for my own sake,  and I will not remember your sins. |
| 26 | Put me in remembrance. Let’s plead together.  Set forth your case, that you may be justified. |
| 27 | Your first father sinned,  and your teachers have transgressed against me. |
| 28 | Therefore I will profane the leaders of the sanctuary,  and I will make Jacob a curse,  and Israel an insult.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 44**

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| 1 | Yet listen now, Jacob my servant,  and Israel whom I have chosen. |
| 2 | This is what Yahweh,  who made you and formed you from the womb,  who will help you, says:  “Do not be afraid, Jacob my servant;  and you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. |
| 3 | For I will pour water on the one who is thirsty,  and streams on the dry ground.  I will pour my spirit on your seed  and my blessing on your offspring, |
| 4 | and they will spring up among the grass  as willows by the watercourses. |
| 5 | One will say, ‘I am Yahweh’s,’  and another will be called by the name of Jacob.  And another will write on his hand, ‘Belonging to Yahweh,’  and name himself by the name of Israel.” |

6This is what Yahweh, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, Yahweh of Armies, says:

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|  | “I am the first and I am the last,  and there is no God except me. |
| 7 | Who is like me? Who will call and will declare it,  and set it in order for me,  since I established the ancient people?  Let them declare the things that are coming,  and that will happen. |
| 8 | Do not fear, nor be afraid.  Have I not declared it to you long ago, and shown it?  You are my witnesses.  Is there a God except me?  Indeed, there is not. I do not know any other Rock.” |
| 9 | Everyone who makes a carved image is nothing.  The things that they delight in will not profit.  Their own witnesses do not see or know,  so they will be put to shame. |
| 10 | Who has fashioned a god, or casts a *metal* idol  that is profitable for nothing? |
| 11 | Behold, all his fellows will be disappointed,  and the workmen are mere men.  Let them all be gathered together. Let them stand up.  They will fear. They will be put to shame together. |
| 12 | The blacksmith takes an axe, works in the coals,  fashions it with hammers  and works it with his strong arm.  He is hungry and his strength fails;  he drinks no water and is faint. |
| 13 | The carpenter stretches out a line.  He marks it out with a stylus.  He shapes it with planes.  He marks it out with compasses  and shapes it like the figure of a man,  with the beauty of a man,  to reside in a house. |
| 14 | He cuts down cedars for himself  and takes the cypress and the oak,  and strengthens for himself one among the trees of the forest.  He plants a fir tree,  and the rain nourishes it. |
| 15 | Then it will be for a man to burn,  and he takes some of it, and warms himself.  Yes, he burns it and bakes bread.  Yes, he makes a god and worships it;[[18]](#footnote-17209)  he makes it a carved image and falls down to it. |
| 16 | He burns part of it in the fire.  With part of it, he eats meat.  He roasts a roast and is satisfied.  Yes, he warms himself and says, “Aha!  I am warm. I have seen the fire.” |
| 17 | The rest of it he makes into a god;  his carved image.  He falls down before it and worships it,  and he prays to it and says,  “Deliver me, for you are my god!” |
| 18 | They do not know, neither do they consider:  for he has shut their eyes, that they cannot see,  and their hearts, that they cannot understand. |
| 19 | No one thinks,  nor is there knowledge or understanding to say,  “I have burned part of it in the fire.  Yes, I have also baked bread on its coals.  I have roasted meat and eaten it.  Will I make the rest of it into an abomination?  Will I bow down to a tree trunk?” |
| 20 | He feeds on ashes.  A deceived heart has turned him aside,  and he cannot deliver his soul or say,  “Isn’t there a lie in my right hand?” |
| 21 | Remember these things, Jacob  and Israel, for you are my servant.  I have formed you. You are my servant.  Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. |
| 22 | I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions,  and as a cloud, your sins.  Return to me,  for I have redeemed you. |
| 23 | Sing, you heavens, for Yahweh has done it!  Shout, you lower parts of the earth!  Break out into singing, you mountains,  O forest, all of your trees,  for Yahweh has redeemed Jacob  and will glorify himself in Israel. |

24This is what Yahweh, your Redeemer and he who formed you from the womb, says:

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|  | “I am Yahweh who makes all things;  who alone stretches out the heavens;  who spreads out the earth by myself; |
| 25 | who frustrates the signs of the liars  and makes diviners mad;  who turns wise men backward  and makes their knowledge foolish; |
| 26 | who confirms the word of his servant  and performs the counsel of his messengers;  who says of Jerusalem, ‘She will be inhabited,’  and of the cities of Judah, ‘They will be built,’  and ‘I will raise up its waste places,’ |
| 27 | who says to the deep, ‘Be dry,’  and ‘I will dry up your rivers.’ |
| 28 | Who says of Cyrus, ‘He is my shepherd  and will perform all my pleasure,’  even saying of Jerusalem, ‘She will be built;’  and of the Temple, ‘Your foundation will be laid.’” |

**Isaiah Chapter 45**

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| 1 | This is what Yahweh says to his anointed one,  to Cyrus whose right hand I have held,  to subdue nations before him  and strip kings of their armor,  to open the doors before him  and the gates will not be shut: |
| 2 | “I will go before you  and make the rough places smooth.  I will break the doors of bronze in pieces  and cut apart the bars of iron. |
| 3 | I will give you the treasures of darkness  and hidden riches of secret places  so that you may know that it is I, Yahweh,  even the God of Israel, who calls you by your name. |
| 4 | For the sake of Jacob my servant and Israel my chosen,  I have called you by your name.  I have given you a title of honor,  though you have not known me. |
| 5 | I am Yahweh, and there is none else.  Besides me, there is no God.  I will strengthen you,  though you have not known me, |
| 6 | so that they may know from the rising of the sun  and from the west that there is none besides me.  I am Yahweh, and there is no one else. |
| 7 | I form the light and create darkness.  I make peace and create evil.  I am Yahweh who does all these things. |
| 8 | Distil, you heavens, from above,  and let the skies pour down righteousness.  Let the earth open,  that it may bring forth salvation,  and let it cause righteousness to spring up with it.  I, Yahweh, have created it. |
| 9 | Woe to him who strives with his Maker—  a clay pot among the clay pots of the earth!  Does the clay say to him who forms it,  ‘What are you making?’  or ‘Your work has no handles.’ |
| 10 | Woe to him who says to a father,  ‘What have you become the father of?’  or to a mother,  ‘To what have you given birth?’” |
| 11 | This is what Yahweh,  the Holy One of Israel and his Maker, says:  “You ask me about the things that are to come concerning my sons,  and you command me concerning the work of my hands! |
| 12 | I have made the earth  and created humankind on it.  I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens,  and I have commanded all their army. |
| 13 | I have raised him up in righteousness,  and I will make straight all his ways.  He will build my city,  and he will let my exiles go free,  but not for a price or reward,”  says Yahweh of Armies. |

14This is what Yahweh says:

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|  | “The labor of Egypt and the merchandise of Ethiopia,  and the Sabeans, men of stature,  will come over to you,  and they will be yours.  They will follow after you.  They will come over in chains,  and they will bow down to you.  They will make supplication to you:  ‘Surely God is in you, and there is none else.  There is no other god. |
| 15 | Most certainly you are a God who has hidden yourself,  God of Israel, the Savior.’” |
| 16 | They will be disappointed,  yes, confounded, all of them.  Those who are makers of idols will go into confusion together. |
| 17 | Israel will be saved by Yahweh  with an everlasting salvation.  You will not be disappointed nor confounded  to ages everlasting. |
| 18 | For this is what Yahweh says,  who created the heavens,  the God who formed the earth and made it,  who established it  and did not create it a waste,  who formed it to be inhabited:  “I am Yahweh,  and there is no other. |
| 19 | I have not spoken in secret,  in a place of the land of darkness.  I did not say to the seed of Jacob,  ‘Seek me in vain.’  I, Yahweh, speak righteousness.  I declare things that are right. |
| 20 | Assemble yourselves and come.  Draw near together, you who have escaped from the nations.  They have no knowledge,  those *people* who carry the wood of their carved image  and pray to a god that cannot save. |
| 21 | Declare and set forth *your case*.  Yes, let them take counsel together!  Who has announced this from ancient time?  Who has declared it of old?  Was it not I, Yahweh?  There is no other God besides me,  a righteous God and Savior;  there is none besides me. |
| 22 | Look to me and be saved,  all you ends of the earth,  for I am God,  and there is no other. |
| 23 | I have sworn by myself,  the word has gone out of my mouth in righteousness  and will not return,  that to me every knee will bow,  every tongue will swear. |
| 24 | They will say of me,  ‘Only in Yahweh is there righteousness and strength.  To him will come and be put to shame  all those who had raged against him.’ |
| 25 | In Yahweh all the seed of Israel will be justified,  and will glory.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 46**

