

The Book of  
Ezekiel

1:4 Vision of Four Cherubs, and Four Wheels. 2:1 The Prophet's Call. 4:1 Siege of Jerusalem portrayed.

**1** Now it came to pass in *the* thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as I was among the <sup>1</sup>captives by *the* river <sup>2</sup>Kebar, *that* the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. **2** In *the* fifth *day* of the month, which *was* the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, **3** the word of Jehovah came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, *the* son of Buzi, in *the* land of *the* Chaldeans by *the* river Kebar; and *the* hand of Jehovah was there upon him.

**4** And I looked, and, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud, with a fire <sup>3</sup>infecting itself, and a brightness round about it, and out of *the* midst thereof <sup>4</sup>as it were glowing <sup>5</sup>metal, out of *the* midst of the fire. **5** And out of *the* midst thereof *came* *the* likeness of four living creatures. And this *was* their appearance: they had *the* likeness of a man. **6** And every one had four faces, and every one of them had four wings. **7** And their feet *were* straight feet; and the sole of their feet *was* like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished copper. **8** And *they* had *the* hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings *thus*: **9** their wings *were* joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. **10** As for *the* likeness of their faces, they had *the* faces of a man; and they four had *the* faces of a lion on the right *side*; and they four had *the* faces of an ox on the left *side*; they four had also *the* faces of an eagle. **11** <sup>6</sup>And their faces and their wings *were* separate above; two *wings* of every one *were* joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. **12** And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; they turned not when they went. **13** As for *the* likeness of the living creatures, their appearance *was* like burning coals of fire, like *the* appearance of the torches: *the* fire went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. **14** And the living creatures ran and returned as *the* appearance of a flash of lightning.

**15** Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold, one wheel upon the earth beside the living creatures, for

each of *the* four faces thereof. **16** *The* appearance of the wheels and their work *was* like unto a beryl: and they four had one likeness; and their appearance and their work *was* as it were a wheel <sup>7</sup>within a wheel. **17** When they went, they went <sup>8</sup>in their four directions: they turned not when they went. **18** As for their <sup>9</sup>rims, they *were* high and awesome; and they four *had* their rims full of eyes round about. **19** And when the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. **20** Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went; thither *was* the spirit to go: and the wheels were lifted up <sup>10</sup>beside them; for *the* spirit <sup>11</sup>of the living creature *was* in the wheels. **21** When *those* went, these went; and when those stood, *these* stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up beside them: for *the* spirit of the living creature *was* in the wheels.

**22** And over *the* heads of the living creature *there* *was* *the* likeness of a sky, like the awesome <sup>12</sup>crystal to look upon, stretched forth over their heads above. **23** And under the sky *were* their wings straight, *the* one toward *the* other: every one had two which covered <sup>13</sup>on this side, and every one had two which covered <sup>14</sup>on that side, their bodies. **24** And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings like *the* noise of great waters, like *the* voice of *the* Almighty, a noise of tumult like *the* noise of a host: when they stood, they let down their wings. **25** And there was a voice above the sky that *was* over their heads: when they stood, they let down their wings.

**26** And above the sky that *was* over their heads *was* *the* likeness of a throne, as *the* appearance of a sapphire stone; and upon *the* likeness of the throne *was* a likeness as *the* appearance of a man upon it above. **27** And I saw as it were glowing metal, as *the* appearance of fire within it round about, from *the* appearance of his loins and upward; and from *the* appearance of his loins and downward I saw as it were *the* appearance of fire, and there was brightness round about <sup>15</sup>him. **28** As *the* appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of

<sup>1</sup> *Hb.* captivity

<sup>2</sup> *Pronounced* K'vār. *The modern Khābūr River.*

*And so everywhere. Cf. 2Ki 17:6, 18:11; 1Chr 5:26*

<sup>3</sup> *Or,* flashing continually,

<sup>4</sup> *Or,* as amber to look upon,

<sup>5</sup> *Or,* amber,

<sup>6</sup> *Or,* And *thus* *were* their faces; and their wings were separate above;

<sup>7</sup> *Hb.* in the midst of a wheel.

<sup>8</sup> *Hb.* on their four sides:

<sup>9</sup> *Or,* felloes, *That is,* outer rims, attached by spokes.

<sup>10</sup> *Or,* over against them; *Similarly in* vs. 21.

<sup>11</sup> *Or,* of life *was* in the wheels. *And in* vs. 21.

<sup>12</sup> *Or,* ice

<sup>13</sup> *Or,* for them,

<sup>14</sup> *Or,* for them,

<sup>15</sup> *Or,* it.

rain, so *was the* appearance of the brightness round about. This *was the* appearance of *the* likeness of *the* glory of Jehovah. And when I saw *it*, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

2 And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak with thee. 2 And *the* Spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet; and I heard *him* that spake unto me. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to *the* children of Israel, to nations *that* are rebellious, which have rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me *even* unto this very day. 4 And the children *are* impudent and stiff-hearted: <sup>16</sup>I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah. 5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they *are* a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. 6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns *are* with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they *are* a rebellious house. 7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; for they *are* most rebellious.

8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; be not thou rebellious like *that* rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that which I give thee. 9 And when I looked, behold, a hand was put forth unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; 10 and he spread it before me: and it was written within and without; and there were written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, eat that which thou findest; eat this roll, and go, speak unto *the* house of Israel. 2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat this roll. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat *it*; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

4 And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto *the* house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. 5 For thou *art* not sent to a people <sup>17</sup>of a strange speech and of a hard language, *but* to *the* house of Israel; 6 not to many peoples of a strange speech and of a hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, if I sent thee to them, they would hearken unto thee. 7 But *the* house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all *the* house of Israel *are* of a hard forehead and of a stiff heart. 8 Behold, I have made thy face hard against their faces, and thy forehead hard against their foreheads. 9 As an adamant harder than flint have I

<sup>16</sup> *Or*, unto whom I send thee;

<sup>17</sup> *Hb.* deep of lip and heavy of tongue,

made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *are* a rebellious house. 10 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thy heart, and hear with thine ears. 11 And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto *the* children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

12 Then *the* Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me *the* voice of a great rushing, *saying*, Blessed *be* the glory of Jehovah from his place. 13 And *I heard the* noise of *the* wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and *the* noise of the wheels <sup>18</sup>beside them, *even the* noise of a great rushing. 14 So *the* Spirit lifted me up, and took me away; and I went in bitterness, in *the* heat of my spirit; and *the* hand of Jehovah was strong upon me. 15 Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that <sup>19</sup>dwelt by *the* river <sup>20</sup>Kebar, <sup>21</sup>and to where they dwelt; and I dwelt there overwhelmed among them seven days.

16 And it came to pass at *the* end of seven days, that *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, *saying*, 17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto *the* house of Israel: therefore hear *the* word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn *the* wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; *the* same wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thy hand. 19 Yet if thou warn *the* wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. 20 Again, when a righteous *man* doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thy hand. 21 Nevertheless if thou warn *the* righteous *man*, *that the* righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning; and thou hast delivered thy soul.

22 And *the* hand of Jehovah was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the <sup>22</sup>plain, and I will there talk with thee. 23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, *the* glory of Jehovah stood there, as the glory which I saw by *the* river Kebar; and I fell on my face. 24 Then *the* Spirit

<sup>18</sup> *Or*, over against them,

<sup>19</sup> *Or*, sat (*each time*)

<sup>20</sup> *The modern Khābūr River. And so everywhere.*

<sup>21</sup> *So Hb<sup>txt</sup> Vg. Or, and I sat to judge where they were dwelling; and I dwelt there overwhelmed etc. Some mss., Hb<sup>mg</sup>. read and I dwelt where they dwelt; and I dwelt there overwhelmed etc.*

<sup>22</sup> *Or, valley, Also in vs. 23.*

entered into me, and set me upon my feet; and he spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thy house. 25 But thou, son of man, behold, they shall lay bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them: 26 and I will make thy tongue cleave to *the* roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover; for they *are* a rebellious house. 27 But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they *are* a rebellious house.

4 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and portray upon it a city, *even* Jerusalem: 2 and lay siege against it, and build forts against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it, and plant *battering* rams against it round about. 3 And take thou unto thee an iron<sup>23</sup> pan, and set it *for* a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face toward it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This *shall be* a sign to *the* house of Israel.

4 Moreover lie thou upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of *the* house of Israel upon it; *according to* the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it, thou shalt bear their iniquity. 5 For I have appointed the years of their iniquity to be unto thee a number of days, even three hundred ninety days: so shalt thou bear *the* iniquity of *the* house of Israel. 6 And again, when thou hast accomplished these, thou shalt lie on thy right side, and shalt bear the iniquity of *the* house of Judah: forty days, each day for *a* year, have I appointed it unto thee. 7 And thou shalt set thy face toward *the* siege of Jerusalem, with thine arm uncovered; and thou shalt prophesy against it. 8 And, behold, I lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from *one* side to *the* other, till thou hast accomplished *the* days of thy siege.

9 Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof; *according to* the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, even three hundred ninety days, shalt thou eat thereof. 10 And thy food which thou shalt eat *shall be* by weight,<sup>24</sup> twenty shekels *a* day: from time to time shalt thou eat it. 11 And thou shalt drink water by measure,<sup>25</sup> the sixth part of a hin: from time to time shalt thou drink. 12 And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it in their sight with dung that cometh out of man. 13 And Jehovah said, Even thus shall *the* children of Israel eat their bread unclean, among the nations whither I will drive them. 14 Then said I, Ah Lord Jehovah! behold, my soul hath not been polluted; for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of

<sup>23</sup> *Or*, flat plate,

<sup>24</sup> 1 shekel = 11.6 gm; *so* 232 gm (0.51 pound) per day.

<sup>25</sup> 1 hin = 3.66 litre; *so* 0.61 litre (1.29 pint) per day.

that which dieth of itself, or is torn of beasts; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth. 15 Then he said unto me, See, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread thereon. 16 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break *the* staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with fearfulness; and they shall drink water by measure, and in dismay: 17 that they may want bread and water, and be dismayed one with another, and pine away in their iniquity.

5 And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp sword; *as* a barber's razor shalt thou take it unto thee, and shalt cause it to pass upon thy head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and<sup>26</sup> divide the *hair*. 2 A third part shalt thou burn in the fire in *the* midst of the city, when *the* days of the siege are fulfilled; and thou shalt take *a* third part, *and* smite with the sword round about it; and *a* third part thou shalt scatter to the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them. 3 And thou shalt take<sup>27</sup> thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts. 4 And of these again shalt thou take, and cast them into *the* midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; therefrom shall a fire come forth into all *the* house of Israel.

5 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: This is Jerusalem; I have set her in *the* midst of the nations, and countries *are* round about her. 6 And she hath<sup>28</sup> rebelled against mine ordinances in doing wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries that *are* round about her; for they have rejected mine ordinances, and as for my statutes, they have not walked in them. 7 Therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Because ye are turbulent more than the nations that *are* round about you, *and* have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept mine ordinances, neither have done after *the* ordinances of the nations that *are* round about you; 8 therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I, even I, *am* against thee; and I will execute judgments in *the* midst of thee in *the* sight of the nations. 9 And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more *the* like, because of all thine abominations. 10 Therefore *the* fathers shall eat *the* sons in *the* midst of thee, and *the* sons shall eat *their* fathers; and I will execute judgments on thee; and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter unto all *the* winds. 11 Wherefore, *as* I live, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, surely, because thou hast defiled my<sup>29</sup> sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also

<sup>26</sup> *Hb.* divide them.

<sup>27</sup> *Hb.* thence

<sup>28</sup> *Or*, changed mine ordinances into wickedness

<sup>29</sup> *Or*, Holy

<sup>30</sup>diminish *thee*; neither shall mine eye spare, and I also will have no pity. 12 A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in *the* midst of thee; and *a* third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and *a* third part I will scatter unto all *the* winds, and will draw out a sword after them.

13 Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause my wrath toward them to <sup>31</sup>rest, and I shall be comforted: and they shall know that I, Jehovah, have spoken in my zeal, when I have accomplished my wrath upon them. 14 Moreover I will make thee a desolation and a reproach among the nations that *are* round about thee, in *the* sight of all that pass by. 15 So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment, unto the nations that *are* round about thee, when I shall execute judgments on thee in anger and in wrath, and in wrathful rebukes; (I, Jehovah, have spoken *it*;) 16 when I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, that are for destruction, which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase *the* famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread; 17 and I will send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring *the* sword upon thee; I, Jehovah, have spoken *it*.

6 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face toward *the* mountains of Israel, and prophesy <sup>32</sup>unto them, 3 and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear *the* word of *the* Lord Jehovah: Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah to the mountains and to the hills, to the <sup>33</sup>watercourses and to the valleys: Behold, I, *even* I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. 4 And your altars shall become desolate, and your sun-images shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain *men* before your idols. 5 And I will lay the dead bodies of *the* children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars. 6 In all your dwelling-places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and <sup>34</sup>made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your sun-images may be hewn down, and your works may be <sup>35</sup>abolished. 7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

<sup>30</sup> So Western codices (Aram.) [*Hb.* egra] Or, withdraw mine eye that *it* shall not spare, Eastern codices, *Hb*<sup>mg</sup> (Vg.) read hew *thee* down; ... [egda]

<sup>31</sup> Or, cease,

<sup>32</sup> Or, against

<sup>33</sup> Or, ravines

<sup>34</sup> Or, bear their guilt,

<sup>35</sup> *Hb.* blotted out.

8 Yet will I leave a remnant, in that ye shall have *some* that escape *the* sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries. 9 And those of you that escape shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captive, how that <sup>36</sup>I have been broken with their lewd heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which play the harlot after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations. 10 And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah: I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

11 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Smite with thy hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas! because of all *the* evil abominations of *the* house of Israel; for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence. 12 He *that* is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he *that* is near shall fall by the sword; and he *that* remaineth and is <sup>37</sup>besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my wrath upon them. 13 And ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when their slain *men* shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, on all *the* tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick <sup>38</sup>oak, *the* places where they offered sweet savor to all their idols. 14 And I will stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate and waste, <sup>39</sup>from *the* wilderness toward Diblah, throughout all their habitations: and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

7 Moreover *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 And thou, son of man, thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah unto *the* land of Israel, An end: the end is come upon *the* four corners of the land. 3 Now *is* the end upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways; and I will bring upon thee all thine abominations. 4 And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity; but I will bring thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in *the* midst of thee: and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

5 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: An evil, an only evil; behold, it cometh. 6 An end is come, the end is come; it awaketh against thee; behold, it cometh, 7 <sup>40</sup>Thy doom is come unto thee, O inhabitant of the land: the time is come, the day *is* near, *a day of* tumult, and not of joyful shouting, <sup>41</sup>upon *the* mountains. 8 Now will I shortly pour out my wrath upon thee, and accomplish mine anger against thee, and will judge thee according

<sup>36</sup> Or, I have broken *for* myself their lewd heart,

<sup>37</sup> Or, preserved

<sup>38</sup> Or, terebinth,

<sup>39</sup> Or, more than *the* wilderness *etc.*

<sup>40</sup> Or, The turn *or*, The crowning time

<sup>41</sup> Or, from

to thy ways; and I will bring upon thee all thine abominations. 9 And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will bring upon thee according to thy ways; and thine abominations shall be in *the* midst of thee; and ye shall know that I, Jehovah, do smite.

10 Behold, the day, behold, it cometh: thy doom is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded. 11 Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness; <sup>42</sup>none of them *shall remain*, nor of their multitude, nor of their wealth: neither *shall there be* <sup>43</sup>eminency among them. 12 The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath is upon all *the* multitude thereof. 13 For the seller shall not return to *that* which is sold, <sup>44</sup>although they be yet alive: for *the* vision is touching *the* whole multitude thereof, <sup>45</sup>none shall return; neither shall any strengthen himself <sup>46</sup>in *the* iniquity of his life.

14 They have blown the trumpet, and have made all ready; but none goeth to the battle; for my wrath is upon all *the* multitude thereof. 15 The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that *is* in the field shall die with the sword; and he that *is* in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him. 16 But those of them that escape shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them moaning, every one in his iniquity. 17 All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak *as* water. 18 They shall also gird *themselves* with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame *shall be* upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads. 19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be as an unclean thing; their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in *the* day of *the* wrath of Jehovah: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels; because it hath been *the* stumblingblock of their iniquity. 20 As for *the* beauty of his ornament, <sup>47</sup>he set it in majesty; but they made *the* images of their abominations *and* their detestable things <sup>48</sup>therein: therefore have I made it unto them as an unclean thing. 21 And I will give it into *the* hands of the strangers for a prey, and to *the* wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall profane it. 22 My face will I turn also from them, and they shall profane my <sup>49</sup>secret *place*; and robbers shall enter into it, and profane it.

23 Make the chain; for the land is full of <sup>50</sup>bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. 24 Wherefore

<sup>42</sup> *Or*, not from them, nor from their multitude, nor from their wealth:

<sup>43</sup> *Or*, wailing for them.

<sup>44</sup> *Hb.* though their life be yet among the living:

<sup>45</sup> *Or*, it shall not turn back;

<sup>46</sup> *Or*, whose life is in his iniquity.

<sup>47</sup> *Or*, they turned it to pride; and they made *etc.*

<sup>48</sup> *Or*, thereof:

<sup>49</sup> *Or*, secret *treasure*;

<sup>50</sup> *Hb.* judgment of bloods,

I will bring *the* worst of *the* nations, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make *the* pride of *the* strong to cease; and <sup>51</sup>their holy places shall be profaned. 25 <sup>52</sup>Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and *there shall be* none. 26 Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumor shall be upon rumor; and they shall seek a vision of *the* prophet; but *the* law shall perish from *the* priest, and counsel from *the* elders. 27 The king shall mourn, and *the* prince shall be clothed with desolation, and *the* hands of *the* people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

8 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in *the* fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house, and *the* elders of Judah sat before me, that *the* hand of *the* Lord Jehovah fell there upon me. 2 Then I beheld, and, lo, a likeness as *the* appearance of fire; from *the* appearance of his loins and downward, fire; and from his loins and upward, as *the* appearance of brightness, <sup>53</sup>as it were glowing metal. 3 And he put forth *the* form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my head; and *the* Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven, and brought me in *the* visions of God to Jerusalem, to *the* door of *the* gate of the inner court that looketh toward *the* north; where *was* *the* seat of the <sup>54</sup>image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. 4 And, behold, *the* glory of *the* God of Israel *was* there, according to the <sup>55</sup>appearance that I saw in the plain.

5 Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward *the* north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward *the* north, and behold, northward of *the* gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. 6 And he said unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? *even* *the* great abominations that *the* house of Israel do commit here, <sup>56</sup>that I should go far off from my <sup>57</sup>sanctuary? but <sup>58</sup>thou shalt again see yet other great abominations.

7 And he brought me to *the* door of the court; and when I looked, behold, a hole in the wall. 8 Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold, a door. 9 And he said unto me, Go in, and see the wicked abominations that they do here. 10 So I went in and saw; and behold, every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all *the* idols of *the* house of Israel, portrayed upon

<sup>51</sup> *Or*, they that sanctify *them* shall be profaned.

<sup>52</sup> *Or*, Distress

<sup>53</sup> *Or*, as amber to look upon.

<sup>54</sup> *Cf.* Ex 20:3-5

<sup>55</sup> *Or*, vision

<sup>56</sup> *Or*, to get them far off from

<sup>57</sup> *Or*, Holy

<sup>58</sup> *Or*, turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations. *So also* in vss. 13, 15.

the wall round about. 11 And there stood before them seventy men of *the* elders of *the* house of Israel; and in *the* midst of them stood Jaazaniah *the* son of Shaphan, every man with his censor in his hand; and *the* odor of the cloud of incense went up. 12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what *the* elders of *the* house of Israel do in the dark, every man in his chambers of imagery? for they say, Jehovah seeth us not; Jehovah hath forsaken the land. 13 He said also unto me, Thou shalt again see yet other great abominations which they do.

14 Then he brought me to *the* door of *the* gate of Jehovah's house which *was* toward the north; and behold, there sat the women weeping for <sup>59</sup>Tammuz. 15 Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? thou shalt again see yet greater abominations than these.

16 And he brought me into the inner court of Jehovah's house; and behold, at *the* door of *the* temple of Jehovah, between the porch and the altar, *were* about twenty-five men, with their backs toward *the* temple of Jehovah, and their faces toward *the* east; and they were worshipping the sun toward the east. 17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? Is it a light thing to *the* house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have turned again to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the <sup>60</sup>branch to <sup>61</sup>my nose. 18 Therefore will I also deal in wrath; mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, *yet* will I not hear them.

9 Then he cried in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, <sup>62</sup>Cause ye them that have charge over the city to draw near, every man *with* his destroying weapon in his hand. 2 And behold, six men came from *the* way of the upper gate, which lieth toward *the* north, every man with his <sup>63</sup>slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man in *the* midst of them clothed in linen, with the writer's inkhorn <sup>64</sup>by his side. And they went in, and stood beside the copper altar.

3 And *the* glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon it was, to *the* threshold of the house: and he called to the man clothed in linen, who *had* the writer's inkhorn by his side. 4 And Jehovah said unto him, Go through *the* midst of the city,

through *the* midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon *the* foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry over all the abominations that are done in the midst thereof. 5 And to *the* others he said in my hearing, Go ye through the city after him, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity; 6 slay <sup>65</sup>utterly *the* old man, *the* young man and *the* virgin, and little children and women; but come not near any man upon whom *is* the mark: and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the <sup>66</sup>old men that *were* before the house. 7 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with *the* slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and smote in the city. 8 And it came to pass, while they were smiting, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord Jehovah! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy wrath upon Jerusalem?

