

THE  
DIXIE BIBLE  
WITH SACRED NAMES  
AND CLARIFICATIONS

CONTAINING THE  
OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

THE DIXIE BIBLE WITH SACRED NAMES AND CLARIFICATIONS  
COMPILED AND TRANSLATED BY DEWEY H. TUCKER

Copyrighted © 2015 by Dewey H. Tucker. All rights reserved.

Published by Dewey H. Tucker  
830 Tucker Place  
Dandridge, TN 37725

# JEREMIAH

## CHAPTER 1

THE words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that *were* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: To whom the word of YAHWAH came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

Then the word of YAHWAH came unto me, saying,

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you, *and* I ordained you *a* prophet unto the nations.

Then said I, Ah, Lord YAHWAH! behold, I cannot speak: for I *am a* child.

But YAHWAH said to me, Say not, I *am a* child: for you shall go to all that I shall send you, and whatsoever I command you you shall speak.

Be not afraid of their faces: for I *am* with you to deliver you, said YAHWAH.

Then YAHWAH put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And YAHWAH said to me, Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

Moreover the word of YAHWAH came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what see you? And I said, I see *a* rod of *an* almond tree.

Then said YAHWAH unto me, You have well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

And the word of YAHWAH came unto me the second time, saying, What see you? And I said, I see *a* seething pot; and the face thereof *is* toward the north.

Then YAHWAH said to me, Out of the north *an* evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.

For, behold, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, said YAHWAH; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.

And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other elohiems, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

You therefore gird up your loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command you: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound you before them.

For, behold, I have made you this day *a* defenced city, and *an* iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

And they shall fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you; for I *am* with you, said YAHWAH, to deliver you.

## CHAPTER 2

MOREOVER the word of YAHWAH came to me, saying,

Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus said YAHWAH; I remember you, the kindness of your youth, the love of your espousals, when you went after me in the wilderness, in *a* land *that was* not sown.

Israel *was* sanctification unto YAHWAH, *and* the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, said YAHWAH.

Hear you all the word of YAHWAH, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:

Thus said YAHWAH, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

Neither said they, Where *is* YAHWAH that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the

wilderness, through *a* land of deserts and of pits, through *a* land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through *a* land that no man passed through, and where no adamite dwelt?

And I brought you into *a* plentiful land, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when you all entered, you all defiled my land, and made my heritage *an* abomination.

The priests said not, Where *is* YAHWAH? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after *things that* do not profit.

Wherefore I will yet plead with you, said YAHWAH, and with your children's children will I plead.

For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such *a* thing.

Has *a* nation changed *their* eloheem, which *are* yet not the ELOHEEM? but my people have changed their glory for *that which* does not profit.

Be astonished, O you all heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be you all very desolate, said YAHWAH.

For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, *and* hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

*Is* Israel *a* servant? *is* he *a* homeborn *slave*? why is he spoiled?

The young lions roared upon him, *and* yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burned without inhabitant.

Also the children of Noph and Tahapanes have broken the crown of your head.

Have you not procured this unto yourself, in that you have forsaken YAHWAH ELOHEEM, when he led you by the way?

And now what have you to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what have you to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river?

Your own wickedness shall instruct you, and your backslidings shall reprove you: know therefore and see that *it is an evil thing* and bitter, that you have forsaken YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and that my fear *is* not in you, said the Lord YAHWAH of Hosts.

For of old time I have broken your yoke, *and* burst your bands; and you saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree you wander, playing the whore.

Yet I had planted you *a* noble vine, wholly *a* right seed: how then are you turned into the degenerate plant of *a* strange vine unto me?

For though you wash you with nitre, and take you much soap, *yet* your iniquity is marked before me, said the Lord YAHWAH.

How can you say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? see your way in the valley, know what you have done: *you are a* swift dromedary traversing her ways;

*A* wild ass used to the wilderness, *that* snuffs up the spirit at her pleasure; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.

Withhold your foot from being unshod, and your throat from thirst: but you saidst, There is no confidence: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.

As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,

Saying to *a* stock, You *are* my father; and to *a* stone, You have brought me forth: for they have turned *their* back unto me, and not *their* face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and DELIVER us.