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| 1 | Bel bows down, Nebo stoops low.  Their idols are on the animals and on the cattle:  these things that you carry around have become a *heavy* load,  a burden to the weary. |
| 2 | They stoop, they bow down together;  they are not able to rescue the burden,  but they themselves go off into captivity. |
| 3 | “Listen to me, O house of Jacob,  and all the remnant of the house of Israel  who have been carried from the belly,  who have been carried from the womb, |
| 4 | and even to *your* old age I am he;  and even to gray hairs I will carry you.  I have made *you*, and I will bear *you*,  yes, I will carry and will rescue *you*. |
| 5 | To whom will you liken me,  and make me equal *to*, and compare me,  as though we were alike? |
| 6 | Some pour out gold from the purse  and weigh out silver on the scale.  They hire a goldsmith and he makes it into a god.  They fall down; indeed, they worship *it*. |
| 7 | They lift it upon the shoulder and carry it.  They set it in its place, and it stands *there*.  It cannot move from place to place.  Though one may cry out to it,  yet it cannot answer;  it cannot save him out of his trouble. |
| 8 | Remember this, so you can be brave!  Bring it back to your minds, you transgressors. |
| 9 | Remember the former things of old,  for I am God, and there is no other;  I am God, and there is none like me, |
| 10 | declaring the end from the beginning,  and *declaring* from ancient times things that are not yet done,  saying, ‘My counsel will stand,  and I will do all my pleasure, |
| 11 | calling a bird of prey from the east,  the man to fulfill my purpose from a far country;  yes, I have spoken, I will also bring it to pass;  I have purposed and I will do it.’ |
| 12 | Listen to me, you stout-hearted  who are far from righteousness: |
| 13 | I am bringing my righteousness near,  it is not far off,  and my salvation will not delay.  And I will place salvation in Zion  for Israel my glory.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 47**

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| 1 | “Come down and sit in the dust,  virgin daughter Babylon;  sit on the ground without a throne,  daughter of the Chaldeans,  for you will no longer be called tender and delicate. |
| 2 | Take the millstones and grind flour;  remove your veil,  strip off your cloak, uncover the thigh,  pass through the rivers. |
| 3 | Your nakedness will be uncovered,  yes, your shame will be seen;  I will take vengeance,  and will spare no man.” |
| 4 | Our Redeemer, Yahweh of Armies is his name,  the Holy One of Israel. |
| 5 | “Sit in silence, and go into darkness,  daughter of the Chaldeans;  for you will no more be called the queen mother of kingdoms. |
| 6 | I was angry with my people.  I profaned my inheritance  and gave them into your hand.  You showed no mercy to them;  on the aged you made your yoke very heavy. |
| 7 | You said, ‘I will be a queen mother forever;’  so that you did not lay these things to your heart;  you did not remember the end of it. |
| 8 | “Now therefore hear this, you who are given to pleasures,  who sits securely,  who says in your heart,  ‘I am, and there is none else besides me;  I will not sit as a widow,  nor will I know the loss of children.’ |
| 9 | But those two things will come to you  in a moment in one day,  the loss of children, and widowhood;  in their full measure they will come on you,  in the multitude of your sorceries  and the great abundance of your *magic* spells. |
| 10 | For you have trusted in your wickedness.  You have said, ‘No one sees me.’  Your wisdom and your knowledge  has perverted you,  and you have said in your heart,  ‘I am, and there is none else besides me.’ |
| 11 | Therefore evil will come on you;  you will not know when it dawns;  and disaster will fall on you;  you will not be able to charm it away;  and desolation that you do not know about  will come on you suddenly. |
| 12 | Stand fast now with your *magic* spells,  and with the multitude of your sorceries  in which you have labored from your youth.  Perhaps you will be able to succeed;  perhaps you can cause terror. |
| 13 | You are wearied with the multitude of your counsels.  Now let the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators,  stand up and save you from the things that will come on you. |
| 14 | Behold, they will be like stubble,  the fire will burn them up.  They will not deliver themselves  from the power of the flame.  No coal for warming oneself is this,  nor a fire to sit before. |
| 15 | So have those become to you with whom you have labored,  those who have done business with you from your youth.  They will wander about, each in his own direction.  There is none to save you.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 48**

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| 1 | “Hear this, house of Jacob,  you who are called by the name of Israel  and have come forth out of the waters of Judah,  who swear by the name of Yahweh  and make mention of the God of Israel,  but not in truth, nor in righteousness |
| 2 | (even though they call themselves of the holy city,  and *say they* lean themselves on the God of Israel;  Yahweh of Armies is his name): |
| 3 | The former things I declared long ago;  yes, they went out of my mouth and I announced them;  suddenly I did them, and they happened. |
| 4 | Because I knew that you are obstinate  and your neck is an iron sinew  and your forehead bronze, |
| 5 | therefore I declared them to you long ago;  before they came to pass I showed them to you,  lest you should say, ‘My idol has done them,  and my carved image and my cast image have commanded them.’ |
| 6 | You have heard it; look at all this.  And you, will you not declare it?  From this time forth I will announce to you new things,  even hidden things that you have not known. |
| 7 | Now they are created, and not from long ago.  And before this day you have not heard of them;  lest you should say, ‘Behold, I knew them.’ |
| 8 | Yes, you never heard; yes, you never knew;  yes, from long ago your ear has not been opened.  For I knew that you would deal very treacherously  and you have been called a rebel from the womb. |
| 9 | For the sake of my name I will defer my anger,  and for my praise I will restrain it for you,  so that I will not cut you off. |
| 10 | Behold, I have refined you, but not like silver;  I have tried you in the furnace of affliction. |
| 11 | For my own sake, for my own sake I do this;  for why should my name be defiled?  I will not give my glory to another. |
| 12 | Listen to me, O Jacob,  and Israel my called:  I am he. I am the first,  I also am the last. |
| 13 | Yes, my hand has laid the foundation of the earth,  and my right hand has spread out the heavens;  when I call to them,  they stand up together. |
| 14 | Assemble yourselves, all of you, and hear;  who among them has declared these things?  He whom Yahweh loves  will perform his pleasure on Babylon,  and his arm will be on the Chaldeans. |
| 15 | I, even I, have spoken, yes,  I have called him;  I have brought him,  and he will make his way prosperous. |
| 16 | Come near to me and hear this:  ‘From the beginning I have not spoken in secret;  from the time that it came to be I have been there.’”  Now the Lord Yahweh has sent me  and *also sent* his spirit. |

17This is what Yahweh, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, says:

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|  | “I am Yahweh your God,  who teaches you *how* to succeed,  who leads you by the way that you should go. |
| 18 | Oh that you had listened to my commandments!  Then your peace would have been like a river  and your righteousness like the waves of the sea; |
| 19 | your seed also would have been as the sand,  and the offspring of your body like its grains;  his name would not be cut off  nor destroyed from before me. |
| 20 | Go out from Babylon,  flee from the Chaldeans;  declare this with a voice of singing;  tell this,  utter it even to the end of the earth, say,  ‘Yahweh has redeemed his servant Jacob. |
| 21 | They did not thirst  when he led them through the deserts;  he made water flow out of the rock for them;  he split the rock and the water gushed out.’ |
| 22 | “There is no peace,” says Yahweh, “for the wicked.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 49**