9 Then said he unto me, The iniquity of *the* house of Israel and Judah *is* exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of <sup>67</sup>wresting of judgment: for they say, Jehovah hath forsaken the land, and Jehovah seeth not. 10 And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, *but* I will bring their way upon their head. 11 And behold, the man clothed in linen, who *had* the inkhorn by his side, reported *the* matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

10 Then I looked, and behold, in the sky that was over *the* head of the <sup>68</sup>cherubim there appeared above them as it were a sapphire stone, as *the* appearance of *the* likeness of a throne. 2 And he spake unto the man clothed in linen, and said, Go in between the whirling wheels, *even* under the cherub, and fill both thy hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and <sup>69</sup>scatter *them* over the city. And he went in my sight. 3 Now the cherubim stood on *the* right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. 4 And *the* glory of Jehovah mounted up from the cherub, and stood over *the* threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of Jehovah's glory. 5 And *the* sound of *the* wings of the cherubim was heard *even* to the outer court, as *the* voice of <sup>70</sup>God Almighty when he speaketh. 6 And it came to pass, when he commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim, that he went in, and stood beside a wheel. 7 And the cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim unto the fire that *was* between the

<sup>59</sup> *That is*, Nimrod (Ge 10:8-10); probably the divine Dumuzi [= Gk. Adonis] of the early Sumerian King list, assuming these kings are really post-Flood; perhaps about 135-171 years after the Flood.

<sup>60</sup> Bacchus (= Nimrod), meaning, branch of Cush.

<sup>61</sup> Sopherim changed to their nose.

<sup>62</sup> Or, Draw ye near that have charge etc.

<sup>63</sup> Or, battle axe in his hand;

<sup>64</sup> Hb. upon his loins. Also in vs. 3, 11.

<sup>65</sup> Hb. to destruction *the* old man, or, ...elder,

<sup>66</sup> Or, elders

<sup>67</sup> Or, perverseness:

<sup>68</sup> Or, cherubs And so everywhere.

<sup>69</sup> Or, sprinkle

<sup>70</sup> Hb. El Shaddai when he speaketh.

cherubim, and took *thereof*, and put it into *the* hands of *him that was* clothed in linen, who took it and went out. 8 And there appeared in the cherubim *the* form of a man's hand under their wings.

9 And I looked, and behold, four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and another wheel beside another cherub; and *the* appearance of the wheels *was* like unto a <sup>71</sup>beryl stone. 10 And *as for* their appearance, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been <sup>72</sup>within a wheel. 11 When they went, they went <sup>73</sup>in their four directions: they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went. 12 And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, *were* full of eyes round about, *even the* wheels that they four had. 13 As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing, the whirling *wheels*. 14 And every one had four faces: the <sup>74</sup>first faces *were the* faces of the cherub, and the second faces *were the* faces of a man, and the third *the* faces of a lion, and the fourth *the* faces of an eagle.

15 And the cherubim mounted up: *this is* the living creature that I saw by *the* river Kebar. 16 And when the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the wheels also turned not from beside them. 17 When they stood, *these* stood; and when they mounted up, *these* mounted up with them: for *the* spirit <sup>75</sup>of the living creature *was* in them.

18 And *the* glory of Jehovah went forth from over *the* threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim. 19 And the cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight when they went forth, and the wheels <sup>76</sup>beside them: and *they* stood at *the* door of the east gate of Jehovah's house; and *the* glory of *the* God of Israel *was* over them above.

20 *This is* the living creature that I saw under *the* God of Israel by *the* river Kebar; and I knew that they *were* cherubim. 21 Every one had four faces, and every one four wings; and *the* likeness of *the* hands of a man *was* under their wings. 22 And *as for the* likeness of their faces, they *were* the faces which I saw by *the* river Kebar, their appearances and themselves; they went every one straight forward.

**11** Moreover *the* Spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of Jehovah's house, which looketh eastward: and behold, at *the* door of the gate twenty-

<sup>71</sup> Or, stone of Tarshish

<sup>72</sup> Hb. in the midst of a wheel. or perhaps, as a hub.

<sup>73</sup> Hb. on their four sides:

<sup>74</sup> See ch. 1:10. *The ox, in 3<sup>rd</sup> position, has become a cherub in 1<sup>st</sup> position (and in Rv 4:7 becomes a calf in 2<sup>nd</sup> position; Compare Ps 89:14).*

<sup>75</sup> Or, of life was in them. See ch. 1:21.

<sup>76</sup> Or, over against them: or, opposite them:

five men; and I saw in *the* midst of them Jaazaniah *the* son of Azzur, and Pelatiah *the* son of Benaiah, princes of the people. 2 And he said unto me, Son of man, these *are* the men that devise iniquity, and that give wicked counsel in this city; 3 that say, <sup>77</sup>*The time is* not near to build houses: *this city is* the caldron, and we *are* the flesh. 4 Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man.

5 And *the* Spirit of Jehovah fell upon me, and he said unto me, Speak, Thus saith Jehovah: Thus have ye said, O house of Israel; for I know *the* things that come into your mind. 6 Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled *the* streets thereof with *the* slain. 7 Therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Your slain whom ye have laid in *the* midst of it, they *are* the flesh, and *this city is* the caldron; but <sup>78</sup>ye shall be brought forth out of *the* midst of it. 8 Ye have feared *the* sword; and I will bring *the* sword upon you, saith *the* Lord Jehovah. 9 And I will bring you forth out of *the* midst thereof, and deliver you into *the* hand of strangers, and will execute judgments among you. 10 Ye shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in *the* border of Israel; and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah. 11 *This city* shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be *the* flesh in *the* midst thereof; I will judge you in *the* border of Israel; 12 and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah: for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither have ye executed mine ordinances, but have done after *the* ordinances of the nations that *are* round about you.

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

14 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 15 Son of man, thy brethren, even thy brethren, *the* men of thy <sup>79</sup>kindred, and all *the* house of Israel, all of them, *are they* unto whom *the* inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from Jehovah; unto us is this land given for a possession. 16 Therefore say, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Whereas I have removed them far off among the nations, and whereas I have scattered them among the countries, <sup>80</sup>yet will I be to them a sanctuary for a little while in the countries where they are come. 17 Therefore say, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. 18 And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. 19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will

<sup>77</sup> Or, Is not *the* time near to build houses?

<sup>78</sup> Aram., Vg. read I will bring you forth

<sup>79</sup> Hb. redemption, See Lv 25:25, etc.

<sup>80</sup> Or, yet have I been to them or, and have been...

take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh; 20 that they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. 21 But *as for them* whose heart walketh after *the* heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their way upon their own heads, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

22 Then did the cherubim lift up their wings, and the wheels were <sup>81</sup>beside them; and *the* glory of *the* God of Israel *was* over them above. 23 And *the* glory of Jehovah went up from *the* midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which *is* on *the* east side of the city. 24 And the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me in the vision by *the* Spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me. 25 Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that Jehovah had showed me.

**12** *The* word of Jehovah also came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, thou dwellest in *the* midst of the rebellious house, that have eyes to see, and see not, that have ears to hear, and hear not; for they *are* a rebellious house. 3 Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee stuff for <sup>82</sup>removing, and remove by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight: it may be they will <sup>83</sup>consider, though they *are* a rebellious house. 4 And thou shalt bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for removing; and thou shalt go forth thyself in the evening in their sight, as when men go forth into exile. 5 Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby. 6 In their sight shalt thou bear *it* upon *thy* shoulder, *and* carry *it* forth in the dark; thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the land: for I have set thee *for* a sign unto *the* house of Israel.

7 And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for removing, and in the even I digged through the wall with my hand; I brought it forth in the dark, and bare it upon my shoulder in their sight.

8 And in the morning came *the* word of Jehovah unto me, saying, 9 Son of man, hath not *the* house of Israel, the rebellious house, said unto thee, What doest thou? 10 Say thou unto them, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: This <sup>84</sup>burden *concerneth* the prince in Jerusalem, and all *the* house of Israel <sup>85</sup>among whom they *are*. 11 Say, *I am* your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them; they shall go into exile, into captivity. 12 And the prince that is among them shall bear upon *his* shoulder in the dark, and shall go forth: they shall

<sup>81</sup> *Or*, over against them;

<sup>82</sup> *Or*, exile, *And in vs. 4.*

<sup>83</sup> *Or*, perceive that they *are* a rebellious house.

<sup>84</sup> *Or*, oracle

<sup>85</sup> *Or*, that *are* among them.

dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall cover his face, because he shall not see the land with *his* eyes.

13 My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare; and I will bring him to Babylon *to* the land of *the* Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there. 14 And I will scatter toward every wind all that *are* round about him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out *the* sword after them. 15 And they shall know that *I am* Jehovah, when I shall disperse them among the nations, and scatter them through the countries. 16 But I will leave a few men of them from *the* sword, from *the* famine, and from *the* pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the nations whither they come; and they shall know that *I am* Jehovah.

17 Moreover *the* word of Jehovah came to me, saying, 18 Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with fearfulness; 19 and say unto *the* people of the land, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah concerning *the* inhabitants of Jerusalem, *and* *the* land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with fearfulness, and drink their water in dismay, that her land may be desolate, *and* *despoiled* of <sup>86</sup>all that is therein, because of *the* violence of all them that dwell therein. 20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be a desolation; and ye shall know that *I am* Jehovah.

21 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 22 Son of man, what *is* this proverb that ye have in *the* land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth? 23 Tell them therefore, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and *the* <sup>87</sup>fulfilment of every vision. 24 For there shall be no more any false vision nor flattering divination within *the* house of Israel. 25 For *I am* Jehovah; I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall be performed; it shall be no more deferred: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I speak *the* word, and will perform it, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

26 Again *the* word of Jehovah came to me, saying, 27 Son of man, behold, *they of* *the* house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth *is* for many days *to* come, and he prophesieth of times that *are* far off. 28 Therefore say unto them, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: There shall none of my words be deferred any more, but *the* word which I shall speak shall be performed, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

**13** And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy upon *the* prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own heart, Hear ye *the* word of Jehovah: 3 Thus

<sup>86</sup> *Hb.* the fulness thereof,

<sup>87</sup> *Hb.* word

saith *the* Lord Jehovah, Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit,<sup>88</sup> and have seen nothing! 4 O Israel, thy prophets have been like foxes in the waste places. 5 Ye have not gone up into the<sup>89</sup> gaps, neither built up *the* wall for *the* house of Israel, to stand in the battle in *the* day of Jehovah. 6 They have seen falsehood and lying divination, *that* say, Jehovah saith; but Jehovah hath not sent them: and they<sup>90</sup> have made *men* to hope that *the* word would be confirmed. 7 Have ye not seen a false vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, in that ye say, Jehovah saith; albeit I have not spoken?

8 Therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Because ye have spoken falsehood, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I *am* against you, saith *the* Lord Jehovah. 9 And my hand shall be against the prophets *that* see false visions, and *that* divine lies: they shall not be in *the*<sup>91</sup> council of my people, neither shall they be written in *the*<sup>92</sup> writing of *the* house of Israel, neither shall they enter into *the* land of Israel; and ye shall know that I *am* *the* Lord Jehovah. 10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and *there is* no peace; and when one buildeth up<sup>93</sup> a wall, behold, they daub it with<sup>94</sup> untempered mortar: 11 say unto them that daub *it* with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend *it*. 12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where *is* the daubing wherewith ye have daubed *it*? 13 Therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: I will even rend *it* with a stormy wind in my wrath; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in wrath to consume *it*. 14 So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that *the* foundation thereof shall be uncovered; and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in *the* midst thereof: and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah. 15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them *that* have daubed it with untempered mortar; and I will say unto you, The wall *is* no more, neither they *that* daubed it; 16 *to wit*, *the* prophets of Israel *that* prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and *that* see visions of peace for her, and *there is* no peace, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

17 And thou, son of man, set thy face against *the* daughters of thy people, *that* prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them, 18 and say, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Woe to *the* women that

<sup>88</sup> *Or*, and *things which* they have not seen!

<sup>89</sup> *Or*, breaches,

<sup>90</sup> *Or*, have hoped that *the* word would be confirmed.

<sup>91</sup> *Or*, secret

<sup>92</sup> *Or*, register

<sup>93</sup> *Or*, a slight wall,

<sup>94</sup> *Or*, whitewash: *So also in* vss. 11, 14, 15.

sew pillows upon all<sup>95</sup> elbows, and make kerchiefs for *the* head of *persons of* every stature to hunt souls! <sup>96</sup>Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and save souls alive<sup>97</sup> for yourselves? 19 And ye have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay *the* souls that should not die, and to save *the* souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hearken unto lies.

20 Wherefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against your pillows,<sup>98</sup> wherewith ye there hunt the souls<sup>99</sup> to make *them* fly, and I will tear them from your arms; and I will let the souls go, *even* the souls that ye hunt to make *them* fly. 21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah. 22 Because with lies ye have grieved *the* heart of *the* righteous, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened *the* hands of *the* wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way,<sup>100</sup> and be saved alive: 23 therefore ye shall no more see false visions, nor divine divinations: and I will deliver my people out of your hand; and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

14 Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me. 2 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 3 Son of man, these men have<sup>101</sup> taken their idols into their heart, and put *the* stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them? 4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Every man of *the* house of Israel that taketh his idols into his heart, and putteth *the* stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I Jehovah will answer him<sup>102</sup> therein according to *the* multitude of his idols; 5 that I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

6 Therefore say unto *the* house of Israel, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Return ye, and turn *yourselves* from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. 7 For every one of *the* house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that separateth himself from me, and taketh his idols into his heart, and putteth *the* stumblingblock of his iniquity before

<sup>95</sup> *Hb.* joints of *the* hands,

<sup>96</sup> *Or*, Ye hunt the souls of my people, and ye save alive souls for yourselves. *or*, ...that *are* yours.

<sup>97</sup> *Or*, that *are* yours

<sup>98</sup> *Or*, where ye hunt the souls

<sup>99</sup> *Or*, as birds, (*both times*)

<sup>100</sup> *Or*, by promising him life:

<sup>101</sup> *Hb.* caused their idols to come up into their heart,

<sup>102</sup> *Or*, according thereto, *even the etc.* *Hb*<sup>mg</sup> *alone reads*, he is come in *the* multitude of his idols;

his face, and cometh to the prophet to inquire <sup>103</sup>for himself of me; I Jehovah will answer him by myself: 8 and I will set my face against that man, and will make him an astonishment, for a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from *the* midst of my people; and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah. 9 And if the prophet be <sup>104</sup>deceived and speak a word, I, Jehovah, have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from *the* midst of my people Israel. 10 And they shall bear <sup>105</sup>their iniquity: *the* iniquity of the prophet shall be even as *the* iniquity of him that seeketh *unto him*; 11 that *the* house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither defile themselves any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

12 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 13 Son of man, when a land sinneth against me by committing a trespass, and I stretch out my hand upon it, and break *the* staff of *the* bread thereof, and send famine upon it, and cut off from it man and beast; 14 though these three men, <sup>106</sup>Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver *but* their own souls by their righteousness, saith *the* Lord Jehovah. 15 If I cause evil beasts to pass through the land, and they <sup>107</sup>ravage it, and it be made desolate, so that no man may pass through because of the beasts; 16 *though* these three men *were* in it, *as* I live, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, they should deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only should be delivered, but the land should be desolate. 17 Or *if* I bring a sword upon that land, and say, <sup>108</sup>Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off from it man and beast; 18 though these three men *were* in it, *as* I live, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, they should deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only should be delivered themselves. 19 Or *if* I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my wrath upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast; 20 though Noah, Daniel, and Job, *were* in it, *as* I live, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, they should deliver neither son nor daughter; they should *but* deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

21 For thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, *the* sword, and *the* famine, and *the* evil beasts, and *the* pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast! 22 Yet, behold, therein shall be left <sup>109</sup>a remnant that shall be carried forth, *both* sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way

<sup>103</sup> *Or*, of him concerning me;

<sup>104</sup> *Or*, enticed

<sup>105</sup> *Or*, *the* punishment of their iniquity:

<sup>106</sup> *Each in his own day saved three men.*

<sup>107</sup> *Or*, bereave it,

<sup>108</sup> *Or*, Let *the* sword go through the land;

<sup>109</sup> *Hb.* they that escape shall be carried forth,

and their doings; and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, *even* concerning all that I have brought upon it. 23 And they shall comfort you, when ye see their way and their doings; and ye shall know that I have not done <sup>110</sup>without cause all that I have done in it, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

15 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, what is the vine-tree more than any tree, the *vine* branch which <sup>111</sup>is among *the* trees of the forest? 3 Shall wood be taken thereof to make any work? or will *men* take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon? 4 Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire hath devoured both the ends of it, and *the* midst of it is burned: is it profitable for *any* work? 5 Behold, when it was whole, it was <sup>112</sup>meet for no work: how much less, when *the* fire hath devoured it, and it is burned, shall it yet be meet for *any* work! 6 Therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: As the vine-tree among *the* trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, <sup>113</sup>so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 7 And I will set my face against them; they <sup>114</sup>shall go forth from the fire, but the fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I set my face against them. 8 And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

16 Again *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations; 3 and say, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah unto Jerusalem: <sup>115</sup>Thy birth and thy nativity is of *the* land of the Canaanite; the Amorite *was* thy father, and thy mother was a Hittite. 4 And *as for* thy nativity, in *the* day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to cleanse *thee*; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. 5 No eye pitied thee, to do any of these things unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, for that thy soul was abhorred, in *the* day that thou wast born.

6 And when I passed by thee, and saw thee weltering in thy blood, I said unto thee, *Though thou art* in thy blood, live; yes, I said unto thee, *Though thou art* in thy blood, live. 7 <sup>116</sup>I caused thee to multiply as that which groweth in the field, and thou didst increase and wax great, and thou attainedst to <sup>117</sup>excellent ornament; *thy* breasts were fashioned, and thy hair was grown;

<sup>110</sup> *Or*, in vain all that I have done in it,

<sup>111</sup> *Or*, was

<sup>112</sup> *Hb.* made into (*both times*).

<sup>113</sup> *Or*, so have I given the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

<sup>114</sup> *Or*, have gone forth from the fire,

<sup>115</sup> *Or*, Thine origin and

<sup>116</sup> *Hb.* I made thee a myriad, as that *etc.*

<sup>117</sup> *Hb.* ornament of ornaments;

yet thou *wast* naked and bare. 8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time *was the* time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yes, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, and thou becamest mine. 9 Then washed I thee with water; yes, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil. 10 I clothed thee also with brodered work, and shod thee with <sup>118</sup>sealskin, and I <sup>119</sup>girded thee about with fine linen, and covered thee with silk. 11 And I decked thee with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck. 12 And I put a ring upon thy nose, and ear-rings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thy head. 13 Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment *was of* fine linen, and silk, and brodered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil; and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper unto royal estate. 14 And thy renown went forth among the nations for thy beauty; for it *was* perfect, through my majesty which I had put upon thee, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

15 But thou didst trust in thy beauty, and playedst *the* harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy whoredoms on every one that passed by; his it was. 16 And thou didst take of thy garments, and madest for thee high places decked with divers colors, and playedst *the* harlot upon them: *the like things* shall not come, neither shall it be *so*. 17 Thou didst also take <sup>120</sup>thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest for thee <sup>121</sup>images of men, and didst play *the* harlot with them; 18 and thou tookest thy brodered garments, and coveredst them, and didst set mine oil and mine incense before them. 19 My bread also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, *wherewith* I fed thee, thou didst even set it before them for a sweet savor; and *thus* it was, saith *the* Lord Jehovah. 20 Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. *Were* thy whoredoms a small matter, 21 that thou hast slain my children, and delivered them up, in <sup>122</sup>causing them to pass through *the fire* unto them? 22 And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, *and* wast weltering in thy blood.

23 And it is come to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord Jehovah,) 24 that thou hast built unto thee a vaulted place, and hast made thee a lofty place in every street. 25 Thou hast built thy lofty place at *the* head of every way, and hast made

<sup>118</sup> *Or*, porpoise-skin,

<sup>119</sup> *Or*, bound thee with *attire of* fine linen,

<sup>120</sup> *Or*, thy beautiful vessels of my gold *etc*.

<sup>121</sup> *Or*, male images,

<sup>122</sup> *Or*, setting them apart *Hb.* making them pass over

thy beauty an abomination, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredom. 26 Thou hast also committed fornication with *the* Egyptians, thy neighbors, great of flesh; and hast multiplied thy whoredom, to provoke me to anger. 27 Behold therefore, I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine <sup>123</sup>ordinary *food*, and delivered thee unto *the* soul of them that hate thee, *the* daughters of *the* Philistines, that are ashamed of thy lewd way. 28 Thou hast played *the* harlot also with *the* Assyrians, because thou wast insatiable; yes, thou hast played *the* harlot with them, and yet thou wast not satisfied. 29 Thou hast moreover multiplied thy whoredom unto *the* land of <sup>124</sup>traffic, unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

30 How weak is thy heart, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, seeing thou doest all these *things*, *the* work of an impudent harlot; 31 in that thou buildest thy vaulted place at *the* head of every way, and makest thy lofty place in every street, and hast not been as *a* harlot, <sup>125</sup>in that thou scornest hire. 32 *A* wife that committeth adultery! *that* taketh strangers instead of her husband! 33 They give gifts to all harlots; but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and bribest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredoms. 34 And thou art different from *other* women in thy whoredoms, in that none followeth thee to play *the* harlot; and whereas thou givest hire, and no hire is given unto thee, therefore thou art different.

35 Wherefore, O harlot, hear *the* word of Jehovah: 36 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah, Because thy <sup>126</sup>filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness uncovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers; and because of all *the* idols of thy abominations, and for *the* blood of thy children that thou didst give unto them; 37 therefore behold, I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all *them* that thou hast loved, with all *them* that thou hast hated; I will even gather them against thee on every side, and will uncover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness. 38 And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will bring upon thee *the* blood of wrath and jealousy. 39 I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thy vaulted place, and break down thy lofty places; and they shall strip thee of thy clothes, and take thy fair jewels; and they shall leave thee naked and bare. 40 They shall also bring up a company against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords. 41 And they shall burn thy houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in *the* sight of many women; and I will cause

<sup>123</sup> *Or*, allowance,

<sup>124</sup> *Or*, Canaan,

<sup>125</sup> *Or*, that scoffeth at *her* hire.

