

The Twelve,] The Minor Prophets.

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Hosea.

Joel.

Amos.

Obadiah.

Jonah.

Micah.

Nahum.

Habakkuk.

Zephaniah.

Haggai.

Zechariah.

Malachi.

Hosea 1.

The Lord's word, which came to Hosea, Beer's son, in the days of Uzziah, Joatham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, Judah's Kings, and in the days of Jeroboam, Joah's son, Israel's King. The beginning of the Lord's speaking through Hosea.

And the Lord said to Hosea, “Go, take yourself a wife of fornication and children of fornication, because surely the land will fornicate before the Lord.”

And he went and took Gomer, Debelaim’s daughter, and she conceived and birthed a son. And the Lord said to him, “Call his name Jezreel, because yet a little while and I will visit Jezreel’s blood over Jehu’s house, and I will make the house of Israel’s kingdom sleep. And in that day, I will pound Israel’s bow to pieces in Jezreel valley.”

And she conceived again and birthed a daughter. And He said to him, “Call her name Without Mercy, because I will not add further mercy to Israel’s house, but I will forget them in oblivion.

“And I will have mercy on Judah’s house, and will make them safe in the Lord their God. Yet I will not make them safe by bow or sword, or by war, or by horse, or by rider.”

And she weaned her who was without mercy, and she conceived and birthed a son. And He said, “Call his name Not My People, because you are not my people, and I will not be yours. And the number of Israel’s children will be like the sea’s sand, which is without measure and will not be counted. And it will be in the place where it is said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ it will be said to them, ‘The

living God's children.'

“And Judah's children and Israel's children will gather together, and they will appoint for themselves one head, and they will go up from the land, because Jezreel's day is great.”

Hosea 2.

“Say to your brothers, ‘My People’, and to your sisters, ‘Mercy Follows’. Judge your mother. Judge, because she is not my wife and I am not her husband. Take her prostitutions away from her face, and her adulteries from between her breasts, unless, perhaps, I strip her naked and set her like the day of her birth. And I will place her like a desert, and stand her like an untraveled land, and I will kill her with thirst.

And I will not have mercy on her children, because they are prostitution's children, because their mother was prostituted. She who conceived them was ashamed, because she said, ‘I will go after my lovers, who give me bread and my waters and my wool and my linen and my oil and my drink.’

“Because of this, look, I will hedge your way in with thorns, and hedge her in by walls, and she will not find her paths. And she will pursue her lovers and not catch them, and she will seek them and not find. And she will say, ‘I will go and return to my

first husband, because it was well with me then, more than now.’ And she did not know that I gave her grain and wine and oil, and I multiplied silver and gold for her, which they made for Baal.

“Therefore, I will turn and take back my grain in its season, and my wine in its season, and I will free my wool and my linen, which covered her shamefulness. And now I will make clear her foolishness in her lovers’ eyes, and man will not rescue her from my hand. And I will make all her joy, her solemnities, her new moons, her Sabbaths, and all her holiday seasons cease. And I will corrupt her vine and her fig tree, of which she said, ‘These are my rewards, which my lovers have given me.’ And I will put her in a narrow pass, and a field’s beasts will eat her.

“And I will visit against her the days of the Baals to whom she burned incense and was adorned with her earrings and her necklace. And she went after her lovers and forgot me, the Lord says.

“Because of this, I will nurse her and lead her in solitude, and speak to her heart. And I will give her vineyard workers to her from that place, and Achor’s valley, to open up hope. And she will sing there, like in her youth’s days, and like the days of her coming up out of Egypt’s land.

“And it will be in that day, the Lord said, she will call me My Husband, and she will not call me My Baal anymore. And I will take away the Baals’ names from her mouth, and she will not remember their name anymore.

“And I will strike a treaty with them in that day – with the field’s beasts, and with the sky’s birds, and with the land’s reptiles. And I will shatter bow and sword and war from the land, and I will make them rest faithfully. And I will marry you to Me forever, and I will marry you to Me in righteousness, and judgment, and mercy, and compassion. And I will marry you to Me in faith, and you will know that I am the Lord.

“And it will be on that day I will hear, the Lord says. I will hear the skies, and they will hear the land. And the land will hear wheat and wine and oil, and these will hear Jezreel.

“And I will sow her to me in the land, and I will have mercy on her who was Without Mercy. And I will say to Not My People, ‘You are My People’, and he will say, ‘You are my Lord.’”

Hosea 3.

And the Lord said to me, “Go again. Love a woman loved by a friend and an adulterer, like the Lord

loves Israel's children. And these keep looking to strange gods, and delight in the vine's grapes."

And I bought her for myself with fifteen silver coins and a cor and a half of barley. And I said to her, "You will wait for me many days. You will not prostitute yourself, and will not be with a man, yet I will wait for you.

"For Israel's children will sit many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an altar, and without an ephod, and without a theraphim. And after this, Israel's children will turn back and seek the Lord their God, and David their King, and they will fear before the Lord and before His goodness at the end of days."

Hosea 4.

Listen to the Lord's word, Israel's children, because the Lord's judgment is with the land's inhabitants, for there is no truth, and there is no mercy, and there is no knowledge of God in the land! Curses and lies and murders and stealing and adulteries have flooded, and blood has touched blood.

Because of this, the land will mourn, and everyone who lives in it will be ill – among the field's beasts and the sky's birds. Yet even the sea's fish will gather together. Nevertheless, let no man judge or be proved, for your people is like those who speak

against the priesthood. And you will fall today, and even the prophet with you will fall. I have made your mother silent by night.

My people has ceased to talk, because they did not have knowledge. Because you pushed knowledge away, I will push you away. You may not perform priestly duty to me, and you have forgotten your God's law. I also will forget your children. According to their multitude, so they sinned against me. I will change their glory into shame.

They will eat My people's sins, and they will lift up their souls toward their iniquity. And it will be as with people, so with priest, and I will visit their ways over them, and will pay their schemes back to them. And they will eat, yet not be filled. They have prostituted themselves and not ceased, for they abandoned the Lord in not observing.

Prostitution and wine and drunkenness – the heart takes away. My people have questioned their wooden idol, and their walking stick has spoken to them, for fornication's spirit deceived them, and they have fornicated away from their God.

They sacrificed on the mountain's peaks, and they burned incensed over hills and under oak and poplar and terebinth, because its shadow was good. Therefore, your daughters will prostitute themselves and your fianceses will commit adultery.

I will not visit your daughters when they have prostituted themselves, or your fiancées when they have committed adultery, because they have lived like whores. And they sacrificed. with the effeminate, and a people without understanding will be beaten.

If you prostitute yourself, Israel, at least let Judah not fall. And do not go in to Gilgal, or climb up into Bethaven, nor swear saying, ‘The Lord lives.’ Because, like a lustful cow, Israel turned back. Now the Lord will pasture them like a lamb in a broad expanse. Ephraim is a participant in idolatry. Let him go. Their feast is separated. They have prostituted themselves by fornication. Their protectors delighted to take away shame.

A breath has bound them in its wings, and they will be dismayed by their sacrifices.

Hosea 5.

“Hear this, priests, and listen, Israel’s house and King’s house. Obey, because judgment is against you, because you have become a trap to those watching, and a snare spread-out over Tabor. And you turned aside victims into the depths, and I will be taught by all of them.

“I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from me, because now Ephraim has prostituted itself. Israel is contaminated. They will not give their consideration so they might turn back to their Lord, because a prostituting spirit is in their midst, and they have not known the Lord.

“And Israel’s arrogance will respond to its face, and Israel and Ephraim will fall in their iniquity. Even Judah will fall with them. They will go to seek the Lord with their flocks and their herds, yet they will not find Him. He is removed from them.

“They have lied to the Lord, because they birthed foreign children. Now He will devour them by measure, with their offspring.

“Sound a bugle in Gibeah, a trumpet in Ramah! Wail in Bethaven, past your far border, Benjamin! Ephraim will be in desolation on the attack’s day. I have shown faith among Israel’s tribes.

“Judah’s princes have become like those who take away a boundary. I will pour my anger over them like water.

“Suffering oppression, Ephraim is broken by judgment, because he has begun to go after filth. And I am like a moth to Ephraim, and like rot to Judah’s house.

“And Ephraim saw his weakness, and Judah his chains. And Ephraim has gone out to Assyria, and he sent to an avenging King, yet he will not be able to help them, nor will he be able to release them from their chains.

“For I am like a lioness to Ephraim, and like a young lion to Judah’s house. I, I will capture and go. I will destroy, and there is no one who may rescue. Going, I will turn back to My place, until you come to nothing, and you may seek My face.”

Hosea 6.

“In their trouble, they will rise up early to me. ‘Come, and let us go back to the Lord, because He seized, and He will heal us. He will strike, and will cure us. He will revive us after two days. On the third day, he will raise us, and we will live in His sight. We will know and follow, that we may understand the Lord. His going out is prepared like the morning, and He will come to us like the land’s early and late rain.’

“What will I do to you, Ephraim? What will I do to you, Judah? Your mercy is like morning’s clouds, and like dew, passing away early. Because of this, I have chopped them down through the prophets. I have killed them by My mouth’s words, and your judgment will come out like light. For I wanted mercy and not sacrifice, and knowledge of God

more than burnt offerings. But these, like Adam, have violated My covenant. They have lied to Me there.

“Gilead is a city of those serving idols, subverted by blood. And like highway robbers’ jaws, priests are participants, for they have worked crime: killing those coming from Shechem on the way.

“In Israel’s house, I saw horrors. There Ephraim’s prostitutions contaminated Israel. Yet even you, Judah, put in a crop for yourself, when I turn back My people’s captivity!”

Hosea 7.

“When I wanted to heal Israel, Ephraim’s iniquity was revealed and Samaria’s ill will, for they have carried on lies. A thief has gone in and a robber is plundering outside. And, unless perhaps they should say in their hearts that all their ill will is remembered by me, now their own devices have surrounded them. They happened before my face.

“They made the king happy in their ill will, and the princes in their lies. All are adulterers, like an oven burning before the ones cooking. The city was quiet a little for the mixture to leaven, until all is leavened.

“In our king’s days, the princes began to rage from wine. He stretched out his hand with mockers. Because they applied their heart like an oven when he hid traps against them, he slept the whole night, cooking them. Early, he was set on fire like burning flames. All were heated like an oven. They devoured their judges, and all their kings fell. There is no one among them who cries to Me.

“Ephraim himself is mixed up among peoples. Ephraim became bread baked beneath the ashes, who will not be turned. Strangers have eaten his strength, yet he did not know. Yet even gray hairs were poured out in him, and he ignored it. And Israel’s pride will be humiliated to his face. Yet they have not returned to the Lord their God, and they have not sought Him in all these events. And Ephraim has become like a seduced dove, not having a heart. They have invoked Egypt, and have gone out to the Assyrians.

“And when they are finished, I will spread my net over them. I will pull them down like the sky’s birds. I will cut them to pieces, according to their crowd’s hearing. Woe to them, because they pulled back from Me! They will be laid waste because they have lied to me, and I bought them back, yet they have spoken lies against Me! And they did not call out to Me in their heart, but they wailed in their beds. They obsessed over wheat and wine. They pulled back from me.

“And I have taught them and strengthened their arms, yet they plotted harms against me. They turned back, so they could be without a yoke. They became like a deceitful bow. Their princes fell by the sword before its tongue’s fury. This is their derision in Egypt’s land.”

Hosea 8.

“May a trumpet be in your throat, like an eagle over the Lord’s house, for this reason: that they have transgressed my covenant, and broken my law. “They will invoke me: ‘My God, we, Israel, have known you.’”

“Israel has thrown good away. An enemy will overtake them. These have reigned, yet not from Me. Princes have stepped forward, yet I have not known them. They made their silver and their gold idols for themselves, so they might be ruined.

“Your calf is thrown down, Samaria. My fury is enraged against them. How long will they not be able to be cleansed, because even the thing itself is from Israel? A craftsman made it, and it is not God, because Samaria’s calf will be made into a spider’s web.

“Because they will sow the wind and reap a tornado, standing grain is not found among them.

Seed will not make flour, which, even if it did yield, strangers will eat it. Israel is devoured. Now it has become like a filthy vessel among the nations, because they went up to Assyria, a wild ass in solitude by himself. Ephraim gave his lovers bribes.

“Yet even when by pay they led nations together, now I will gather them, and they will rest awhile from the burden of king and princes. Because Ephraim has multiplied altars to sinning, shrines have turned into an offense for him.

“I will write him My many laws, which they have reckoned as alien. Bring offerings! Bring! They will burn animals and eat. The Lord will not receive them. Now, He will remember their iniquities, and will visit their sins. They will go back into Egypt.

“And Israel has forgotten his Maker and built shrines, and Judah has multiplied fortified cities. And I will send fire into his cities and it will devour their houses.”

Hosea 9.

“Don’t rejoice, Israel! Don’t exult like people, because you have prostituted yourself away from your God! You delighted in pay, over all your threshing floors. The floor and the oil press will not feed them, and wine will lie to them. They will not live in the Lord’s land. Ephraim has gone back to

Egypt, and has eaten defiled food among the Assyrians.

“They will not pour out wine offerings to the Lord, and they will not appease Him. Their sacrifices are like mourning’s bread. All who eat them will be contaminated, because their bread of their souls will not enter into the Lord’s house.

“What will you do on the solemn day, on the Lord’s festival day? For look, they have set out to devastation. Egypt has gathered them. Memphis will bury them. Stinging nettles will inherit their desired silver. Grass burs will be in their tents.

“Visitation’s days have come. Revenge’s days have come. Understand, Israel! The prophet was foolish, the ‘spiritual’ man was insane, because of your multitude of iniquity and multitude of madness.

“Ephraim’s watchman was with my God. A prophet became ruin’s snare over all his ways. They sinned profoundly, like in Gibeah’s days. He will remember their iniquity, and He will visit their sins.

“I found Israel like grapes in the desert. I saw their fathers like the fig tree’s first fruit, in its branch’s tip. But they entered into Beelphegor, and were alienated in confusion, and they became disgusting, like that in which they delighted.

“Ephraim is like a bird. Their fame has flown away from birth, and from the uterus, and from conception – that even if they nurture their children, I will make them childless among men. Yet even so, woe to them, when I pull back from them!

“Ephraim, as I saw, was Tyre, founded in beauty, and Ephraim leads his children out to the destroyer. Give them, Lord! What will You give them? Give them a vulva without children and dry breasts.

“All their worthlessness is in Gilgal, because there I have hated them on account of their harmful schemes. I will throw them out of My house. I will not add so I will delight in them. All their princes are rebels.

“Ephraim is struck. Their root has dried up. They will not produce any fruit whatever, which, even if they give birth, I will kill their womb’s most beloved. My God will throw them out because they have not heard Him, and they will be wanderers among nations.”

Hosea 10.

“Israel is a flowering grapevine. Adequate fruit is his. He multiplied his altars according to his fruit’s multitude. He gushed over images, according to the land’s abundance. Their heart is divided. Now they

will perish. He will shatter their images. He will plunder their altars.

“For now they may say, ‘There is no King for us, for we do not fear the Lord. And a King? What will a King do for us?’