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| 1 | Listen to me, O islands,  and listen, you peoples from afar.  Yahweh called me from the womb;  from the belly of my mother he mentioned my name. |
| 2 | And he has made my mouth like a sharp sword;  in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  and he has made me a polished arrow;  in his quiver he hid me away, |
| 3 | and he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel,  in whom I will be glorified.” |
| 4 | But I said, “I have labored in vain,  I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain;  yet surely the justice due to me is with Yahweh,  and my reward with my God.” |
| 5 | And now, says Yahweh, who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  to bring back Jacob to him,  and so that Israel would be gathered to him  (for I am honorable in the eyes of Yahweh,  and my God is my strength), |
| 6 | yes, he says,  “It is too small a thing that you should be my servant  to raise up the tribes of Jacob  and to restore the preserved of Israel:  I will also make you a light to the nations,  to be my salvation to the ends of the earth.” |
| 7 | This is what Yahweh,  the Redeemer of Israel, its Holy One, says  to one whose soul is despised,  to one whom the nation abhors,  to a servant of rulers:  “Kings will see and stand up;  officials *will see*, and they will bow down  because of Yahweh who is faithful,  even the Holy One of Israel who has chosen you.” |

8This is what Yahweh says:

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|  | “In an acceptable time I will answer you,  and in a day of salvation I will help you,  and I will preserve you  and give you as a covenant for the people,  to raise up the land;  to make them inherit the desolate heritage: |
| 9 | saying to those who are bound, ‘Come out!’  to those who are in darkness, ‘Show yourselves!’  They will feed along the paths,  and on all bare heights will be their pasture. |
| 10 | They will not hunger or thirst,  nor will the heat or sun strike them,  for he who has mercy on them will lead them,  even by springs of water he will guide them. |
| 11 | I will make all my mountains a road,  and my highways will be raised up. |
| 12 | Behold, some will come from far,  and behold, some from the north and from the west,  and some from the land of Sinim.” |
| 13 | Sing, heavens,  and be joyful, earth,  and break forth into singing, mountains,  for Yahweh has comforted his people  and will have compassion on his afflicted. |
| 14 | But Zion said, “Yahweh has forsaken me,  and the Lord has forgotten me.” |
| 15 | “Can a woman forget her nursing child,  that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb?  Yes, these may forget,  yet I will not forget you! |
| 16 | Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;  your walls are continually before me. |
| 17 | Your children make haste;  your destroyers and those who made you waste  will depart from you. |
| 18 | Lift up your eyes all around, and see:  all these gather themselves together and come to you.  “As I live,”  says Yahweh,  “you will surely clothe yourself with them all as with an ornament,  and dress yourself with them like a bride. |
| 19 | For, as for your waste and your desolate places  and your land that has been destroyed,  surely now you will be too small for the inhabitants,  and those who swallowed you up will be far away. |
| 20 | The children that you have been deprived of  will yet say in your ears,  ‘The place is too small for me;  make room for me so that I can live *in it*.’ |
| 21 | Then you will say in your heart,  ‘Who has conceived these for me,  since I have been bereaved of my children  and am solitary, an exile,  and wandering back and forth?  Who has brought up these?  Behold, I was left alone; these, where were they?’” |

22This is what the Lord Yahweh says,

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|  | “Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations  and set up my banner to the peoples,  and they will bring your sons in their bosom,  and your daughters will be carried on their shoulders. |
| 23 | Kings will be your nursing fathers,  and their queens your nursing mothers:  they will bow down to you  with their faces to the earth  and lick the dust of your feet,  and you will know that I am Yahweh.  For those who wait for me  will not be put to shame.” |
| 24 | Can the prey be taken from the mighty man,  or the captives of a tyrant be rescued? |
| 25 | But this is what Yahweh says,  “Even the captives will be taken away from the mighty man,  and the prey of the tyrant will be delivered,  for I will contend with him who contends with you,  and I will save your children. |
| 26 | I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh,  and they will be drunk with their own blood  as with sweet wine,  and all flesh will know  that I, Yahweh, am your Savior  and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 50**

1This is what Yahweh says:

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|  | “Where is the bill of your mother’s divorce  with which I have sent her away?  Or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you?  Behold, for your iniquities were you sold,  and for your transgressions  your mother was sent away. |
| 2 | Why was no one there when I came?  When I called, *why* was there no one to answer?  Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem?  Or have I no power to deliver?  Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea,  I make the rivers a wilderness;  their fish stink because there is no water,  and they die of thirst. |
| 3 | I clothe the heavens with blackness,  and I make sackcloth their covering.” |
| 4 | The Lord Yahweh has given me  the tongue of those who are taught,  that I may know how to sustain with words the one who is weary.  Morning by morning he wakens me,  he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. |
| 5 | The Lord Yahweh has opened my ear,  and I was not rebellious,  nor did I turn backward. |
| 6 | I gave my back to those who strike *me*,  and my cheeks to those who plucked out my beard;  I did not hide my face from shame and spitting. |
| 7 | For the Lord Yahweh will help me,  therefore I will not be disgraced;  therefore I have set my face like a flint,  and I know that I will not be put to shame. |
| 8 | He who declares me *to be* righteous is near,  who will bring charges against me?  Let us stand up together;  who is my adversary?  Let him come near to me. |
| 9 | Behold, the Lord Yahweh will help me;  who is he who will declare me to be guilty?  Behold, all of them will grow old as a garment,  the moth will eat them up. |
| 10 | Who among you fears Yahweh?  *Who* obeys the voice of his servant?  He who walks in darkness and has no light,  let him trust in the name of Yahweh  and rely on his God. |
| 11 | Behold, all you who kindle a fire,  who equip yourselves with torches.  Walk in the light of your fire  and among the torches that you have kindled.  You will have this of my hand:  you will lie down in a place of torment. |

**Isaiah Chapter 51**

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| 1 | “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,  you who seek Yahweh:  look to the rock you were cut from,  and to the hole of the pit you were dug from. |
| 2 | Look to Abraham your father  and to Sarah who bore you;  for when he was but one *man* I called him,  and I blessed him and made him many. |
| 3 | For Yahweh will comfort Zion;  he will comfort all her waste places  and will make her wilderness like Eden  and her desert like the Garden of Yahweh;  joy and gladness will be found in it,  thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. |
| 4 | Attend to me, my people,  and give ear to me, my nation,  for a law will go out from me  and I will establish my justice  as a light of the nations. |
| 5 | My righteousness is near,  my salvation is on the way  and my arms will judge the peoples;  the islands will put their hope in me,  and in my strength they will trust. |
| 6 | Lift up your eyes to the heavens  and look on the earth beneath,  because the heavens will vanish away like smoke  and the earth will grow old like a garment,  and those who dwell on it will die in the same way,  but my salvation will be forever,  and my righteousness will not be abolished. |
| 7 | Listen to me, you who know righteousness,  the people in whose heart is my law,  do not fear the reproach of men,  nor be dismayed at their insults. |
| 8 | For the moth will eat them up like a garment,  and the worm will eat them like wool,  but my righteousness will be forever,  and my salvation to all generations.” |
| 9 | Awake, awake,  put on strength, arm of Yahweh!  Awake, like in the days of old,  the generations of ancient times.  Is it not you who cut Rahab in pieces,  who pierced the sea monster? |
| 10 | Isn’t it you who dried up the sea,  the waters of the great deep,  who made the depths of the sea a way  for the redeemed to pass over? |
| 11 | And the ransomed of Yahweh will return  and will come to Zion with singing,  and everlasting joy will be on their heads.  Joy and gladness will overtake them.  Sorrow and sighing will flee away. |
| 12 | “I, even I, am he who comforts you;  who are you, that you are afraid of man who will die,  and of the son of man who will be made as grass, |
| 13 | and have forgotten Yahweh your Maker  who stretched forth the heavens  and laid the foundations of the earth,  and fear continually all the day  because of the fury of the oppressor  when he makes ready to destroy?  And where is the fury of the oppressor? |
| 14 | The captive exile will speedily be freed,  and he will not die and go down into the pit,  nor will his bread fail. |
| 15 | For I am Yahweh your God,  who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar;  Yahweh of Armies is his name. |
| 16 | I have put my words in your mouth  and have covered you in the shadow of my hand,  that I may plant the heavens  and lay the foundations of the earth,  and tell Zion, ‘You are my people.’” |
| 17 | Wake yourself, wake yourself;  stand up, O Jerusalem,  you who have drunk from the hand of Yahweh  the cup of his wrath;  you who have drunk to the dregs the bowl,  the cup that causes people to stagger. |
| 18 | There is none to guide her  among all the sons whom she has brought forth;  neither is there any who takes her by the hand  among all the sons who she has brought up. |
| 19 | These two things have happened to you.  Who will bemoan you?  Desolation and destruction  and the famine and the sword;  how will I comfort you? |
| 20 | Your sons have fainted,  they lie at the head of all the streets  as an antelope in a net;  they are full of the wrath of Yahweh,  the rebuke of your God. |
| 21 | Therefore hear now this, you afflicted,  and drunken, but not with wine: |
| 22 | This is what your Lord Yahweh,  and your God who pleads  the cause of his people, says:  “Behold, I have taken out of your hand  the cup of staggering,  even the bowl of the cup of my wrath;  you will no more drink it again: |
| 23 | and I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you,  who have said to your soul,  ‘Bow down, so that we may walk over you,’  and you have laid your back as the ground  and as the street to those who walk over.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 52**