<sup>126</sup> *Hb.* copper

thee to cease from playing *the* harlot, and thou shalt also give no hire any more. 42 So will I cause my wrath toward thee to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry. 43 Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast raged against me in all these *things*; therefore, behold, I also will bring thy way upon thy head, saith *the* Lord Jehovah: and <sup>127</sup>thou shalt not commit this lewdness with all thine abominations.

44 Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use *this* proverb against thee, saying, As *is* the mother, so *is* her daughter. 45 Thou *art* the daughter of thy mother, that loatheth her husband and her children; and thou *art* the sister of thy sisters, who loathed their husbands and their children: your mother *was* a Hittite, and your father an Amorite. 46 And thine elder sister *is* Samaria, that dwelleth at thy <sup>128</sup>left hand, she and her daughters; and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, *is* Sodom and her daughters. 47 Yet hast thou not walked in their ways, nor done after their abominations; but, as *if that were* a very little thing, thou wast more corrupt than they in all thy ways. 48 As I live, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters. 49 Behold, this was *the* iniquity of thy sister Sodom: pride, fulness of bread, and prosperous ease was in her and in her daughters; neither did she strengthen *the* hand of the poor and needy. 50 And they *were* haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away <sup>129</sup>as I saw good. 51 Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters by all thine abominations which thou hast done. 52 Thou also, bear thou thine own shame, in that thou hast given judgment for thy <sup>130</sup>sisters; through thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they, they are more righteous than thou: yes, be thou also confounded, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.

53 And I will <sup>131</sup>turn again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and *the* captivity of thy captives in *the* midst of them; 54 that thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be ashamed because of all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them. 55 And thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate; and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate; and thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate. 56 For thy sister Sodom was not mentioned by thy mouth

<sup>127</sup> Or, hast thou not committed this lewdness etc.?

<sup>128</sup> That is, Facing the sunrising: on the north.

<sup>129</sup> Or, when I saw it.

<sup>130</sup> Or, sister;

<sup>131</sup> Or, return to

in *the* day of thy pride, 57 Before thy wickedness was uncovered, as at *the* time of *the* reproach of *the* daughters of Syria, and of all *that are* round about her, *the* daughters of *the* Philistines, that do despite unto thee round about. 58 Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith Jehovah. 59 For thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: I will also deal with thee as thou hast done, who hast despised *the* oath in breaking *the* covenant.

60 Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in *the* days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant. 61 Then shalt thou remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, *thine* elder sisters and thy younger; and I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not by thy covenant. 62 And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* Jehovah; 63 that thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more, because of thy shame, when I have forgiven thee all that thou hast done, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

17 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto *the* house of Israel; 3 and say, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: The great eagle with great wings and long pinions, full of feathers, which had divers colors, came unto Lebanon, and took the top of the cedar: 4 he cropped off the topmost of *the* young twigs thereof, and carried it unto <sup>132</sup>a land of traffic; he set it in a city of merchants. 5 He took also of *the* seed of the land, and planted it in <sup>133</sup>a fruitful soil; he placed it beside <sup>134</sup>many waters; he set it *as* a willow tree. 6 And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and *the* roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

7 There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and, behold, this vine did bend its roots toward him, and shot forth its branches toward him, from *the* beds of its plantation, that he might water it. 8 It was planted in a good <sup>135</sup>soil by many waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine. 9 Say thou, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it may wither; that all its fresh springing leaves may wither? and not by a strong arm of much people can it be raised from *the* roots thereof. 10 Yes, behold, *being* planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in *the* beds where it grew.

<sup>132</sup> Or, the land of Canaan;

<sup>133</sup> Hb. a field of seed;

<sup>134</sup> Or, great waters; Also in vs. 8.

<sup>135</sup> Hb. field

11 Moreover *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 12 Say now to the rebellious house, Know ye not what these *things mean?* tell *them*, Behold, *the* king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and took the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and brought them to him to Babylon: 13 and he took of the seed royal, and made a covenant with him; he also brought him under an oath, and took away *the* mighty of the land; 14 that *the* kingdom might be <sup>136</sup>base, that it might not lift itself up, *but* that by keeping his covenant it might stand. 15 But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape *that* doeth such *things?* shall he break *the* covenant, and yet escape? 16 *As* I live, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, surely in *the* place *where* the king *dwelleth* that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake, *even* with him in *the* midst of Babylon he shall die. 17 Neither shall Pharaoh with *his* mighty army and great company help him in the war, when they cast up mounds and build forts, to cut off many souls. 18 For he hath despised *the* oath by breaking *the* covenant; and behold, he had given his hand, and yet hath done all these *things*; he shall not escape. 19 Therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: *As* I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, I will even bring it upon his own head. 20 And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will enter into judgment with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me. 21 And all his fugitives in all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they *that* remain shall be scattered toward every wind: and ye shall know that I, Jehovah, have spoken it.

22 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: I will also take of the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from *the* topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I will plant *it* upon a high and lofty mountain: 23 in *the* mountain of *the* height of Israel will I plant it; and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all birds of every wing; in *the* shade of *the* branches thereof shall they dwell. 24 And all *the* trees of the field shall know that I, Jehovah, have brought down *the* high tree, have exalted *the* low tree, have dried up *the* green tree, and have made *the* dry tree to flourish: I, Jehovah, have spoken and have done *it*.

**18** The word of Jehovah came unto me again, saying, 2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb <sup>137</sup>concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? 3 *As* I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, ye shall not have *occasion*

<sup>136</sup> *Hb.* low,

<sup>137</sup> *Or,* in

any more to use this proverb in Israel. 4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

5 But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, 6 *and* hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbor's wife, neither hath come near to a woman in her impurity, 7 and hath not wronged any, *but* hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath taken nought by robbery, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; 8 *he that* hath not given forth upon interest, neither hath taken any increase, *that* hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true justice between man and man, 9 hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept mine ordinances, to deal truly; *he is* just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord Jehovah.

10 If he beget a son *that is* a robber, a shedder of blood, and *that* doeth any one of these *things*, 11 and <sup>138</sup>*that* doeth not any of those *duties*, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbor's wife, 12 hath wronged the poor and needy, hath taken by robbery, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination, 13 hath given forth upon interest, and hath taken increase; shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely <sup>139</sup>die; his blood shall be upon him.

14 Now, lo, *if* he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins, which he hath done, and <sup>140</sup>feareth, and doeth not such like; 15 *that* hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to *the* idols of *the* house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbor's wife, 16 neither hath wronged any, hath not taken aught to pledge, neither hath taken by robbery, *but* hath given his bread to *the* hungry, and hath covered *the* naked with a garment; 17 *that* hath withdrawn his hand from *the* poor, *that* hath not received interest nor increase, hath executed mine ordinances, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for *the* iniquity of his father, he shall surely live. 18 *As for* his father, because he cruelly oppressed, robbed his brother, and did *that* which *is* not good among his people, behold, he shall die <sup>141</sup>in his iniquity.

19 Yet say ye, Wherefore doth not the son bear *the* iniquity of the father? When the son hath done *that* which is lawful and right, *and* hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. 20 The soul *that* sinneth, it shall die: *the* son shall not bear *the* iniquity of the father, neither shall *the* father bear *the* iniquity of the son; *the* righteousness of the righteous

<sup>138</sup> *Or,* that doeth to a brother any of these *things*,

<sup>139</sup> *Hb.* be put to death;

<sup>140</sup> *So Hb<sup>txt</sup> Vg. Hb<sup>mg</sup> reads* seeth, *or,* considereth,

<sup>141</sup> *Or,* for

shall be upon him, and *the* wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

21 But if the wicked turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 22 None of his transgressions that he hath committed shall be remembered against him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. 23 Have I any pleasure in *the* death of *the* wicked? saith *the* Lord Jehovah; and not rather that he should return from his way, and live? 24 But when *the* righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked *man* doeth, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he hath done shall be remembered: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

25 Yet ye say, *The* way of <sup>142</sup>Jehovah is not <sup>143</sup>just. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is not my way just? are not your ways unjust? 26 When *the* righteous *man* turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, <sup>144</sup>and dieth <sup>145</sup>therein; <sup>146</sup>in his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. 27 Again, when *the* wicked *man* turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth *that which is* lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. 28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 29 Yet saith *the* house of Israel, *The* way of Jehovah is not just. O house of Israel, are not my ways just? are not your ways unjust? 30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith *the* Lord Jehovah. Return ye, and turn *yourselves* from all your transgressions; <sup>147</sup>so iniquity shall not be your <sup>148</sup>ruin. 31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, wherein ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in *the* death of him that dieth, saith *the* Lord Jehovah: wherefore turn *yourselves*, and live.

**19** Moreover, take thou up a lamentation for *the* princes of Israel, 2 and say, What *was* thy mother? A lioness: she couched among lions, in *the* midst of *the* young lions she nourished her whelps. 3 And she brought up one of her whelps: he became a young lion, and he learned to catch *the* prey; he devoured men. 4 *The* nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit;

<sup>142</sup> Sopherim *changed to* the Lord *And in* vs. 29.

<sup>143</sup> *Lit.* equal (*or*, in balance)...unequal *And in* vs. 29.

<sup>144</sup> *Or*, he shall die

<sup>145</sup> *Or*, because of it;

<sup>146</sup> *Or*, for

<sup>147</sup> *Or*, so shall they not be a stumblingblock of iniquity unto you.

<sup>148</sup> *Hb.* stumblingblock.

and they brought him with hooks unto *the* land of Egypt. 5 Now when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, and made him a young lion. 6 And he went up and down among *the* lions; he became a young lion, and he learned to catch *the* prey; he devoured men. 7 And he knew their <sup>149</sup>palaces, and laid waste their cities; and *the* land was desolate, and *the* fulness thereof, because of *the* noise of his roaring. 8 Then *the* nations set against him on every side from *the* provinces; and they spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit. 9 And they put him in a cage with hooks, and brought him to *the* king of Babylon; they brought him into strongholds, that his voice should no more be heard upon *the* mountains of Israel.

10 Thy mother *was* like a vine, <sup>150</sup>in thy blood, planted by *the* waters: it was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters. 11 And it had strong rods for *the* sceptres of them that bare rule, and <sup>151</sup>their stature was exalted among *the* <sup>152</sup>thick boughs, and <sup>153</sup>they were seen in their height with *the* multitude of their branches. 12 But it was plucked up in fury, it was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up its fruit: its strong rods were broken off and withered; *the* fire consumed them. 13 And now it *is* planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty land. 14 And fire is gone out of <sup>154</sup>*the* rods of its branches, it hath devoured its fruit, so that there is in it no strong rod to *be* a sceptre to rule. This *is* a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

**20** And it came to pass in <sup>155</sup>the seventh year, in the fifth *month*, the tenth *day* of the month, *that* certain of *the* elders of Israel came to inquire of Jehovah, and sat before me. 2 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 3 Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Is it to inquire of me that ye are come? *As* I live, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, I will not be inquired of by you. 4 Wilt thou judge them, son of man, wilt thou judge *them*? Cause them to know the abominations of their fathers; 5 and say unto them, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: In *the* day when I chose Israel, and <sup>156</sup>swore unto *the* seed of *the* house of Jacob, and made myself known unto them in *the* land of Egypt, when I swore unto them, saying, I *am* Jehovah your God; 6 in that day I swore unto them, to bring them forth out of *the* land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, flowing

<sup>149</sup> *Or*, widows,

<sup>150</sup> *Or*, in thy likeness,

<sup>151</sup> *Hb.* his (*all three times*)

<sup>152</sup> *Or*, clouds,

<sup>153</sup> *Hb.* he was seen in his height

<sup>154</sup> *Or*, a rod

<sup>155</sup> *Year 7 of exile (and of Zedekiah) = Year 14 of Nebuchadnezzar. Similarly everywhere.*

<sup>156</sup> *Hb.* lifted up my hand unto *And in* vss 15, 23.

with milk and honey, which is *the* glory of all lands: 7 and I said unto them, Cast ye away every man *the* abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with *the* idols of Egypt; I *am* Jehovah your God. 8 But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me; they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in *the* midst of *the* land of Egypt. 9 But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in *the* sight of the nations, among which they *were*, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of *the* land of Egypt.

10 So I caused them to go forth out of *the* land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. 11 And I gave them my statutes, and <sup>157</sup>showed them mine ordinances, <sup>158</sup>which *if a* man do, he shall live <sup>159</sup>in them. 12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that <sup>160</sup>I *am* Jehovah that sanctifieth them. 13 But *the* house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they rejected mine ordinances, which *if a* man keep, he shall live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly profaned. Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. 14 But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in *the* sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out. 15 Moreover also I <sup>161</sup>sware unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given *them*, flowing with milk and honey, which *is the* glory of all lands; 16 because they rejected mine ordinances, and walked not in my statutes, and profaned my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols. 17 Nevertheless mine eye spared them, and I destroyed them not, neither did I make a full end of them in the wilderness.

18 And I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in *the* statutes of your fathers, neither observe their ordinances, nor defile yourselves with their idols. 19 I *am* Jehovah your God: walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them; 20 and sanctify my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I *am* Jehovah your God. 21 But the children rebelled against me; they walked not in my statutes, neither kept mine ordinances to do them, which *if a* man do, he shall live in them; they profaned my sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness. 22 Nevertheless

<sup>157</sup> *Hb.* made them to know mine ordinances,

<sup>158</sup> Lv 18:5. *And in* vss. 13, 21.

<sup>159</sup> *Or,* by *And in* vss. 13, 21.

<sup>160</sup> *Or,* I Jehovah, do sanctify them.

<sup>161</sup> *Hb.* lifted up my hand unto them

I withdrew my hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in *the* sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them forth. 23 Moreover I sware unto them in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; 24 because they had not executed mine ordinances, but had rejected my statutes, and had profaned my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols. 25 Moreover also I gave them statutes *that were* not good, and ordinances <sup>162</sup>wherein they should not live; 26 and I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they <sup>163</sup>caused to pass through *the fire* all that openeth *the* womb, that I might make them desolate, to *the* end that they might know that I *am* Jehovah.

27 Therefore, son of man, speak unto *the* house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: In this moreover have your fathers blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespass against me. 28 For when I had brought them into the land, which <sup>164</sup>I sware to give unto them, then they <sup>165</sup>saw every high hill, and every thick tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented *the* provocation of their offering; there also they made their sweet savor, and they poured out there their drink-offerings. 29 Then I said unto them, What *meaneth* the high place <sup>166</sup>whereunto ye go? So *the* name thereof is called Bamah unto this day. 30 Wherefore say unto *the* house of Israel, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Do ye pollute yourselves after *the* manner of your fathers? and play ye *the* harlot after their abominations? 31 and when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, do ye pollute yourselves with all your idols unto *this* day? and shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, I will not be inquired of by you; 32 and that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all, in that ye say, We will be as the nations, as *the* families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.

33 As I live, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, surely with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, will I be king over you: 34 and I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out; 35 and I will bring you into *the* wilderness of the peoples, and there will I enter into judgment with you face to face. 36 Like as I entered into judgment with your fathers in *the* wilderness of *the* land of Egypt, so will I enter into judgment with you,

<sup>162</sup> *Or,* whereby

<sup>163</sup> *Or,* set apart all that openeth *See* Ex 13:12.

<sup>164</sup> *Hb.* I lifted up my hand to give unto them,

<sup>165</sup> *Or,* looked out for every high hill,

<sup>166</sup> *Or,* whereunto ye go, and *the* name whereof is called Bamah (*or,* High Place) unto this day?

saith *the* Lord Jehovah. 37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into *the* bond of the covenant; 38 and I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me; I will bring them forth out of *the* land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter into *the* land of Israel: and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah. 39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Go ye, serve every one his idols, <sup>167</sup>and hereafter *also*, if ye will not hearken unto me; but my holy name shall ye no more profane with your gifts, and your idols.

40 For in my holy mountain, in *the* mountain of *the* height of Israel, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, there shall all *the* house of Israel, all of them, serve me in the land: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the <sup>168</sup>firstfruits of your <sup>169</sup>oblations, with all your holy *things*. 41 <sup>170</sup>As a sweet savor will I accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you in *the* sight of the nations. 42 And ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I shall bring you into *the* land of Israel, into the country which I <sup>171</sup>swore to give unto your fathers. 43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have polluted yourselves; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed. 44 And ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I have dealt with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

45 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 46 Son of man, set thy face toward *the* south, and drop *thy* word toward *the* south, and prophesy against *the* forest of the field in *the* South; 47 and say to *the* forest of the South, Hear *the* word of Jehovah: Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: *the* flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from *the* south to *the* north shall be burnt thereby. 48 And all flesh shall see that I Jehovah have kindled it; it shall not be quenched. 49 Then said I, Ah Lord Jehovah! they say of me, Is he not a speaker of parables?

**21** And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and drop *thy* word toward the <sup>172</sup>sanctuaries, and prophesy against *the* land of Israel; 3 and say to *the* land of Israel, Thus

<sup>167</sup> *Or*, but hereafter surely ye shall hearken unto me, and my holy name shall ye no more profane *etc*.

<sup>168</sup> *Or*, chief

<sup>169</sup> *Or*, tribute,

<sup>170</sup> *Or*, With

<sup>171</sup> *Hb*. lifted up my hand to give unto your fathers.

<sup>172</sup> *Or*, Holies, *That is*, Holy and Most Holy.

saith Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from thee *the* righteous and *the* wicked. 4 Seeing then that I will cut off from thee *the* righteous and *the* wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from *the* south to *the* north: 5 and all flesh shall know that I, Jehovah, have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath; it shall not return any more. 6 Sigh therefore, thou son of man; with *the* breaking of *thy* loins and with bitterness shalt thou sigh before their eyes. 7 And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt say, Because of *the* tidings, for it cometh; and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall <sup>173</sup>faint, and all knees shall be weak *as* water: behold it cometh, and it shall be done, saith the Lord Jehovah.

8 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 9 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith Jehovah: Say, A sword, a sword, it is sharpened, and also furbished; 10 it is sharpened that it may make a slaughter; it is furbished that it may be as lightning: shall we then make mirth? <sup>174</sup>*the* rod of my son, it contemneth every tree. 11 And it is given to be furbished, that it may be handled: *the* sword, it is sharpened, yes, it is furbished, to give it into *the* hand of the slayer. 12 Cry and wail, son of man; for it is upon my people, it *is* upon all the princes of Israel: <sup>175</sup>they are delivered over to *the* sword with my people; smite therefore upon *thy* thigh. 13 For *there is* a trial; and <sup>176</sup>what if even *the* rod that contemneth shall be no *more*? saith *the* Lord Jehovah. 14 Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite *thy* hands together; and let *the* sword be doubled the third time, *the* sword of *the* deadly wounded: it *is* *the* sword of the great *one* that is deadly wounded, which <sup>177</sup>entereth into their chambers. 15 I have set *the* <sup>178</sup>threatening sword against all their gates, that *their* heart may melt, and *their* stumblings be multiplied: ah! it is made as lightning, *it is* pointed for slaughter. 16 <sup>179</sup>Gather thee together, go to *the* right, set thyself in array, *go to* *the* left, <sup>180</sup>whithersoever thy face is set. 17 I will also smite my hands together, and I will cause my wrath to rest: I, Jehovah, have spoken *it*.

18 *The* word of Jehovah came unto me again, saying, 19 Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that *the* sword of *the* king of Babylon may come; they twain shall come forth out of one land: and mark out a

<sup>173</sup> *Or*, be dim,

<sup>174</sup> *Or*, it contemneth *the* rod of my son, *as* every tree.

<sup>175</sup> *Or*, terrors by reason of *the* sword *are* upon my people;

<sup>176</sup> *Or*, what if *the* sword contemn even *the* rod? it shall be no *more*. saith the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>177</sup> *Or*, compasseth them about.

<sup>178</sup> *Or*, glittering

<sup>179</sup> *Hb*. Make thyself one,

<sup>180</sup> *Or*, Whither is thy face set?

<sup>181</sup>place, mark *it* out at *the* head of *the* way to *the* city. 20 Thou shalt appoint a way for *the* sword to come to Rabbah of *the* children of Ammon, and to Judah in Jerusalem *the* fortified. 21 For *the* king of Babylon stood at *the* parting of the way, at *the* head of the two ways, to use divination: he shook the arrows to and fro, he consulted the teraphim, he looked in the liver. 22 In his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to set battering rams, to open *the* mouth <sup>182</sup>in *the* slaughter, to lift up *the* voice with shouting, to set *battering* rams against the gates, to cast up mounds, to build forts. 23 And it shall be unto them as a false divination in their sight, who have sworn oaths unto them; but he bringeth iniquity to remembrance, that they may be taken.

24 Therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand. 25 And thou, O deadly wounded wicked *one*, *the* prince of Israel, whose day is come, in *the* time of *the* <sup>183</sup>iniquity of *the* end, 26 thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: <sup>184</sup>Remove the mitre, and take off the crown; this *shall* be <sup>185</sup>no more the same; exalt that *which* is low, and abase that *which* is high. 27 <sup>186</sup>I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: this also shall be no *more*, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it *him*.