“You speak a useless vision’s words, and will become filthy, and judgment will spring up like bitterness over the field’s furrows. Samaria’s inhabitants have served Bethaven’s cows, because its people mourned over it. Its custodians have exulted over it in its glory, because it has gone away from it.

“Accordingly, even it is taken away into Assyria, a bribe to the avenging King. Confusion will capture Ephraim, and Israel will be dismayed in its will.

“Samaria made its King cross over like foam over the waters’ face. And the idols’ heights will be destroyed – Israel’s sin. Burs and thorns will climb up over their altars, and they will say to mountains, ‘Cover us,’ and to hills, ‘Fall on us!’

“Israel has sinned since Gibeah’s days. They stood there. The battle in Gibeah against iniquity’s children will not take them. I will rebuke them according to My desire. Peoples will be gathered together against them, when they are rebuked according to their two betrayals.

“Ephraim is a trained calf, delighting to thresh, yet I spared its neck’s beauty. I will mount up over Ephraim. Judah will plow. Jacob will break up furrows for himself.

“Sow to yourselves in righteousness. Reap in mercy’s mouth. Break up an unplowed field for yourselves, for it is time for seeking the Lord – when He who will teach you righteousness will come.

“You have plowed lawlessness. You have reaped iniquity. You have eaten lying’s crops, because you have trusted in your ways, in the multitude of your mighty ones.

“Tumult will rise up among your people, and all your fortifications will be laid waste as Salman was devastated, from His house who judged Baal in the battle’s day – a mother crushed over children. So Bethel did to you from the face of your harmfulness, your worthlessness.”

Hosea 11.

“As morning passes, Israel’s King has passed away. Because Israel was a child and I delighted in him, I also called my son out of Egypt.

“They called them, so they went out from their face. They burned offerings to Baals and sacrificed to images. And I was like a foster father to Ephraim. I carried them in my arms, yet they did not know that I healed them.

“I will draw them in Adam’s cord, in charity’s chains, and I will be to them like one lifting the yoke over their jaws, and I turned toward them that they might feed. He will not go back to Egypt’s land, and Assyria itself will be his King, because they did not want to be converted.

“A sword begins in their cities, and it will consume his chosen ones, and will devour their heads. And My people will wait anxiously for My return, but a yoke will be placed on it together that will not be taken away.

“How will I give you up, Ephraim? Will I protect you, Israel? How will I give you up like Adama? Will I make you like Seboim? My heart has turned back together within Me.

“I will not work my anger’s fury. I will not turn back that I may destroy Ephraim, because I am God and not man, the Holy in your midst, and I will not go into the city. They will walk after the Lord. He will roar like a lion – for He will roar, and the sea’s children will fear. And they will fly like a bird out of Egypt, and like a dove from Assyria’s land. And I

will gather them together to their houses, says the Lord.

“Ephraim surrounded me in deceit, and Israel’s house in deceit. But Judah has gone down as a witness with God, and is faithful with the holy ones.”

Hosea 12.

“Ephraim feeds on wind and follows agitation. He multiplies lies and devastation all day, and he entered a pact with the Assyrians, and carried oil into Egypt.

“Therefore, the Lord’s judgment is with Judah, and His visitation over Jacob will be according to his ways, and He will repay him according to his schemes.

“He subverted his brother in the uterus, and was directed in his strength with an angel. And he grew strong toward the angel and was strengthened. He wept and pleaded with Him in Bethel. He found Him, and He spoke with us there. And the Lord God of armies was the Lord of his memorial. And if you will turn back to your God, keep mercy and judgment and hope in God always.

“Canaan in his hands is a lying scale. He delighted in oppression. And Ephraim said, ‘Nevertheless, I

have become rich. I found an idol for myself. All my labors will not find me – the iniquity which I sinned.’

“Yet I, the Lord your God from Egypt’s land, will yet make you settle in tents as in the festival days. And I have spoken through prophets, and I have multiplied a vision, and I have made comparisons in the prophets’ hands.

“If Gilead nevertheless was an idol, they were in Gilgal burning oxen in vain – for their altars also were like heaps over the field’s furrows. Jacob fled into Syria’s region, and Israel served for a wife, and he kept flocks for a wife.

“But the Lord led Israel out of Egypt by a prophet, and he was made safe by a prophet. Ephraim provoked me to wrath in his bitterness, and his blood will come over him, and his Lord will restore his shame to him.”

Hosea 13.

“While Ephraim is speaking, horror invades Israel, and he has fallen short in Baal, and is dead. And now, they have added to sinning, and made themselves a cast image from their silver, like the idols’ representation. All of this is craftsmen’s work. These say, ‘Sacrifice men, you who are worshiping calves!’

“For this reason, they will be like morning clouds, and like morning dew passing away, like dust carried from the floor by the wind, and like smoke from a vent.

“But I am the Lord, your God from Egypt’s land, and apart from Me you will know no God, and there is no securer besides Me. I have known you in the desert, in solitude’s land. And beside its pastures they were filled and satisfied. Their hearts were lifted up, and they forgot Me. And I will be to them like a lioness, like a leopard in the Assyrians’ way. I will come upon them like a bear robbed of cubs, and I will split open their liver’s insides, and devour them there like a lion. The field’s beast will tear them apart.

“Destruction is yours, Israel. Your only help is in Me. Where is your king? Now, above all, let him save you in all your cities, and your judges, from whom you said, ‘Give me kings and princes?’ I will give you a King in my fury, and will take him away in my indignation.

“Ephraim’s iniquity is bound up. His sin is hidden. Labor pains will come on him. He is a child who doesn’t understand, for now he will not stand in the children’s grief.

“I will free them from death’s hand. I will buy them back from death. I will be your death, O death. Inferno, I will be your sting.

“Because he will divide among brothers, the Lord will lead in a burning wind, rising up from the desert, and it will dry up his veins and desolate his springs, and he will plunder the treasure of every precious vessel.

Hosea 14.

“May Samaria perish, because it has stirred up its Lord to bitterness! May it perish by the sword! May its little ones be strangled, and its pregnant women cut open!

“Turn back, Israel, to the Lord your God, because you have fallen in your iniquity! Take words with you, and turn to the Lord. Speak to Him! Take away every betrayal, and take hold of good, and we will pay back the calves of our lips.

“Assyria will not save us. We will not mount up on horses, nor say ‘Our gods’ any more to our hands’ works, because we are His, for You will have mercy on the orphan who is among you.

“I will heal their griefs. I will delight in them willingly, because My fury has turned back from

him. I will be like dew. Israel will spring up like lilies, and his root will break forth like Lebanon.

“His branches will spread. His glory will be like an olive tree, and his fragrance like Lebanon. They will turn back, sitting in His shadow. They will live by wheat, and will spring up like vines. His memorial will be like Lebanon’s wine.

“Ephraim, what more are idols to me? I will hear, and I will guide him, like a green fir-tree. Your fruit is found from Me.

“Who is wise and will understand that? Who is understanding and will know these things? For the Lord’s ways are right, and the righteous will walk in them, yet transgressors will fall in them.”

Joel 1

The Lord’s word, which came to Joel, Phatuel’s son.

Hear this, elders, and perceive with ears, all the land’s inhabitants, whether this was done in your days or in your fathers’ days! Tell your children about this, and your children their children, and their children another generation!

What the worm left, the locust has eaten, and what the locust left, the insect has eaten, and what the insect left, blight has eaten.

Come out from drunkenness, and weep and wail, all who drink wine in sweetness, because it has perished from your mouth, for a people is coming up against my land, mighty and numberless! Its teeth are like lions' teeth, and its molars like young lions.

It has placed my vine in desert, and stripped away the bark from my fig tree. It has plundered it naked, and thrown it down. Its branches have become white.

Wail like a virgin wearing mourning clothes over the husband of her youth! Sacrifice has ceased and drink offering from the Lord's house. Priests, the Lord's ministers, have grieved. The region is plundered. The soil mourns, because the wheat is devastated. The vine is ruined. The oil is sick.

Farmers are upset. Vineyard workers have wailed over grain and barley, because the field's harvest has perished. The vine is ruined and the fig tree is sick. Pomegranate and palm and apple and all the field's trees have dried up, because joy is ruined among men's children.

Clothe yourselves and weep, priests! Wail, altars' ministers! Go in and lie down in mourning's clothes, my God's ministers, because sacrifice and drink offering have ceased from your God's house!

Sanctify a fast! Call an assembly! Gather the elders into our God's house, all the land's inhabitants, and cry out to the Lord!

Ah, ah, ah, for the day, because the Lord's day is near, and it comes like devastation from the mighty! Hasn't food ceased before our eyes, joy and exultation from our God's house?

Cattle have rotted in their filth. The storehouse is demolished. The wine cellars are emptied, because the wheat is ruined.

Why has the animal groaned? The herd's flocks have bellowed because there is no pasture for them, yet even flocks of sheep have perished.

I will cry out to You, Lord, because fire has devoured the desert's beauty, and flame has burned up all the region's trees. Yet even the field's beasts have looked up to You, like land thirsting for rain – for springs of water have dried up, and fire has devoured the desert's beauty.

Joel 2.

Sound a trumpet in Sion! Howl on my holy mountain! Let all the land's inhabitants be troubled, because the Lord's day is coming – because it is near – a day of shadows and gloom, a day of clouds and tornados!

A great and mighty people is spread out like morning over the mountains, and from the beginning none was like it, and after it none will be, even in years of generations and generations.

Fire goes devouring before its face, and after it burning flames. The land before it is like desires' garden, and after it deserted wasteland, nor is there anyone who may flee it.

Their faces are like horses' faces, and like cavalry, so they will run. They will burst forth like the sound of four-horse chariots over the mountains' summits, like the sound of flaming fire devouring stubble, like a mighty people prepared for battle.

Peoples will be tortured before its face. All expressions will be driven back into a jar. Like mighty ones, they will run. Like strong warriors, they will climb a wall. The man will advance in his ways, and they will not turn aside from their paths.

Each one will not crowd his brother. They will walk in its street. Yet they will fall even through windows and not be destroyed. They will go through the city.

They will run on the wall. They will let themselves down into houses. windows like a thief.

The land has trembled before its face. Skies are shaken. Sun and moon are shadowed over, and stars have drawn back their splendor. And the Lord gave His voice before His army's face, because its camps are overwhelmingly great, because they are mighty, working His word – for the Lord's day is great, and greatly terrifying, and who will withstand it?

Now therefore, the Lord says, Turn back to me in all your heart, in fasting and in weeping and in mourning! And tear your hearts and not your clothing, and be converted to the Lord your God, because He is kind and compassionate, patient and of many mercies, and superior to ill will! Who knows if He will turn back, and pardon, and leave behind Him blessing, sacrifice, and drink offering to the Lord our God?

Sound a trumpet in Sion! Sanctify a fast! Call an assembly! Gather the people! Sanctify the gathering! Collect as one the elders. Gather little ones and those sucking breasts. Let the groom come out of his bed and the bride from her bedroom!

Between the entrance and the altar, the priests, the Lord's ministers, will weep, and they will say, "Spare Your people, Lord, and do not give Your inheritance over to shame, that nations may

dominate them! Why will they say among peoples,
‘Where is their God?’”

The Lord has loved His land ardently, and has spared His people. And the Lord answered and said to His people, Look, I will send you grain and wine and oil, and you will be filled by it, and I will not give you further shame among the nations. And I will make the one who is from the north far from you, and will expel him into a pathless land and desert – his face against the eastern sea and his end against the last sea. And his stink will rise up, and his rottenness will rise up, because he acted proudly.

Do not fear, land! Exult and be joyful, because the Lord has magnified, that He might work! Do not fear, region’s animals, because the desert’s beauties have sprung up, because the tree has borne its fruit. Fig and vine have given their strength. And exult, Sion’s children, and be happy in the Lord your God, because He has given you righteousness’ teacher, and He will make early and late rain come down to you, as in the beginning. And threshing floors will be filled with grain, and the presses will overflow with wine and oil. And I will repay to you the years which the locust has eaten, the insect and blight and worm – my great strength, which I sent among you. And you will eat, enjoying, and be filled, and will praise the Lord your God’s name, who worked wonders for you, and My people will not be dismayed in unending years.

And you will know that I am in Israel's midst, and I am the Lord your God, and there is no one besides, and My people will not be dismayed in eternity.

And after this it will be that I will pour out My breath over all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy, and your elders will dream dreams, and your youth will see visions. And I will pour out My breath even over male and female slaves in those days.

And I will give signs in sky and in land – blood and fire and smoke's vapor. Sun will be turned into shadows and moon into blood, before the Lord's great and terrifying day may come.

And it will be that all who have invoked the Lord's name will be made safe, because security will be on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, as the Lord said, and among the survivors whom the Lord has called.

Joel 3.

For look, in those days and in that time, when I turn back Judah's captivity and Jerusalem's, I will gather all nations together and lead them into Jehoshaphat's Valley. And I will dispute with them there over My people and my inheritance, Israel, who was dispersed among nations. And they divided My land, and cast lots over My people, and

they placed my boys as prostitutes, and sold my girls for wine, that they might drink.

Truly, what is there between you and Me, Tyre and Sidon and all of the Palestinians' frontiers? Will you pay back vengeance to Me? And if you avenge yourselves against Me, I will very quickly pay back change to you, over your heads – for you took my silver and gold, and brought my desirable and beautiful things into your sanctuaries. And you sold Judah's children and Jerusalem's children to the Greeks' children, so you could send them far away from their borders.

Look, I will rouse them up from the place to which you sold them, and will turn back retribution on your heads. And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hands of Judah's children, and they will sell them to the Sabeans, a distant nation, because the Lord has spoken.

Shout this among nations! Sanctify war! Rouse mighty ones! Let them come near! Let all the warriors climb up! Chop your plows into swords, and your hoes into lances. Let the weak say that 'I am strong!'

Break out and come, all nations around, and gather together! The Lord will make your mighty ones meet death there! Let nations rise up, and climb up

into Jehoshaphat's valley, because I will sit down there that I may judge all the nations around.

Send in the sickles, because the harvest has matured! Come and climb down, because the press is full! The press surges up, because their ill-will has multiplied.

Peoples, peoples, in destruction's valley, because the Lord's day is near in destruction's valley! Sun and moon are shadowed over, and stars draw back their splendor. And the Lord will roar from Sion, and will give His voice from Jerusalem, and sky and land will be moved, and the Lord is His people's hope, and the strength of Israel's children.

And you will know that I am the Lord your God, living in Sion, on My holy mountain, and Jerusalem will be holy, and strangers will not pass through her any more. And in that day, mountains will drip sweetness and hills flow with milk, and waters will run through all Judah's streams, and a spring will go out from the Lord's house and water the river of Thorns.

Egypt will be in desolation and Edom in destruction's desert, because they have carried on treacherously with Judah's children, and poured out innocent blood in his land. And Judah will be inhabited in eternity, and Jerusalem in generation after generation.

And I will cleanse their blood, which I had not cleansed, and the Lord will live in Sion.

Amos 1.

The words of Amos, who was among Tekoa's shepherds, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Oziah, Judah's King, and in the days of Jeroboam, Joah's son, Israel's King, two years before the earthquake. And he said, The Lord will roar from Sion and will give His voice from Jerusalem, and the pastures' beauty has mourned, and Carmel's peak has dried up.