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| 1 | Awake, awake,  put on your strength, O Zion!  Put on your beautiful garments,  O Jerusalem, the holy city;  for the uncircumcised and the unclean  will come into you no more. |
| 2 | Shake yourself from the dust! Arise!  Sit down, Jerusalem!  Loose the bonds from your neck,  O captive, Daughter Zion! |
| 3 | For this is what Yahweh says:  “You sold yourselves for nothing,  and without money you will be redeemed.” |
| 4 | For this is what the Lord Yahweh says,  “My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there;  then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. |
| 5 | And now, what am I to do here,”  says Yahweh,  “seeing that my people are taken away *captive* for nothing?  Those who rule over them mock,”  says Yahweh,  “and my name is treated with contempt all day long. |
| 6 | Therefore my people will know my name.  Therefore *they will know* in that Day  that I am he who speaks;  behold, it is I.” |
| 7 | How beautiful on the mountains  are the feet of him who brings good news,  who proclaims peace,  who brings good news of good,  who proclaims salvation,  who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!” |
| 8 | The voice of your watchmen!  They lift up their voice;  together they shout for joy,  for right before their eyes they will see  when Yahweh returns to Zion. |
| 9 | Break forth into joy, sing together,  you waste places of Jerusalem,  for Yahweh will comfort his people,  he will redeem Jerusalem. |
| 10 | Yahweh will bare his holy arm  in the sight of all the nations,  and all the ends of the earth  will see the salvation of our God. |
| 11 | Depart, depart, go out from there,  touch no unclean thing!  Go out of the middle of her! Cleanse yourselves,  you who carry the articles of Yahweh. |
| 12 | For you will not go out in haste,  nor will you go by flight,  for Yahweh will go before you;  and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. |

The Servant of Yahweh

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| 13 | Behold, my servant will act wisely.  He will be high and lifted up and exalted. |
| 14 | Just as many were appalled at you  (his appearance was marred beyond human resemblance,  and his form beyond that of human beings), |
| 15 | so he will sprinkle many nations.  Kings will shut their mouths on account of him,  for they will see what had not been told to them,  and what they had not heard they will understand. |

**Isaiah Chapter 53**

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| 1 | Who has believed what we have heard?  To whom has the arm of Yahweh been revealed? |
| 2 | For he grows up before him as a young plant  and as a root out of dry ground.  He has no good looks or majesty.  When we see him,  there is no beauty that we should be attracted to him. |
| 3 | He is despised and rejected by people;  a man of suffering, and one who knew sickness.  Like one from whom men hide their faces,  he is despised and we did not respect him. |
| 4 | Surely he has borne our sickness  and has carried our suffering,  yet we have considered him plagued,  struck by God, and afflicted. |
| 5 | But he was pierced for our transgressions,  was crushed for our iniquities.  The punishment that brought us peace was on him,  and by his wounds we are healed. |
| 6 | We all like sheep have gone astray.  Everyone has turned to his own way,  but Yahweh has laid on him  the iniquity of us all. |
| 7 | He was oppressed, yet he suffered willingly,  and he did not open his mouth.  As a lamb that is led to the slaughter  and as a sheep that before its shearers is mute,  so he did not open his mouth. |
| 8 | Due to oppression and *unjust* judgment he was taken away  and who among his generation considered  that he was cut off from the land of the living  and afflicted because of the disobedience of my people? |
| 9 | His grave was assigned with the wicked,  and with a rich man at his death,  because he had done no violence  and no deceit was in his mouth. |
| 10 | Yet it was the will of Yahweh to crush him.  He has caused him to suffer.  If his soul makes *itself* a guilt offering,  *then* he will see his seed.  He will prolong his days,  and the will of Yahweh will succeed in his hand. |
| 11 | After the anguish of his soul,  he will see the light[[19]](#footnote-32207) and be satisfied.  My righteous servant will make many righteous by the knowledge of himself,  and he will bear their iniquities. |
| 12 | Therefore I will give him a portion with the great,  and he will divide the spoil with the strong  because he poured out his soul to death  and he permitted himself to be counted among the transgressors.  Yet he himself carried the sin of many  and made intercession for the transgressors. |

**Isaiah Chapter 54**

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| 1 | “Sing, O barren one, who did not bear;  break forth into singing and cry out loud,  you who have not been in labor with child;  for more are the children of the desolate  than the children of the married wife,”  says Yahweh. |
| 2 | “Enlarge the place of your tent  and let them stretch out the curtains of your habitations;  do not hold back;  lengthen your cords  and strengthen your *tent* stakes. |
| 3 | For you will spread out to the right hand and to the left,  and your seed will possess the nations,  and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. |
| 4 | Do not be afraid, for you will not be put to shame;  do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced;  for you will forget the shame of your youth,  and the reproach of your widowhood  you will remember no more. |
| 5 | For your Maker is your husband;  Yahweh of Armies is his name,  and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer;  he will be called the God of all the earth. |
| 6 | For Yahweh has called you  as a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit,  even a wife of youth when she is rejected,”  says your God. |
| 7 | “For a small moment have I forsaken you,  but with great mercies I will gather you. |
| 8 | In overflowing wrath  I hid my face from you for a moment,  but with everlasting covenant faithfulness  I will have mercy on you,”  says Yahweh your Redeemer. |
| 9 | “For this is like the waters of Noah to me;  for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah  will no more go over the earth,  so have I sworn that I will not be angry with you,  nor rebuke you. |
| 10 | For the mountains may depart  and the hills may be removed,  but my covenant faithfulness will not depart from you,  nor will my covenant of peace be removed,”  says Yahweh who has mercy on you. |
| 11 | “O afflicted one,  tossed by storms and not comforted,  behold, I will set your stones in beautiful colors  and lay your foundations with lapis lazuli. |
| 12 | I will make your pinnacles of jewels  and your gates of sparkling jewels,  and all your walls of precious stones. |
| 13 | All your children will be taught by Yahweh,  and great will be the peace of your children. |
| 14 | In righteousness you will be established;  you will be far from oppression,  for you will not be afraid,  and *far* from terror,  for it will not come near you. |
| 15 | Behold, if anyone attacks you,  it will not be from me;  whoever will gather together against you  will fall because of you. |
| 16 | Behold, I have created the smith  who blows the fire of coals  and brings forth a weapon for its purpose,  and I have created the destroyer to ruin. |
| 17 | No weapon that is formed against you  will prevail;  and you will condemn every tongue  that rises against you in judgment.  This is the heritage of the servants of Yahweh,  and their vindication that is from me,”  says Yahweh. |