28 And thou, son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah concerning *the* children of Ammon, and concerning their reproach; and say thou, A sword, a sword *is* drawn, for *the* slaughter *it* is furbished, to cause it to devour, that *it* may be as lightning; 29 while they see for thee false visions, while they divine lies unto thee, to lay thee upon *the* necks of *the* wicked that *are* deadly wounded, whose day is come in *the* time of *the* <sup>187</sup>iniquity of *the* end. 30 Cause *it* to return into its sheath. In *the* place where thou wast created, in *the* land of <sup>188</sup>thy birth, will I judge thee. 31 And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee; I will blow upon thee with *the* fire of my wrath; and I will deliver thee into *the* hand of brutish men, skilful to destroy. 32 Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in *the* midst of the land; thou shalt be no *more* remembered: for I, Jehovah, have spoken *it*.

<sup>181</sup> *Hb.* hand,

<sup>182</sup> *Or,* for

<sup>183</sup> *Or,* punishment

<sup>184</sup> *Or,* I will remove the mitre,

<sup>185</sup> *Hb.* not this;

<sup>186</sup> *Hb.* An overthrow, overthrow, overthrow, will I make it:

<sup>187</sup> *Or,* punishment of *the* end.

<sup>188</sup> *Or,* thine origin,

22 Moreover *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 And thou, son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the city of blood? <sup>189</sup>then cause her to know all her abominations. 3 And thou shalt say, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: A city that sheddeth blood in *the* midst of her, that her time may come, and that maketh idols against herself to defile her! 4 Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed, and art defiled in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come *even* unto thy years: therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the nations, and a mocking to all the countries. 5 Those that *are* near, and those that *are* far from thee, shall mock thee, *thou* <sup>190</sup>infamous *one* and full of tumult.

6 Behold, *the* princes of Israel, every one according to his <sup>191</sup>power, have been in thee to shed blood. 7 In thee have they disesteemed father and mother; in *the* midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the sojourner; in thee have they wronged *the* fatherless and *the* widow. 8 Thou hast despised my holy *things*, and hast profaned my sabbaths. 9 Slandorous men have been in thee to shed blood; and in thee they have eaten upon the mountains: in *the* midst of thee they have committed lewdness. 10 In thee have they uncovered their fathers' nakedness; in thee have they humbled her that *was* unclean in her impurity. 11 And one hath committed abomination with his neighbor's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter. 12 In thee have they taken bribes to shed blood; thou hast taken interest and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbors by oppression, and hast forgotten me, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

13 Behold, therefore, I have smitten my hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in *the* midst of thee. 14 Can thy heart endure, or can thy hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I, Jehovah, have spoken *it*, and will do *it*. 15 And I will scatter thee among the nations, and disperse thee through the countries; and I will consume thy filthiness out of thee. 16 And thou shalt be profaned in thyself, in *the* sight of *the* nations; and thou shalt know that I *am* Jehovah.

17 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 18 Son of man, *the* house of Israel is become dross unto me: all of them *are* copper and tin and iron and lead, in *the* midst of *the* furnace; they are *the* dross of silver. 19 Therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Because ye are all become dross, therefore, behold, I will gather you into *the* midst of Jerusalem. 20 As they gather silver and copper and iron and lead and tin into *the* midst of *the* furnace, to blow *the* fire upon it, to melt *it*; so will I gather *you* in mine anger and in my

<sup>189</sup> *Or,* and

<sup>190</sup> *Hb.* the defiled of name

<sup>191</sup> *Hb.* arm,

wrath, and I will lay *you there*, and melt you. 21 Yes, I will gather you, and breathe upon you with *the* fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in *the* midst thereof. 22 As silver is melted in *the* midst of *the* furnace, so shall ye be melted in *the* midst thereof; and ye shall know that I, Jehovah, have poured out my wrath upon you.

23 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou *art* a land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in *the* day of indignation. 25 *There is* a conspiracy of her prophets in *the* midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening *the* prey: they have devoured souls; they take treasure and precious things; they have made her widows many in *the* midst thereof. 26 Her priests have done violence to my law, and have profaned my holy *things*: they have made no distinction between *the* holy and *the* common, neither have they caused *men* to discern between the unclean and *the* clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. 27 Her princes in the midst thereof *are* like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, that they may get dishonest gain. 28 And her prophets have daubed for them with <sup>192</sup>untempered mortar, seeing false visions, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah, when Jehovah hath not spoken. 29 *The* people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery; yes, they have vexed *the* poor and needy, and have oppressed the sojourner wrongfully. 30 And I sought for a man among them, that should build up *the* wall, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none. 31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with *the* fire of my wrath: their own way have I brought upon their heads, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

23 *The* word of Jehovah came again unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, there were two women, *the* daughters of one mother: 3 and they played *the* harlot in Egypt; they played *the* harlot in their youth; there were their breasts pressed, and there was handled *the* bosom of their virginity. 4 And *the* names of them were Oholah the elder, and Oholibah her sister: and they became mine, and they bare sons and daughters. And *as for* their names, Samaria is <sup>193</sup>Oholah, and Jerusalem Oholibah.

5 And Oholah played *the* harlot when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on *the* Assyrians *her* neighbors, 6 *who were* clothed with blue, governors and <sup>194</sup>rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses. 7 And she bestowed her whoredoms upon them, *the* choicest men of Assyria all

<sup>192</sup> *Or*, whitewash,

<sup>193</sup> *That is*, Her tent, and Jerusalem is My tent is in her.

<sup>194</sup> *Or*, deputies, *And in* vs. 12. *See* Jer 51:23, etc.

of them; and on whomsoever she doted, with all their idols she defiled herself. 8 Neither hath she left her whoredoms <sup>195</sup>since *the* days of Egypt; for in her youth they lay with her, and they handled *the* bosom of her virginity; and they poured out their whoredom upon her. 9 Wherefore I delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into *the* hand of *the* Assyrians, upon whom she doted. 10 These uncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters; and her they slew with the sword: and she became a <sup>196</sup>byword among women; for they executed judgments upon her.

11 And her sister Oholibah saw *this*, yet was she more corrupt in her doting than she, and in her whoredoms which were more than *the* whoredoms of her sister. 12 She doted upon *the* Assyrians, governors and rulers, *her* neighbors, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men. 13 And I saw that she was defiled; they both took one way. 14 And she increased her whoredoms; for she saw men portrayed upon the wall, *the* images of *the* Chaldeans portrayed with vermilion, 15 girded with girdles upon their loins, with flowing turbans upon their heads, all of them princes to look upon, after *the* likeness of *the* Babylonians <sup>197</sup>in Chaldea, *the* land of their nativity. 16 And <sup>198</sup>as soon as she saw *them* she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea. 17 And *the* Babylonians came to her into *the* bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them, and her soul was alienated from them. 18 So she uncovered her whoredoms, and uncovered her nakedness: then my soul was alienated from her, like as my soul was alienated from her sister. 19 Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, remembering the days of her youth, wherein she had played *the* harlot in *the* land of Egypt. 20 And she doted upon their paramours, whose flesh *is as the* flesh of asses, and whose issue *is like the* issue of horses. 21 Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, in *the* handling of thy bosom by *the* Egyptians for *the* breasts of thy youth.

22 Therefore, O Oholibah, thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy soul is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side: 23 *the* Babylonians and all *the* Chaldeans, Pekod and Shoa and Koa, and all *the* Assyrians with them; desirable young men, governors and rulers all of them, princes and <sup>199</sup>men of renown, all of them riding upon horses. 24 And they shall come against thee with weapons, chariots, and <sup>200</sup>wagons, and

<sup>195</sup> *Or*, brought from Egypt;

<sup>196</sup> *Hb.* name

<sup>197</sup> *Or*, *the* land of whose nativity is Chaldea.

<sup>198</sup> *Hb.* at *the* sight of her eyes she doted

<sup>199</sup> *Or*, counsellors, *Hb.* called

<sup>200</sup> *Or*, wheels,

with a company of peoples; they shall set themselves against thee with buckler and shield and helmet round about: and I will commit *the* judgment unto them, and they shall judge thee according to their judgments. 25 And I will set my jealousy against thee, and they shall deal with thee in fury; they shall take away thy nose and thine ears; and thy residue shall fall by the sword: they shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy residue shall be devoured by *the* fire. 26 They shall also strip thee of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels. 27 Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom *brought* from *the* land of Egypt; so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more. 28 For thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will deliver thee into *the* hand of *them* whom thou hatest, into *the* hand of *them* from whom thy soul is alienated; 29 and they shall deal with thee in hatred, and shall take away all thy labor, and shall leave thee naked and bare; and *the* nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be uncovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

30 These *things* shall be done unto thee, for that thou hast played *the* harlot after *the* nations, *and* because thou art polluted with their idols. 31 Thou hast walked in *the* way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into thy hand. 32 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup, which is deep and large; thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had <sup>201</sup>in derision; it containeth much. 33 Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with *the* cup of astonishment and desolation, with *the* cup of thy sister Samaria. 34 Thou shalt even drink it and drain *it* out, and thou shalt gnaw the sherds thereof, and shalt tear thy breasts; for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord Jehovah. 35 Therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

36 Jehovah said moreover unto me: Son of man, wilt thou judge Oholah and Oholibah? then declare unto them their abominations. 37 For they have committed adultery, and blood *is* in their hands; and with their idols have they committed adultery; and they have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass through *the* fire unto them to be devoured. 38 Moreover this they have done unto me: they have defiled my <sup>202</sup>sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths. 39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in *the* midst of my house. 40 And furthermore ye have sent for men <sup>203</sup>that come from far, unto whom a messenger *was* sent, and, lo, they came; for whom thou didst wash thyself, paint thine eyes, and

<sup>201</sup> Or, in derision too much to endure.

<sup>202</sup> Or perhaps, Holy And so in many places.

<sup>203</sup> Or, to come from far,

deck thyself with ornaments, 41 and sit upon a stately bed, with a table prepared before it, whereupon thou didst set mine incense and mine oil. 42 And *the* voice of a multitude being at ease *was* with her: and with men of *the* common sort *were* brought drunkards from *the* wilderness; and they put bracelets upon *the* hands of them *twain*, and beautiful crowns upon their heads.

43 Then <sup>204</sup>said I of *her* that *was* old in adulteries, Now will they play <sup>205</sup>*the* harlot with her, <sup>206</sup>*and* she *with* them. 44 And they went in unto her, as they go in unto a harlot: so went they in unto Oholah and unto Oholibah, the lewd women. 45 And righteous men, they shall judge them with *the* judgment of adulteresses, and with *the* judgment of women that shed blood; because they *are* adulteresses, and blood *is* in their hands. 46 For thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: I will bring up a company against them, and will give them to be tossed to and fro and robbed. 47 And *the* company shall stone them with stones, and despatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire. 48 Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness. 49 And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear *the* sins of your idols; and ye shall know that I *am* *the* Lord Jehovah.

24 Again, in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, write thee the name of the day, *even* of this selfsame day: *the* king of Babylon drew close unto Jerusalem this selfsame day. 3 And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah, Set on the caldron, set *it* on, and also pour water into it: 4 gather the pieces thereof into it, *even* every good piece, *the* thigh, and *the* shoulder; fill *it* with *the* choice bones. 5 Take *the* choice of the flock, and also a pile of wood for the bones under <sup>207</sup>*the* caldron; make it boil well; yes, let *the* bones thereof be boiled in *the* midst of it.

6 Wherefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Woe to the city of blood, to *the* caldron whose <sup>208</sup>rust *is* therein, and whose rust is not gone out of it! take out of it piece after piece; no lot is fallen upon it. 7 For her blood is in *the* midst of her; she set it upon *the* bare rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust. 8 That it may cause wrath to come up to take vengeance, I have set her blood upon *the* bare rock, that it should not be covered. 9 Therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Woe to the city of blood! I also will make the pile great. 10 Heap on the wood, make the fire hot,

<sup>204</sup> Or, said I, *She that is* old will commit adulteries,

<sup>205</sup> Hb. her whoredoms,

<sup>206</sup> Or, even with her.

<sup>207</sup> Hb. it;

<sup>208</sup> Or, scum (both times)

boil well the flesh, and make thick the broth, and let the bones be burned. 11 Then set it empty upon *the* coals thereof, that it may be hot, and *the* copper thereof may burn, and *that the* filthiness of it may be molten in it, *that the* rust of it may be consumed. 12 She hath wearied <sup>209</sup>*herself* with toil; yet her great rust goeth not forth out of her; her rust <sup>210</sup>*goeth not forth* by fire. 13 <sup>211</sup>In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have cleansed thee and thou wast not cleansed, thou shalt not be cleansed from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my wrath toward thee to rest. 14 I, Jehovah, have spoken *it*: it shall come to pass, and I will do *it*; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

15 Also *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet thou shalt neither mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down. 17 Sigh, <sup>212</sup>*but* not aloud, make no mourning *for the* dead; bind thy headtire upon thee, and put thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not *thy* lips, and eat not *the* bread of men. 18 So I spake unto the people in the morning; and in the evening my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

19 And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these *things are* to us, that thou doest *so*? 20 Then I said unto them, *The* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 21 Speak unto *the* house of Israel, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, *the* pride of your power, *the* desire of your eyes, and <sup>213</sup>*that* which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left behind shall fall by the sword. 22 And ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover *your* lips, nor eat *the* bread of men. 23 And your tires *shall be* upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet: ye shall not mourn nor weep; but ye shall pine away in your iniquities, and moan one toward another. 24 Thus shall Ezekiel be unto you a sign; according to all that he hath done shall ye do: when this cometh, then shall ye know that I *am the* Lord Jehovah.

25 And thou, son of man, *shall it* not be in *the* day when I take from them their <sup>214</sup>strength, *the* joy of their <sup>215</sup>glory, the desire of their eyes, and <sup>216</sup>*that* whereupon they set their souls, their sons and their daughters, 26 *that* in that day he *that* escapeth shall come unto thee, to cause *thee* to hear *it* with *thine* ears? 27 In that

<sup>209</sup> *Or, me*

<sup>210</sup> *Or, is in the fire.*

<sup>211</sup> *Or, For thy filthy lewdness, because I etc.*

<sup>212</sup> *Hb. be silent,*

<sup>213</sup> *Hb. a pity of your soul;*

<sup>214</sup> *Or, stronghold,*

<sup>215</sup> *Or, beauty,*

<sup>216</sup> *Hb. the lifting up of their soul,*

day shall thy mouth be opened <sup>217</sup>to him *that is* escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: so shalt thou be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

25 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face toward *the* children of Ammon, and prophesy <sup>218</sup>against them: 3 and say unto *the* children of Ammon, Hear *the* word of *the* Lord Jehovah: Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah, Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against *the* land of Israel, when it was made desolate; and against *the* house of Judah, when they went into captivity: 4 therefore, behold, I will deliver thee to <sup>219</sup>*the* children of *the* east for a possession, and they shall set their encampments in thee, and make their dwellings in thee; they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk. 5 And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the children of Ammon a couching-place for flocks: and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah. 6 For thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Because thou hast clapped *thy* hands, and stamped with *the* feet, and rejoiced with all *the* despite of thy soul against *the* land of Israel; 7 therefore, behold, I have stretched out my hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the nations; and I will cut thee off from the peoples, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* Jehovah.

8 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Because that Moab and Seir do say, Behold, *the* house of Judah *is* like unto all the nations; 9 therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities *which are* <sup>220</sup>on his frontiers, *the* glory of *the* country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim, 10 <sup>221</sup>unto *the* children of *the* east, *to go* against *the* children of Ammon; and I will give them for a possession, that *the* children of Ammon may not be remembered among the nations: 11 and I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

12 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Because that Edom hath dealt against *the* house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them; 13 therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah, I will stretch out my hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; even unto Dedan shall they fall by the sword. 14 And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by *the* hand of my people Israel; and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to

<sup>217</sup> *Or, together with him that is escaped,*

<sup>218</sup> *Or, concerning them:*

<sup>219</sup> *Probably the Arabs. Compare Ge 25:6.*

<sup>220</sup> *Or, in every quarter,*

<sup>221</sup> *Or, together with the children of Ammon, unto the children of the east;*

my wrath; and they shall know my vengeance, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

15 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Because *the* Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with despite of soul to destroy with perpetual enmity; 16 therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will stretch out my hand upon *the* Philistines, and I will cut off the Kerethites, and destroy the remnant of the sea coast. 17 And I will execute great vengeance upon them with wrathful rebukes; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

26 And it came to pass in *the* eleventh year, <sup>222</sup>in the first day of the month, *that the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, because that Tyre hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken *that was the* gates of the peoples; she is turned unto me; I shall be replenished, *now that* she is laid waste: 3 therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah, Behold, I *am* against thee, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth its waves to come up. 4 And they shall destroy *the* walls of Tyre, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her a bare rock. 5 She shall be a *place for the* spreading of nets in *the* midst of the sea; for I have spoken *it*, saith *the* Lord Jehovah; and she shall become a spoil to the nations. 6 And her daughters that *are* in the field shall be slain with the sword: and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.<sup>223</sup>

7 For thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will bring upon Tyre Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, from *the* north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and a company, and much people. 8 He shall slay with *the* sword thy daughters in the field; and he shall make forts against thee, and cast up a mound against thee, and raise up *the* buckler against thee. 9 And he shall set his battering engines against thy walls, and with his <sup>224</sup>axes he shall break down thy towers. 10 By reason of *the* abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at *the* noise of *the* horseman, and of *the* <sup>225</sup>wagons, and of *the* chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach. 11 With *the* hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets; he shall slay thy people with the sword; and *the* <sup>226</sup>pillars of thy strength shall go down to the ground.

<sup>222</sup> Likely, in the fifth month,

<sup>223</sup> After Nebuchadnezzar, the city was rebuilt on an island one mile offshore. Alexander, ca. BC 322, destroyed the on-shore city, and in a 7-month siege took all materials from shore, and even scraped the soil to bare rock, to build a causeway to the island to destroy it. [The island is now washed away.]

<sup>224</sup> Hb. swords

<sup>225</sup> Or, wheels,

<sup>226</sup> Or, obelisks

12 And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise; and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses; and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in *the* midst of *the* waters. 13 And I will cause *the* noise of thy songs to cease; and *the* sound of thy harps shall be no more heard. 14 And I will make thee a bare rock; thou shalt be a *place for the* spreading of nets; thou shalt be built no more: for I Jehovah have spoken *it*, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

15 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah to Tyre: Shall not the isles shake at *the* sound of thy fall, when *the* wounded groan, when *the* slaughter is made in *the* midst of thee? 16 Then all *the* princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay aside their robes, and strip off their brodered garments: they shall clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble *every* moment, and be astonished at thee. 17 And they shall take up a lamentation over thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, *that wast* inhabited <sup>227</sup>by seafaring men, the renowned city, that was strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, that caused their terror to be on all that <sup>228</sup>dwelt there! 18 Now shall the isles tremble in *the* day of thy fall; yes, the isles that *are* in the sea shall be dismayed at thy departure.

19 For thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and the great waters shall cover thee; 20 then will I bring thee down with them that descend into *the* pit, to *the* people of old time, and will make thee to dwell in *the* nether parts of *the* earth, <sup>229</sup>in *the* places that are desolate of old, with them that go down to *the* pit, that thou be not inhabited; <sup>230</sup>and I will set glory in *the* land of *the* living: 21 I will make thee <sup>231</sup>a terror, and thou shalt no more have any being; though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

27 *The* word of Jehovah came again unto me, saying, 2 And thou, son of man, take up a lamentation over Tyre; 3 and say unto Tyre, O thou *that* dwellest at the <sup>232</sup>entry of *the* sea, *that art the* merchant of the peoples unto many isles, thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Thou, O Tyre, hast said, I *am* perfect in beauty. 4 Thy borders *are* in *the* heart of *the* seas; thy builders have perfected thy beauty. 5 They have <sup>233</sup>made all thy planks of fir-trees from Senir; they have taken a cedar from Lebanon

<sup>227</sup> Or, being won from the seas,

<sup>228</sup> Or, inhabited her!

<sup>229</sup> So Hb<sup>mg</sup> Aram. Hb<sup>txt</sup> Sept., Vg. read like the places

<sup>230</sup> Or with different points, nor set thy glory in etc.

<sup>231</sup> Or, a destruction, Hb. terrors

<sup>232</sup> Hb. entrances

<sup>233</sup> Hb. built

to make a mast for thee. 6 *Of the oaks of Bashan* have they made thine oars; they have made thy <sup>234</sup>benches of ivory inlaid in boxwood, from *the isles of Kittim*. 7 *Of fine linen with brodered work from Egypt* was thy sail, that it might be to thee for an ensign; blue and purple from *the isles of Elishah* was thine awning. 8 *The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad* were thy rowers: thy wise *men*, O Tyre, were in thee, they were thy pilots. 9 *The* <sup>235</sup>old men of Gebal and *the wise men* thereof were in thee thy calkers: all *the ships of the sea* with their mariners were in thee to <sup>236</sup>deal in thy merchandise. 10 Persia and Lud and Put were in thine army, thy men of war: they hanged *the shield and helmet* in thee; they set forth thy comeliness. 11 *The men of Arvad* with thine army *were* upon thy walls round about, and valorous men were in thy towers; they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about; they have perfected thy beauty.