The Lord says this concerning three of Damascus' crimes, and over a fourth I will not turn it back: because they have threshed Gilead with an iron sledge. And I will send fire into Hazael's house, and it will devour Ben-hadad's houses. And I will shatter Damascus' bar, and scatter the inhabitants from Idol's field, and the one having the scepter of Desire's house, and Syria's people will be taken away to Cyrene, the Lord says.

The Lord says this concerning three of Gaza's crimes, and over a fourth I will not turn it back: because they have taken away into total captivity, so they could bring her to an end in Edom. And I will send fire into Gaza's wall, and it will devour its

palaces. And I will scatter the inhabitants from Azotus, and the one having the scepter from Ashkelon, and I will turn My hand back over Accaron, and the Philistine survivors will perish, the Lord God says.

The Lord says this over three of Tyre's crimes, and over a fourth I will not turn it back: because they closed up Edom in total captivity, and were not mindful of brotherhood's covenant. And I will send fire into Tyre's wall, and it will devour its palaces.

The Lord says this concerning three of Edom's crimes, and over a fourth I will not turn it back: because he has persecuted his brother by the sword, and violated his mercy, and held on more to his fury and has served his indignation even to the end. I will send fire into Thema, and it will devour Bosra's palaces.

The Lord says this concerning three of Ammon's children's crimes, and over a fourth I will not turn it back: because he has cut open Gilead's pregnant women, to expand his own border. And I will ignite a fire in Rabbah's wall, and it will devour his palaces in wailing on war's day, and in a tornado on commotion's day. And Melchom will go into captivity, he and his princes together, the Lord says.

Amos 2.

The Lord says this concerning three of Moab's crimes, and over a fourth I will not turn it back: because he burned the bones of Edom's king even to ashes. And I will send fire into Moab, and it will devour Carioth's palaces, and Moab will die amidst noise, amidst the trumpet's blast. And I will destroy the judge from its midst, and I will kill all its princes with him, the Lord says.

The Lord says this concerning three of Judah's crimes, and over a fourth I will not turn it back: because they have thrown the Lord's law out, and have not kept His commandments – for their idols have deceived them, after whom their fathers' went. And I will send fire into Judah, and it will devour Jerusalem's palaces.

The Lord says this concerning three of Israel's crimes, and over a fourth I will not turn it back: because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for shoes – who have ground to ashes the heads of the land's poor, and turn aside the humble one's way. Both son and his father have gone into a young girl, that they might violate My holy name. And, wearing pledged clothing, they reclined at table beside every altar, and they drank the condemned's wine in his God's house. But I exterminated the Amorites before their face, whose height was like the cedar trees' height, and his

strength like the oak; and I destroyed his fruit above and his roots below.

I am the One who made you climb up from Egypt's land, and led you forty years in the desert, that you might possess the Amorites' land. And I stirred up prophets from your children, and Nazarites from your youths. Is it not so, Israel's children, the Lord says?

And you were giving the Nazarites wine, and were commanding prophets saying, 'Do not prophesy!'

Look, I will grate over you like a cart loaded with hay grates. And fleeing will perish from the swift, and the mighty will not obtain his strength, and the powerful will not make his soul safe. And the one having a bow will not stand, and the swift will not be made safe by his feet, and the one mounting a horse will not save his soul. And the strong in heart among the mighty will run away naked in that day, the Lord says.

Amos 3.

Hear the word which the Lord has spoken over Israel's children, over every family which I led out from Egypt's land, saying, You only have I known, out of all the land's families. Therefore I will visit against you all your iniquities. Will two walk together unless it is agreeable to them? Will a lion

roar in the forest unless it has prey? Will a young lion raise its voice from its cave unless it has caught something? Will a bird fall in a ground trap without a bird-catcher? Will the trap be taken out of the ground before something is caught? If a trumpet sounds in a city, will the people not become frightened? Will harm happen in a city which the Lord did not cause? For the Lord God will not make a word unless He reveals its secret to His slaves, the prophets.

The lion will roar! Who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken! Who will not prophesy? Make it heard in Azotus' palaces, and in the palaces of Egypt's land, and say: Gather together over Samaria's mountains, and see the many insanities in its midst, and those suffering oppression in its inner reaches! And they did not know how to do right, the Lord says, storing up betrayal and plunder in their palaces!

Because of this, the Lord says, the land will be troubled and surrounded, and your strength will be thrown down from you, and your palaces will be plundered!

The Lord says this: Just as if a shepherd should rescue from a lion's mouth two legs, or the tip of an ear, so Israel's children will be rescued, who live in Samaria – in the trap's beatings, and in Damascus' couch.

Listen and answer in Jacob's house, the Lord God of armies says! Because in the day when I begin to visit Israel's transgressions, I will visit over him and over Bethel's altar, and I will cut off the altar's horns, and they will fall to the ground. And I will strike the winter house with the summer house, and the ivory houses will perish, and your many palaces will be destroyed, the Lord says.

Amos 4.

Hear this word, you fat cows who are on Samaria's mountain, who work oppression against the needy and shatter the poor, who say to your masters, 'Bring, and we will drink.'

The Lord God has sworn in His holiness. Look, days are coming over you, and they will lift you up on pikes, and put your remains in boiling pots. And you will go out through the openings, one against another, and you will be thrown out into Armon, the Lord says.

Come to Bethel and live treacherously – to Gilgal, and multiply transgressions. And offer your sacrifices, your tenths, early, for three days. And offer praise from leaven, and call for voluntary offerings, and announce it, for so you desire, Israel's children, the Lord God says.

From which also I have given you teeth's numbness in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places, yet you have not turned back to Me, the Lord says. I likewise have held back rain from you while still three months remained even to the harvest. And I sent rain over one city and did not send rain over another. One part was rained on, yet the part over which I did not send rain dried up. And two and three cities came to the one city, so that could drink water, yet they were not satisfied, and you did not return to Me, the Lord says.

I struck you by a burning wind, and the multitude of your gardens and your vineyards by mildew. The worm ate your olive groves and your fig orchards, yet you did not return to Me, the Lord says. I sent death into you from Egypt's way. I struck your youths by the sword, even to your horses' captivity, and I made your camps' rottenness rise up into your noses. Yet you did not return to Me, the Lord says.

I overthrew you like God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you became like brands snatched from burning. Yet you did not return to Me, the Lord says.

Because of this, I will do these to you, Israel. But after this, I will have made you prepare to meet your God, Israel. For, look – the One forming mountains and creating wind and announcing His eloquence to men, making morning mists and

walking over the land's heights – the Lord God of armies is His name!

Amos 5.

Hear that word which I lift up mourning over you! Israel's house has fallen! It will not get up, that it may rise again. Virgin Israel is thrown down to her land. There is no one who will rouse her.

For the Lord God says this: a city from which a thousand went out will be left with a hundred in it, and one from which a hundred went out, ten will be left in it, in Israel's house. For the Lord says this to Israel's house: seek Me and live! And do not seek Bethel, and do not enter into Gilgal, and do not cross through into Beersheba – for Gilgal will be led captive and Bethel will be useless.

Seek the Lord and live! Otherwise Joseph's house may burn up like fire, and it will devour, and there will be no one who extinguishes Bethel. You who convert judgment into absinthe, and abandon righteousness in the land, seek the One making Arcturus and Orion, and turning shadows to morning, and changing day to night, who calls the seas' waters and pours them over the land's face – the Lord is His name.

Seek the One who smiles devastation over the strong, and takes away plunder over the mighty.

They have held in hatred the one correcting them in the gate, and have loathed the one speaking completely.

Therefore, because of this, that you have torn apart the poor and taken away from him the chosen prey, you will build square stone houses yet you will not live in them. You will plant most lovely vineyards, yet will not drink their wine. For I have known your many crimes and your mighty sins: the righteous man's enemies, taking bribes, and pushing down the poor in the gate. Therefore, the prudent will be silent in that time, because the time is harmful.

Seek good and not harm, so you may live, and the Lord God of armies will be with you, like you have said! Hate harm and delight in good, and set up judgment in the gate. Perhaps the Lord God of armies may have mercy on Joseph's survivors.

Because of this, the Lord God of armies, the Ruler, says: Mourning is in all your streets, and may all who are outside say, 'Woe, woe!' And they will call the farmer to mourn, and those who know how to weep to lament. And mourning will be in all your vineyards, because I will pass through in your midst, the Lord says.

Woe to those desiring the Lord's day! What is it for you? The Lord's day will be shadows and not light,

as if a man should flee from a lion's face and a bear would meet him, and he may go into a house and lean his hand on a wall, and a snake would bite him. Isn't the Lord's day shadow and not light? Gloom and not splendor is in it!

I hate and throw away your festivities, and I will not capture the odor of your assemblies! If you bring me burnt offerings and your gifts, I will not accept them, and I will not respect your fat promises!

Take away from me your music's tumult, and I will not hear your lyre's songs! Judgment will be revealed like water, and righteousness like a mighty torrent.

Did you offer me victims and sacrifice during the forty years in the desert, Israel's house? Yet you carried your Moloch's tent, and your idols' images, your god's star, which you made for yourself. And I will make you move away beyond Damascus, the Lord says. God of armies is His name.

Amos 6.

Woe to you who are in luxury on Sion, and who trust in Samaria's mountain – nobles, the peoples' heads, going in with pomp to Israel's house! Go to Chalanne and see, and go from there to great Emath, and go down into the Palestinians' Gath, and to the best of their kingdoms. See if their border

was wider than your border – you who are set apart to the harmful day, and come close to iniquity’s throne; who sleep in ivory beds and lust in your bedrooms, who eat lamb from the flock and calves from the herd’s midst; who sing to the stringed instrument’s voice. You considered yourselves to have musical instruments like David, drinking wine in drinking plates and thickly smeared with the best ointment. Yet they suffered nothing over Joseph’s grief.

Therefore now they will go captive at the exiles’ head, and the lustful faction will be taken away. The Lord God has sworn in His soul, the Lord God of armies says: I despise Jacob’s pride, and I hate his house, and I will hand over the city with its inhabitants, so that if ten men will be left in one house, they also will die.

And his neighbor will take him and burn him up, so he may carry out bones from the house. And he will say to one who is in the house’s interior, ‘There isn’t anyone still with you, is there?’

And he will respond, ‘He is the last.’

And he will say to him, ‘Be quiet, and do not call to mind the Lord’s name.’

For look, the Lord will command, and strike the greater house with catastrophes, and the smaller

house with divisions. Horses can't run on rocks or gazelles plow, can they? Yet you have turned judgment into bitterness, and the fruit of righteousness into absinthe – you who are joyful in nothingness, who say, 'Wasn't it in our strength that we have taken horns to ourselves?'

For look, I will stir up a nation over you, Israel's house, the Lord God of armies says, and they will shatter you from Emath's entry even to the desert's torrent.

Amos 7.

The Lord God showed me this, and look! The locust's maker worked at the beginning of the late rain's germination, and look! It was the late rain, after the king's cutting. And it happened that, when the locusts finished eating the land's grass, I said, "Lord God, be appeased, I pray! Who will stir up Jacob, because he is small!"

The Lord was merciful over this. "It will not be," the Lord said.

The Lord God showed me this, and look! The Lord God began calling judgment to fire, and it devoured the great abyss, and it ate up the portion together. And I said, "Lord God, calm down, I pray! Who will stir up Jacob, because he is small!"

The Lord was merciful over this. “In truth, even that will not be,” the Lord God said.

This was shown to me, and look! The Lord was standing over a plaster wall, and in His hand a cement worker’s tool. And the Lord said to me, “What do you see, Amos?”

And I said, “A cement worker’s tool.”

And the Lord said, “Look, I will set the tool down in my people Israel’s midst. I will not do more to shape him. And the idol’s high places will be demolished, and Israel’s sanctifications will be desolate, and I will rise up over Jeroboam’s house with a sword.”

And Amasias, Bethel’s priest, sent to Jeroboam, Israel’s king, saying, “Amos has rebelled against you in the midst of Israel’s house. The land cannot sustain all his sermons. For Amos said this: ‘Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will go away captive from its land.’”

And Amasias said to Amos, “You who see, go! Run away to Judah’s land, and eat bread there! Preach there, and do not add more that you may preach in Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctification, and it is the kingdom’s house!”

And Amos answered and said to Amasias, “I am not a prophet, and I am not a prophet’s son, but I am a shepherd, a pruner of sycamore trees. And the Lord took me when I was following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel!’

“And now, hear the Lord’s word! You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not pour down over the idol’s house.’ Because of this, the Lord says, ‘Your wife will fornicate in the city, and your sons and your daughters will fall by the sword. And your soil will be measured by a line, and you will die polluted in the land, and Israel will move away captive from its land.’”

Amos 8.

The Lord showed me this, and look! A pruning hook. And He said, “What do you see, Amos?”

And I said, “A pruning hook.”

And the Lord said to me, “An end comes over My people Israel. I will not add more, that I may pass through him. And the temple’s hinges will creak on that day, the Lord God says. Many will die. Silence will be cast out into every place.

Hear this, you who break the poor and cause the land’s needy to lack – saying, ‘When will the month

pass so we can sell goods, and the Sabbath so we can open the grain, so we can change the measure, and increase the shekel, and substitute lying scales – so we can own the needy for silver, and the poor for shoes, and we can sell the grain’s rubbish?”

The Lord has sworn against Jacob’s pride, ‘Will I forget all their works even to the end?’

Won’t the land be moved over this, and each of its inhabitants grieve? And won’t it rise like an all-covering flood, and cast out and wash away like Egypt’s river? And it will be in that day, the Lord says, sun will set at midday, and I will make the land shadow over in daylight. And I will turn your festivities into grief, and all your music into wailing. And I will put sackcloth on every back, and baldness on every head, and I will make her like firstborn grief, and his end like a bitter day.

Look, days are coming, the Lord says, and I will send famine into the land – not famine for bread or thirst for water, but for hearing the Lord’s word. And they will be moved together, from sea even to sea, and they will walk about, seeking the Lord’s word from north even to east, yet they will not find it.

On that day, beautiful young women and youths will die from thirst – who swear by Samaria’s

offenses, and who say, ‘Your God lives, Dan, and Beersheba’s way lives.’

They will fall, and will get up no more.

Amos 9.

I saw the Lord standing over the altar, and He said, “Strike the hinges and let the wall’s supports be moved, for greed is in every head and I will kill their last with the sword. There will be no running away for them, and who flees from among them will not find safety. If they go down even to the inferno, My hand will draw them out from there, and if they climb up even to the sky, I will drag them down from there. And if they hide themselves in Carmel’s height, from there, searching, I will take them, and if they hide themselves from My eyes in the sea’s depths, I will command the serpent there, and it will bite them. And if they go away in captivity before their enemies, I will command the sword there, and it will kill them, and I will set My eyes on them for harm, and not for good.

And the Lord God of armies, who touches the land and it will melt, and all the inhabitants in it will mourn, and all will rise up like a river, and flow like Egypt’s river – who builds His stairway in the sky, and established His bundle over the land, who calls sea’s waters and pours them over the land’s face – the Lord is His name!