**Isaiah Chapter 55**

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| 1 | “Hey! All you who are thirsty,  come to the water!  And you who have no money,  come, buy and eat!  Yes, come, buy wine and milk  without money and without price. |
| 2 | Why do you spend money for what is not bread?  And *spend* your labor for that which does not satisfy?  Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  and let your soul delight itself in abundance. |
| 3 | Incline your ear and come to me;  hear, and your soul will live.  And I will cut an everlasting covenant with you,  like the reliable covenant promises I made to David. |
| 4 | Behold, I have given him for a witness to the peoples,  a leader and commander to the peoples. |
| 5 | Behold, you will call a nation that you do not know,  and a nation that did not know you will run to you,  because of Yahweh your God  and for the Holy One of Israel;  for he has glorified you.” |
| 6 | Seek Yahweh while he may be found;  call on him while he is near. |
| 7 | Let the wicked person forsake his way  and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  and let him return to Yahweh,  and he will have mercy on him;  and *let him return* to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. |
| 8 | “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  neither are your ways my ways,”  says Yahweh. |
| 9 | “For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  so are my ways higher than your ways,  and my thoughts than your thoughts. |
| 10 | For as the rain and the snow comes down from heaven  and does not return there,  but waters the earth  and makes it bring forth and bud  and gives seed to the sower  and bread to the eater, |
| 11 | so will my word be that goes forth out of my mouth;  it will not return to me void,  but it will accomplish what I please,  and it will prosper in the thing I sent it to do. |
| 12 | For you will go out with joy  and be led forth with peace;  the mountains and the hills will break forth into singing before you,  and all the trees of the fields will clap their hands. |
| 13 | Instead of the thorn will come up the fir tree,  and instead of the briar will come up the myrtle tree;  and it will be to Yahweh for a name,  for an everlasting sign that will not be cut off.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 56**

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|  | “Maintain justice and do righteousness,  for my salvation is soon to come  and my righteousness *is* *soon* to be revealed. |
| 2 | Blessed is the man who does this,  and the son of man who holds it fast:  who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,  and keeps his hand from doing any evil.” |
| 3 | Let not the foreigner  who has joined himself to Yahweh speak, saying,  “Yahweh will surely separate me from his people,”  nor let the eunuch say,  “Behold, I am a dry tree.” |
| 4 | For this is what Yahweh says,  “To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths  and choose the things that please me  and hold fast to my covenant, |
| 5 | to them I will give in my house and inside my walls  a memorial and a name  better than that of sons and of daughters;  I will give them an everlasting name  that will not be cut off. |
| 6 | Also the foreigners who join themselves to Yahweh,  to minister to him and to love the name of Yahweh,  to be his servants,  everyone who keeps the Sabbath without desecrating it  and holds firmly to my covenant— |
| 7 | even those I will bring to my holy mountain  and make them joyful in my house of prayer.  Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  will be accepted on my altar,  for my house will be called a house of prayer  for all peoples.” |
| 8 | The Lord Yahweh,  who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says,  “I will gather to them still others  besides his own who are gathered.” |
| 9 | All you animals of the field,  come to devour,  all you animals in the forest. |
| 10 | His watchmen are blind,  they are all without knowledge;  they are all mute dogs,  they cannot bark;  dreaming, lying down,  loving to slumber. |
| 11 | Yes, the dogs are greedy,  they can never have enough;  and these are shepherds  who cannot understand;  they have all turned to their own way,  each one to his gain from every quarter. |
| 12 | “Come,” say they, “I will get wine,  and we will fill ourselves with beer;  and tomorrow will be as this day,  great beyond measure.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 57**

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| 1 | The righteous person perishes,  yet no one takes it to heart;  and faithful men are gathered *to their ancestors*,  and no one takes it to heart that  the righteous person is gathered *to his ancestors*  away from the presence of the evil. |
| 2 | He enters into peace;  they rest in their beds,  each one who walks in his uprightness. |
| 3 | “But you, draw near here,  you sons of the sorceress,  seed of the adulterer and the prostitute. |
| 4 | Against whom are you mocking?  Against whom are you making a wide mouth  and sticking out your tongue?  Aren’t you children of rebellion,  the seed of deceit, |
| 5 | you who inflame yourselves among the oaks,  under every green tree,  who slaughter the children in the ravines,  under the clefts of the rocks? |
| 6 | Among the smooth ones of the ravine is your portion;  they, they are your lot.  You have poured out a drink offering to them.  You have brought a grain offering.  Because of these things, how can I relent? |
| 7 | On a high and lofty mountain  you have set your bed;  there also you went up to offer sacrifice. |
| 8 | Behind the doors and the posts  you have set your reminder symbols,  for away from me you have uncovered yourself  and have gone up on your bed;  you have enlarged your bed,  and cut a covenant with them;  you loved their bed;  you looked at their genitals. |
| 9 | You went to the king with oil  and increased your perfumes  and sent your ambassadors far off,  and debased yourself even to Sheol. |
| 10 | You were worn out by the length of your journey,  yet you did not say, ‘It is in vain.’  You found a reviving of your strength;  therefore you were not faint. |
| 11 | Of whom have you been afraid and in fear,  that you lie, and have not remembered me,  nor laid it to your heart?  Haven’t I held my peace even for a long time,  and you do not fear me? |
| 12 | I will declare your “righteousness;”  and as for your works, they will not profit you. |
| 13 | When you cry out,  let your collection *of idols* deliver you;  but the wind will carry them all off,  a breath will carry them all away;  but the one who takes refuge in me  will possess the land  and will inherit my holy mountain.” |
| 14 | And it will be said,  “Build up, build up, prepare the road;  take up the stumbling block out of the way of my people.” |
| 15 | For this is what the high and lofty One  who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, says:  “I dwell in the high and holy place,  with him also who is of a contrite and humble spirit,  to revive the spirit of the humble  and to revive the heart of the contrite. |
| 16 | For I will not contend forever,  nor will I always be angry;  for *then* the spirit would faint before me,  and the souls *of people* who I have made. |
| 17 | Because of the iniquity of his covetousness was I angry,  and struck him; I hid myself and was angry,  but he went on backsliding in the way of his heart. |
| 18 | I have seen his ways and will heal him;  I will lead him also, and restore comforts  to him and to his mourners. |
| 19 | I create the fruit of the lips:  Peace, peace, to him who is far off  and to him who is near,” says Yahweh,  “and I will heal them.” |
| 20 | But the wicked are like the troubled sea;  for it cannot rest,  and its waters cast up mire and dirt. |
| 21 | “There is no peace,” says my God,  “for the wicked.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 58**

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| 1 | “Cry out aloud, do not hold back!  Lift up your voice like a shofar  and declare to my people their disobedience,  and to the house of Jacob their sins. |
| 2 | Yet they seek me daily  and *seem to* delight to know my ways  as if they were a nation that did what is right  and did not forsake the ordinance of their God.  They ask me for righteous judgments;  they delight to draw near to God. |
| 3 | *They say,* ‘Why have we fasted,  and you do not see?  We have afflicted our souls,  but you do not notice.’  “Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure  and oppress all your workers. |
| 4 | Behold, you fast only to quarrel and fight,  and to strike *others* with the fist of wickedness.  You cannot fast as you do this day  and make your voice heard on high. |
| 5 | Is this the manner of fasting that I have chosen?  A day for a man to afflict his soul?  Is it to bow down his head like a reed,  and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?  Will you call this a fast  and an acceptable day to Yahweh? |
| 6 | Isn’t this the *kind of* fast that I choose:  to release the bonds of wickedness,  to untie the straps of the yoke  and to let the oppressed go free,  and that you tear off every yoke? |
| 7 | Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  and that you bring the homeless poor into your house;  *and that* when you see the naked *person* you cover him,  and that you do not hide yourself from your own flesh? |
| 8 | Then your light will break forth like the dawn,  and your healing will spring forth speedily,  and your righteousness will go before you;  the glory of Yahweh will be your rear guard. |
| 9 | Then you will call, and Yahweh will answer;  you will cry out, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’  If you will remove the yoke from among you,  the finger-pointing and speaking wickedly, |
| 10 | and if you pour out your soul to the hungry,  and satisfy the afflicted soul,  then your light will rise in the darkness  and your gloom will be as noonday, |
| 11 | and Yahweh will guide you continually  and satisfy your soul in dry places,  and strengthen your bones,  and you will be like a watered garden  and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail. |
| 12 | Some of you will rebuild the ancient ruins;  you will raise up the foundations of many generations,  and you will be called ‘The repairer of the breach,  The restorer of streets to live in.’ |
| 13 | If you turn back your foot from *breaking* the Sabbath,  from doing your pleasure on my holy day,  and call the Sabbath a delight  and the holy *day* of Yahweh honorable,  and will honor it, not doing your own ways,  nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, |
| 14 | then you will delight yourself in Yahweh,  and I will cause you to ride on the high places of the land,  and I will feed you with the inheritance of Jacob your father;”  for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken it. |