But where *are* your eloheems that you have made you? let them arise, if they can DELIVER you in the time of your trouble: for *according to* the number of your cities are your eloheems, O Judah.

Wherefore will you all plead with me? you all have transgressed against me, said YAHWAH.

In vain have I smitten your children; they received no instruction: your own sword has devoured your prophets, like *a* destroying lion.

O gene-race-aion, see you all the word of YAHWAH. Have I been *a* wilderness unto Israel? *a* land of darkness? wherefore say my people, We are Lords; we will come no more unto you?

Can *a* maid forget her ornaments, *or a* bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number. Why trim you your way to seek love? therefore have you also taught the wicked ones your ways. Also in your skirts is found the blood of the persons of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these. Yet you say, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with you, because you say, I have not sinned. Why gad you about so much to change your way? you also shall be ashamed of Egypt, as you were ashamed of Assyria. Yes, you shall go forth from him, and your hands upon your head: for YAHWAH has rejected your confidences, and you shall not prosper in them.

### CHAPTER 3

THEY say, If *a* man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but you have played the whore with many lovers; yet return again to me, said YAHWAH.

Lift up your eyes unto the high places, and see where you have not been lien with. In the ways have you sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and you have polluted the land with your whoredoms and with your wickedness.

Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there has been no latter rain; and you had *a* whore's forehead, you refused to be ashamed.

Will you not from this time cry unto me, My father, you *are* the guide of my youth?

Will he reserve *his anger* forever? will he keep *it* to the end? Behold, you have spoken and done evil things as you could.

YAHWAH said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Have you seen *that* which backsliding Israel has done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there has played the whore. And I said after she had done all these *things*, Turn you unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw *it*.

And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her *a* bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the whore also.

And it came to pass through the Lightness of her whoredoms, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.

And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, said YAHWAH.

And YAHWAH said to me, The backsliding Israel has justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, you backsliding Israel, said YAHWAH; *and* I will not cause my anger to fall upon you: for I *am* merciful, said YAHWAH, *and* I will not keep *anger* forever.

Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and have scattered your ways to the strangers under every green tree, and you all have not obeyed my voice, said YAHWAH.

Turn, O backsliding children, said YAHWAH; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of *a* city, and two of *a* family, and I will bring you to Zion:

And I will give you pastors according to my heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

And it shall come to pass, when you all be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, said YAHWAH, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of YAHWAH: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit *it*; neither shall *that* be done anymore.

At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of YAHWAH; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of YAHWAH, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk anymore after the imagination of their evil heart.

In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for *an* inheritance unto your fathers.

But I said, How shall I put you among the children, and give you *a* pleasant land, *a* goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, You shall call me, My father; and shall not turn away from me.

Surely *as a* wife treacherously departs from her husband, so have you all dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, said YAHWAH.

*A* voice was heard upon the high places, weeping *and* supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, *and* they have forgotten YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

Return, you all backsliding children, *and* I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto you; for you *are* YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

Truly in vain *is any confidence* from the hills, *and from* the multitude of mountains: truly in YAHWAH ELOHEEM *is* the deliverance of Israel.

For shame has devoured the labor of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.

We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covers us: for we have sinned against YAHWAH ELOHEEM, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

#### CHAPTER 4

IF you will return, O Israel, said YAHWAH, return unto me: and if you will put away your abominations out of my sight, then shall you not moan.

And you shall swear, YAHWAH lives, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

For thus said YAHWAH to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.

Circumcise yourselves to YAHWAH, and take away the foreskins of your heart, you all men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench, because of the evil of your doings.

You all declare in Judah, and hearken in Jerusalem; saying, Blow you all the trumpets in the land: cry, Gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities.

Setting up the standards toward Zion, seeking refuge, stay not, for I will bring evil from the north, and great destruction.

The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the nations is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make your land desolate; your cities shall be laid waste, without inhabitants.

For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of YAHWAH is not turned back from us. And it shall come to pass at that day, said YAHWAH, The heart of the king shall perish along with the hearts of the princes; and the priests shall be confounded, and the prophets shall be dumbfounded.

Then said I, Ah, Lord YAHWAH! Surely you have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, who say, You all shall have peace; whereas the sword reaches unto their persons.