Are you not like Ethiopia's children to me, Israel, the Lord said? Did I not make Israel come up from Egypt's land, and the Palestinians from Cappadocia, and the Syrians from Cyrene? Look, the Lord's eyes are against the sinning kingdom, and I will crush it before the land's face. Nevertheless, crushing, I will not crush Jacob's house, the Lord says.

For look, I will command and will strike Israel's house among all nations, like rock is shaken through a sieve – and the precious stone will not fall on the ground. All My people's sinners will die by the sword, who say, 'He will not come near, and harm will not come over us.'

In that day, I will raise up David's dwelling, which has fallen, and I will rebuild its walls' breaches, and I will renew that which has toppled, and I will rebuild it, like in ancient days, so they may possess Edom's remains, and all nations, so that My name may be invoked over them, the Lord says, doing this.

Look, days are coming, the Lord says, and the one plowing will catch the one harvesting, and the one treading grapes the one casting seed, and the mountains will drip down sweetness, and all hills will be farmed. And I will turn back my people Israel's captivity, and they will build deserted cities,

and they will dwell in them, and they will plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they will make gardens and eat their fruit. And I will plant them on their own soil, and will not pull them up further from their land which I gave them, the Lord your God says.

Obadiah 1

The Lord God says this to Edom: We have heard a rumor from the Lord God, and He has sent a representative to nations, who says, ‘Get up and let us come together against him in battle!’

Look, I have made you small among nations. You are very contemptible. Your heart’s pride took you, living in the rock’s cracks, lifting up your throne – who say, ‘Who will drag me down to the ground?’

If you were lifted up like an eagle, and if you placed your nest among stars, I will pull you down from there, the Lord says.

If thieves had entered into you, if robbers by night, how would you have kept silent? Would they not have stolen enough for them? If grape-pickers had come to you, wouldn’t they at least have left a cluster for you?

How they have picked over Esau! They probed his hidden places. They have forced you out, even to the end. All your pact's allies have mocked you. Soldiers of your peace were built up against you. Those who eat beside you place traps beneath you. Prudence is not in him.

Will I not in that day destroy wise men from Edom, the Lord says, and prudence from Esau's mountain? And your mighty ones will fear at midday, so man can perish from Esau's mountain. Because of killing and because of iniquity against your brother, Jacob, confusion will cover you, and you will perish in eternity.

In the day when you stood opposed, when foreigners captured its army, and strangers went in its gates, and they cast lots over Jerusalem, you, likewise, were like one of them. And you will not despise in your brother's day on the day of his exile, and you will not be happy over Judah's children on the day of their destruction, and you will not make your mouth big on the day of anguish, nor will you go through my people's gates on the day of their ruin, nor despise his harm – even you – on the day of their devastation. And you will not be sent out against his army on the day of his devastation, nor will you stand in his exits that you may kill those who are fleeing, and you will not imprison his survivors in tribulation's day, for the Lord's day is at hand, over all nations. As you have done, it will

be done to you. Your retribution will turn back on your head.

For the same way you drank on My holy mountain, all nations will drink continually – and they will drink and swallow up, and will be as if they never existed. Yet security will be on Mount Sion, and the holy will be, and Jacob's house will possess those who possessed him.

And Jacob's house will be fire, and Joseph's house flames, and Esau's house stubble, and they will burn among them and devour them, and no remnants of Esau's house will exist, for the Lord has spoken.

And those who are in the south will inherit Esau's mountain, and those who were in the plains the Philistines, and they will possess Ephraim's land and Samaria's surroundings, and Benjamin will possess Gilead. And the captivity of the army of Israel's children, of all Canaan even to Saraphem, and Jerusalem's captivity, which is in the Bosphorus, will possess the south's cities. And securers will rise up on Mount Sion to judge Esau's mountain, and the kingdom will be the Lord's.

Jonah 1.

And the Lord's word came to Jonah, Amathi's son, saying, "Get up! Go to Nineveh, the great city, and

preach in it, because its harmfulness rises up before Me!”

And Jonah got up so he could flee from the Lord’s face to Tharsis; and he went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tharsis; and he paid his fare and went down into it, so he could go with them to Tharsis, away from the Lord’s face.

But the Lord sent a great wind into the sea, and a great storm came up on the sea, and the ship was in danger of breaking up. And the sailors were afraid, and the men cried out to their god, and they threw the vessels which were in the ship into the sea that it be lightened from them. And Jonah went into the ship’s interior, and slept a heavy sleep.

And the ship’s governor came to him and said to him, “What will you lessen by sleep? Get up! Invoke your God, if perhaps God may consider us and we not die!”

And each man said to his colleagues, “Come, and let’s cast lots, and know why this harm is over us!”

And they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. And they said to him, “Tell us why this harm comes to us? What is your work, what is your homeland, and what people are you from?”

And he said to them, “I am Hebrew, and I fear the Lord, the sky God who made sea and dry land.”

And the men were afraid with great fear, and they said to him, “What is this you have done?”

For the men knew that he had fled from the Lord’s face, because he had told them. And they said to him, “What will we do with you, and the sea will let us go?”

For the sea came and swelled up. And he said to them, “Take me and throw me into the sea, and the sea will let you go, for I know that this great storm is over you because of me.”

But the men rowed so they could go back to dry land, yet they couldn’t, because the sea came and swelled up over them. And they cried out to the Lord and said, “We pray, Lord, that we not perish for this man’s soul, and do not charge innocent blood to us, because you, Lord, have done as you wished!”

And they took Jonah, and threw him into the sea, and the sea stood down from its fury. And the men feared the Lord with great fear, and burned offerings to the Lord, and made vows.

Jonah 2.

And the Lord prepared a great fish so it swallowed Jonah, and Jonah was in the fish's gut three days and three nights. And Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the fish's belly. And he said, "I called out to the Lord from my trouble, and He heard me. I called out from the inferno's gut, and You heard my voice.

"And You threw me into the deep, into the sea's heart, and the flood surrounded me. All your raging abysses and your floods passed over me.

"And I said, 'I am thrown down away from the sight of your eyes.' Nevertheless, I will see Your holy temple again.

"Waters surrounded me, even to my soul. The abyss overpowered me. Open sea covered my head. I sank down to the mountains' ends. The land's bars closed me in, in eternity. Yet You, Lord my God, will lift up my life from corruption.

"When my soul was in anguish inside me, I remembered the Lord, that my prayer may come before You to Your holy temple.

"Those who keep vanities abandon His mercy for nothing. But I will burn offerings to you in praise's voice. Whatever I promised for safety, I will pay to the Lord."

And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah up onto dry land.

Jonah 3.

And the Lord's word came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up! Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach in it the proclamation which I speak to you!"

And Jonah got up and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord's word, and Nineveh was the great God's city, three days across. And Jonah began to go into the city, one day's journey, and he called out and said, "Forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown!"

And the Ninevite men believed in God, and they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest even to the least. And the word came to Nineveh's king, and he rose from his throne and tore his clothing from himself, and he dressed in sackcloth and sat in ashes.

And he called out and spoke in Nineveh from the king's mouth and its princes, saying, "Do not let men or cattle or oxen or sheep taste anything, or eat, or drink water! And let men and cattle be covered with sackcloth, and let them cry out to the Lord in strength, and let man be turned back from his harmful way and from the betrayal that is in their

hands! Who knows whether God will turn back and forget, and turn away from His fury, and we not perish?”

And God saw their works, for they turned back from their harmful way, and God had mercy over the harm which He said He would do to them, and He did not do it.

Jonah 4.

And Jonah suffered with great torment, and was angry. And he prayed to the Lord, and said, “I ask, Lord, isn’t this my word when I was still in my homeland? I was worried because of this, so I ran away to Tharsis – for I know that you, God, are forgiving and merciful, patient, and of many compassions, and forgiving concerning harms.

“And now, Lord, take my soul from me, I pray, for death is better to me than life!”

And the Lord said, “Do you consider it good that you are angry?”

And Jonah went out of the city, and sat facing the city’s east, and he made himself a shelter there, and sat under it in the shade until he could see what would happen to the city. And the Lord God prepared ivy, and it climbed over Jonah’s head, so

shade could be over his head and protect him, for he had

labored. And Jonah was pleased by the ivy with great happiness. And God produced a worm when morning rose the next day, and the worm struck the ivy, and it dried up. And when the sun had risen, God commanded a hot and burning wind, and the sun beat down over Jonah's head, and he was hot, and pleaded in his soul that he might die. And he said, "Dying is better to me than living!"

And the Lord said to Jonah, "Do you consider it good that you are angry over the ivy?"

And he said, "I am rightly angry, even to death!"

And the Lord said, "You grieve over ivy, for which you didn't labor, and neither did you work to make it grow – which was born under one night and died the next night! And will I not spare Nineveh, a great city in which are more than a hundred twenty thousand men, who do not know what may be between their right and left, and many cattle?"

Micah 1.

The Lord's word, which came to Micah the Morasthite, during the days of Joatham, Ahaz,

Hezekiah, Judah's kings, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

Hear, all peoples, and pay attention, land and its plenty, and may the Lord God be with you as witness – the Lord, from His holy temple – for look, the Lord goes out from His place! He will climb down and trample over the land's highest places, and mountains will be consumed beneath Him, and valleys will be torn like wax before fire's face, like waters which will run headlong.

All this is for Jacob's crime, and for the sins of Israel's house. What is Jacob's crime? Is it not Samaria? And what are Judah's high places? Are they not Jerusalem?

And I will make Samaria like a pile of stones in a field where vines are planted, and will pull its stones down into the valley, and will uncover its foundations. And all its sculpted idols will be hacked to pieces, and all its goods will be burned with fire, and I will place all its idols in destruction, because they were gathered by a prostitute's price, and they will be spent for a prostitute's price.

I will lament and wail. I will go robbed and naked. I will make a lament like dragons, and grief like ostriches – because its wound is desperate, because it came even to Judah. It has touched My people's gate, even to Jerusalem.

Don't tell it in Gath! Don't weep tears in the house of Dust! Sprinkle yourselves with dust, and cross over yourselves, Beauty's dwelling – disfigured by shame! She who lives in the Exit has not gone out. The Neighbor's house will receive a lament from you, the one that stood by itself – because it is sick in the good, the one who lives in Bitterness – for harm comes down from the Lord to Jerusalem's gate.

The chariots' tumult has stunned Lachish's inhabitants. It is sin's beginning to Sion's daughter, because Israel's crimes are found in you. Because of this, I will send emissaries over Gath's inheritance, a house of Lies, to deceive Israel's kings. Yet I will lead the heir to you who live in Maresheth. Israel's glory will come even to Adollah.

Make yourself bald and shear your hair over your darling children! Widen your baldness like an eagle, because they are led captive away from you!

Micah 2.

Woe to you who plot uselessly and work harm in your beds! In morning's light they will do it, because their hand is against God. And they lusted after fields and took them violently, and they

plundered houses and oppressed man and his house,
man and his inheritance.

Therefore, the Lord says this: Look, I plot harm
against that family, harm you will not take your
necks away from, and you will not walk proudly
because the time is dismal.

On that day, a parable will be measured over you,
and a song will be sung with softness by those
saying, 'We are devastated by plundering.'

My people's portion is changed. How he will pull
away from Me, when the one who will divide our
regions returns! Because of this, there will not be
for you one casting the lots' line in the Lord's
gathering. Don't speak, saying, 'It will not drop
down over them. Confusion will not capture them.'

Jacob's house says, 'Isn't the Lord's Spirit
shortened, or aren't His thoughts such?'

Aren't My words good with one who lives rightly?
And has it risen up against My people as an enemy?
You have taken away the cloak over the shirt. Those
who merely passed by you have turned back to war.
You have thrown the women of My people out of
the house they loved. You have taken My praise
away from their little ones forever.

Get up and go, because you will not have peace here! Because of its uncleanness, it will be corrupted by a dismal rot. If only I were not a man having a breath, but rather one speaking lies! I will drip down over you in wine and in drunkenness, and it will be that people over whom it drips!

Gathering together, I will gather you – all of Jacob – as one. I will lead Israel’s survivors together. I will place them like a flock in a sheepfold, like cattle in the pen’s midst. They will be troubled by a multitude of men, for He will rise up, opening up the road before them. They will divide and pass through the gate, and go out by it, and their king will pass over before them, and the Lord will be at their head.

Micah 3.

And I said, ‘Listen, Jacob’s princes, and leaders of Israel’s house! Isn’t it yours to know judgment – you, who have hatred for good and delight in harm, who violently rip their skins off of them, and their flesh off their bones – who have eaten My people’s flesh and stripped away their skin from above, and you have broken their bones and chopped them up like in a cauldron, and like meat in the middle of a pot?

‘Then they will cry out to the Lord, and He will not hear them, and He will hide His face from them at

that time, as they have lived wickedly in their inventions.’

The Lord says this against prophets who seduce My people, who bite with their teeth and preach peace, and if someone does not put something in their mouth, they sanctify battle against him.

Therefore, night will be for you instead of vision, and shadows for you in place of divination, and the sun will set over prophets, and day will become night over them. And those who see visions will be dismayed, and diviners will be dismayed, and all will cover their faces, because there is no response from God.

Nevertheless, I am full of the strength of the Lord’s breath with judgment and might, so I may tell Jacob his crime, and Israel his sin. Hear this, princes of Jacob’s house and judges of Israel’s house, who abhor judgment and pervert all right actions – who build Zion by blood, and Jerusalem by betrayal!

Its princes have judged by bribes, and its priests have taught for pay, and its prophets have foretold for money. Yet they kept quiet concerning the Lord, saying, ‘Isn’t the Lord among us? Harms will not come over us.’

For this reason, your Sion will be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem will be like a sharpened stone, and the temple mount like the forests' high places.

Micah 4.

And in the end of days, the mountain of the Lord's house will be prepared in the mountains' height and lifted up over hills, and nations will flow to it. And many peoples will hurry and will say, 'Come, let us go up to the Lord's mountain, and to the house of Jacob's God, and He will teach us about His ways, and we will go in His paths.'

For law will go out from Sion, and the Lord's word from Jerusalem, and He will judge between many peoples, and will rebuke mighty nations, even from far away, and they will chop up their swords into plows and their lances into hoes. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and they will no longer learn to make war.

And man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and there will be no one who discourages – for the mouth of the Lord of armies has spoken. For all peoples will walk, each one in its god's name, but we will walk in the Lord our God's name in eternity and beyond.

In that day, the Lord says, I will gather the lame, and I will gather her whom I had thrown out, and

whom I had afflicted. And I will place the lame among the survivors, and her who labored among a robust nation, and the Lord will reign over them on Mount Sion, from this moment now and even in eternity.

And you – the Flocks' tower, Sion's clouded daughter – it will come even to you, and the kingdom's foremost power will come to Jerusalem's daughter.

Now, why are you depressed by grief? Is the king not with you, or has your counselor perished, because pain overtakes you like one giving birth? Suffer and be hard-pressed, Sion's daughter, like one giving birth, because now you will go out from the city and will live in the region, and you will come even to Babylon. There you will be freed. There the Lord will buy you back from your enemies' hands.

And now many nations are gathered together against you, who say, 'Let it be stoned, and let our eye stare at Sion!'