**Isaiah Chapter 59**

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| 1 | Behold, Yahweh’s hand is not so short that it cannot save;  nor is his ear so heavy that it cannot hear; |
| 2 | but your iniquities have made a separation  between you and your God,  and your sins have hidden his face from you,  so that he does not listen. |
| 3 | For your hands are defiled with blood  and your fingers with iniquity;  your lips have spoken lies,  your tongue mutters wickedness. |
| 4 | No one sues righteously,  and no one pleads a case with integrity;  they trust in empty *arguments* and speak lies;  they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity. |
| 5 | They hatch adders’ eggs  and weave the spider’s web.  The one who eats of their eggs dies,  and what is crushed breaks out into a viper. |
| 6 | Their webs cannot become garments,  nor can they cover themselves with their works;  their works are works of iniquity,  and the act of violence is in their hands. |
| 7 | Their feet run to evil,  and they make haste to shed innocent blood.  Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity;  desolation and destruction are in their paths. |
| 8 | They do not know the way of peace,  and there is no justice in their ways.  They have made for themselves crooked paths;  whoever goes on them does not know peace. |
| 9 | Therefore justice is far from us,  nor does righteousness overtake us;  we look for light, but behold, darkness;  for brightness, but we walk in gloom. |
| 10 | We grope for the wall like the blind,  yes, we grope like those who have no eyes;  we stumble at noonday as in the twilight;  among those who are vigorous we are as dead men. |
| 11 | We all roar like bears,  and moan bitterly like doves;  we look for justice, but there is none;  for deliverance, but it is far off from us. |
| 12 | For our transgressions are multiplied before you,  and our sins testify against us;  for our transgressions are with us,  and as for our iniquities, we know them; |
| 13 | transgressing and denying Yahweh  and turning away from following our God,  speaking oppression and revolt,  conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. |
| 14 | Justice is turned away backward,  and righteousness stands afar off;  for truth is fallen in the street,  and uprightness cannot enter. |
| 15 | Yes, truth is lacking,  and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.  Yahweh saw it,  and it displeased him that there was no justice. |
| 16 | He saw that there was no man,  and wondered that there was no intercessor,  therefore his own arm brought salvation to him,  and his righteousness, it upheld him. |
| 17 | He put on righteousness as a breastplate,  and a helmet of salvation on his head;  and he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,  and was clad with zeal as a mantle. |
| 18 | According to their deeds,  so he will repay.  Wrath to his adversaries,  repayment to his enemies;  to the islands he will repay. |
| 19 | So they will fear the name of Yahweh from the west,  and his glory from the rising of the sun,  for he will come as a rushing stream  that the breath of Yahweh drives. |
| 20 | “A Redeemer will come to Zion  and to those in Jacob who turn from disobedience,”  says Yahweh. |

21“As for me, this is my covenant with them,” says Yahweh. “My spirit that is upon you and my words that I have put in your mouth will not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed’s seed,” says Yahweh, “from henceforth and forever.”

**Isaiah Chapter 60**

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| 1 | “Arise, shine; for your light has come  and the glory of Yahweh has risen upon you. |
| 2 | For, behold, darkness covers the earth,  and gross darkness *covers* the peoples,  but Yahweh will arise upon you,  and his glory will shine upon you. |
| 3 | Nations will come to your light,  and kings to the brightness of your rising. |
| 4 | Lift up your eyes all around, and see:  they all gather themselves together,  they come to you;  your sons will come from far,  and your daughters will be carried in the arms. |
| 5 | Then you will see and be radiant,  and your heart will thrill and be enlarged  because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you,  the wealth of the nations will come to you. |
| 6 | The multitude of camels will cover you,  the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  all they from Sheba will come;  they will bring gold and frankincense  and will proclaim the praises of Yahweh. |
| 7 | All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you,  the rams of Nebaioth will serve you;  they will come up as an acceptable *sacrifice* on my altar,  and I will glorify the house of my glory. |
| 8 | Who are these who fly as a cloud,  and as the doves to their windows? |
| 9 | Surely the islands will wait for me,  and the ships of Tarshish *will come* first,  to bring your sons from afar,  their silver and their gold with them,  for the name of Yahweh your God,  and for the Holy One of Israel  because he has glorified you. |
| 10 | Foreigners will build up your walls,  and their kings will minister to you;  for in my wrath I struck you,  but in my favor have I had mercy on you. |
| 11 | Your gates also will be open continually;  they will not be shut day nor night,  so that men can bring you  the wealth of the nations,  and their kings led *in procession*. |
| 12 | For that nation and kingdom  that will not serve you will perish;  yes, those nations will be utterly wasted. |
| 13 | The glory of Lebanon will come to you,  the fir tree, the pine, and the cypress together,  to beautify the place of my sanctuary,  and I will make the place of my feet glorious. |
| 14 | The sons of those who afflicted you  will come bending low to you,  and all those who despised you  will bow down at the soles of your feet,  and they will call you “The City of Yahweh;”  “The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.” |
| 15 | “Whereas you have been forsaken and hated,  so that no one passed through you,  I will make you an eternal excellency,  a joy of many generations. |
| 16 | You will also drink the milk of the nations  and will nurse from royal breasts,  and you will know that I, Yahweh, am your Savior  and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. |
| 17 | Instead of bronze I will bring gold,  and instead of iron I will bring silver,  and instead of wood, bronze,  and instead of stones, iron.  I will also make peace your overseer  and righteousness your ruler. |
| 18 | Violence will no longer be heard in your land,  nor desolation or destruction inside your borders;  but you will call your walls Salvation  and your gates Praise. |
| 19 | The sun will no longer be your light by day;  nor for brightness will the moon give you light,  but Yahweh will be your everlasting light,  and your God will be your glory. |
| 20 | Your sun will no longer go down,  nor will your moon withdraw itself,  for Yahweh will be your everlasting light,  and the days of your mourning will be ended. |
| 21 | Then your people will all be righteous;  they will inherit the land forever,  the branch of my planting,  the work of my hands,  that I may be glorified. |
| 22 | The least one *of you* will become 1,000,  and the smallest one a strong nation;  I, Yahweh, in its time will do this quickly.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 61**

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| 1 | The spirit of the Lord Yahweh is upon me;  because Yahweh has anointed me  to preach good news to the humble.  He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  to proclaim liberty to the captives  and release to those who are bound, |
| 2 | to proclaim the year of Yahweh’s favor  and the day of vengeance of our God;  to comfort all who mourn; |
| 3 | *and* to provide for those who mourn in Zion  by giving them a garland for ashes,  the oil of joy for mourning,  the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness,  so that they may be called trees of righteousness,  the planting of Yahweh,  so that he may be glorified. |
| 4 | They will rebuild the old ruins,  they will raise up the former desolations,  and they will repair the ruined cities,  the desolations of many generations. |
| 5 | Strangers will stand and feed your flocks,  and foreigners will be your plowmen and your vinedressers. |
| 6 | But you will be named the priests of Yahweh;  men will call you the ministers of our God:  you will eat the wealth of the nations,  and you will boast in their glory. |
| 7 | Instead of your shame you *will have* a double *portion*,  and instead of dishonor they will shout for joy over their portion;  therefore they will possess a double *portion* in their land.  Everlasting joy will be theirs. |
| 8 | “For I, Yahweh, love justice,  I hate robbery with iniquity;  and I will faithfully give them their repayment,  and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. |
| 9 | Their seed will be known among the nations,  and their offspring among the peoples;  all who see them will acknowledge them,  that they are the seed that Yahweh has blessed.” |
| 10 | I will greatly rejoice in Yahweh;  my soul will be joyful in my God,  for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  he has covered me with the cloak of righteousness  as a groom decks himself with a garland  and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. |
| 11 | For as the earth brings forth its bud  and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth,  so the Lord Yahweh will cause righteousness and praise  to spring forth before all the nations. |