12 Tarshish *was* thy merchant by reason of *the multitude of all kinds of riches*; <sup>237</sup>with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded for thy wares. 13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they *were* thy traffickers; they traded *the souls of man* and <sup>238</sup>vessels of copper for thy merchandise. 14 They of *the house of Togarmah* traded for thy wares with horses and war-horses and mules. 15 *The children of Dedan* *were* thy traffickers; many isles *were the mart* of thy hand: they brought thee <sup>239</sup>in exchange horns of ivory and ebony. 16 Syria *was* thy merchant by reason of *the multitude of thy handiworks*: they traded for thy wares with <sup>240</sup>emeralds, purple, and brodered work, and fine linen, and coral, and rubies. 17 Judah, and *the land of Israel*, they *were* thy traffickers; they traded for thy merchandise wheat of Minnith, and <sup>241</sup>pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm. 18 Damascus *was* thy merchant for *the multitude of thy handiworks*, by reason of *the multitude of all kinds of riches*, with *the wine of Helbon*, and white wool. 19 Vedan and Javan traded <sup>242</sup>with yarn for thy wares: <sup>243</sup>bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were among thy merchandise. 20 Dedan *was* thy trafficker in precious cloths for riding. 21 Arabia, and all *the princes of Kedar*, they were *the merchants of thy hand*; in lambs, and rams, and goats, in these *were they* thy merchants. 22 *The traffickers of Sheba and Raamah*,

<sup>234</sup> Or, deck

<sup>235</sup> Or, elders of Gebal

<sup>236</sup> Or, exchange

<sup>237</sup> *The Celts mined silver, iron, and lead in Spain, and tin in Cornwall (SW England). Compare Ge 10.*

<sup>238</sup> *Armenia (Meshech) had the copper mines, Georgia (Tubal) was the great center for refining it, and Greece (Javan = Ionia) fabricated the copperware.*

<sup>239</sup> Or, for a present, horns of ivory and ebony.

<sup>240</sup> Or, carbuncles,

<sup>241</sup> *Perhaps, a kind of confection.*

<sup>242</sup> Hb<sup>mg</sup> Sept. Aram, Gk<sup>Aq</sup> read, from Uzal for thy wares:

<sup>243</sup> Or, wrought iron,

they *were* thy traffickers; they traded for thy wares with *the chief of all spices*, and with all precious stones, and gold. 23 Haran and Canneh and Eden, *the traffickers of Sheba, Asshur and Kilmad*, *were* thy traffickers. 24 These *were* thy traffickers in choice wares, in <sup>244</sup>wrappings of blue and brodered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords and made of cedar, among thy merchandise. 25 *The* <sup>245</sup>ships of Tarshish were thy caravans for thy merchandise: and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in *the heart of the seas*.

26 Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: the east wind hath broken thee in *the heart of the seas*. 27 Thy riches, and thy wares, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and *the* <sup>246</sup>dealers in thy merchandise, and all thy men of war, that *are* in thee, <sup>247</sup>with all thy company which *is* in *the midst of thee*, shall fall into *the heart of the seas* in *the day of thy ruin*. 28 At *the sound of the cry of thy pilots* *the* <sup>248</sup>suburbs shall shake. 29 And all that handle *the oar, the mariners, and all the pilots of the sea*, shall come down from their ships; they shall stand upon the land, 30 and shall cause their voice to be heard over thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes: 31 and they shall make themselves bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee in bitterness of soul with bitter mourning. 32 And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, *saying*, Who *is there* like Tyre, like her that is brought to silence in *the midst of the sea*? 33 When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many peoples; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise. 34 In *the time that* thou wast broken by *the seas in the depths of the waters*, thy merchandise and all thy company did fall in *the midst of thee*. 35 All the inhabitants of the isles are astonished at thee, and their kings are horribly afraid; they are troubled in *their countenance*. 36 *The merchants among the peoples* hiss at thee; thou art become <sup>249</sup>a terror, and thou *shalt* nevermore *have any being*.

28 *The word of Jehovah came again unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, say unto the prince of* <sup>250</sup>Tyre, Thus saith *the Lord Jehovah*: Because thy heart *is* lifted up, and thou hast said, *I am a god, I sit in the seat of God, in*

<sup>244</sup> Or, bales

<sup>245</sup> *That is, ocean-going vessels such as the Celts made.*

<sup>246</sup> Or, exchangers

<sup>247</sup> Or, and in all thy company

<sup>248</sup> Or, waves

<sup>249</sup> Or, a destruction, Hb. terrors,

<sup>250</sup> *Tiras (Thrace) colonized Tyre, Rome, and Carthage; they were ethnically one people.*

*the*<sup>251</sup> midst of *the* seas; yet thou *art* man, and not God, though thou didst set thy heart as *the* heart of God; — 3 behold, thou *art* wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that is hidden from thee; 4 by thy wisdom and by thine understanding thou hast gotten thee<sup>252</sup> riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures; 5 by thy great wisdom *and* by thy traffic hast thou increased thy riches, and thy heart is lifted up because of thy riches; — 6 therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Because thou hast set thy heart as *the* heart of God, 7 therefore, behold, I will bring strangers upon thee, *the* terrible of *the* nations; and they shall draw their swords against *the* beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall<sup>253</sup> defile thy brightness. 8 They shall bring thee down to the pit; and thou shalt die *the* death of *them that are* slain, in *the* heart of *the* seas. 9 Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I *am* God? but thou *art* man, and not God, in *the* hand of him that<sup>254</sup> woundeth thee. 10 Thou shalt die *the* death of *the* uncircumcised by *the* hand of strangers: for I have spoken *it*, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

11 Moreover *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 12 Son of man, take up a lamentation over *the* king of Tyre, and say unto him, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Thou sealest up *the*<sup>255</sup> sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13 Thou wast in Eden, *the* garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering, *the*<sup>256</sup> sardius, *the* topaz, and *the* diamond, *the* beryl, *the* onyx, and *the* jasper, *the* sapphire, *the*<sup>257</sup> emerald, and *the* carbuncle, and gold: *the* workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was in thee; in *the* day that thou wast created they were prepared. 14 Thou *wast* *the* anointed cherub that covereth: and I set thee, *so that* thou wast upon *the* holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in *the* midst of *the* stones of fire. 15 Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from *the* day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee. 16 By *the* abundance of thy traffic they filled *the* midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore have I cast thee as profane out of *the* mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee, O covering cherub, from *the* midst of *the* stones of fire. 17 Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to *the* ground; I have laid thee before kings, that they may behold thee. 18 By *the* multitude of thine iniquities, in *the* unrighteousness of thy traffic, thou hast profaned thy sanctuaries; therefore have I brought forth a fire from *the* midst of thee; it hath

<sup>251</sup> *Hb.* heart

<sup>252</sup> *Or,* power, *And twice in vs. 7.*

<sup>253</sup> *Or,* profane

<sup>254</sup> *Or,* profaneth thee.

<sup>255</sup> *Or,* measure, *or,* pattern,

<sup>256</sup> *Or,* ruby,

<sup>257</sup> *Or,* carbuncle, and *the* emerald, and gold:

devoured thee, and I have turned thee to ashes upon the earth in *the* sight of all them that behold thee. 19 All they that know thee among the peoples shall be astonished at thee: thou art become<sup>258</sup> a terror, and thou shalt nevermore *have any being*.

20 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 21 Son of man, set thy face toward Sidon, and prophesy against it, 22 and say, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against thee, O Sidon; and I will be glorified in *the* midst of thee; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her. 23 For I will send pestilence into her, and blood into her streets; and *the* wounded shall<sup>259</sup> fall in *the* midst of her, with *the* sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah. 24 And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto *the* house of Israel, nor a hurting thorn of any *that are* round about them, that did despite unto them; and they shall know that I *am* *the* Lord Jehovah.

25 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in *the* sight of the nations, then shall they dwell in their own land which I gave to my servant Jacob. 26 And they shall dwell securely therein; yes, they shall build houses, and plant vineyards, and shall dwell securely, when I have executed judgments upon all those that do them despite round about them; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah their God.

29 In the tenth year, in the tenth *month*, in *the* twelfth *day* of the month, *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt; 3 speak, and say, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great monster that lieth in *the* midst of his rivers, that hath said, My river *is* mine own, and I have made *it* for myself. 4 And I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause *the* fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales; and I will bring thee up out of *the* midst of thy rivers, with all the fish of thy rivers which stick unto thy scales. 5 And I will cast thee forth into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon<sup>260</sup> the open field; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered; I have given thee for food to *the* beasts of the earth and to *the* birds of the heavens. 6 And all *the* inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I *am* Jehovah, because they have been a staff of reed to *the* house of Israel. 7 When they took hold of thee<sup>261</sup> by

<sup>258</sup> *Or,* a destruction, *Hb.* terrors,

<sup>259</sup> *Or,* be judged in *the* midst of her,

<sup>260</sup> *Hb.* *the* face of the field;

<sup>261</sup> *Or,* by the handle, *Hb*<sup>mg</sup> *Aram.*, *Vg.* *read,* with the hand,

thy hand, thou didst break, and didst rend all their shoulders; and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest, and madest all their loins to <sup>262</sup>be at a standstill.

8 Therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and will cut off from thee man and beast. 9 And *the* land of Egypt shall be a desolation and a waste; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah. Because he hath said, *The river is mine*, and I have made *it*; 10 therefore, behold, I *am* against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt an utter waste *and* desolation, <sup>263</sup>from *the* tower of Seveneh even unto *the* border of <sup>264</sup>Ethiopia. 11 No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years. 12 And I will make the land of Egypt a desolation in *the* midst of *the* countries *that are* desolate; and her cities among *the* cities *that are* laid waste shall be a desolation forty years; and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.<sup>265</sup>

13 For thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: At *the* end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the peoples whither they were scattered; 14 and I will <sup>266</sup>bring back the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return *into the* land of Pathros, into *the* land of their <sup>267</sup>birth; and they shall be there a <sup>268</sup>base kingdom. 15 It shall be *the* basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it any more lift itself up above the nations: and I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations. 16 And it shall be no more *the* confidence of *the* house of Israel, bringing iniquity to remembrance, when they turn to look after them: and they shall know that I *am the* Lord Jehovah.

17 And it came to pass in the twenty-seventh year, in the first *month*, in *the* first *day* of the month, *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyre: every head *was* made bald, and every shoulder *was* worn; yet had he no wages, nor his army, from Tyre, for the service that he had served against it. 19 Therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall carry off her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey;

<sup>262</sup> So Hb<sup>txt</sup>. Aram. reads, shake. See Ps 69:23.

<sup>263</sup> Or, from Migdol to Aswan and even unto etc.

<sup>264</sup> Hb. Cush. (*everywhere properly*, Kush)

<sup>265</sup> One historical text reads, the 37<sup>th</sup> year, Nebuchadrezzar, king of Bab[ylon] mar[ch]ed against Egypt to deliver a battle. [Ama]sis (Ahmose II), of Egypt, [called up his a]r[m]y... ANET, p. 308.

<sup>266</sup> Or, return to the captivity of Egypt,

<sup>267</sup> Or, origin;

<sup>268</sup> Hb. low

and it shall be *the* wages for his army.<sup>269</sup> 20 I have given him the land of Egypt <sup>270</sup>as his recompense for which he served, because they wrought for me, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

21 In that day will I cause a horn to bud forth unto *the* house of Israel, and I will give thee *the* opening of *the* mouth in *the* midst of them; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

30 *The* word of Jehovah came again unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Wail ye, Alas for the day! 3 For *the* day is near, even *the* day of Jehovah is near; it shall be a day of clouds, a time of *the* nations. 4 And a sword shall come upon Egypt, and anguish shall be in <sup>271</sup>Ethiopia, when *the* slain shall fall in Egypt; and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down. 5 Ethiopia, and Put, and Lud, and all the mingled people, and Kub, and *the* children of <sup>272</sup>*the* land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

6 Thus saith Jehovah: They also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and *the* pride of her power shall come down: <sup>273</sup>from *the* tower of Seveneh shall they fall in it by the sword, saith *the* Lord Jehovah. 7 And they shall be desolate in *the* midst of *the* countries *that are* desolate; and her cities shall be in *the* midst of *the* cities *that are* wasted. 8 And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and all her helpers are <sup>274</sup>destroyed. 9 In that day shall messengers go forth from before me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid; and there shall be anguish upon them, as in *the* day of Egypt; for, lo, it cometh.

10 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease, by *the* hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon. 11 He and his people with him, *the* terrible of the nations, shall be brought in to destroy the land; and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with *the* slain. 12 And I will make *the* rivers dry, and will sell the land into *the* hand of evil men; and I will make *the* land desolate, and <sup>275</sup>all *that is* therein, by *the* hand of strangers: I, Jehovah, have spoken it.

13 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: I will also destroy *the* idols, and I will cause *the* <sup>276</sup>images to cease from

<sup>269</sup> *Ethbaal, king of Tyre, with Egyptian support, successfully resisted the siege. After 13 years, Nebuchadrezzar gave up and went to Egypt, and there took multitudes of captives (Egyptians and Jews) and much spoil. [Diocles and Philostratus; cited in Josephus, Antiq. X, xi, 1.]*

<sup>270</sup> Or, for his labor wherewith he served,

<sup>271</sup> Hb. Cush, Also in vs. 5; similarly in vs. 9.

<sup>272</sup> Or, *the* land of the covenant,

<sup>273</sup> Or, from Migdol to Aswan shall they fall in it etc.

<sup>274</sup> Hb. broken.

<sup>275</sup> Hb. *the* fulness thereof,

<sup>276</sup> Or, things of nought to cease etc. See Ps 96:5.

Memphis; and there shall be no more a prince from *the* land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in *the* land of Egypt. 14 And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set a fire in Zoan, and will execute judgments upon No. 15 And I will pour my wrath upon Sin, *the* stronghold of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No. 16 And I will set a fire in Egypt: Sin shall be in great anguish, and No shall be broken up; and Memphis *shall have* adversaries<sup>277</sup> in *the* daytime. 17 *The* young men of Aven and of Pi-beseth shall fall by the sword; and these *cities* shall go into captivity. 18 At Tehaphnehes also the day shall<sup>278</sup> withdraw itself, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt, and *the* pride of her power shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity. 19 Thus will I execute judgments upon Egypt; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

20 And it came to pass in *the* eleventh year, in the first *month*, in *the* seventh *day* of the month, *that the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, it hath not been bound up, to apply *healing* medicines, to put a bandage to bind it, that it be strong to hold the sword. 22 Therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong *arm*, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand. 23 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. 24 And I will strengthen the arms of *the* king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break the arms of Pharaoh, and he shall groan before him with *the* groanings of a deadly wounded *man*. 25 And I will hold up the arms of *the* king of Babylon; and *the* arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I shall put my sword into *the* hand of *the* king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon *the* land of Egypt. 26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

31 And it came to pass in *the* eleventh year, in the third *month*, in *the* first *day* of the month, *that the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, say unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude: Whom art thou like in thy greatness? 3 Behold, *the* Assyrian *was* a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a forest-like shade, and of high stature; and its top was among *the*<sup>279</sup> thick boughs. 4 *The* waters nourished it, *the* deep made it to grow: the rivers thereof ran round about its plantation; and it sent out its channels unto all *the* trees of the field. 5 Therefore its

<sup>277</sup> *Or*, all *the* day.

<sup>278</sup> *So* Some mss. (*Hb.* chashak). *Hb*<sup>ext</sup> Sept., Aram.,  
Vg. *read* be dark, (*Hb.* chāsak).

<sup>279</sup> *Or*, clouds. *Also in* vs. 10.

stature was exalted above all *the* trees of the field; and its boughs were multiplied, and its branches became long by reason of<sup>280</sup> many waters, when it shot *them* forth. 6 All *the* birds of the heavens made their nests in its boughs; and under its branches did all *the* beasts of the field bring forth their young; and under its shadow dwelt all great nations. 7 Thus was it fair in its greatness, in *the* length of its branches; for its root was by many waters. 8 *The* cedars in *the* garden of God could not hide it; *the* fir-trees were not like its boughs, and *the* plane-trees were not as its branches; nor was any tree in *the* garden of God like unto it in its beauty. 9 I made it fair by *the* multitude of its branches, *so that* all *the* trees of Eden, that *were* in the garden of God, envied it.

10 Therefore thus<sup>281</sup> said *the* Lord Jehovah: Because thou art exalted in stature, and he hath set his top among *the* thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height; 11 I will even deliver him into *the* hand of *the* mighty one of *the* nations; he shall surely deal with him; I have driven him out for his wickedness. 12 And strangers, *the* terrible of *the* nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all *the* valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all *the* watercourses of the land; and all *the* peoples of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him. 13 Upon his ruin all *the* birds of the heavens shall dwell, and all *the* beasts of the field shall be upon his branches; 14 to *the* end that none of all *the* trees by *the* waters exalt themselves in their stature, neither set their top among *the* thick boughs, nor *that* their mighty ones stand up in their height, *even* all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to *the* nether parts of *the* earth, in *the* midst of *the* children of men, with them that go down to *the* pit.

15 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: In *the* day when he went down to Sheol I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained *the* rivers thereof; and *the* great waters were stayed; and I caused Lebanon<sup>282</sup> to mourn for him, and all *the* trees of the field fainted for him. 16 I made *the* nations to shake at *the* sound of his fall, when I cast him down to Sheol with them *that* descend into *the* pit; and all *the* trees of Eden, *the* choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in *the* nether parts of *the* earth. 17 They also went down into Sheol with him unto *them that are* slain by *the* sword; yes, *they that were* his arm, *that* dwelt under his shadow in *the* midst of *the* nations.

18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto *the* nether parts of *the* earth: thou shalt lie in *the* midst of *the* uncircumcised, with *them that are* slain by *the* sword.

<sup>280</sup> *Or*, great *And in* vs. 7.

<sup>281</sup> *Or*, saith

<sup>282</sup> *Hb.* to be black for him,

This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

32 And it came to pass in *the* twelfth year, in *the* twelfth month, in *the* first day of the month, *that the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, take up a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou wast likened unto a young lion of *the* nations: yet *art* thou as the monster in the seas; and thou didst break forth <sup>283</sup>with thy rivers, and troubledst *the* waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers. 3 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: I will spread out my net upon thee with a company of many peoples; and they shall bring thee up in my net. 4 And I will leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all *the* birds of the heavens to settle upon thee, and I will satisfy *the* beasts of the whole earth with thee. 5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys *with* <sup>284</sup>thy height. 6 I will also water with thy blood *the* land wherein thou swimdest, *even* to the mountains; and *the* watercourses shall be full of thee. 7 And when I shall extinguish thee, I will cover *the* heavens, and make the stars thereof <sup>285</sup>dark; I will cover *the* sun with a cloud, and *the* moon shall not give its light. 8 All *the* bright lights in heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith *the* Lord Jehovah. 9 I will also vex *the* hearts of many peoples, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into *the* countries which thou hast not known. 10 Yes, I will make many peoples amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at *every* moment, every man for his own soul, in *the* day of thy fall.

11 For thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: *The* sword of *the* king of Babylon shall come upon thee. 12 By *the* swords of *the* mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall; *the* terrible of *the* nations are they all: and they shall bring to nought the pride of Egypt, and all *the* multitude thereof shall be destroyed. 13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside <sup>286</sup>many waters; neither shall *the* foot of man trouble them any more, nor *the* hoofs of beasts trouble them. 14 Then will I <sup>287</sup>make their waters clear, and cause their rivers to run like oil, saith *the* Lord Jehovah. 15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate and waste, a land destitute of <sup>288</sup>*that* whereof it was full, when I shall smite all *them* that dwell therein, then shall they know that I *am* Jehovah. 16 This is *the* lamentation wherewith they shall lament; *the* daughters of the nations shall lament

<sup>283</sup> Or, in

<sup>284</sup> Or, high heap of dead. Vg. reads worms.

<sup>285</sup> Or, to mourn; And in vs. 8.

<sup>286</sup> Or, great waters;

<sup>287</sup> Hb. cause their waters to settle,

<sup>288</sup> Hb. *the* fulness thereof,

therewith; over Egypt, and over all her multitude, shall they lament therewith, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

17 It came to pass also in *the* twelfth year, in *the* fifteenth day of the month, *that the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 18 Son of man, wail for *the* multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, *even* her, and *the* daughters of *the* famous nations, unto *the* nether parts of *the* earth, with them that go down into *the* pit. 19 Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be thou laid with *the* uncircumcised. 20 They shall fall in *the* midst of *them that are* slain by *the* sword: <sup>289</sup>she is delivered to *the* sword; draw her away and all her multitudes. 21 *The* strong among *the* mighty shall speak to him out of *the* midst of Sheol with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie still, even the uncircumcised, slain by *the* sword.

22 Asshur *is* there and all her company; her graves *are* round about her; all of them slain, fallen by the sword; 23 whose graves are set in *the* uttermost parts of *the* pit, and her company is round about her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who caused terror in *the* land of *the* living.

24 There *is* Elam and all her multitude round about her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who are gone down uncircumcised into *the* nether parts of *the* earth, who caused their terror in *the* land of *the* living, and have borne their shame with them that go down to *the* pit. 25 They have set her a bed in *the* midst of *the* slain with all her multitude; her graves *are* round about her; all of them uncircumcised, slain by *the* sword; for their terror was caused in *the* land of *the* living, and they have borne their shame with them that go down to *the* pit: he is put in *the* midst of *them that are* slain.

26 There *is* Meshech, Tubal, and all their multitude; their graves *are* round about them; all of them uncircumcised, slain by *the* sword; for they caused their terror in *the* land of *the* living. 27 <sup>290</sup>And they shall not lie with the mighty *that are* fallen of *the* uncircumcised, that are gone down to Sheol with their weapons of war, and have laid their swords under their heads, and their iniquities are upon their bones; for *they were the* terror of *the* mighty in *the* land of *the* living. 28 But thou shalt be broken in *the* midst of *the* uncircumcised, and shalt lie with *them that are* slain by *the* sword.

29 There *is* Edom, her kings and all her princes, who <sup>291</sup>in their might are laid with *them that are* slain by *the* sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to *the* pit. 30 There *are the* princes of *the* north, all of them, and all *the* Sidonians, who are gone down with the slain; in *the* terror which they caused by their might they are put to shame; and they

<sup>289</sup> Or, *the* sword is appointed;

<sup>290</sup> Or, And shall they not lie... upon their bones? For

<sup>291</sup> Or, for all their might

lie uncircumcised with *them that are* slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

31 Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, <sup>292</sup>*even* Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the sword, saith the Lord Jehovah. 32 For I have put <sup>293</sup>his terror in the land of the living; and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised, with *them that are* slain by the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord Jehovah.