But they have not known the Lord's thoughts, and have not understood His counsel, because He has gathered them like the threshing floor's hay.

Get up and thresh, Sion's daughter, because I will make your horn iron, and will make your hooves

bronze, and you will break many peoples. And I will kill their plunder by the Lord, and their strength by the Lord of all the land!

Micah 5.

Now you will be laid waste, bandit's daughter! They have set a siege against us. They will strike with a stick the jaw of Israel's judge. And you, Bethlehem Ephratha, you are small among Judah's thousands. Let one who will be Ruler in Israel come out of you to Me, and His coming out is from the beginning, from eternity's days!

Because of this, He will give them up even to the time in which one in labor will give birth. His brothers' survivors will be turned back to Israel's children. And He will stand and will feed in the Lord's strength, in the grandeur of the Lord His God's name, and they will be converted, because now He will be magnified even to the land's ends.

And this will be peace, when the Assyrian will come into our land, and when he will trample on our homes. And we will stir up seven shepherds against him, and eight men of the highest rank. And they will feed Assyria's land by the sword, and Nimrod's land by its spears, and He will free them from Assyria when he comes into our land, and when he tramples within our borders.

And Jacob's survivors will be like dew from the Lord among many peoples, and like rain drops over grass, which do not wait for man, and are not comforted by man's children.

And Jacob's survivors will be among many peoples like a lion among the forest's beasts, and like a young lion among the sheep flocks, who, when he passes through and tramples and captures, there is no one who may rescue.

And He will lift up your hand against your enemies, and all your enemies will perish. And it will be in that day, the Lord says, I will take away your horses from among you, and will destroy your war chariots. And I will ruin your land's cities, and destroy all your fortifications, and I will take away sorceries from your hand, and divinations will not be among you. And I will make your sculpted images and your statues perish from among you, and you will no longer worship the works of your hands. And I will uproot your sacred groves from among you, and crush your cities. And I will work revenge in fury and in indignation among all nations who have not listened.

Micah 6.

Hear what the Lord says! Rise up and contend by judgment against mountains, and let hills hear your voice! Let mountains and the land's mighty

foundations hear the Lord's judgment, because the Lord's judgment is with His people, and will be settled with Israel!

My people, what have I done to you, and in what have I troubled you? Answer Me, because I led you out of Egypt's land, and I freed you from slavery's house, and I sent Moses and Aaron and Mary before your face!

My people, remember, I pray, what Balak, Moab's king, plotted, and what Balaam, Beor's son, answered him, from Setthim even to Gilgal, that he might know the Lord's fairnesses!

What worthy thing will I offer on bended knee to the Lord God Most High? Will I offer Him burnt offerings and year-old calves? Will the Lord be placated by thousands of rams, or by many thousands of fat goats? Will I give my firstborn for my crime, my womb's fruit for my soul's sin?

I will show you, O man, what may be good, and what the Lord may seek from you – by all means to work judgment, and to delight in mercy, and to walk concerned with your God.

The Lord's voice calls out to the city, and security will be to those fearing Your name. Hear, tribe! And who will approve it? Fire is still in the lawless

house. Iniquity's treasures and the paltry measure are full of wrath.

Will I justify the lawless measure or the lying weight's sack, through which its rich are filled by iniquity, and its inhabitants in it spoke lies? And their tongue in their mouth is lying, and I, therefore, began to strike you with destruction over your sins.

You will eat, yet will not be satisfied, and your humiliation will be in your midst. And you will capture, yet will not make safe, and what you make safe, I will give to the sword. You will sow, yet will not harvest. You will tread out the olive, yet not be anointed by the oil, and the grape, yet will not drink the wine.

And you have kept Omri's commandments and the works of Ahab's house, and have walked in their desires, so I may give you to destruction and its inhabitants in it over to hissing. You will carry My people's shame.

Micah 7.

Woe to me, for I have become like one who gathers the vine's branches in autumn! There is no cluster to eat. My soul has desired unripened figs. The holy one has perished from the land, and the honest one no longer exists among men. All are plotting in blood. Man hunts his brother to death.

They call their hands' harm good. The prince demands, and the judge is taking bribes. The great one has spoken his soul's lust, and they have troubled her. Who is best among them is like a thorn bush, and who is honest is like a hedge's barb. Your scrutiny's day, your visitation, comes. Now their devastation will be.

Do not believe a friend, and do not trust a leader! Guard your mouth's door from her who sleeps at your side, for a son causes abuse to a father! A daughter rises up against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. Man's enemies are those of his household.

Yet I will watch for the Lord. I will wait for God my security. My God will hear me. Do not rejoice over me, my enemy, because I have fallen! I will rise up when I have sat down in shadows. The Lord is my light. I will bear the Lord's anger because I have sinned against Him, until He judge my cause and work my judgment. He will lead me into light. I will see in His righteousness.

And my enemy will look on, and she who says to me, 'Where is the Lord your God,' will be covered by confusion. My eyes will look at her. Now she will be for trampling, like the streets' dirt.

Is there a day that your walls may be built? In that day, the law will seem far away. In that day, Assyria also will come even to you— and even to your fortified cities, and from your fortified cities even to the river, and from sea to sea and from mountain to mountain. And the land will be in desolation because of its inhabitants, and because of the fruit of their scheming.

Feed Your people by Your rod, Your inheritance's flock, living alone in the wasteland, in Carmel's midst! They will feed in Bashan and Gilead, like in ancient days.

I will show him wonders, like in the days of his departure from Egypt's land. Nations will see and be dismayed by all its might. They will place hands over the mouth. Their ears will be deaf.

They will lick dust like snakes, like the land's reptiles. They will be driven from their homes. They will desire the Lord our God, and will fear you.

Who is a God like You, who takes away iniquity, and passes over the sins of your inheritance's survivors? He will not send in His fury further, because He is desiring mercy.

He will turn back and be merciful to us. He will lay aside our betrayals, and throw all our sins into the sea's depths.

You will give Abraham's true mercy to Jacob, which you swore to our fathers from ancient days.

Nahum 1.

Nineveh's burden. Nahum the Helcesite's book of visions.

The Lord is a jealous and avenging God. The Lord is the avenger, and having fury. The Lord is avenging among His adversaries, and He is furious against His enemies. The Lord is patient and great in strength. The one cleansing will not make innocent. The Lord – His ways are in storm and tornado, and clouds are His feet's dust– rebuking sea and drying it up, and leading out all rivers to desert! Bashan is ill, and Carmel, and Lebanon's flower languishes.

Mountains are moved before Him, and hills are leveled. The land has trembled before His face, and the world and all who live in it. Who will stand before His indignation's face, and who will hold out against His anger? His indignation is poured out like fire, and rocks have melted before Him.

The Lord is good and comforting in trouble's day, and knowing those hoping in Him. And passing by

in a flood, He will make an end to its place, and shadows will pursue His enemies.

What are you plotting against the Lord? He will make an end. Trouble will not rise up twice, because, as thorns embrace one another, so those drinking will be consumed together with their party, as if full of dry stubble. One plotting harm against the Lord has come out of you, arranging conspiracies in his mind.

The Lord says this: “If they were perfect and so many, even so they would be shaved, and he would pass through. I afflicted you, yet I will not afflict you further. And now I will shatter his rod from your back, and I will break your chains.”

“And now the Lord will go before you. It will not be sown any more from your name. “I will destroy the sculpted statues and cast images from your God’s house, and I will appoint it as your grave, because you are not honored.

“Look! The feet of those telling good news and announcing peace are on the mountains. Let Judah celebrate your festivities and pay your vows, because more will not be added so it may pass through among you. All of Belial has been destroyed.”

Nahum 2.

He climbs up who may destroy before you, who keeps the siege. Watch the way! Strengthen manhood! Build up armies greatly, because the Lord has repaid Jacob's pride, like Israel's pride – for wasters have squandered them, and their cuttings were rotten!

Its mighty ones' shield is burning. Its army's men are dressed in crimson. Its chariots' whips are aflame on its preparation's day, and its chariot drivers are stunned. They are troubled together on the roads. Four-horse chariots crash together in the streets – their appearance like burning torches, like lightning scattering.

He will recall his mighty men. They will fall on their journeys. They will climb its walls quickly, and a shelter will be prepared. The rivers' gates are opened and the temple pulled down to the ground. And the captured soldier is led away, and its slave women were driven away, moaning like doves, muttering in their hearts.

And Nineveh – its waters are like pools of waters, yet they indeed have fled. They shout, 'Stand! Stand!'

Yet there is no one who turns back.

Plunder the silver! Plunder the gold! And there is no end of riches, from all desirable vessels – scattered and torn and cut to pieces, and the heart melting, and the knees failing, and weakness in all guts, and every face like a kettle's blackness!

Where is the lion's den and the young lion's pasture, to which the lion went so it could bring the young lions there? And no one is there who may frighten. The lion took enough for its cubs, and killed for its lionesses, and filled its caves with prey and its den with plunder.

Look, I, the Lord of armies, speak to you, and I am igniting its chariots even to smoke, and the sword will eat your little lions, and I will exterminate your prey from the land, and your messengers' voice will be heard no more.

Nahum 3.

Woe to the bloody city, all full of lies and violence! Plunder will not pull back from you. The whip's voice, and the turning wheel's voice, and the horses' clamoring, and the burning chariots, and the cavalry climbing up, and flashing swords, and glittering shields – and multitudes slaughtered, and terrible ruins, nor is there an end of corpses. And they will fall among their bodies – because of the multitude of the whore's prostitutions! She was beautiful and

pleasing, and having sorcery, who sold nations into her prostitutions and families into her sorceries.

“Look! I, the Lord of armies, speak to you, and I will uncover your shame, and I will show nations your nakedness, and kings your humiliation. And I will throw your abominations over you, and will cause you harm by abuses, and will make you an example. And it will be that all who see you will recoil from you, and will say, ‘Nineveh is laid waste!’

Who will shake the head over you? Where will I seek a comforter for you? Are you better than crowded Alexandria, which lives among rivers, surrounded by water, whose wealth is the sea, the waters its walls? Ethiopia was its strength, and Egypt, and there is no end. Africa and the Libyans came to your aid. Yet even she was led away captive into exile. Her little ones are struck down at the head of all the streets, and they have cast lots over all her celebrated heroes, and all her great nobles have been bound in shackles.

“And you, therefore, will be made drunk. You will be despised, and will ask for help from the enemy. All your fortifications will be like a fig tree with its green figs. If they are shaken, they will fall into the mouth of the one eating.

“Look! Your people in your midst are women. Your land’s gates will be opened wide to your enemies. Your locks will be devoured by fire.

“Draw water for yourself because of the siege! Pile up your arms! Go into the clay and trample! Make bricks! Fire will consume you there. You will die by the sword. It will devour you like insects. Gather like insects! Multiply like locusts!

“You have made your businesses more than the stars are in the sky. The insect has spread out and flown.

“Your guards are like locusts, and your little ones like the locust of locusts, who will camp in the hedges on a cold day. The sun rose and they flew, and the place where they went is not known. Your shepherds slept, Assyria’s King. Your princes will be buried. Your people has hidden itself in the mountains, and there is no one who will come together.

“Your grief is not hidden. Your wound is dismal. All who heard your report clenched a fist over you, because over whom has your harmful way not passed?”

Habakkuk 1.

The weight which the prophet Habakkuk saw.

How long, Lord, will I cry out, and You will not hear? I shout to You, suffering violence, and will You not make safe? Why have You shown me betrayal and labor? May the plunder and lawlessness against me be seen! Judgment happened, yet contradiction is stronger. Because of this, the law is torn apart, and judgment did not come through even to the end – because the lawless prevails against the righteous. For this reason, twisted judgment comes out.

“Look among nations and see, and wonder, and be struck dumb, because a work has been done in your days which no one will believe when it is told! For look! I will stir up the Chaldeans, a bitter and swift nation, marching over the land’s breadth so they can possess dwellings not their own.

“It is horrible and terrifying. Judgment comes from itself, and its burden will come out. Its horses are lighter than leopards and faster than wolves at sunset. Its cavalry will be spread out, for its cavalry will come from far away. They will fly like an eagle hurrying to eat. All will come to the prey. Their face is like burning wind, and it will gather captives like sand. And it will triumph over kings, and tyrants will be its objects of ridicule. It will laugh at

all fortifications. It will heap up mounds and capture them.

“Then, the breath will be changed, and will pass through, and fall. This is its god’s strength.”

Are You not from the beginning, Lord my God, my holy One, and will we not die? Lord, You appointed him in judgment, and established him in strength so You may correct. Your eyes are pure. You will not look on harm. You cannot look at iniquity. Why do You not look on those working betrayal, and are You silent toward the lawless devouring one more righteous than himself? And will you make men like the sea’s fish, and like the reptile, having no leaders?

He lifted up all with a hook, and hauled it in his drag-net, and gathered it in his fish net. Because of this, he will be happy and exult. For this reason, he will burn offerings to his drag-net, and sacrifice to his fish net, because by these his portion is fattened, and his food is choice. Because of this, he casts his net, and he will not spare always to destroy nations.

Habakkuk 2.

I will stand on my watch, and fix my step over the fortification, and I will consider carefully, so I can see what will be said to me and what I can say to the One correcting me.

And the Lord answered me and said, “Write the vision and explain it on a tablet, so one who reads it may move through it quickly, for the vision is still far off, yet it will appear at the end and will not lie. If it makes a delay, wait for it, for it will surely come and not delay!

“Look! Who disbelieves – his soul will not be right within him, yet the righteous will live in his faith. And just like wine deceives a drinker, so the proud man will be, and he will not be honored who has widened his soul like the inferno. And he is like death and will not be satisfied, and he will gather to himself all nations, and will pile up all peoples for himself.

“Won’t all of them take up a parable over him and his cryptic speech? And it will be said, ‘Woe to him who multiplies what isn’t his. How long also harsh grief weighs down against him!’

“Won’t those who bite you rise up quickly? And those tearing you will be aroused, and you will be like plunder to them. Because you robbed many nations, all who are left from the peoples will rob you – because of man’s blood and the iniquity of the land’s cities, and of all its inhabitants in it.

“Woe to one who gathers harmful greed to his house, so his nest can be on the height, and he

thinks he is free from the harmful hand! You plotted confusion for your own house. You chopped down many peoples, and your soul sinned, for the wall's stone will cry out, and the wood which is built between the beams will answer.

“Woe to one who builds a community by blood, and prepares a city by betrayal! Are these not from the Lord of armies? For peoples will labor in much fire, and nations in emptiness, and they will falter – for the land will be filled that it may know the Lord's glory, like waters covering the sea.

“Woe to one who gives his friend a drink, throwing his bile and making him drunk so he can look at his nakedness! He is filled with shame for glory. You drink, likewise, and be put to sleep! The cup of the Lord's right will surround you, and shame's vomit will be over your glory, for Lebanon's iniquities will cover you. For the living things' devastation will frighten them – from bloody men and from the iniquity of land and city and all living in it.

“What benefit is the sculpted statue, because its maker shaped it as an idol and a false image – for its maker hoped in a handmade thing, so he could make voiceless idols.