**Isaiah Chapter 62**

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| 1 | For Zion’s sake I will not hold my peace  and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest  until her righteousness goes forth as brightness  and her salvation as a burning torch. |
| 2 | The nations will see your righteousness  and all kings *will see* your glory,  and you will be called by a new name  that the mouth of Yahweh will name *you*. |
| 3 | You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of Yahweh,  and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. |
| 4 | You will no more be termed “Forsaken,”  nor will your land any more be termed “Desolate:”  but you will be called “My delight is in her,”  and your land “Married,”  for Yahweh delights in you,  and your land will be married. |
| 5 | For *as* a young man marries a virgin,  *so* your sons will marry you;  and *as* the groom rejoices over the bride,  *so* your God will rejoice over you. |
| 6 | I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem;  they will never be silent, day or night.  You who remember Yahweh, give yourselves no rest, |
| 7 | and give him no rest until he establishes *Jerusalem*,  and until he makes Jerusalem  a praise in the earth. |
| 8 | Yahweh has sworn by his right hand  and by the arm of his strength,  “Surely I will no longer give your grain  to be food for your enemies,  and foreigners will not drink your new wine  for which you have labored: |
| 9 | but those who have harvested it will eat it  and praise Yahweh,  and those who have gathered it will drink it  in the courts of my sanctuary.” |
| 10 | Go through, go through the gates!  Prepare the road for the people!  Build up, build up the highway!  Gather out the stones!  Lift up a banner for the people. |
| 11 | Behold, Yahweh has proclaimed  to the end of the earth,  “Say to Daughter Zion,  ‘Behold, your salvation is coming.  Behold, his reward is with him  and his rewards accompany him.’” |
| 12 | They will call them “The holy people,”  “The redeemed of Yahweh.”  And you will be called “Sought out,”  “A city not forsaken.” |

**Isaiah Chapter 63**

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| 1 | Who is this who comes from Edom,  in crimson-stained garments from Bozrah?  This one who is glorious in his apparel,  striding confidently in the greatness of his strength?  “It is I, speaking in righteousness,  mighty to save.” |
| 2 | Why is your clothing red  and your garments like him who treads in the wine vat? |
| 3 | “I have trampled the winepress alone,  and of the peoples there was no man with me;  yes, I trampled them in my anger,  and trampled them in my wrath,  and their lifeblood is sprinkled on my garments,  and I have stained all my clothing. |
| 4 | For the day of vengeance was in my heart,  and the year of my redeemed has come. |
| 5 | I looked, and there was none to help,  and I wondered that there was none to uphold;  therefore my own arm brought salvation to me,  and my wrath, it upheld me. |
| 6 | I trod down the peoples in my anger  and made them drunk in my wrath,  and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.” |
| 7 | I will make mention of the covenant faithfulness of Yahweh  and the praises of Yahweh  according to all that Yahweh has bestowed on us,  and the great goodness toward the house of Israel  that he has bestowed on them according to his mercies  and according to the greatness of his covenant faithfulness. |
| 8 | For he said, “Surely, they are my people,  children who will not deal falsely,”  so he became their Savior. |
| 9 | In all their affliction he was afflicted,  and the angel of his presence saved them;  in his love and in his pity he redeemed them,  and he bore them and carried them  all the days of old. |
| 10 | But they rebelled  and grieved his holy spirit;  therefore he turned himself to become their enemy,  and he himself fought against them. |
| 11 | Then he remembered the days of old,  Moses and his people, saying,  “Where is he who brought them up out of the sea  with the shepherds of his flock?  Where is he who put within them his holy spirit, |
| 12 | who caused his glorious arm  to go at the right hand of Moses?  The one who divided the waters before them  to make himself an everlasting name, |
| 13 | who led them through the depths  as a horse in the wilderness,  so that they did not stumble. |
| 14 | As the livestock that go down into the valley,  the spirit of Yahweh caused them to rest;  so you led your people,  to make yourself a glorious name.” |
| 15 | Look down from heaven, and see,  from the habitation of your holiness and of your glory.  Where are your zeal and your mighty acts?  The stirring of your bowels and your inward parts  are held back from me. |
| 16 | For you are our Father,  though Abraham doesn’t know us  and Israel does not acknowledge us;  you, Yahweh, are our Father;  our Redeemer from everlasting is your name. |
| 17 | O Yahweh, why do you make us to err from your ways,  and harden our heart from your fear?  Return for your servants’ sake,  the tribes of your inheritance. |
| 18 | Your holy people possessed it  but a little while;  our adversaries have trampled down  your sanctuary. |
| 19 | We have become like those over whom you never ruled,  like those who were not called by your name. |

**Isaiah Chapter 64**

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| 1 | Oh that you would tear open the heavens,  that you would come down  so that the mountains would quake at your presence— |
| 2 | as when fire kindles the brushwood  and *when* fire causes the waters to boil—  to make your name known to your adversaries,  so that the nations would tremble at your presence! |
| 3 | When you did awesome things  that we did not expect,  you came down  *and* the mountains quaked at your presence. |
| 4 | For from of ancient times people have not heard,  nor perceived with the ear,  nor has the eye seen any God but you  who acts on behalf of the one who waits for him. |
| 5 | You meet the one who rejoices in doing righteousness,  those who remember you in your ways.  Behold, you were angry, and we sinned.  We have been in sin for a long time,  and will we be saved? |
| 6 | For we have all become as one who is unclean,  and all our righteousness is as menstrual rags:  and we all wither like a leaf,  and our iniquities take us away like the wind. |
| 7 | There is none who calls on your name,  who stirs up himself to take hold of you,  for you have hidden your face from us  and have given us over to[[20]](#footnote-27025) the hand of our sin. |
| 8 | But now, Yahweh, you are our Father;  we are the clay and you are our potter,  and we all are the work of your hand. |
| 9 | Do not be furious, Yahweh,  nor remember iniquity forever.  Behold, please look, we are all your people. |
| 10 | Your holy cities have become a wilderness;  Zion has become a wilderness,  Jerusalem a desolation. |
| 11 | Our holy and our beautiful house  where our fathers praised you  is burned with fire,  and all our pleasant places are laid waste. |
| 12 | Will you refrain yourself at these things, Yahweh?  Will you hold your peace and afflict us very severely? |

**Isaiah Chapter 65**

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| 1 | “I am inquired of by those who did not ask;  I am found by those who did not seek me.  I said, ‘See me, see me,’  to a nation that was not called by my name. |
| 2 | I have spread out my hands all day long  to a rebellious people  who walk in a way that is not good,  according to their own thoughts, |
| 3 | a people who insult me  to my face continually,  sacrificing in gardens  and burning incense on bricks, |
| 4 | who sit among the graves  and lodge in the secret places;  who eat pig’s flesh  and have broth of abominable things in their vessels; |
| 5 | who say, ‘Stand by yourself,  do not come near to me, for I am holier than you.’  These are smoke in my nose,  a fire that burns all the day. |
| 6 | Behold, it is written before me:  I will not keep silence, but I will recompense,  yes, recompense into their bosom |
| 7 | your own iniquities,  and the iniquities of your fathers together,”  says Yahweh,  “who have burned incense on the mountains  and blasphemed me on the hills;  therefore I will measure into their lap  payment for their former work.” |