33 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and set him for their watchman; 3 if, when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; 4 then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning, if a sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him; whereas if he had taken warning, he would have delivered his soul. 6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned, and a sword come, and take any soul from among them; he is taken away <sup>294</sup>in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

7 So thou, son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die, and thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thy hand. 9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he turn not from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul.

10 And thou, son of man, say unto the house of Israel: Thus ye speak, saying, <sup>295</sup>Our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we pine away in them; how then can we live? 11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? 12 And thou, son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall he that is righteous be able to live thereby in the day that he sinneth. 13 When

<sup>292</sup> Or, Pharaoh and all his army are slain etc.

<sup>293</sup> So Hb<sup>txt</sup> Sept., Aram. (†). Hb<sup>msg</sup> Vg. read, my (†).

<sup>294</sup> Or, for Also in vss. 8, 9, 10, 13.

<sup>295</sup> Or, Truly our transgressions etc.

I say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his righteousness, and commit iniquity, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered; but in his iniquity that he hath committed, <sup>296</sup>therein shall he die. 14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; 15 if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that which he had taken by robbery, walk in the statutes of life, committing no iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. 16 None of his sins that he hath committed shall be remembered against him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

17 Yet the children of thy people say, The way of <sup>297</sup>Jehovah is not <sup>298</sup>just: but as for them, their way is not just. 18 When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die <sup>299</sup>therein. 19 And when the wicked turneth from his wickedness, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby. 20 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not just. O house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The city is smitten. 22 Now the hand of Jehovah had been upon me in the evening, before he that was escaped came; and he had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.

23 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 24 Son of man, they that inhabit those waste places in the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he was to possess the land: but we are many; the land is given us for possession. 25 Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes unto your idols, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land? 26 Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbor's wife: and shall ye possess the land? 27 Thus shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: As I live, surely they that are in the waste places shall fall by the sword; and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured; and they that are in the strongholds and in the caves shall die of the pestilence. 28 And I will make the land a desolation and an astonishment; and the pride of her power shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, so that none shall pass through. 29 Then shall they know that I am Jehovah, when I have made the land a desolation and an astonishment, because of all their abominations which they have committed.

<sup>296</sup> Or, for it shall he die.

<sup>297</sup> Sopherim changed to the Lord

<sup>298</sup> Lit. equal: or, in balance: (twice) And in vs. 20.

<sup>299</sup> Or, for them.

30 And as for thee, son of man, *the* children of thy people talk of thee by the walls and in *the* doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word *that* cometh forth from Jehovah. 31 And they come unto thee as *the* people cometh, and they sit before thee *as* my people, and they hear thy words, but do them not; for with their mouth they show much love, *but* their heart goeth after their gain. 32 And, lo, thou *art* unto them as <sup>300</sup>a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; for they hear thy words, but they do them not. 33 And when this cometh to pass, (behold, it cometh,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

34 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy against *the* shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, even to the shepherds, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Woe unto *the* shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not *the* shepherds feed the sheep? 3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill the fatlings; *but* ye feed not the sheep. 4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up *that which was* broken, neither have ye brought back that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with rigor have ye ruled over them. 5 And they were scattered, because *there was* no shepherd; and they became food to all *the* beasts of the field, and were scattered. 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yes, my sheep were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and there was none that did search or seek *after them*.

7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of Jehovah: 8 As I live, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, surely forasmuch as my sheep became a prey, and my sheep became food to all *the* beasts of the field, because *there was* no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my sheep; 9 therefore, ye shepherds, hear *the* word of Jehovah: 10 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah, Behold, I *am* against the shepherds; and I will require my sheep at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding *the* sheep; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; and I will deliver my sheep from their mouth, that they may not be food for them.

11 For thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I myself, *even* I, will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in *the* day that he is among his sheep *that are* scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will deliver them out of all places whither they have been scattered in <sup>301</sup>*the*

<sup>300</sup> *Or*, a love-song of one *etc*.

<sup>301</sup> *Hb.* *the* day of clouds and thick darkness.

cloudy and dark day. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them upon *the* mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all *the* inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture; and upon *the* mountains of *the* height of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie down in a good fold; and *on* fat pasture shall they feed upon *the* mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be *the* shepherd of my sheep, and I will cause them to lie down, saith *the* Lord Jehovah. 16 I will seek that which was lost, and will bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up *that which was* broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but the fat and the strong I will destroy; I will feed them in justice.

17 And *as for* you, O my flock, thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, the rams and the he-goats. 18 *Seemeth it* a small thing unto you to have fed upon the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet *the* residue of your pasture? and to have drunk of *the* clear waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet? 19 And *as for* my sheep, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet, and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

20 Therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah unto them: Behold, I, *even* I, will judge between *the* fat sheep and *the* lean sheep. 21 Because ye thrust with side and with shoulder, and push all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad; 22 therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, *even* my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. 24 And I, Jehovah, will be their God, and my servant David prince among them; I, Jehovah, have spoken *it*.

25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell securely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. 26 And I will make them and *the* places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers of blessing. 27 And *the* tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of *the* hand of those that made bondmen of them. 28 And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, neither shall *the* beasts of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell securely, and none shall make *them* afraid. 29 And I will raise up unto them a <sup>302</sup>plantation for renown, and they shall be no more <sup>303</sup>consumed with famine in the land,

<sup>302</sup> *Or*, plant

<sup>303</sup> *Hb.* taken away with famine in the land,

neither bear *the* shame of the nations any more. 30 And they shall know that I, Jehovah, their God *am* with them, and *that* they, *the* house of Israel, *are* my people, saith *the* Lord Jehovah. 31 And ye my sheep, *the* sheep of my pasture, *are* men, and I *am* your God, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

35 Moreover *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, and prophesy against it, 3 and say unto it, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against thee, O mount Seir, and I will stretch out my hand against thee, and I will make thee a desolation and an astonishment. 4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate; and thou shalt know that I *am* Jehovah. 5 Because thou hast had a perpetual enmity, and hast given over the children of Israel to *the* power of *the* sword in *the* time of their calamity, in *the* time of *the* <sup>304</sup>iniquity of *the* end; 6 therefore, *as* I live, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: since thou hast not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue thee. 7 Thus will I make mount Seir an astonishment and a desolation; and I will cut off from it him that passeth through and him that returneth. 8 And I will fill its mountains with its slain: in thy hills and in thy valleys and in all thy watercourses shall they fall *that are* slain with *the* sword. 9 I will make thee a perpetual desolation, and thy cities shall not <sup>305</sup>be inhabited; and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

10 Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; <sup>306</sup>whereas Jehovah was there: 11 therefore, *as* I live, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, I will do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast showed out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, <sup>307</sup>when I shall judge thee. 12 And thou shalt know <sup>308</sup>that I, Jehovah, have heard all thy revilings which thou hast spoken against *the* mountains of Israel, saying, <sup>309</sup>They are laid desolate, they are given us to devour. 13 And ye have magnified yourselves against me with your mouth, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard *it*. 14 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate. 15 As thou didst rejoice over *the* inheritance of *the* house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Edom, *even* all of it; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

36 And thou, son of man, prophesy unto *the* mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel,

<sup>304</sup> *Or*, punishment

<sup>305</sup> *So* Hb<sup>txt</sup>, Sept., Aram., Vg. Hb<sup>mg</sup> reads return;

<sup>306</sup> *Or*, though

<sup>307</sup> *Or*, according as I shall judge thee.

<sup>308</sup> *Or*, that I am Jehovah; I have heard *etc*.

<sup>309</sup> *Or*, It is laid desolate,

hear *the* word of Jehovah. 2 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha! and, *The* ancient high places are ours in possession; 3 therefore prophesy, and say, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Because, even because they have made *you* desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto *the* residue of the nations, and ye are taken up in *the* lips of talkers, and *the* evil report of *the* people; 4 therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear *the* word of *the* Lord Jehovah: Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the cities *that are* forsaken, which are become a prey and derision to *the* residue of the nations that *are* round about; 5 therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Surely in *the* fire of my jealousy have I spoken against *the* residue of the nations, and against all Edom, that have appointed my land unto themselves for a possession with *the* joy of all *their* heart, with despite of soul, to cast it out for a prey. 6 Therefore prophesy concerning *the* land of Israel, and say unto the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my wrath, because ye have borne *the* shame of *the* nations: 7 therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: I have <sup>310</sup>sworn, *saying*, Surely the nations that *are* round about you, they shall bear their shame.

8 But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people Israel; for they are at hand to come. 9 For, behold, I *am* for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown; 10 and I will multiply men upon you, all *the* house of Israel, *even* all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the waste places shall be builded; 11 and I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited after your former estate, and will do better *unto you* than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah. 12 Yes, I will cause men to walk upon you, *even* my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them *of children*. 13 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Because they say unto you, Thou *land art* a devourer of men, and hast been a bereaver of thy <sup>311</sup>nation; 14 therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither <sup>312</sup>bereave thy nation any more, saith *the* Lord Jehovah; 15 neither will I <sup>313</sup>let thee hear any more *the* shame of the nations, neither shalt thou bear *the* reproach of *the* peoples any more,

<sup>310</sup> *Hb*. lifted up my hand,

<sup>311</sup> *So* Hb<sup>txt</sup> versions. Hb<sup>mg</sup> reads nations

*Also in vs. 14*

<sup>312</sup> *So* Hb<sup>mg</sup> versions. Hb<sup>txt</sup> reads cause to stumble

<sup>313</sup> *Or*, proclaim against thee *the* shame of the nations,

neither shalt thou cause thy nation to stumble any more, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

16 Moreover *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 17 Son of man, when *the* house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their way and by their doings: their way before me was as *the* uncleanness of a woman in her impurity. 18 Wherefore I poured out my wrath upon them for the blood which they had poured out upon the land, and *because* they had defiled it with their idols; 19 and I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. 20 And when they came unto the nations, whither they went, they profaned my holy name; in that *men* said of them, These *are the* people of Jehovah, and are gone forth out of his land. 21 But I had regard for my holy name, which *the* house of Israel had profaned among the nations, whither they went.

22 Therefore say unto *the* house of Israel, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: <sup>314</sup>I do not *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for my holy name, which ye have profaned among the nations, whither ye went. 23 And I will hallow my great name, which hath been profaned among the nations, which ye have profaned in *the* midst of them; and the nations shall know that I *am* Jehovah, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, when I shall be hallowed in you before <sup>315</sup>their eyes. 24 For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all the counties, and will bring you into your own land. 25 And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep mine ordinances, and do *them*. 28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. 29 And I will save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the grain, and will multiply it, and lay no famine upon you. 30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and *the* increase of the field, that ye may receive no more *the* reproach of famine among the nations. 31 Then shall ye remember your evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

32 Not for your sake <sup>316</sup>do I *this*, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel. 33 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: In *the* day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be

<sup>314</sup> *Or*, I work not for your sake,

<sup>315</sup> *So* Massoretic Aram., Vg. Some mss. *read*, your

<sup>316</sup> *Or*, do I work,

inhabited, and the waste places shall be builded. 34 And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, whereas it was a desolation in *the* sight of all that passed by. 35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like *the* garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities *are* fortified *and* inhabited. 36 Then the nations that are left round about you shall know that I, Jehovah, have builded the ruined *places* and planted that which was desolate: I, Jehovah, have spoken it, and I will do it.

37 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: For this, moreover, will I be inquired of by *the* house of Israel, to do *it* for them: I will increase them with men like a flock. 38 As a flock of holy *things*, as a flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

**37** *The* hand of Jehovah was upon me, and he brought me out in *the* Spirit of Jehovah, and set me down in *the* midst of the valley; and it *was* full of bones. 2 And he caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, *there were* very many <sup>317</sup>in the open valley; and, lo, *they were* very dry. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord Jehovah, thou knowest. 4 Again he said unto me, Prophecy over these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear *the* word of Jehovah. 5 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah unto these bones: Behold, I will cause <sup>318</sup>breath to enter into you, and ye shall live. 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and, behold, an earthquake; and *the* bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And I beheld, and, lo, there were sinews upon them, and flesh came up, and skin covered them above; but *there was* no breath in them. 9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the <sup>319</sup>wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Come from *the* four winds, O <sup>320</sup>breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are *the* whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off. 12 Therefore prophecy, and say unto them, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, O my people; and I will bring you into *the* land of Israel. 13 And ye

<sup>317</sup> *Hb.* upon *the* face of the valley;

<sup>318</sup> *Or*, spirit *And in* vs. 6.

<sup>319</sup> *Or*, breath (*both times*) *Hb.* ruach

<sup>320</sup> *Or*, wind, *or*, spirit

shall know that I am Jehovah, when I have opened your graves, and caused you to come up out of your graves, O my people. 14 And I will put my <sup>321</sup>Spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I will place you in your own land: and ye shall know that I, Jehovah, have spoken *it* and performed *it*, saith Jehovah.

15 *The* word of Jehovah came again unto me, saying, 16 And thou, son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for *the* children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, *the* stick of Ephraim, and <sup>322</sup>for all *the* house of Israel his companions: 17 and join them for thee one to another into one stick, that they may become one in thy hand. 18 And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou *meanest* by these? 19 say unto them, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which *is* in *the* hand of Ephraim, and *the* tribes of Israel his companions; and I will put them <sup>323</sup>with it, *even* with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in my hand. 20 And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thy hand before their eyes. 21 And say unto them, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, whither they are gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: 22 and I will make them one nation in the land, upon *the* mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all; and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all; 23 neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will save them <sup>324</sup>out of all their dwelling-places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

24 And my servant David *shall be* king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in mine ordinances, and observe my statutes, and do them. 25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, they, and their children, and their children's children, for ever: and David my servant *shall be* their prince for ever. 26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will <sup>325</sup>place them, and multiply them, and will

<sup>321</sup> *Or*, breath

<sup>322</sup> *Or*, of

<sup>323</sup> *Or*, together with him unto (*or*, to be) the stick of Judah,

<sup>324</sup> *So* Massoretic Aram. Sept., Vg. (*with a slight change in Hb. text*) read from all their backslidings (*or*, lawlessnesses)

<sup>325</sup> *Or*, give *it* them,

set my <sup>326</sup>sanctuary in *the* midst of them for evermore. 27 My tabernacle also shall be over them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 28 And the nations shall know that I am Jehovah that sanctifieth Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in *the* midst of them for evermore.

38 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face toward Gog, of the land of <sup>327</sup>Magog, *the* <sup>328</sup>chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3 and say, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: 4 and I will turn thee about, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full *armor*, a great company *with* buckler and shield, all of them handling swords; 5 Persia, Cush, and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet; 6 Gomer, and all his hordes; *the* house of Togarmah in *the* uttermost parts of *the* north, and all his hordes; *even* many peoples with thee.

7 Be thou prepared, yes, prepare thyself, thou, and all thy companies that are assembled unto thee, and be thou <sup>329</sup>a guard unto them. 8 After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into *the* land that *is* <sup>330</sup>brought back from *the* sword, that *is* gathered out of many peoples, upon *the* mountains of Israel, which have been a continual waste; but it is brought forth out of *the* peoples, and they shall dwell securely, all of them. 9 And thou shalt ascend, thou shalt come like *a* storm, thou shalt be like *a* cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy hordes, and many peoples with thee.

10 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: It shall come to pass in that day, *that* things shall come into thy mind, and thou shalt devise an evil device: 11 and thou shalt say, I will go up to <sup>331</sup>*the* land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor double gates; 12 to take *the* spoil and to take *the* prey; to turn thy hand against *the* waste places that *are now* inhabited, and against *the* people that *are* gathered out of *the* nations, that have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in *the* <sup>332</sup>middle of the earth. 13 Sheba, and Dedan, and *the* merchants of Tarshish, with all *the* young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take *the* spoil? hast thou assembled thy company

<sup>326</sup> *Lit.* part of the Holy *And in* vs. 28. *Hb.* miqdash

<sup>327</sup> *For identity of many of these nations, see* Ge 10.

<sup>328</sup> *Or*, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, *And in* vs. 3.

<sup>329</sup> *Or*, a commander

<sup>330</sup> *Or*, restored from *the* sword,

<sup>331</sup> *Or*, an open country;

<sup>332</sup> *Hb.* navel *See* Jg 9:37.

to take *the* prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take great spoil?

14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and say unto Gog, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: In that day when my people Israel dwelleth securely, shalt thou not know *it*? 15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of *the* uttermost parts of *the* north, thou, and many peoples with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company and a mighty army; 16 and thou shalt come up against my people Israel, as *a* cloud to cover the land: it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring thee against my land, that the nations may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

17 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: *Art* thou he of whom I spake in old time by my servants *the* prophets of Israel, that prophesied in those days for *many* years that I would bring thee against them? 18 And it shall come to pass in that day, when Gog shall come against *the* land of Israel, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, *that* my wrath shall come up into my nostrils. 19 For in my jealousy *and* in *the* fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in *the* land of Israel; 20 so that *the* fishes of the sea, and *the* birds of the heavens, and *the* beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that *are* upon *the* face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. 21 And I will call for a sword against him unto all my mountains, saith *the* Lord Jehovah: every man's sword shall be against his brother. 22 And with pestilence and with blood will I enter into judgment with him; and I will rain upon him, and upon his hordes, and upon *the* many peoples that *are* with him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 23 And I will magnify myself, and sanctify myself, and I will make myself known in *the* eyes of many nations; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.

**39** And thou, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, <sup>333</sup>chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: 2 and I will turn thee about, and will lead thee on, and will cause thee to come up from *the* uttermost parts of *the* north; and I will bring thee upon *the* mountains of Israel; 3 and I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. 4 Thou shalt fall upon *the* mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy hordes, and *the* peoples that *are* with thee: I will give thee unto *the* ravenous birds of every sort, and to *the* beasts of the field to be devoured. 5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field; for I have spoken *it*, saith *the* Lord Jehovah. 6 And I will send a fire on Magog,

<sup>333</sup> *Or*, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal:

and on them that dwell securely in the <sup>334</sup>isles; and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah. 7 And my holy name will I make known in *the* midst of my people Israel; neither will I *suffer* my holy name to be profaned any more: and the nations shall know that I *am* Jehovah, *the* Holy One in Israel. 8 Behold, it cometh, and it shall be done, saith *the* Lord Jehovah; this *is* the day whereof I have spoken. 9 And they that dwell in *the* cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall make fires of *the* weapons and burn them, <sup>335</sup>both *the* shields and *the* bucklers, *the* bows and *the* arrows, and *the* handstaves, and *the* spears, and they shall make fires of them seven years; 10 so that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *any* out of the forests; for they shall make fires of the weapons; and they shall plunder those that plundered them, and rob those that robbed them, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will give unto Gog a place for burial in Israel, *the* valley of them that pass through <sup>336</sup>on *the* east of the sea; and it shall stop them that pass through: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call *it* *The* valley of <sup>337</sup>Hamon-gog. 12 And seven months shall *the* house of Israel be burying them, that they may cleanse the land. 13 Yes, all *the* people of the land shall bury *them*; and it shall be to them a renown in *the* day that I shall be glorified, saith *the* Lord Jehovah. 14 And they shall set apart men of continual employment, that shall pass through the land, and, with them that pass through, those that bury them that remain upon the face of the land, to cleanse it: after *the* end of seven months shall they search. 15 And they that pass through the land shall pass through; and when *any* seeth a man's bone, then shall he <sup>338</sup>set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in *the* valley of Hamon-gog. 16 And <sup>339</sup>Hamonah shall also be the name of a city. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

17 And thou, son of man, thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Speak unto *the* birds of every sort, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, *even* a great sacrifice upon *the* mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh and drink blood. 18 Ye shall eat *the* flesh of *the* mighty, and drink *the* blood of *the* princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan. 19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I

<sup>334</sup> *Or*, coastlands;

<sup>335</sup> *Modern military technology uses many flammable organic materials, for light weight and to minimize radar reflectance.*

<sup>336</sup> *Or*, in front of the sea;

<sup>337</sup> *That is, The multitude of Gog. And in vs. 15.*

<sup>338</sup> *Hb.* build a sign by it,

<sup>339</sup> *That is, Multitude*

have sacrificed for you. 20 And ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

21 And I will set my glory among the nations: and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. 22 So *the* house of Israel shall know that I *am* Jehovah their God, from that day and forward. 23 And the nations shall know that *the* house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they trespassed against me, and I hid my face from them: so I gave them into *the* hand of their adversaries, and they fell all of them by the sword. 24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions did I unto them; and I hid my face from them.

25 Therefore thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Now will I bring back the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon *the* whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for my holy name. 26 And they shall <sup>340</sup>bear their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they shall dwell securely in their land, and none shall make *them* afraid; 27 when I have brought them back from the peoples, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in *the* sight of many nations. 28 And they shall know that I *am* Jehovah their God, in that I caused them to go into captivity among the nations, and have gathered them unto their own land; and I will leave none of them any more there; 29 neither will I hide my face any more from them; for I have poured out my Spirit upon *the* house of Israel, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

**40** In *the* twenty-fifth year of our captivity, in *the* beginning of the year, in the tenth *day* of the month, in *the* fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day, *the* hand of Jehovah was upon me, and he brought me thither. 2 In *the* visions of God brought he me into *the* land of Israel, and set me down upon a very high mountain, whereon *was* as *it were* *the* frame of a city on *the* south. 3 And he brought me thither; and, behold, *there was* a man, whose appearance *was* like *the* appearance of copper, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate. 4 And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thy heart upon all that I shall show thee; for, to *the* intent that I may show *them* unto thee, *art* thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to *the* house of Israel.