“Woe to one who says to wood, ‘Wake up!’ and to dumb rock, ‘Rise up!’ It can't teach, can it? Look, it

is covered with gold and silver, yet no breath is in its guts.

“Yet the Lord is in His holy temple – let all the land be silent before His face.”

Habakkuk 3.

The prophet Habakkuk’s prayer, for the ignorant ones.

Lord, I heard Your report, and I was afraid. Lord, Your work is in the middle of years. Make it alive in the middle of years! You will make it known. When You are angry, remember mercy!

God will come from the south, and the Holy from mount Pharan. His glory has always covered the skies, and the land is full of His praise. His splendor is like light. His strength will be in His hands. There His might is hidden.

Death went before His face, and the devil will go out before His feet. He stood, and measured the land. He looked, and nations dissolved, and age-old mountains were moved. The world’s hills bent down before His eternity’s paths. I saw Ethiopia’s tents for iniquity. The pelts of Midian’s land will be troubled.

You aren't angry with the rivers, Lord, are you, or is your fury against rivers, or your indignation against the sea – for You mount up on Your horses, and security is Your chariot!

Surely You will rouse Your bow, the oath which You spoke to the tribes. You tear the land's rivers always. Mountains saw You and were pained. Raging waters passed away. The abyss sounded its voice. The depth lifted up its hands. Sun and moon stood in their dwelling, in Your arrows' light. They will go in the flashing splendor of Your spear.

You will trample the land with a roar. You will stun nations in fury. You came out in Your people's security, with Your Christ in security. You struck the lawless house's head. You stripped the foundation, even to the throat, always.

You cursed his scepter, his warriors' head, who are coming like a tornado to scatter me. Their exultation is like his who devours the poor in secret. You made Your horses a way in the sea, in the clay of many waters.

I heard, and my gut was troubled. My lips trembled at the voice. May rot come into my bones and bubble out under me, so I can rest in trouble's day, so I can climb up to our people around.

For the fig tree will not flower, and no bud will be on the vines, the olive's work will deceive, and the farmland will not bring food. The flock will be taken away from the fold, and no cattle will be in the stalls. Yet I will rejoice in the Lord. I will exult in Jesus my God. The Lord God is my strength, and He will make my feet like the deer's, and He will lead me out triumphant on my high places, singing psalms.

Zephaniah 1.

The Lord's word, which came to Zephaniah, son of Chusi, son of Godolias, son of Amariah, son of Ezekiel, in the days of Josiah, Amon's son, Judah's king.

Gathering, I will gather all from the land's face, the Lord says – gathering men and cattle, gathering sky's birds and sea's fish. And the ruin of the lawless will take place, and I will destroy men from the land's face, the Lord says.

And I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all Jerusalem's inhabitants, and I will destroy from this place Baal's remnants, and his temple keepers' names with the priests, and those who worship the sky's armies on rooftops, and worship and swear by the Lord and swear by Melchom – and who turn aside from the Lord's

covering, and who have not sought the Lord or studied Him.

Be silent before the Lord God's face, because the Lord's day is at hand, because the Lord has prepared His offering! He has sanctified His called ones. And it will happen in the day of the Lord's offering, I will visit against princes and against the king's sons, and against all who are dressed in foreign clothing.

And I will visit on that day all who go in arrogantly over the threshold, who fill the Lord their God's house with iniquity and deceit. And there will be in that day, the Lord says, a shouting voice from the Fish Gate, and wailing from the second, and great dismay from the hills.

Wail, all the pillar's inhabitants! All Canaan's people have fallen silent. All who are wrapped in silver have been destroyed. And in that time I will search Jerusalem with lanterns, and will visit against men buried in their filth, who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, and the Lord will not do harm.'

And their strength will be for plundering, and their house in desert. And they will build houses and not live in them, and will plant vineyards and not drink their wine.

The Lord's great day is at hand, at hand and exceedingly swift! The voice of the Lord's day is bitter. It will trouble the mighty there. That day is anger's day, trouble and anxiety's day, calamity and misery's day – a day of shadows and gloom – a day of clouds and tornados – a day of trumpets and clashing over fortified cities, and over their highest recesses.

And I will trouble men, and they will walk like the blind because they have sinned against the Lord, and their blood will be poured out like dirt, and their bodies like dung. Yet not even their silver and their gold will be able to free them on the day of the Lord's wrath. His jealousy will devour all the land in fire, when He will quickly make an end to all the land's inhabitants.

Zephaniah 2.

Come together! Gather, unlovable nation – before the command may bring forth, passing away like dust, before the Lord's anger comes against you, before the day of the Lord's fury comes over you!

Seek the Lord, all the land's gentle ones, who have worked His judgment! Seek righteousness! Seek gentleness, if somehow you may be hidden in the day of the Lord's fury – for Gaza will be destroyed and Ashkelon left in desert, Azotus will be thrown

down at midday, and Accaron pulled out by the roots!

Woe to you who live in the seacoast, ruined nation! The Lord's word is against you, Canaan, the Philistines' land, and I will destroy you so that you will not have an inhabitant. And the seacoast will be the shepherds' rest and the flocks' folds. And it will be his coast who will be left from Judah's house. They will feed there, in Ashkelon's houses. They will rest at evening, because the Lord their God will visit them, and will turn aside their captivity.

I heard Moab's criticism and the blasphemies of Ammon's children, who condemned My people, and who were built up against their borders. Therefore – I live, says the Lord of armies, Israel's God – Moab will be like Sodom, and Ammon's children like Gomorrah: dried up thorns and salt piles and desert, even to eternity. My people's survivors will plunder them. Those left from my nation will possess them.

This will come to them because of their pride, because they blasphemed and were lifted up against the Lord of armies' people. The Lord will be terrifying against them, and He will weaken all the land's gods. And they will adore Him, a man from His place, all the nations' islands. Yet even you, Ethiopians, will be killed by My sword.

And He will stretch out His hand against the north, and destroy Assyria, and He will make the beautiful into an abandoned place, and like a pathless land, and like desert. And flocks will lie down in its midst. All the nations' beasts, and pelicans, and hedgehogs will live in its houses. The songbird's voice is in its windows, the crow over its doorposts, because I will weaken its strength.

This is the glorious city, living in confidence, which said in its heart, 'I am, and there is no other more besides me.' How you have been turned to desert, the beasts' bed! Each one who passes through her will hiss and shake his hand.

Zephaniah 3.

Woe to the provoking yet bought-back city, the 'dove'! She has not heard the voice and has not accepted discipline. She did not trust in the Lord, and did not come near to her God.

Her princes in her midst are like roaring lions. Her judges are like wolves at evening. They will leave nothing behind at morning. Her prophets are wild, unfaithful men. Her priests polluted the holy place. They carried on unjustly against the law.

The just Lord in her midst will not work iniquity. He will give her judgment early, early – in daylight

– and it will not be hidden. But the betrayer has not known confusion.

I destroyed nations, and their fortified corners are scattered. I made their roads deserted, while there is no one who passes through. Their cities are desolate – no man remaining or any other inhabitant.

I said, ‘Surely you will fear me. You will accept discipline, and her dwelling will not perish, because I have visited her in all things.’

Nevertheless, rising up early, they corrupted all their thoughts. Because of this, wait for me, the Lord says, on My resurrection’s day in the future, because of My judgment – so I may gather nations and collect kingdoms, so I may pour out my indignation against them, all my furies – for all the land will be devoured in My jealousy’s fire!

For then I will return the chosen lip to the peoples, that all may call on the Lord’s name, and serve Him with one shoulder. From beyond Ethiopia’s rivers, those praying to Me, the children of My scattered ones, will bring Me gifts.

On that day, you will not be dismayed by all your inventions by which you have lied to me, because then I will take away from among you your pride’s great boasters. And you will not add more to be

praised on My holy mountain. And I will leave a poor and needy people among you, and they will hope in the Lord's name.

Israel's survivors will not work iniquity or speak lies, and a lying tongue will not be found in their mouth, for they will be fed and will lie down, and there will be no one who terrifies them.

Praise, Sion's daughter! Shout for joy, Israel! Be happy and exult with all the heart, Jerusalem's daughter! The Lord has taken away your judgment. He has turned your enemies back. The Lord is among you – Israel's King. You will not fear further harm.

It will be said to Jerusalem on that day, 'Do not fear, Zion! Your hands will not be destroyed.'

The Lord your God is among you – the Mighty. He will make safe. He will rejoice over you in happiness. He will be silent in your delight. He will exult over you in praise.

I will gather together the frivolous ones who had pulled away from the law – for they were from you – so you may have no further reproach against them.

Look, I will kill all who have afflicted you at that time, and I will make the lame safe, and I will

gather her who was thrown away, and I will appoint them in praise and in name, in all the lands of their confusion, in that time where I will lead you, and in that time where I will gather you – for I will give you in name and in praise to all the land's peoples, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, the Lord says.

Haggai 1.

In King Darius' second year, in the sixth month, on the month's first day, the Lord's word came to the prophet Haggai's hand, to Zerubbabel, Salathiel's son, Judah's leader, and to Jesus, Josedech's son, the High Priest, saying, The Lord of armies spoke this, saying, This people says the time for building the Lord's house still hasn't come.

And the Lord's word came into Haggai the prophet's hand, saying, Is there time for you that you live in paneled houses, and this house is abandoned?

And now, the Lord of armies says this: Set your hearts over your ways! You sowed much and took in little. You ate and were not satisfied. You drank and were not drunk. You covered yourselves and were not warmed, and one who gathered goods tossed them in a bag with holes.

The Lord of armies says this: Set your hearts over your ways! Climb up onto the mountain, carry wood, and build the house, and it will be acceptable to Me and I will be honored, the Lord says.

You were looking for more and, look, it became less, and you took it into the house and I blew it away, for this reason, the Lord of armies says: because My house is abandoned, and each one of you hurries to his house.

Because of this, the skies are restrained above you. They cannot give the dew. And the land is restrained. It cannot give its seed. And I have called drought over land, and over mountains, and over wheat, and over wine, and over oil, and over whatever else soil may give – and over men, and over cattle, and over all the hand's labor.

And Zerubbabel, Salathiel's son, and Jesus, Josedech's son, High Priest, and all the people's survivors, heard their God's voice and Haggai the prophet's word as the Lord their God sent him to them, and the people feared before the Lord's face. And Haggai, the Lord's messenger, from the Lord's messengers, spoke to the people, saying, I am with you, the Lord says.

And the Lord roused the spirit of Zerubbabel, Salathiel's son, Judah's leader, and the spirit of Jesus, Josedech's son, High Priest, and the spirit of

the survivors of all the people, and they went in and did work in the house of the Lord of armies, their God.

Haggai 2.

On the twentieth-fourth day of the sixth month, in Darius' second year as king, in the seventh month, the twenty-first day of the month, the Lord's word came into Haggai the prophet's hand, saying, 'Speak to Zerubbabel, Salathiel's son, Judah's leader, and to Jesus, Josedech's son, the High Priest, and to the people's survivors, saying, Who among you is left who saw this house in its former glory? And what you now see, doesn't it seem like nothing in your eyes?

Yet now, be strengthened, Zerubbabel, and be strengthened, Jesus, Josedech's son, High Priest, and be strengthened, all the land's people, the Lord of armies says – and work, because I am with you, the Lord of armies says!

The word that I fulfilled with you when you came out of Egypt's land, and My spirit, will be among you. Do not be afraid, because the Lord of armies says this: Yet one small time is, and I will move sky and earth and sea and dry land together! And I will move all nations, and the One desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with honor, the Lord of armies says.

Silver is mine and gold is mine, the Lord of armies says.

This house's last honor will be greater than its first, the Lord of armies says, and I will give peace in this place, the Lord of armies says.

In the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in Darius's second year, the Lord's word came to Haggai the prophet, saying, The Lord of armies says this: Ask the priests about the law, saying, If a man takes sanctified meat in the pocket of his clothes, and he touches with the surface bread or fish or wine or oil or any food, what he touched won't be sanctified, will it?

And the priests, responding, said, "No."

And Haggai said, If one polluted in soul should touch all of this, will it be contaminated?

The priests answered and said, "It will be contaminated."

And Haggai answered and said, So this people and this nation is before My face, the Lord says. And so all their work and all that they offer there will be contaminated.

And now, set your heart on this day and after. Before one stone was placed on top of another in the Lord's temple, when you came near the stock of twenty measures, they also became ten. When you entered the olive press to press out fifty jars, they became twenty.

I struck you with burning wind, and all your hands' works with jaundice and hail. Yet there was no one among you who turned back to Me, the Lord says.

Set your hearts, from this day and in the future, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, on the day in which the foundations of the Lord's temple were laid.! Set it on your hearts!

The seed isn't already growing, is it, and the vine and fig tree and pomegranate and olive tree aren't already flowering, are they? From that day, I will bless.

And the Lord's word came to Haggai a second time in the twenty-fourth month, saying, Speak to Zerubbabel, Judah's leader, saying, I will move sky and land together. And I will undermine kings' thrones, and smash the might of the nations' kings, and I will overturn the chariot and its riders, and horses and their riders will fall, each man by his brother's sword.

In that day, the Lord of armies says, I will receive you, Zerubbabel, Salathiel's son, My slave, the Lord says, and I will place you like a seal, because I chose You, the Lord of armies says.

Zechariah 1.

In the eighth month of Darius' second year, the Lord's word came to Zechariah, Barachiah's son, Addo the prophet's son, saying, "The Lord was greatly angry with your fathers. And you will say to them, The Lord of armies says this: Turn back to me, the Lord of armies said, and I will turn back to you, the Lord of armies says.

"Do not be like your fathers, to whom the earlier prophets cried out, saying, The Lord of armies says this: turn from your harmful ways and your dismal plots. Yet they did not hear, nor did they pay attention to me, the Lord says.

"Where are your fathers and the prophets? They aren't living forever, are they? Nevertheless, my words and my rights, which I commanded my slaves the prophets, did they not capture your fathers? They turned back and said, 'As the Lord of armies thought to do to us, according to our ways and according to our inventions, He has done to us.'"

On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, a Sabbath, in Darius' second year, the Lord's word came to Zechariah, Barachia's son, Addo the prophet's son, saying, I saw by night and, look, a man mounting a red horse, and he stood among myrtle trees which were in the depth, and after him red, mixed, and white horses.

And I said, "Who are these, my lord?"

And the angel who spoke in me said to me, "I will show you what these may be."

And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, "These are those whom the Lord sent, so they could walk around the land."

And they answered the Lord's angel, who stood among the myrtle trees, and they said, "We walked around the land and, look, all the land is inhabited and quiet."

And the Lord's angel answered and said, "Lord of armies, how long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem, and on Judah's cities, with whom You have been angry? This is the seventieth year."

And the Lord answered with good words, consoling words, to the angel who spoke in me. And the angel who spoke in me said to me, "Cry out, saying, The

Lord of armies says this: I am jealous for Jerusalem and Zion with great jealousy. And I am angry with great anger against wealthy nations, for I was angry a little, yet they helped together in harm.”

Therefore, the Lord says this: “I will go back to Jerusalem in mercies. My house will be built in it, the Lord of armies said, and a plumb line will be stretched out over Jerusalem.