8This is what Yahweh says:

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|  | “As the new wine is found in the cluster  and one says, ‘Do not destroy it,  for a blessing is in it,’  so I will do for my servants’ sake,  in order not to destroy all of them. |
| 9 | I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob,  and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains;  and my chosen will inherit it,  and my servants will live there. |
| 10 | Sharon will be a fold of flocks,  and the valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down in,  for my people who have sought me. |
| 11 | But you who forsake Yahweh,  who forget my holy mountain,  who prepare a table for Fortune  and who fill up mixed wine to Destiny, |
| 12 | I will destine you to the sword,  and you will all bow down to the slaughter;  because when I called, you did not answer;  when I spoke, you did not listen,  but you did what was evil in my eyes,  and chose what I did not delight in.” |

13Therefore this is what the Lord Yahweh says,

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|  | “Behold, my servants will eat,  but you will be hungry;  behold, my servants will drink,  but you will be thirsty;  behold, my servants will rejoice,  but you will be put to shame; |
| 14 | behold, my servants will sing for joy of heart,  but you will cry out for sorrow of heart  and will wail for anguish of spirit. |
| 15 | You will leave your name  for a curse to my chosen;  and the Lord Yahweh will kill you,  but he will call his servants by another name, |
| 16 | so that he who blesses himself on the earth  will bless himself in the God of truth;  and he who swears on the earth  will swear by the God of truth,  because the former troubles are forgotten,  and because they are hidden from my eyes. |
| 17 | For behold, I will create a new heaven and a new earth,  and the former things will not be remembered nor come into mind. |
| 18 | So be glad and rejoice forever  in what I create;  for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,  and her people to be a delight. |
| 19 | I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  and joy in my people,  and no more will be heard in it  the voice of weeping or the voice of crying. |
| 20 | No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days,  or an old man who does not live out his days.  For the young man will die at 100 years old,  and anyone who falls short of 100 years old will be *thought of as* accursed. |
| 21 | They will build houses and live in them;  they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. |
| 22 | They will not build *houses* but another live in them;  they will not plant and another eat,  for as the days of a tree  will be the days of my people,  and my chosen ones will long enjoy  the work of their hands. |
| 23 | They will not labor in vain,  nor bear children who will experience calamity;  for they are the seed of the blessed of Yahweh,  and their offspring along with them. |
| 24 | It will come to pass that before they call, I will answer;  and while they are still speaking, I will hear. |
| 25 | The wolf and the lamb will feed together,  and the lion will eat straw like the ox;  and dust will be the serpent’s food.  They will not hurt nor destroy  in all my holy mountain,”  says Yahweh. |

**Isaiah Chapter 66**

1This is what Yahweh says:

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|  | “Heaven is my throne  and the earth is my footstool;  what kind of house will you build to me?  And what place could be my rest? |
| 2 | For all these things my hand has made,  and so all these things came to be,”  says Yahweh.  “But this is the person I will look upon *with favor;*  to the one who is of a humble and contrite spirit  and who trembles at my word. |
| 3 | He who kills an ox is like he who kills a man;  he who sacrifices a lamb is like he who breaks a dog’s neck;  he who offers an offering is like he who offers pig’s blood;  he who burns frankincense is like he who blesses an idol.  Yes, they have chosen their own ways,  and their soul delights in their abominations. |
| 4 | I also will choose their delusions  and will bring their fears on them,  because when I called, no one answered.  When I spoke, they did not listen,  but they did what was evil in my eyes  and chose what I did not delight in.” |
| 5 | Hear the word of Yahweh,  you who tremble at his word:  “Your brothers who hate you,  who cast you out for my name’s sake, have said,  ‘Let Yahweh be glorified,  that we may see your joy!’  But it is those *people* who will be disappointed. |
| 6 | A voice of tumult from the city,  a voice from the Temple,  a voice of Yahweh  who is paying back his enemies what they deserve. |
| 7 | “Before she travailed, she brought forth;  before her pain came, she delivered a son. |
| 8 | Who has heard of such a thing?  Who has seen such things?  Can a land be born in one day?  Can a nation be brought forth all at once?  For as soon as Zion was in labor,  she brought forth her children. |
| 9 | Will I bring to the birth  and not cause to bring forth?”  says Yahweh.  “Will I who cause to bring forth shut the womb?”  says your God. |
| 10 | “Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her,  all you who love her:  rejoice for joy with her,  all you who mourn over her, |
| 11 | that you may nurse and be satisfied  at the comforting breasts;  that you may drink deeply and be delighted  with the abundance of her glory.” |

12For this is what Yahweh says,

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|  | “Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,  and *extend* the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream,  and you will nurse, *and* you will be carried on her hip  and dandled on her knees. |
| 13 | As one whom his mother comforts,  so I will comfort you,  and you will be comforted in Jerusalem.” |
| 14 | You will see it, and your heart will rejoice,  and your bones will flourish like the tender grass,  and the hand of Yahweh will be known to his servants  and he will have indignation against his enemies. |
| 15 | For behold, Yahweh will come with fire,  and his chariots will be like the whirlwind,  to render his anger with wrath  and his rebuke with flames of fire. |
| 16 | For by fire and by His sword Yahweh will execute judgment  on all flesh,  and the slain of Yahweh will be many. |

17“Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves to go to the gardens, following one in the middle, eating pig’s flesh and abominations and mice, will come to an end together,” says Yahweh,

18“for I know their works and their thoughts. The time is coming that I will gather all nations and languages, and they will come and will see my glory. 19I will set a sign among them, and I will send survivors from them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the islands afar off who have not heard my fame or seen my glory; and they will declare my glory among the nations. 20They will bring all your brothers out of all the nations as an offering to Yahweh, on horses and in chariots, and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries to my holy mountain Jerusalem,” says Yahweh, “as the children of Israel bring their offering in a clean vessel to the house of Yahweh. 21I will also take some of them as priests and Levites,” says Yahweh.

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| 22 | “For as the new heavens and the new earth  that I will make will remain before me,”  says Yahweh,  “so your seed and your name will remain. |
| 23 | From new moon to new moon  and Sabbath to Sabbath  all flesh will come to worship me,”  says Yahweh. |

24“They will go out and look on the dead bodies of the people who have transgressed against me; for their worm[[21]](#footnote-24568) will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all humankind.”

1. Or “forgive them” [↑](#footnote-ref-25174)
2. The last phrase is from a Qumran scroll of Isaiah. [↑](#footnote-ref-26377)
3. The name means “A remnant will return.” [↑](#footnote-ref-25839)
4. Roughly 25 pounds (11.3 kilograms) [↑](#footnote-ref-23390)
5. Lit. “the stylus of a man” [↑](#footnote-ref-16814)
6. Likely meaning “Haste to the spoil; hurry to the prey” [↑](#footnote-ref-28894)
7. MT is “I will call” but other ancient texts are call. [↑](#footnote-ref-26433)
8. The Hebrew is “Immanuel” [↑](#footnote-ref-28328)
9. Quoted in Hebrews 2:13 [↑](#footnote-ref-25760)
10. Latin is “Via Maris” [↑](#footnote-ref-13255)
11. Lit. “has been born” [↑](#footnote-ref-32401)
12. The text reads “Aiath,” the feminine form of “Ai” [↑](#footnote-ref-24584)
13. “God” is “El” here. [↑](#footnote-ref-14264)
14. Or “in the far north” [↑](#footnote-ref-19445)
15. The Hebrew word refers to both islands and coastlands [↑](#footnote-ref-16160)
16. Or “islands” [↑](#footnote-ref-29624)
17. the Hebrew can also refer to the coastlands [↑](#footnote-ref-11697)
18. Or “bows down to it” [↑](#footnote-ref-17209)
19. “Light” is supplied from the Dead Sea Scrolls and LXX. [↑](#footnote-ref-32207)
20. Septuagint, Syriac, and Targum [↑](#footnote-ref-27025)
21. “Worm” meaning “maggot” [↑](#footnote-ref-24568)