5 And, behold, a wall on *the* outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed six cubits *long*, <sup>341</sup>of a cubit and a handbreadth *each*: so he measured the thickness of the building, one reed; and *the* height, one reed. 6 Then came he unto *the* gate which looketh toward the east, and went up *the* steps

thereof: and he measured the threshold of the gate, one reed broad; <sup>342</sup>and the *other* threshold, one reed broad. 7 And *every* <sup>343</sup>lodge *was* one reed long, and one reed broad; and *the space* between the lodges *was* five cubits; and *the* threshold of the gate by *the* porch of the gate toward the house *was* one reed. 8 <sup>344</sup>He measured also the porch of the gate toward the house, one reed. 9 Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and *the* <sup>345</sup>posts thereof, two cubits; and *the* porch of the gate *was* toward the house. 10 And *the* lodges of the gate eastward *were* three on *this* side, and three on *that* side; they three *were* of one measure: and the posts had one measure on *this* side and on *that* side. 11 And he measured the breadth of *the* opening of the gate, ten cubits; and *the* length of the gate, thirteen cubits; 12 and a border before the lodges, one cubit on *this* side, and a border, one cubit on *that* side; and the lodges, six cubits on *this* side, and six cubits on *that* side. 13 And he measured the gate from *the* roof of the *one* lodge to *the* roof of *the* other, a breadth of twenty-five cubits; door against door. 14 He made also posts, sixty cubits; and the court *reached* unto *the* posts, round about the gate. 15 And *from* *the* forefront of the gate at the entrance unto *the* forefront of *the* <sup>346</sup>inner porch of the gate *were* fifty cubits. 16 And *there were* closed windows to the lodges, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the <sup>347</sup>arches; and windows *were* round about inward; and upon *each* post *were* palm-trees.

17 Then brought he me into the outer court; and, lo, *there were* chambers and a pavement, made for the court round about: thirty chambers *were* upon the pavement. 18 And the pavement *was* by *the* <sup>348</sup>side of the gates, answerable unto *the* length of the gates, *even* the lower pavement. 19 Then he measured *the* breadth from *the* forefront of the lower gate unto *the* forefront of the inner court without, a hundred cubits, *both* on the east and on the north.

20 And the gate of the outer court whose prospect is toward the north, he measured *the* length thereof and *the* breadth thereof. 21 And *the* lodges thereof *were* three on *this* side and three on *that* side; and *the* posts thereof and *the* arches thereof were after *the* measure of the first gate: *the* length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and *the* breadth twenty-five cubits. 22 And *the* windows thereof, and *the* arches thereof, and *the* palm-trees thereof, *were* after *the* measure of the gate whose

<sup>342</sup> Or, even one threshold,

<sup>343</sup> Or, guard chamber *was* one reed long,

<sup>344</sup> *This verse is omitted in 25 Hb. mss., Sept. Vg.*

<sup>345</sup> Or, jambs *And so throughout this chapter and in ch. 41:1, 3.*

<sup>346</sup> Or, porch of the inner gate

<sup>347</sup> Or, colonnade; ARV says, The meaning of the Hebrew word is uncertain.

<sup>348</sup> Hb. shoulder

<sup>340</sup> Hb<sup>mg</sup> reads diminish or perhaps, forget

<sup>341</sup> 1 handbreadth = 1/6 cubit; so this cubit = 51.86 cm.

prospect is toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and *the arches thereof were* before them. 23 And *there was* a gate to the inner court over against the *other gate, both* on the north and on the east: and he measured from gate to gate a hundred cubits.

24 And he led me toward the south; and, behold, a gate toward the south: and he measured *the posts thereof and the arches thereof* according to these measures. 25 And *there were* windows in it and in *the arches thereof* round about, like those windows: *the length was* fifty cubits, and *the breadth* twenty-five cubits. 26 And *there were* seven steps to go up to it, and *the arches thereof were* before them; and it had palm-trees, one on *this side*, and another on *that side*, upon *the posts thereof*. 27 And *there was* a gate to the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south a hundred cubits.

28 Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these measures; 29 and *the lodges thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof,* according to these measures: and *there were* windows in it and in *the arches thereof* round about; *it was* fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits broad. 30 And *there were* arches round about, twenty-five cubits long, and five cubits broad. 31 And *the arches thereof were* toward the outer court; and palm-trees *were* upon *the posts thereof:* and *the ascent to it had* eight steps.

32 And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures; 33 and *the lodges thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof,* according to these measures: and *there were* windows therein and in *the arches thereof* round about; *it was* fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits broad. 34 And *the arches thereof were* toward the outer court; and palm-trees *were* upon *the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side:* and *the ascent to it had* eight steps.

35 And he brought me to the north gate: and he measured *it* according to these measures; 36 *the lodges thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof:* and *there were* windows therein round about; *the length was* fifty cubits, and *the breadth* twenty-five cubits. 37 And *the posts thereof were* toward the outer court; and palm-trees *were* upon *the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side:* and *the ascent to it had* eight steps.

38 And a chamber with *the door thereof* was by *the posts at the gates;* there they washed the burnt-offering. 39 And <sup>349</sup>*in the porch of the gate were* two tables on *this side,* and two tables on *that side,* to slay thereon the burnt-offering and the sin-offering and the trespass-offering. 40 And on the *one side* without, <sup>350</sup>*as one goeth up to the entry of the gate toward the north, were* two tables; and on the other side, which *belonged to*

<sup>349</sup> Or, by

<sup>350</sup> Or, at the stairs of the entry

*the porch of the gate, were* two tables. 41 Four tables *were* on *this side,* and four tables on *that side,* by *the side of the gate;* eight tables, whereupon they slew *the sacrifices.* 42 And *there were* four tables for the burnt-offering, of hewn stone, a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half broad, and one cubit high; whereupon they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt-offering and the sacrifice. 43 And the <sup>351</sup>hooks, a handbreadth long, were fastened <sup>352</sup>within round about: and upon the tables *was the flesh of the oblation.*

44 <sup>353</sup>And without the inner gate *were* chambers for *the singers* in the inner court, which *was at the side of the north gate;* and their prospect *was* toward the south; one at *the side of the east gate having the prospect* toward the north. 45 And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect *is* toward the south, *is* for the priests, *the keepers of the charge of the house;* 46 and the chamber whose prospect *is* toward the north *is* for the priests, *the keepers of the charge of the altar:* these *are the sons of Zadok,* who from among *the sons of Levi* come near to Jehovah to minister unto him. 47 And he measured the court, a hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar *was* before the house.

48 Then he brought me to *the porch of the house,* and measured *each post of the porch,* five cubits on *this side,* and five cubits on *that side:* and *the breadth of the gate was* three cubits on *this side,* and three cubits on *that side.* 49 *The length of the porch was* twenty cubits, and *the breadth* eleven cubits; <sup>354</sup>*even by the steps* whereby they went up to it: and *there were* pillars by the posts, one on *this side,* and another on *that side.*

41 And he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on *the one side,* and six cubits broad on *the other side, which was the breadth of the* <sup>355</sup>tent. 2 And *the breadth of the entrance was* ten cubits; and *the* <sup>356</sup>*sides of the entrance were* five cubits on *the one side,* and five cubits on *the other side:* and he measured *the length thereof,* forty cubits, and *the breadth,* twenty cubits. 3 Then went he inward, and measured *each post of the entrance,* two cubits; and the entrance, six cubits; and *the breadth of the entrance,* seven cubits. 4 And he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits, and *the breadth,* twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said unto me, This *is* the Most Holy.

<sup>351</sup> Aram., Vg. read ledges,

<sup>352</sup> Or, in the building:

<sup>353</sup> Sept. reads And he brought me into the inner court; and, behold, two chambers in the inner court, one behind the gate that looketh toward the north, having its prospect toward the south, and one at the side of the gate toward the south, but looking toward the north.

<sup>354</sup> Sept. reads and by ten steps they went up to it:

<sup>355</sup> Or possibly, tabernacle. See Ex 26:22-25.

<sup>356</sup> Hb. shoulders

5 Then he measured *the* wall of the house, six cubits; and *the* breadth of *every* side-chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side. 6 And the side-chambers *were* in three *stories*, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which *belonged* to the house for the side-chambers round about, that they might have hold *therein*, and not have hold in *the* wall of the house. 7 <sup>357</sup>And the side-chambers *were* broader as they encompassed *the* house higher and higher; for *the* encompassing of the house went higher and higher round about the house: therefore *the* breadth of the house *continued* upward; and so one went up *from* the lowest *chamber* to the highest by the middle *chamber*. 8 I saw also <sup>358</sup>that the house had <sup>359</sup>a raised basement round about: *the* foundations of the side-chambers *were* a full reed <sup>360</sup>of six great cubits. 9 *The* thickness of the wall, which *was* for the side-chambers, on the outside, *was* five cubits: and *that* which *was* left *was* the place of the side-chambers that *belonged* to the house. 10 And between the chambers *was* a breadth of twenty cubits round about the house on every side. 11 And *the* doors of the side-chambers *were* toward the *place* that *was* left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and *the* breadth of *the* place that *was* left *was* five cubits round about.

12 And the building that *was* before the separate place at *the* side toward the west *was* seventy cubits broad; and *the* wall of the building *was* five cubits thick round about, and *the* length thereof ninety cubits. 13 So he measured the house, a hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with *the* walls thereof, a hundred cubits long; 14 also *the* breadth of *the* face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, a hundred cubits.

15 And he measured *the* length of the building before the separate place which *was* at *the* back thereof, and *the* galleries thereof on *the* one side and on *the* other side, a hundred cubits; and the inner temple, and the porches of the court; 16 the thresholds, and the closed windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the threshold, ceiled with wood round about, and *from* the ground up to the windows, (now the windows *were* covered,) 17 to *the* space above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, <sup>361</sup>by measure. 18 And *it* *was* made with cherubim and palm-trees; and a palm-tree *was* between cherub and

<sup>357</sup> Or, And *there* *was* an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side-chambers; for *the* winding about of the house went still upward round about the house:

<sup>358</sup> Or, that the house *was* high round about:

<sup>359</sup> Hb. height round about:

<sup>360</sup> Or, of six cubits to *the* joining.

<sup>361</sup> Hb. measures.

cherub, and *every* cherub had two faces; 19 so that *there* *was* the face of a man toward the palm-tree on *the* one side, and *the* face of a young lion toward the palm-tree on *the* other side: *thus* *was* it made through all the house round about. 20 From the ground unto above the door *were* cherubim and palm-trees made.<sup>362</sup>

21 And *as* for *the* wall of the temple, *the* door-posts *were* squared; and *as* for *the* face of the Holy, the appearance *thereof* *was* <sup>363</sup>as the appearance of *the* temple. 22 The altar *was* of wood, three cubits high, and *the* length thereof two cubits; and <sup>364</sup>*the* corners thereof, and *the* length thereof, and *the* walls thereof, *were* of wood: and he said unto me, This *is* the table that *is* before Jehovah. 23 And the temple and the Holy *had* two doors. 24 And the doors had two leaves *apiece*, two turning leaves; two *leaves* for *the* one door, and two leaves for the other. 25 And *there* *were* made on them, on *the* doors of the temple, cherubim and palm-trees, like as *were* made upon the walls; and *there* *was* a threshold of wood <sup>365</sup>upon *the* face of the porch without. 26 And *there* *were* closed windows and palm-trees on *the* one side and on *the* other side, on *the* sides of the porch: *thus* *were* *the* side-chambers of the house, and the thresholds.

42 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the chamber that *was* over against the separate place, and which *was* over against the building toward the north. 2 Before *the* length of a hundred cubits *was* the north door, and the breadth *was* fifty cubits. 3 Over against the twenty *cubits* which *belonged* to the inner court, and over against *the* pavement which *belonged* to the outer court, *was* gallery against gallery <sup>366</sup>in the third story. 4 And before the chambers *was* a walk of ten cubits' breadth inward, a way of <sup>367</sup>one cubit; and their doors *were* toward the north. 5 Now the upper chambers *were* shorter; for *the* galleries took away from these, more than from the lower and the middlemost, in *the* building. 6 For they *were* in three *stories*, and they had not pillars as *the* pillars of the courts: therefore *the* uppermost *was* straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground. 7 And *the* <sup>368</sup>wall that *was* without by *the* side of the chambers, toward the outer court before the chambers, *the* length thereof *was* fifty cubits. 8 For *the* length of

<sup>362</sup> So 11 Hb. mss., Sept., Aram., Vg. Massoretic has an extra word in extraordinary points (indicating doubtful), reading, Thus *was* the wall of the temple.

21 *As* for the temple, *the* doorposts *were* squared;

<sup>363</sup> Or, as the former appearance.

<sup>364</sup> Or, it had its corners; and *the* length thereof,

<sup>365</sup> Or, before the porch without.

<sup>366</sup> Or, in three stories.

<sup>367</sup> Sept., Aram. read a hundred cubits;

<sup>368</sup> Or, fence And in vss. 10, 12.

the chambers that *were* in the outer court *was* fifty cubits: and, lo, before the temple *were* a hundred cubits. 9 And from under these chambers *was* the entry on the east side, as one goeth into them from the outer court.

10 In *the* thickness of *the* wall of the court toward the east, before the separate place, and before the building, *there were* chambers. 11 And *the* way before them *was* like *the* appearance of *the* way of the chambers which *were* toward the north; <sup>369</sup>according to their length so *was* their breadth: and all their egresses *were* both according to their fashions, and according to their doors. 12 And according to *the* doors of the chambers that *were* toward the south *was* a door at *the* head of *the* way, *even the* way directly before the wall toward the east, as one entereth into them.

13 Then said he unto me, The north chambers *and* the south chambers, which *are* before the separate place, they *are* the holy chambers, where the priests that are near unto Jehovah shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meal-offering, and the sin-offering, and the trespass-offering; for the place *is* holy. 14 When the priests enter in, then shall they not go out of the Holy into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they *are* holy: and they shall put on other garments, and shall approach to that which *pertaineth* to the people.

15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth by *the* way of the gate whose prospect *is* toward the east, and measured it round about. 16 He measured on the east <sup>370</sup>side with the measuring reed five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about. 17 He measured on the north side five hundred reeds with the measuring reed round about. 18 He measured on the south side five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. 19 He turned about to the west side, *and* measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. 20 He measured it <sup>371</sup>on the four sides: it had a wall round about, *the* length five hundred, and *the* breadth five hundred, to make a separation between that which *was* holy and that which *was* common.

**43** Afterward he brought me to the gate, *even the* gate that looketh toward the east: 2 and, behold, *the* glory of *the* God of Israel came from *the* way of the east: and his voice *was* like *the* sound of many waters; and the earth shined with his glory. 3 And *it was* according to *the* appearance of the vision which I saw, *even* according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and *the* visions *were* like the vision that I saw by *the* river Kebar; and I fell upon my face. 4 And the glory of Jehovah came into the house by *the*

<sup>369</sup> Or, they were as long as they, and as broad as they:

<sup>370</sup> Hb. wind And in vss. 17-19.

<sup>371</sup> Hb. toward the four winds:

way of *the* gate whose prospect *is* toward the east. 5 And *the* Spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, *the* glory of Jehovah filled the house.

6 And I heard *one* speaking unto me out of the house; and a man stood by me. 7 And he said unto me, Son of man, *this is* the place of my throne, and the place of *the* soles of my feet, where I will dwell in *the* midst of *the* children of Israel for ever; and *the* house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name, *neither* they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, and by *the* dead bodies of their kings <sup>372</sup>in their high places; 8 in their setting of their threshold by my threshold, and their door-post beside my door-post, and there was *but* the wall between me and them; and they have defiled my holy name by their abominations which they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger. 9 Now *let* them put away their whoredom, and *the* dead bodies of their kings, far from me; and I will dwell in *the* midst of them forever.

10 Thou, son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the <sup>373</sup>pattern. 11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, make known unto them *the* form of the house, and *the* fashion thereof, and *the* egresses thereof, and *the* entrances thereof, and all *the* forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all *the* forms thereof, and all *the* laws thereof; and write it in their sight; that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them. 12 *This is the* law of the house: upon *the* top of the mountain *the* whole limit thereof round about *shall be* most holy. Behold, *this is the* law of the house.

13 And these are *the* measures of the altar by cubits: (*this cubit is* a cubit and a handbreadth:) *the* <sup>374</sup>bottom *shall be* a cubit, and *the* breadth a cubit, and *the* border thereof by *the* edge thereof round about a span; and *this shall be the* <sup>375</sup>base of the altar. 14 And from *the* bottom <sup>376</sup>upon the ground to the lower ledge *shall be* two cubits, and *the* breadth one cubit; and from the lesser ledge to the greater ledge *shall be* four cubits, and *the* breadth a cubit. 15 And *the* <sup>377</sup>upper altar *shall be* four cubits; and from *the* <sup>378</sup>altar hearth and upward *there shall be* four horns. 16 And the altar hearth *shall be* twelve cubits long by twelve broad, square in *the* four sides thereof. 17 And the ledge *shall be* fourteen cubits long by fourteen broad in *the* four sides thereof: and the border about it *shall be* half a cubit; and the

<sup>372</sup> Or with different points, several Hb. mss., Targ. read, in their death;

<sup>373</sup> Or, sum.

<sup>374</sup> Or, hollow Hb. bosom

<sup>375</sup> Hb. back

<sup>376</sup> Or, at

<sup>377</sup> Hb. Harel shall be

<sup>378</sup> Hb. Ariel Also in vs. 16. See Is 29:1.

bottom thereof *shall be* a cubit round about; and *the* steps thereof shall look toward *the* east.

18 And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: These *are the* ordinances of the altar in *the* day when they shall make it, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon. 19 Thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that are of *the* seed of Zadok, who are near unto me, to minister unto me, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, a young bullock for a sin-offering. 20 And thou shalt take of *the* blood thereof, and put *it* on *the* four horns of it, and on *the* four corners of the ledge, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse it and make atonement for it. 21 Thou shalt also take the bullock of the sin-offering, and it shall be burnt in *the* appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary. 22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a he-goat without blemish for a sin-offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse it with the bullock. 23 When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish. 24 And thou shalt bring them near before Jehovah, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up *for* a burnt-offering unto Jehovah. 25 Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat *for* a sin-offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish. 26 Seven days shall they make atonement for the altar and purify it; so shall they <sup>379</sup>consecrate it. 27 And when they have accomplished the days, it shall be *that* upon the eighth day, and forward, the priests shall make your burnt-offerings upon the altar, and your peace-offerings; and I will accept you, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

44 Then he brought me back by *the* way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which looketh toward *the* east; and it *was* shut. 2 And Jehovah said unto me, This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, neither shall any man enter in by it; for Jehovah, *the* God of Israel, hath entered in by it; therefore it shall be shut. 3 *As for* the prince, he shall sit therein *as* prince to eat bread before Jehovah; he shall enter by *the* way of *the* porch of the gate, and shall go out by *the* way of *the* same.

4 Then he brought me by *the* way of the north gate before the house; and I looked, and, behold, *the* glory of Jehovah filled the house of Jehovah: and I fell upon my face. 5 And Jehovah said unto me, Son of man, <sup>380</sup>mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all *the* ordinances of *the* house of Jehovah, and all *the* laws thereof; and mark well *the* entrance of the house, with every egress of the sanctuary. 6 And thou shalt say to *the* rebellious, *even* to *the* house of Israel, Thus saith

<sup>379</sup> *Hb.* fill the hands thereof. See Ex 29:24.

<sup>380</sup> *Hb.* set thy heart upon it,

*the* Lord Jehovah: O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations, 7 in that ye have brought in sons of a foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to profane it, *even* my house, when ye offer my bread, *the* fat and *the* blood, and they have broken my covenant, <sup>381</sup>to add unto all your abominations. 8 And ye have not kept *the* charge of my holy *things*; but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

9 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah, No son of a foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any son of a foreigner that *is* among *the* children of Israel. 10 But the Levites that went far from me, when Israel went astray, that went astray from me after their idols, they shall <sup>382</sup>bear their iniquity. 11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, *having* oversight at *the* gates of the house, and ministering in the house: they shall slay the burnt-offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them. 12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and became a stumbling-block of iniquity unto *the* house of Israel; therefore have I lifted up my hand against them, saith *the* Lord Jehovah, and they shall bear their iniquity. 13 And they shall not come near unto me, to execute *the* office of priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy *things*, unto *the things that are* most holy; but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed. 14 Yet will I make them keepers of *the* charge of the house, for all *the* service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

15 But the priests the Levites, *the* sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when *the* children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me; and they shall stand before me to offer unto me *the* fat and the blood, saith *the* Lord Jehovah: 16 they shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge. 17 And it shall be *that*, when they enter in at *the* gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, while they minister in *the* gates of the inner court, and <sup>383</sup>within. 18 They shall have linen tires upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird *themselves* with *any thing that causeth* sweat. 19 And when they go forth into the outer court, *even* into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they minister, and lay them in the holy chambers; and they shall put on other garments, that they sanctify not the people with their garments. 20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long;

<sup>381</sup> *Or*, in all your abominations.

<sup>382</sup> *A specific expression. Similar in vss. 12, 13; Lv 16:21-22*

<sup>383</sup> *Or*, in the house.

they shall only cut off *the* hair of their heads. 21 Neither shall any of *the* priests drink wine, when they enter into the inner court. 22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away; but they shall take virgins of the seed of *the* house of Israel, or a widow that is *the* widow of a priest. 23 And they shall teach my people *the difference* between *the* holy and *the* common, and cause them to discern between *the* unclean and *the* clean. 24 And in a controversy they shall stand to judge; according to mine ordinances shall they judge it: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my appointed feasts; and they shall sanctify my sabbaths. 25 And they shall go in to no dead person to defile themselves; but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves. 26 And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days. 27 And in *the* day that he goeth into the Holy, into the inner court, to minister in the Holy, he shall offer his sin-offering, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

28 And they shall have an inheritance: I *am* their inheritance; and ye shall give them no possession in Israel; I *am* their possession. 29 They shall eat the meal-offering, and the sin-offering, and the trespass-offering; and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs. 30 And *the* first of all *the* firstfruits of every thing, and every <sup>384</sup>oblation of every thing, of all your oblations, shall be for the priests: ye shall also give unto the priest *the* first of your <sup>385</sup>dough, to cause a blessing to rest on thy house. 31 The priests shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself, or is torn, whether it be bird or beast.