“Cry out still, saying, the Lord of armies says this: My cities will be filled again with good, and the Lord will console Sion again, and will choose Jerusalem again.”

And I lifted up my eyes and saw, and, look – four horns. And I said to the angel who spoke in me, “What are these?”

And he said to me, “These are the horns which gored Judah and Israel and Jerusalem.”

And the Lord showed me four craftsmen. And I said, “What will these come to make?”

He spoke, saying, “These are the horns which gored Judah through individual men, and none of them could lift up their heads. And these have come to frighten them away, so the nations’ horns can be thrown down – the horns which were lifted up over Judah’s land so they could scatter it.”

Zechariah 2.

And I lifted up my eyes and saw, and, look, a man, and in his hand a measuring line. And I said, “Where are you going?”

And he said to me, “So I can measure Jerusalem, and I will measure its width and its length.”

And, look, the angel who spoke in me went out, and another angel went out to meet him. And he said to him, “Run, speak to this boy, saying, Jerusalem will be inhabited without a wall, before the multitude of men and cattle in its midst.

“And I will be a wall of fire around it, the Lord said, and I will be in honor in its midst. O, O flee from the north land,” the Lord says, “for I scattered you to the sky’s four winds,” the Lord says.

“O Zion, flee, you who live with Babylon’s daughter!”

For the Lord of armies says this: “He sent me after glory to nations who plundered you – for he who touched you touched his eye’s pupil.”

“For look, I lift My hand against them, and they will be prey to those who served themselves, and you will know that the Lord of armies sent me.

“Give praise and be happy, Zion’s daughter, for, look! I will come and live among you,” the Lord said.

“And many nations will be added to the Lord on that day, and they will be Mine among the people, and I will live among you. And the Lord will possess Judah as His portion in the sanctified land, and He will choose Jerusalem again.”

Let all flesh be silent before the Lord’s face, for He has risen from His holy dwelling!

Zechariah 3.

And He showed me Jesus, the High Priest, standing before the Lord’s angel, and Satan stood at his right so he could oppose him. And the Lord said to Satan, “May the Lord rebuke you, Satan, and may the Lord who chooses Jerusalem rebuke you. Isn’t this the brand snatched from the fire?”

And Jesus was dressed in dirty clothes, and stood before the angel’s face, who answered and spoke to those who stood before him, saying, “Take the dirty clothes away from him.”

And He said to him, “Look, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and clothed you with changes.”

And He said, "Put a pure priestly crown on his head."

And they put the pure crown on his head, and they dressed him in clothes, and the Lord's angel stood. And the Lord's angel called Jesus to witness, saying, "The Lord of armies says this: if you walk in My ways and keep My protection, you will judge My house as well, and keep My courts; and I will give from these who now stand nearby, walking with you.

"Hear, High Priest Jesus, you and your friends who live before you, for you are the foretold men! For, look, I will bring my rising servant.

"For, look, the stone which I placed is before Jesus. There will be seven eyes over one stone. Look, I will hide his idols, the Lord of armies said, and I will take away that land's betrayal in one day.

"In that day, the Lord of armies says, man will call his friend under vine and under fig tree."

Zechariah 4.

And the angel who spoke in me turned back and roused me, like one who rouses man from his sleep. And he said to me, "What do you see?"

And I said, “I saw, and look, a candelabra of pure gold, and its lamp over its head, and its seven lights over it, and seven tubes of oil for the lamps which were over its head, and two olive trees over it, one at the lamp’s right and the other at its left.”

And I answered and said to the angel who spoke in me, saying, “What are these, my lord?”

And the angel who spoke in me answered and said, “Don’t you know what these are?”

And I said, “No, my lord.”

And he answered and spoke to me, saying, “This is the Lord’s word to Zerubbabel, saying, Neither in an army nor in strength, but in My spirit, the Lord of armies says.

“Who are you, great mountain, before Zerubbabel? You will turn into a plain, and he will bring out the first stone, and equalize grace of his grace.”

And the Lord’s word came to me, saying, “Zerubbabel’s hands laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it, and you will know that the Lord of armies sent me to you. For who despised small days? They too will rejoice, and they will see the tin stone in Zerubbabel’s hands. These seven are the Lord’s eyes, which wander in all the land.

And I answered and said to him, “What are these two olive trees, to the candelabra’s right and to its left?”

And I answered a second time and said to him, “What are these two olive branches which are beside the two gold lecterns, in which are the tubes from gold?”

And he spoke to me, saying, “Don’t you know what these are?”

And I said, “No, lord.”

And he said, “These are two sons of oil who stand before the Ruler of all the land.”

Zechariah 5.

And I turned back and lifted up my eyes and saw, and look, a book flying! And he said to me, “What do you see?”

And I said, “I see a book flying. Its length is twenty cubits and its width ten cubits.”

And he said to me, “This is the curse which comes over all the land’s face, for every thief will be judged as is written there, and everyone swearing likewise will be judged from this. And I will lead it,

the Lord of armies says, and it will come to the thief's house, and to the house of one swearing who is lying in My name. And it will live amidst its house and will consume it – both its wood and its stones.”

And the angel who spoke in me went out and said to me, “Lift up your eyes and see what this is that is going out!”

And I said, “What is it, then?”

And he said, “This is a jar coming out.”

And he said, “This is their eye in the whole land.”

And look, a lead talent was carried, and look, one woman sitting inside the jar. And he said, “This is lawlessness.”

And he threw her down inside the jar, and put a lead weight into its mouth. And I lifted up my eyes and saw, and look! Two women are coming, and a spirit in their wings, and they had wings like birds of prey, and they lifted the jar up between land and sky.

And I said to the angel who spoke in me, “Where did these take the jar?”

And he said to me, “So a house may be built for it in Sennar’s land, and it will be steadied, and be placed there on its foundation.

Zechariah 6.

And I turned back and lifted my eyes up and saw. And look, four chariots were going out from the middle of two mountains, and the mountains were brass mountains. In the first chariot were red horses, and in the second black horses, and in the third chariot white horses, and in the fourth chariot, various-colored mighty horses.

And I answered and said to the angel who spoke in me, “What are these, my lord?”

And the angel answered and said to me, “These are the sky’s four winds, which go out so they can stand before the Ruler of all the land.”

The chariot in which the four black horses were went out to the north land, and the white went out after them, and the various-colored went out to the south land. But the ones which were mightiest went out and sought to go and pass through all the land.

And he said, “Go, walk through the land!”

And they walked through the land. And he called me and spoke to me, saying, “Look, those who go

to the north land have made My spirit rest in the north land.”

And the Lord’s word came to me, saying, “Take up from the captivity, from Oldai and from Tobias and from Idaias, and you will come in that day and enter the house of Josiah, son of Zephaniah, who came from Babylon. And you will take up silver and gold and make crowns, and you will put them on the head of Jesus, Josedech’s son, the High Priest.

“And you will speak to them, saying, The Lord of armies spoke this, saying, ‘Look! There is a Man – Rising is his name. And he will rise under Him, and will build a temple to the Lord.’

“And He will build a temple to the Lord, and He will carry honor, and will sit and rule on His throne. And he will be priest over His throne, and peace’s counsel will be between those two. And crowns will be for Helem and Tobias and Idaius and Hen, Zephaniah’s son, a memorial in the Lord’s temple. And the ones who are far will come and will build in the Lord’s temple, and you will know that the Lord of armies sent me to you. And it will be that, if hearing, you will hear the Lord your God’s voice.”

Zechariah 7.

And this happened in King Darius’s fourth year. The Lord’s word came to Zechariah, in the fourth

day of the ninth month, which is Casleu. And Sarasar and Rogomelech and the men who were with him sent to God's house, to plead before the Lord's face, so they could speak to the priests and prophets of the Lord of armies' house, saying, "Isn't weeping mine in the fifth month, or must I sanctify myself as I have done already for many years?"

And the Lord of armies' word came to me, saying, "Speak to all the land's people, and to the priests, saying, when you fasted and grieved in the fifth and seventh months through those seventy years, you didn't fast your fast to Me, did you? And when you ate and when you drank, didn't you eat for yourselves and also drink for yourselves?"

"Those weren't the words which the Lord spoke through the hands of the earlier prophets, were they – when Jerusalem still was inhabited and was rich – it and the cities around it – and was inhabited to the south and in the countryside?"

And the Lord's word came to Zechariah, saying, The Lord of armies spoke this, saying, "Judge true judgments, and work mercy and compassions, each one with his brother! And do not oppress widow and orphan and stranger and poor, and let man not plot harm in his heart against his brother!"

"Yet they did not pay attention, and they turned their shoulder, walking away, and they made their

ears heavier so they couldn't hear. And they set their heart like stone, so they couldn't hear the law and word which the Lord of armies sent into his spirit, by the hands of the earlier prophets, and indignation became great, from the Lord of armies.

“And it happened as it was spoken, yet they wouldn't listen. So they will call out, and I will not hear,” the Lord of armies says.

“And I scattered them through all kingdoms, which they didn't know, and the land was desolate apart from them, so that no one was coming or going, and they made the land of desires into desert.”

Zechariah 8.

And the Lord of armies' word came, saying, The Lord of armies says this: “I have been jealous for Zion with great zeal, and I have been jealous with great indignation.”

The Lord of armies says this: “I have turned back to Zion, and will live in Jerusalem's midst, and Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the Lord of armies' mountain the sanctified mountain.”

The Lord of armies says this: “Old men and women will yet live in Jerusalem's streets, and men with walking sticks in hand from a multitude of days.

And the city's streets will be filled with infants and with children playing in its streets."

The Lord of armies says this: "If it will seem hard in the eyes of the people's survivors, those from those days, it won't be hard in my eyes, will it?" the Lord of armies says.

The Lord of armies says this: "Look, I will save My people from the east land, and from the land of the setting sun. And I will lead them up, and they will live in Jerusalem's midst, and they will be a people to Me, and I will be God to them in truth and in righteousness."

The Lord of armies says this: "Let your hands be strengthened, you who hear those sermons through the prophets' mouths in these days – on the day the Lord of armies' house was founded so the temple could be built. If in fact before those days, there was no pay for men, nor was there a price for cattle, nor was there peace to those coming in and going out because of trouble – and I let all men go, each one against his neighbor – but now I will not work with this people's survivors like in earlier days," the Lord of armies says.

"But peace's seed will blossom, the vineyard will give its fruit, and the land will give its grain, and skies will give their dew, and I will make this people's survivors possess all these.

“And it will be as you were a curse among nations, Judah’s house and Israel’s house, so I will save you, and you will be a blessing. Don’t be afraid! Let your hands be strengthened, for the Lord of armies says this: As I considered how I could afflict you when your fathers provoked me to anger,” the Lord says, and I was not merciful, so turning, I considered in these days how I can bless Jerusalem and Judah’s house. Don’t be afraid!

“These, therefore, are the words which you will do. Speak truth, each one with his neighbor! Judge truth and peace’s judgment in your gates! And do not consider harm in your hearts, each one against his friend, and do not delight in lying oaths, for I have hated all of these,” the Lord says.

And the Lord of armies’ word came to me, saying, The Lord of armies says this: “The fourth month’s fast and the fifth’s fast and the seventh’s fast and the tenth’s fast will be to Judah’s house in joy and in happiness and in splendid observances. Delight in truth and in peace alone!”

The Lord of armies says this: “Until peoples come and live in many cities, and the inhabitants go to one another saying, ‘Let us go and plead before the Lord’s face, and let us seek the Lord of armies’ – I, too, will go.

“And many peoples will come, and mighty nations, to seek the Lord of armies in Jerusalem, and to plead before the Lord’s face.”

The Lord of armies says this: “In those days, in which ten men from all the nations’ tongues will take hold, and they will grab the garment’s fringe of a Jewish man, saying, ‘We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’”

Zechariah 9.

The weight of the Lord’s word to Adrach and Damascus’ land, His rest, because man’s eye is the Lord’s, and all Israel’s tribes. Emath also, in its borders, and Tyre and Sidon have considered themselves greatly wise, of course. And Tyre has built its fortress, and heaped up silver like dirt and gold like the street’s filth.

Look, the Lord will possess her, and strike her power in the sea, and this will be consumed by fire. Ashkelon will see and fear, and Gaza also will suffer greatly, and Accaron, for its hope was confused, and the king will perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon will not be inhabited. And a divider will sit in Azotus, and I will scatter the Philistines’ pride. And I will take its blood from its mouth, and its abominations from between its teeth, and even he will be abandoned to our God. And he will be like a leader in Judah, and Accaron like a Jebusite.

And I will surround My house with those who serve Me as soldiers, going and coming back, and an extortionist will not pass over them further, for now I have seen with My eyes.

Rejoice exceedingly, Sion's daughter! Shout for joy, Jerusalem's daughter! Look, Your King will come to you, righteous and a savior. He is poor, riding on an donkey, and on a colt, a donkey's son. And I will destroy the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem, and war's bow will be destroyed. And He will speak peace to nations, and His power will stretch from sea even to sea, and from rivers to the land's end.

You, likewise, by your covenant's blood sent your captives out of a pit in which there is no water. Turn to the fortress, hope's captives! Today likewise, announcing, I will repay double to you, for I have bent Judah to me like a bow. I have filled Ephraim, and I will rouse your children, Zion, against your children, Greece. And I will set you like the mighty ones' sword.

And the Lord God will be seen above them, and His spear will go out like lightning, and the Lord God will sound in the trumpet, and will come in a southern tornado. The Lord of armies will protect them, and they will devour and subdue by the sling's stones. And drinking, they will be drunk as if

by wine, and they will be filled like plates, and like the altars' horns.

And the Lord their God will save them on that day like his people's flock, for holy stones will be lifted up over His land. For what is his good, and what is his beauty? Is it not his choice grain, and his wine, budding forth virgins?

Zechariah 10.

Ask the Lord for rain in late season, and the Lord will make snow, and He will give rain showers to them, to each plant in the field – for idols spoke worthlessly and diviners saw lies and dreamers spoke to no purpose. They were consoled in vain. Therefore, they were carried away like a flock. They were afflicted because there is no shepherd for them.

My fury was enraged against the shepherds. I will visit against the he-goats, for the Lord of armies has visited His flock, Judah's house, and set them like the horse of His glory in battle. From Him the angle, from Him the tent peg, from Him the battle's bow – from Him, every extortionist will come out at once.

And they will be like the mighty, trampling the dirt of the highways in battle, and they will make war because the Lord is with them, and those mounting

horses will be dismayed. And I will strengthen Judah's house, and will save Joseph's house, and I will convert them, because I have mercy on them. And it will be like they were when I had not thrown them out – for I, the Lord their God, will also hear them. And they will be like Ephraim's mighty ones, and their heart will rejoice as if from wine. And their children will see, and their heart will rejoice and exult in the Lord.

And I will whistle for them and will gather them, because I have bought them back. And I will multiply them like they were multiplied before. And I will sow them among peoples, and they will remember Me from far away. And they will live with their children, and will come back.

And I will lead them back from Egypt's land, and I will gather them from the Assyrians. And I will lead them into Galaad's land and Lebanon, yet a place will not be found in them. And He will pass through in the narrow sea, and will strike the waves in the sea, and all the River's depths will be dismayed. And Assyria's pride will be humbled, and Egypt's scepter will retreat. I will strengthen them in the Lord, and they will walk in His name, the Lord says.

Zechariah 11.

Open your gates, Lebanon, and may fire consume your cedars! Wail, fir tree, because the cedar has fallen, because the magnificent ones are devastated! Wail, Bashan's oak, because the fortified forest is cut down!

The shepherds' voice is wailing, because their magnificence is laid waste. The lions' voice is roaring, because Jordan's pride is devastated.

The Lord my God says this: "Feed slaughter's flock! That which they had, they killed, and they were not sorry. And they sold them, saying, 'The Lord is blessed! We have become rich.' And their shepherds did not spare them.

"And I will not spare the land's inhabitants further," the Lord says. "Look! I will hand men over, each one into his neighbor's hand and into his king's hand. And they will ruin the land, and I will not rescue from their hand.

"And I will feed slaughter's sheep because of this, O flock's poor ones, and I will take up to Myself two staffs. I called one Beauty, and the other I called Measuring Cords, and I have fed the flock.

"And I have cut down three shepherds in one month, and My soul has drawn back from them, just as their soul wavered from Me. And I said, I will

not feed you. Let what will die, die, and let what is cut off be cut off, and let each one of the survivors devour his neighbor's flesh.

“And I took My staff, which was called Beauty, and I hacked it apart, so I could make void My covenant which I had struck with all peoples. And it was led out in uselessness on that day, and so the flock's poor have known, those who watch for Me, that this is the Lord's word.

“And I said to them, If it is good in your eyes, bring My price, and if not, be quiet. And they weighed out My price – thirty pieces of silver.”

And the Lord said to me, “Throw it down toward the statuary, the honorable price at which I was valued by them.”

And I took thirty pieces of silver, and threw them down in the Lord's house, toward the statuary. And I cut short My second staff, which was called Cord, so I could dissolve brotherhood between Judah and Israel.”

And the Lord said to me, “Take up to yourself still the foolish shepherd's tools, for look, I will rouse a shepherd in the land who will not visit the abandoned, or seek the lost, or heal the injured. And he will not nourish one that stands, and will eat the fat ones' flesh, and he will break their hooves.

“O shepherd and idol, abandoning the flock, a sword is against his arm and against his right eye. His arm will wither from dryness, and his right eye, shadowing, will be darkened.”

Zechariah 12.

The weight of the Lord’s word over Israel.

The Lord spoke, stretching out sky, and founding land, and molding man’s spirit in it. Look, I will make Jerusalem a drunken door post against all the peoples around. Even Judah will be setting siege against Jerusalem.

And it will be in that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone to all peoples. All who lifted her up will be sliced up as if by butchers, and all the land’s kings will be gathered against her.

In that day, the Lord says, I will strike every horse with stupor and its rider with mindlessness, and I will open My eyes over Judah’s house, and I will strike the peoples’ every horse with blindness.

And Judah’s leaders will say in their hearts, ‘Let Jerusalem’s inhabitants be strengthened for me in the Lord of armies, their God.’

In that day, I will set Judah's leaders like a foundry's fire in wood, like a burning torch in hay, and they will devour on the right and on the left, all nations around, and Jerusalem will be inhabited again in its place, in Jerusalem. And the Lord will save Judah's tents, as in the beginning, so David's house and the one having glory in Jerusalem may not boast proudly against Judah.

In that day, the Lord will protect Jerusalem's inhabitants, and it will be that one who offends on their behalf in that day will be like David, and David's house will be like God, like the Lord's angel, in their sight. And it will be in that day I will seek to shatter all nations that come against Jerusalem.

And I will pour out a graceful and prayerful spirit over David's house and over Jerusalem's inhabitants, and they will look on Me whom they affixed with nails. And they will lament with wailing as if over an only child, and they will grieve over Him, as one is accustomed to grieve over the death of a firstborn child.

In that day, grief will be great in Jerusalem, like Adadremmon's grief in Megiddo's field. And the land will wail, families and families separately, and David's house separately, and their women separately – the families of Nathan's house separately, and their women separately; the families

of Levi's house separately, and their women separately; Shemei's families separately, and their women separately; all the survivors' families, families and families separately, and their women separately.

Zechariah 13.

In that day, there will be an open spring to David's house and to Jerusalem's inhabitants, for washing away sins and menstruation. And it will be in that day, the Lord of armies says, I will destroy the idols' names from the land, and they will not be remembered more, and I will take away prophets and unclean spirits from the land.

And it will be when anyone prophesies further, his father and his mother who birthed him will say to him, "You will not live, because you have spoken a lie in the Lord's name!"

And his father and his mother, his originators, will thrust him through when he prophesies. And it will be in that day prophets will be dismayed, each one from his vision when he prophesies, nor will they be covered by a sackcloth disguise so they can lie.

But he will say, 'I am not a prophet. I am a farmer, for Adam has been my example from my youth.'

And it will be said to him, ‘What are these wounds in the middle of your hands?’

And he will say, ‘I was wounded with these in the house of those who loved me.’

Stir up a spear against My shepherd and against men joined to Me, the Lord of armies says! Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn My hand toward the little ones! And it will be in all the land, the Lord says, two parts in it will be scattered and fall away, and a third part will be left in it. And I will lead the third part through fire, and refine them like silver is refined, and I will prove them like gold is proved. He will call My name, and I will hear him. I will say, ‘You are My people,’ and he will say, ‘The Lord is my God.’

Zechariah 14.

Look, the Lord’s days are coming, and your plunder will be divided among you. And I will gather all nations to Jerusalem in battle, and the city will be captured, and its homes will be laid waste, and its women raped. A half part of the city will go out to captivity, yet the people’s remnant will not be taken away from the city.

And the Lord will go out, and do battle against those nations, like He has fought in the battle’s day. And His feet will stand in that day on the Mount of

Olives, which faces Jerusalem from the east, and the Mount of Olives will be split in half to east and west by an intensely great rupture, and it will be separated, half of the mountain to the north and its other half to the south.

And you will flee to My mountain's valley, because the mountain's valley will be joined even to its neighbor, and you will flee like you fled from the earthquake's face in the days of Uzziah, Judah's king.

And the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with Him. And it will be in that day, there will not be light, but cold and ice. And one day will be which is known by the Lord – neither day nor night – and at evening time there will be light.

And in that day it will be that living waters will flow out from Jerusalem, their half to the eastern sea, and their other half to the farthest sea. They will be in summer and in winter.

And the Lord will be King over all the land in that day. There will be one Lord, and His name will be one. And all the land will be turned back even to the desert, from Remmon's hill to south of Jerusalem, and it will be lifted up and inhabited in its place, from Benjamin's gates even to the Ancestors' gates, even to the Angles' gate, and from Ananael's tower even to the King's winepress. And

they will live in her, and there will be no further curse, but Jerusalem will sit secure.

And this will be the blow with which the Lord will strike all nations who fought against Jerusalem. Each one's flesh will melt, standing on their feet, and his eyes will melt together in their holes, and their tongue will melt in their mouth.

In that day, the Lord's tumult will be great among them, and man will take his neighbor's hand, and his hand will be joined with his neighbor's hand. Yet even Judah will fight against Jerusalem, and the riches from all the nations around will be gathered – gold and silver and clothes in much abundance. And thus will be the horse's ruin, and the mule's, camel's, and donkey's, and all the cattle which were in their camps – like this ruin.

And all who will be left from all the nations which came against Jerusalem will go up from year to year, so they can worship the King, the Lord of armies, and celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles. And it will be that who will not go up from the land's families to Jerusalem so he can worship the King, the Lord of armies – there will be no rain over them; that, if even Egypt's family will not go up and will not come, neither will rain be over them. But ruin will be, by which the Lord will strike all nations which will not come to celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles. This will be Egypt's sin,

and this will be the sin of all nations who will not come up to celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles.

In that day, it will be that what is on the horse's bridle is holy to the Lord, and there will be copper cooking pots in the Lord's house like drinking plates before the altar. And it will be that all the cooking pots in Jerusalem and in Judah will be sanctified to the Lord of armies, and all those burning offerings will come. And they will take up from them and cook in them, and there will no longer be a merchant in the Lord of armies' house in that day.

Malachi 1.

The weight of the Lord's word to Israel, in Malachi's hands.

I delighted in you, the Lord says. Yet you said, 'In what have you delighted in us?'

Is Esau not Jacob's brother, the Lord says. Yet I delighted in Jacob. But I have hatred for Esau, and set his mountains as ruins, and gave his inheritance to the desert's dragons – which, if Edom should say, 'We are destroyed, but, coming back, we will build what was deserted,' the Lord of armies says this: They will build and I will destroy, and they will be

called lawlessness's Borders, and a People with whom the Lord is angry, even in eternity.

And your eyes will see, and you will say, 'May the Lord be magnified above Israel's border.'

Son honors father and slave his master. If, therefore, I am Father, where is My honor, and if I am Lord, where is My fear, the Lord of armies says to you, O priests who despise My name?

And you said, 'In what have we despised Your name?'

You offer polluted bread on My altar, and you say, 'In what have we polluted you?'

In that you say, 'The Lord's table is despised.'

If you offer blind animals for burnt offerings, isn't this harmful, and if you offer the lame and sick, isn't this harmful? Offer it to your leader, if he will be pleased with it, or if he will accept your face, the Lord of armies says!

And now, plead before God's face, so He can have mercy on you – for this has come from your hand – if somehow He can accept your face, the Lord of armies says!

Who is among you who closes the door and burns an offering on My altar freely? There is no favor to Me among you, the Lord of armies says, and I will not accept a gift from your hand.

For from the sun's rising even to its setting, My name is great among nations, and in every place is sacrifice, and a pure offering is offered to My name, because My name is great among nations, the Lord of armies says.

Yet you have polluted it because you say, 'The Lord's table is contaminated.'

And that which is placed on it is contemptible, with the fire that consumes it. And you have said, 'Look, this is from hard work!'

Yet you have blown it out, the Lord of armies says. You brought in from plunder the lame, and you even brought in the sick, and I won't accept it from your hand, will I, the Lord says.

The liar is cursed, who has a male in his flock and, making a vow, burns a weak animal to the Lord – for I am a great King, the Lord of armies says, and My name is feared among nations.

Malachi 2.

And now, this commandment is to you, O priests. If you don't listen, and if you don't set it on your heart so you can give glory to My name, the Lord of armies says, I will send poverty among you, and I will curse by your blessings, and I will curse by them because you did not set it on the heart.

Look, I will throw an arm over you and scatter against your faces. Even the dung of your solemnities will take you up for itself. And you will know that I sent this commandment so it could be My pact with Levi, the Lord of armies says.

My pact was life and peace with him, and I gave him fear, and he feared me, and he was frightened before My face. Truth's law was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips. He walked with Me in peace and righteousness, and turned many away from iniquity – for the priests' lips will keep knowledge, and they will seek the law from his mouth, because it is the Lord of armies' messenger. Yet you turned back from the way, and scandalized many in the law. You made Levi's pact void, the Lord of armies says.

Because of this, I also made you contemptible and low before all peoples, just as you did not serve My ways and you favored faces in the law.

Is there not one Father to all of us? Didn't one God create us? Why, then, does each one of us despise his brother, violating our Father's peace?

Judah has transgressed, and an abomination has come into Israel and into Jerusalem, because Judah contaminated the Lord's sanctifications in which He delighted – and he had the daughter of a strange god.

May the Lord destroy the man who did this from Jacob's tents – teacher and student – and the ones giving gifts to the Lord of armies! And you did this again. You covered the Lord's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning like this. So I will not look further toward your sacrifice, nor accept as pleasing that offering from your hands.

And you said, 'For what reason?'

Because the Lord is a witness between you and the wife of your youth, whom you despised. Yet she was your partner, and the wife of your covenant. Didn't One make her, and isn't she residue of His spirit? And what is it one seeks, if not God's seed? Keep, therefore, your spirit, and do not despise the wife of your youth!

When you have hatred, forgive, says the Lord, Israel's God! Yet iniquity will cover his clothing, the Lord of armies says. Keep your spirit and do not

despise!

You made the Lord labor in your words, and you said, ‘In what did we make Him labor?’

In this: when you say to all who do harm, ‘This is good in the Lord’s sight, and such things are pleasing to Him,’ or, certainly, ‘Where is judgment’s God?’

Malachi 3.

Look! I will send My angel, and he will prepare a way before My face, and the ruler whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple. And the covenant’s messenger, whom you desire? Look! He comes, the Lord of armies says.

And who can consider the day of his coming, and who will stand to see him – for he is like a refiner’s fire, and like a cloth-dyer’s herb! And he will sit, refining and purifying silver, and he will purge Levi’s children, and purify them like gold and like silver. And they will be to the Lord those offering sacrifices in righteousness, and Judah’s and Jerusalem’s sacrifice will be pleasing to the Lord, like the ages’ days, and like ancient years.

And I will come near you in judgment, and I will be a swift witness against magicians and criminals and adulterers and perjurers, and those who hold back

the hired man's wages, and oppress widows and orphans and the pilgrim – nor have they feared Me, the Lord of armies says.

For I am the Lord, and I do not change, and you, Jacob's children, are not consumed, for you have turned away from My laws since your fathers' days, and have not kept them. Turn back to Me and I will turn back to you, the Lord of armies says!

And you said, 'In what will we turn back?'

Will man pierce God, for you pierce Me!

And you said, 'In what have we pierced You?'

In tithes and first fruits! And you are cursed in poverty, yet the whole nation pierces Me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, and let food be in My house, and prove Me over this, the Lord says, if I will not open over you the sky's waterfalls! And I will pour out blessing for you, even to abundance. And I will rebuke the devourer for you, and it will not rot your land's fruit, nor will the vine in the field be sterile, the Lord of armies says.

And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be desire's land, the Lord of armies says.

Your words were strengthened against me, the Lord says.

And you said, ‘What have we spoken against You?’

You said, ‘Who serves God is useless,’ and, ‘What benefit is it that we keep His precepts, or that we walk saddened before the Lord of armies? Therefore, now we call the arrogant blessed, since in fact they have built, working lawlessness, and they tested God, yet they were made safe.’

Then those fearing God have spoken, each one with his neighbor, and the Lord listened carefully and heard, and a book of remembrance is written before Him for those fearing the Lord and those considering His name. And they will be mine, the Lord of armies says, in the day when I work in small things, and I will spare them like a man spares his son who serves him.

And you will turn back, and will see what can be between the righteous and the lawless, and between one serving God and one not serving Him.

Malachi 4.

For look, the day will come, burning like a furnace, and all the proud and all those working iniquity will be stubble, and it will consume them. The day is coming, the Lord of armies says, which will leave them neither root nor bud.

And the sun of righteousness will rise over you who fear My name, and healing will be in his wings, and you will go out and leap like the herd's calves. And you will trample the lawless when they will be ashes beneath your footsteps in the day which I make, the Lord of armies says.

Be mindful of the law of Moses, My slave, which I commanded him in Horeb, precept and judgment for all Israel.

Look, I will send Elijah the prophet to you, before the Lord's great and terrible day will come. And he will turn the fathers' heart toward the children, and the children's heart toward their fathers, unless perhaps I come and strike the land with a curse.