45 Moreover, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto Jehovah, <sup>386</sup>a holy *portion* of the land; *the* length shall be *the* length of twenty-five thousand *reeds*, and *the* breadth shall be <sup>387</sup>ten thousand: it shall be holy in all *the* border thereof round about. 2 Of this there shall be for the Holy five hundred *in length* by five hundred *in breadth*, square round about; and fifty cubits for *the* <sup>388</sup>suburbs thereof round about. 3 And of this measure shalt thou measure a length of twenty-five thousand and a breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary, *which* is most holy. 4 *It is* a holy *portion* of the land; it shall be for the priests, *the* ministers of the sanctuary, *that* come near to minister unto Jehovah: and it shall be a place for their houses, and a sanctified place for the sanctuary. 5 And twenty-five thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth, shall be unto the Levites, *the* ministers of the house, for a possession

<sup>384</sup> *Or*, heave-offering

<sup>385</sup> *Or*, coarse meal,

<sup>386</sup> *Hb.* holiness of the land;

<sup>387</sup> *Sept. reads* twenty thousand:

<sup>388</sup> *Or*, open space thereof

unto themselves, *for* <sup>389</sup>twenty chambers. 6 And ye shall appoint *the* possession of the city five thousand broad, and twenty-five thousand long, side by side with the oblation of the holy *portion*: it shall be for *the* whole house of Israel. 7 And *whatsoever* is for the prince shall be on *the one* side and on *the other* side of the holy oblation and of *the* possession of the city, in front of the holy oblation and in front of *the* possession of the city, on *the* west side westward, and on *the* east side eastward; and in length answerable unto one of the portions, from *the* west border unto *the* east border. 8 <sup>390</sup>In the land it shall be to him for a possession in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; but they shall give the land to *the* house of Israel according to their tribes.

9 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute justice and righteousness; take away your <sup>391</sup>exactions from my people, saith *the* Lord Jehovah. 10 Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath. 11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain *the* tenth part of a homer, and the ephah *the* tenth part of a homer: *the* measure thereof shall be after the homer. 12 And the shekel shall be twenty *gerahs*; twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh.

13 This is the oblation that ye shall offer: <sup>392</sup>*the* sixth part of an ephah from a homer of wheat; and ye shall give *the* sixth part of an ephah from a homer of barley; 14 and the set portion of oil, of the bath of oil, *the* tenth part of a bath out of the cor, *which* is ten baths, *even* a homer; (for ten baths *are* a homer;) 15 and one lamb of the flock, out of two hundred, from *the* well-watered pastures of Israel; – for a meal-offering, and for a burnt-offering, and for peace-offerings, to make atonement for them, saith *the* Lord Jehovah. 16 All the people of the land <sup>393</sup>shall give unto this oblation for the prince in Israel. 17 And it shall be the prince's part to give the burnt-offerings, and the meal-offering, and the drink-offering in the feasts, and on the new moons, and on the sabbaths, in all *the* appointed feasts of *the* house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin-offering, and the meal-offering, and the burnt-offering, and the peace-offerings, to make atonement for *the* house of Israel.

18 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: In the first *month*, in *the* first *day* of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish; and thou shalt cleanse the sanctuary. 19 And the priest shall take of *the* blood of the sin-offering, and put *it* upon the door-posts of the house, and upon *the* four corners of the ledge of the altar, and upon *the* posts of *the* gate of the inner court.

<sup>389</sup> *Sept. reads* cities to dwell in.

<sup>390</sup> *Or*, As touching the land, it shall be to him *etc.*

<sup>391</sup> *Hb.* expulsions *or perhaps*, evictions

<sup>392</sup> 1 ephah (dry) = 22 litre = 1 bath (liquid) = 6 hin.

<sup>393</sup> *Hb.* shall be for this oblation

20 And so thou shalt do on *the seventh day* of the month for every one that erreth, and for *him that is simple*: so shall ye make atonement for the house.

21 In the first *month*, in *the fourteenth day* of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. 22 And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all *the people of the land* a bullock for a sin-offering. 23 And *the seven days* of the feast he shall prepare a burnt-offering to Jehovah, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a he-goat daily for a sin-offering. 24 And he shall prepare a meal-offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil to an ephah. 25 <sup>394</sup>In the seventh *month*, in *the fifteenth day* of the month, in the feast, shall he do the like the seven days; according to the sin-offering, according to the burnt-offering, and according to the meal-offering, and according to the oil.

46 Thus saith *the Lord Jehovah*: *The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath day it shall be opened, and on the day of the new moon it shall be opened.* 2 And the prince shall enter by *the way of the porch of the gate without*, and shall stand by *the post of the gate*; and the priests shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, and he shall worship at *the threshold of the gate*: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. 3 And *the people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before Jehovah on the sabbaths and on the new moons.* 4 And the burnt-offering that the prince shall offer unto Jehovah shall be on the sabbath day six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish; 5 and *the meal-offering shall be* an ephah for the ram, and *the meal-offering for the lambs* as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

6 And on *the day of the new moon it shall be* a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish: 7 and he shall prepare a meal-offering, an ephah for the bullock, and an ephah for the ram, and for the lambs according as <sup>395</sup>he is able, and a hin of oil to an ephah. 8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by *the way of the porch of the gate*, and he shall go forth by *the way thereof*.

9 But when *the people of the land shall come before Jehovah in the appointed feasts*, he that entereth by *the way of the north gate to worship shall go forth by the way of the south gate*; and he that entereth by *the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate*: he shall not return by *the way of the gate whereby he came in*, but shall go forth straight before him. 10 And the prince, when they go in, shall go in in *the midst of them*; and when they go forth, they shall

<sup>394</sup> *The seven-day Feast of Tabernacles. See Lv 23:34.*

<sup>395</sup> *Hb. his hand shall attain unto,*

go forth together. 11 And in the feasts and in the <sup>396</sup>solemnities the meal-offering shall be an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah. 12 And when the prince shall prepare a freewill-offering, a burnt-offering or peace-offerings as a freewill-offering unto Jehovah, *one shall open for him the gate that looketh toward the east*; and he shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, as he doth on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth *one shall shut the gate*.

13 And thou shalt prepare a lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt-offering unto Jehovah daily: morning by morning shalt thou prepare it. 14 And thou shalt prepare a meal-offering with it morning by morning, *the sixth part of an ephah*, and *the third part of a hin of oil*, to <sup>397</sup>moisten the fine flour; a meal-offering unto Jehovah continually by a perpetual ordinance. 15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meal-offering, and the oil, morning by morning, for a continual burnt-offering.

16 Thus saith *the Lord Jehovah*: If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, it is his inheritance, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance. 17 But if he give of his inheritance a gift to one of his servants, it shall be his to the year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince; but as for his inheritance, it shall be for his sons. 18 Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance, to <sup>398</sup>thrust them out of their possession; he shall give inheritance to his sons out of his own possession, that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

19 Then he brought me through the entry, which was at *the side of the gate, into the holy chambers for the priests, which looked toward the north*: and, behold, there was a place on the hinder part westward. 20 And he said unto me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass-offering and the sin-offering, and where they shall bake the meal-offering; that they bring them not forth into the outer court, to sanctify the people. 21 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, and caused me to pass by *the four corners of the court*; and, behold, in every corner of the court there was a court. 22 In *the four corners of the court there were courts* <sup>399</sup>inclosed, forty cubits long and thirty broad: <sup>400</sup>these four were of *the same measure*. 23 And there was a <sup>401</sup>wall round about in them, round about *the four*, and boiling-places were made under the

<sup>396</sup> *Or, appointed feasts*

<sup>397</sup> *Or, mix with the fine flour;*

<sup>398</sup> *Hb. oppress them of their possession;*

<sup>399</sup> *Or, joined on,*

<sup>400</sup> *So without extraordinary points, Sept., Vg.*

*Massoretic, with extraordinary points, reads these four in the corners were of one measure.*

<sup>401</sup> *Hb. row*

<sup>402</sup>walls round about. 24 Then said he unto me, These *are* the boiling-houses, where *the* ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

47 And he brought me back unto *the* door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under *the* threshold of the house eastward; (for *the* forefront of the house *was toward the* east;) and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the house, on *the* south of the altar. 2 Then he brought me out by *the* way of *the* gate northward, and led me round by *the* way without unto the outer gate, by *the* way of *the* gate that looketh toward *the* east; and, behold, there <sup>403</sup>ran out waters on the right side.

3 When the man went forth eastward with *the* line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he caused me to pass through the waters, waters *that were to the* ankles. 4 Again he measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters *that were to the* knees. Again he measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through *the waters*, waters that were to *the* loins. 5 Afterward he measured a thousand; *and it was* a river that I could not pass through; for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed through.

6 And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen *this*? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to *the* bank of the river. 7 Now when I had returned, behold, upon *the* bank of the river *were* very many trees on *the one* side and on *the other* side. 8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue forth toward the eastern region, and shall go down into the Arabah; and they *shall* go toward the sea; into the sea *shall the waters go* which were made to issue forth; and the waters shall be healed. 9 And it shall come to pass, *that* every living soul which swarmeth, in every place whither the two rivers come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish; for these waters are come thither, <sup>404</sup>*and the waters of the sea* shall be healed, and every thing shall live whithersoever the river cometh. 10 And it shall come to pass, *that* fishers shall stand by it: from En-ge-di even unto En-eglaim shall be a *place for the* spreading of nets; their fish shall be after their kinds, as *the* fish of the great sea, exceeding many. 11 But *the* miry places thereof, and *the* marshes thereof, shall not be healed; they shall be <sup>405</sup>given up to salt. 12 And by the river upon *the* bank thereof, on *this* side and on *that* side, shall grow every tree for food, whose leaf shall not wither, neither shall *the* fruit thereof fail: it shall bring forth <sup>406</sup>firstfruits every month, because

<sup>402</sup> *Hb.* rows

<sup>403</sup> *Or,* trickled forth waters

<sup>404</sup> *Or,* that all things may be healed and live whithersoever the river cometh.

<sup>405</sup> *Or,* given for salt.

<sup>406</sup> *Or perhaps,* new fruit every month,

*the* waters thereof issue out of the sanctuary; and *the* fruit thereof shall be for food, and *the* leaf thereof for healing.

13 Thus saith *the* Lord Jehovah: This *shall be the* border, whereby ye shall divide the land for inheritance according to *the* twelve tribes of Israel: <sup>407</sup>Joseph *shall have two* portions. 14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another; for <sup>408</sup>I sware to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance.

15 And this *shall be the* border of the land: On *the* north side, from the great sea, by the way of Hethlon, unto *the* entrance of Zedad; 16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which *is between the* border of Damascus and *the* border of Hamath; <sup>409</sup>Hazer-hattikhon, which *is by the* border of Hauran. 17 And *the* border from the sea, shall be Hazar-enon *at the* border of Damascus; and on *the* north northward *is the* border of Hamath. *This is* the north side. 18 And *the* east side, between Hauran and Damascus and Gilead, and *the* land of Israel, *shall be* the Jordan; from *the* north border unto the east sea shall ye measure. *This is* the east side. 19 And *the* south side southward shall be from Tamar as far as *the* waters of Meriboth-kadesh, to *the* brook of Egypt, unto the great sea. *This is* the south side southward. 20 And *the* west side shall be the great sea, from *the* south border as far as over against *the* entrance of Hamath. *This is the* west side.

21 So shall ye divide this land unto you according to *the* tribes of Israel. 22 And it shall come to pass, *that* ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you and to the strangers *that* sojourn among you, who shall beget children among you; and they shall be unto you as *the* home-born among *the* children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among *the* tribes of Israel. 23 And it shall come to pass, *that* in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give *him* his inheritance, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

48 Now these *are the* names of the tribes: From *the* north end, beside *the* way of Hethlon to *the* entrance of Hamath, Hazar-enon *at the* border of Damascus, nothward beside Hamath, (and they shall have their sides east *and* west,) Dan, one *portion*. 2 And by *the* border of Dan, from *the* east side unto *the* west side, Asher, one *portion*. 3 And by *the* border of Asher, from *the* east side even unto *the* west side, Naphtali, one *portion*. 4 And by *the* border of Naphtali, from *the* east side unto *the* west side, Manasseh, one *portion*. 5 And by *the* border of Manasseh, from *the* east side unto *the* west side, Ephraim, one *portion*. 6 And by *the* border of Ephraim, from *the* east side even unto *the* west side, Reuben, one *portion*. 7 And by *the* border

<sup>407</sup> *Because Joseph had saved his family, the duty of the firstborn, he is given the firstborn's double portion.*

<sup>408</sup> *Hb.* I lifted up my hand to give it unto your fathers:

<sup>409</sup> *Or,* the middle Hazer,

of Reuben, from *the* east side unto *the* west side, Judah, one *portion*.

8 And by *the* border of Judah, from *the* east side unto *the* west side, shall be the oblation which ye shall offer, twenty-five thousand *reeds* in breadth, and *in* length as one of the portions, from *the* east side unto *the* west side: and the sanctuary shall be in *the* midst of it. 9 The oblation that ye shall offer unto Jehovah *shall be* twenty-five thousand *reeds* in length, and ten thousand *in* breadth. 10 And for these, *even* for the priests, shall be the holy oblation; toward *the* north twenty-five thousand *in* length, and toward *the* west ten thousand *in* breadth, and toward *the* east ten thousand *in* breadth, and toward *the* south twenty-five thousand *in* length: and *the* sanctuary of Jehovah shall be in *the* midst thereof. 11 <sup>410</sup>*It shall be* for the priests that are sanctified of *the* sons of Zadok, that have kept my charge, that went not astray when *the* children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray. 12 And it shall be unto them an oblation from *the* oblation of the land, a *thing* most holy, by *the* border of the Levites.

13 And answerable unto *the* border of the priests, the Levites *shall have* twenty-five thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all *the* length *shall be* twenty-five thousand, and *the* breadth ten thousand. 14 And they shall sell none of it, nor exchange it, nor shall *the* firstfruits of the land be alienated; for *it is* holy unto Jehovah.

15 And *the* five thousand that are left in the breadth, in front of *the* twenty-five thousand, shall be for common use, for the city, for dwelling and for suburbs; and the city shall be in *the* midst thereof. 16 And these *shall be* the measures thereof: *the* north side four thousand five hundred, and *the* south side four thousand five hundred, and on *the* east side four thousand five hundred, and *the* west side four thousand five hundred. 17 And the city shall have suburbs: toward *the* north two hundred fifty, and toward *the* south two hundred fifty, and toward *the* east two hundred fifty, and toward *the* west two hundred fifty. 18 And the residue in the length, answerable unto the holy oblation, *shall be* ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward; and it shall be answerable unto the holy oblation; and *the* increase thereof shall be for food unto them that labor in the city. 19 And they that labor in the city, out of all *the* tribes of Israel, shall till it. 20 All the oblation *shall be* twenty-five thousand by twenty-five thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation foursquare, with *the* possession of the city.

21 And the residue *shall be* for the prince, on *the* one side and on *the* other of the holy oblation and of *the* possession of the city; in front of *the* twenty-five thousand of *the* oblation toward *the* east border, and westward in front of *the* twenty-five thousand toward

*the* west border, answerable unto *the* portions, it shall be for the prince: and the holy oblation and *the* sanctuary of the house *shall be* in *the* midst thereof. 22 Moreover from *the* possession of the Levites, and from *the* possession of the city, *being* in the midst of *that* which is the prince's between *the* border of Judah and *the* border of Benjamin, it shall be for the prince.

23 And as for *the* rest of the tribes: from *the* east side unto *the* west side, Benjamin, one *portion*. 24 And by *the* border of Benjamin, from *the* east side unto *the* west side, Simeon, one *portion*. 25 And by *the* border of Simeon, from *the* east side unto *the* west side, Issachar, one *portion*. 26 And by *the* border of Issachar, from *the* east side unto *the* west side, Zebulun, one *portion*. 27 And by *the* border of Zebulun, from *the* east side unto *the* west side, Gad, one *portion*. 28 And by *the* border of Gad, at *the* south side southward, *the* border shall be even from Tamar unto *the* waters of Meribath-kadesh, to *the* brook of Egypt, unto the great sea. 29 This *is* the land which ye shall divide by lot unto *the* tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these *are* their *several* portions, saith *the* Lord Jehovah.

30 And these *are* *the* egresses of the city: On *the* north side four thousand five hundred *reeds* by measure; 31 and *the* gates of the city *shall be* after *the* names of the tribes of Israel, three gates northward: *the* gate of Reuben, one; *the* gate of Judah, one; *the* gate of Levi, one. 32 And at *the* east side four thousand five hundred *reeds*, and three gates: even *the* gate of Joseph, one; *the* gate of Benjamin, one; *the* gate of Dan, one. 33 And at *the* south side four thousand five hundred *reeds* by measure, and three gates: *the* gate of Simeon one; *the* gate of Issachar, one; *the* gate of Zebulun, one. 34 At *the* west side four thousand five hundred *reeds*, with their three gates: *the* gate of Gad, one; *the* gate of Asher, one; *the* gate of Naphtali, one. 35 *It shall be* eighteen thousand *reeds* round about: and *the* name of the city from *that* day *shall be*, <sup>411</sup>Jehovah is there.

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<sup>410</sup> Or, The sanctified *portion shall be* for the priests of *the* sons of Zadok,

<sup>411</sup> Hb. Jehovah-shammah.

### Probable Chronology of Nebuchadrezzar II of Babylon

Year	Month	Day	Events	Reference
<b>0</b>			defeated Necho II of Egypt at Carchemish (near Euphrates River)	Jr 46:2
	5	08	his father, King Nabu-apla-uzur (Nabopolassar) dies in 21 <sup>st</sup> year of reign	Babyl. Chronicle
	6	01	Nebuchadrezzar II accedes to the throne (accession = Year 0).	Babyl. Chronicle
			took Daniel and others captive to Babylon	Dan 1:1
<b>1</b>			= Jehoiakim/Judah Year <b>4</b> (= Josiah <b>13</b> + 23 years)	Jr 25:1ff.
<b>1-3</b>			conducted wars in the West (modern Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel)	Babyl. Chronicle
<b>4</b>			defeated by Necho II/Egypt (battle probably in Egypt)	Babyl. Chronicle
<b>5</b>			stayed home (probably rebuilding the military)	Babyl. Chronicle
<b>6</b>			conducted wars in the West	Babyl. Chronicle
<b>7</b>	9		defeated Jehoiakim and bound him [ <i>Also in Br.M. 21946</i> ]	2Chr 36:6
	12	02	Jehoiachin (king of Judah for 3 months, 10 days) surrendered Jerusalem to him	Br.M. 21946
			3,023 Jews exiled	Jr 52:28
<b>8</b>	1 (?)		took Jehoiachin captive to Babylon (hence Year <b>1</b> of Exile)	2Ki 24:10-12
<b>13</b>	6	05	Ezekiel's vision of evil at Jerusalem (Year <b>6</b> of Exile)	Ez 8:1ff.
<b>14</b>			(probably) began siege of Tyre (ultimately failed, after 13 years)	Josephus, Antiq. X, xi, 1
	5	10	doom of Jerusalem pronounced (Year <b>7</b> of Exile)	Ez 20:1ff.
<b>16</b>	10	10	began siege at Jerusalem (Zedekiah <b>9</b> ; Exile <b>9</b> )	2Ki 25:1-8; Ez 24:1f.
<b>17</b>	10	12	Ezekiel's prophecy vs. Pharaoh/Egypt (Exile <b>10</b> ): Egyptians to be exiled, but to return 40 years later.	Ez 29:1
<b>18</b>	1	07	Ezekiel's prophecy that Egypt will be broken	Ez 30:20ff.
	3	01	Ezekiel's prophecy vs. Egypt	Ez 31:1ff.
	4	09	fall of Jerusalem, Zedekiah captured (Zedekiah <b>11</b> ) [ <i>but 10 in Jr 32:1</i> ]	2Ki 25:2-3
			832 were exiled from Jerusalem	Jr 52:29
	5 (?)	01	Ezekiel's prophecy vs. Egypt (Exile <b>11</b> )	Ez 26:1
	7		Gedaliah, governor of Judah, assassinated	2Ki 25:25
<b>19</b>	5	07 or 10	Nebuzaradan burned the Temple at Jerusalem	2Ki 25:8-9; Jr 52:12-13
	10	05	a refugee told Ezekiel about the smiting of Jerusalem (Exile <b>12</b> )	Ez 33:21
	12	01	Ezekiel's prophecy: Babylon will destroy Egypt (Exile <b>12</b> )	Ez 32:1
	12	15	Ezekiel's prophecy vs. Egypt (Exile <b>12</b> )	Ez 32:17
<b>23</b>			745 more Jews were exiled	Jr 52:30
<b>27 (?)</b>	1	01	Nebuchadrezzar lifted 13-year siege of Tyre to conquer Egypt (Tyre's ally)	Ez 29:17-20; Josephus Antiq. X, xi, 1
<b>32</b>	1	10	Ezekiel's vision of a new/greater Temple (Exile <b>25</b> )	Ez 40:1
<b>37</b>			Nebuchadrezzar conducted war against Pharaoh Amasis of Egypt	Br.M. 78-10-15...
<b>43</b>	6	26	Nebuchadrezzar died; Amel Marduk acceded to his father's throne (Year <b>0</b> ; reigned 2 years)	G. Contenau (1927); B.T.A. Evetts (1892)
	12	25	Amel Marduk freed Jehoiachin from prison (Exile <b>37</b> ; possible 1-year discrepancy)	2Ki 25:27; Jr 52:31