At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, *A* dry spirit of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse,

*Even a* full spirit from those *places* shall come unto me: now also will I give sentence against them.

Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots as whirlwinds: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled.

O Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, that you be DELIVERED. How long shall your vain thoughts lodge inside of you?

For *a* voice declares from Dan, and wickedness is heard from the mountain of Ephraim.

You all make mention in the nations; behold, *even* heard in Jerusalem, *that* watchers come from *a* far land, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah.

As keepers of *a* field, are they against her round about; because she has been rebellious against me, said YAHWAH.

Your ways and your doings have procured these *things* unto you; this *is* your wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reaches into your heart.

My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart roars inside of me; I cannot hold my peace, because you have heard, O my person, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, *and* my curtains in *a* moment.

How long shall I see the standard, *and* hear the sound of the trumpet?

For my people *are* fools, they have not known me; these children play the fool, and they have no understanding: they *are* wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

I beheld the land, and, behold, *it was* without form, and void; and no light in heaven.

I beheld the mountains, and, behold, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

I beheld, and, behold, no adamites, and all the birds under heaven were fled.

I beheld, and, behold, the fruitful place *was a* wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of YAHWAH, by his fierce anger.

For thus has YAHWAH said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make *a* full end.

For this shall the land mourn, and heaven above be black: because I have spoken *it*, I have purposed *it*, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city forsaken, and no man dwells therein.

And *when you are* spoiled, what will you do? Though you cloth yourself with crimson, though you deck you with ornaments of gold, though you rent your face with colors, in vain shall you make yourself beautiful; *your* lovers will despise you, they will abuse your person.

For I have heard sounds as of women in travail, the anguish as of her that brings forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, bewailing herself, spreading her hands, *saying*, Woe *is* me now! for my person is wearied because of murderers.

## CHAPTER 5

RUN you all to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if you all can find *a* man, if there be *any* that executes judgment, that seeks the Truth; and I will pardon it.

And though they say, YAHWAH lives; surely they swear falsely.

O YAHWAH, *are* not your eyes upon the Truth? you have stricken them, but they have not grieved; you have consumed them, *but* they have refused to receive instruction: they have made their faces harder than *a* rock; they have refused to return.

Therefore I said, Surely these *are* poor; they are foolish: for they know not the Way of YAHWAH, *nor* the judgment of the ELOHEEM.

I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the Way of YAHWAH, *and* the judgment of the ELOHEEM: but these have altogether broken the yoke, *and* burst the bonds.

Wherefore *a* lion out of the forest shall slay them, *and a* wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, *a* leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goes out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, *and* their backslidings are increased.

How shall I pardon you for this? your children have forsaken me, and sworn by *them that are* not ELOHEEM: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the whores' houses.

They were *as* fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife.

Shall I not visit for these *things*? said YAHWAH: and shall not my person be avenged on such *a* nation as this?

Go you all up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not *a* full end: take away her battlements; for they *are* not YAHWAH'S.

For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, said YAHWAH. They have belied YAHWAH, and said, *It is* not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine:

And the prophets shall become spirit, and the word *is* not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

Wherefore thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Hosts, Because you all speak this word, behold, I will make my words in your mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

Behold, I will bring *a* nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, said YAHWAH: *it is a* mighty nation, *it is an* ancient nation, *a* nation whose language you know not, neither understand what they say.

Their quiver *is* as *an* open tomb, they *are* all mighty men.

And they shall eat up your harvest, and your bread, *which* your sons and your daughters should eat: they shall eat up your flocks and your herds: they shall eat up your vines and your fig trees: they shall impoverish your fenced cities, wherein you trustedst, with the sword.

Nevertheless in those days, said YAHWAH, I will not make *a* full end with you.

And it shall come to pass, when you all shall say, Wherefore does YAHWAH ELOHEEM all these *things* unto us? then shall you answer them, Like as you all have forsaken me, and served strange eloheems in your land, so shall you all serve strangers in *a* land *that is* not yours.

Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,

Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not:

Fear you all not me? said YAHWAH: will you all not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand *for* the bound of the sea by *a* perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?

But this people has *a* revolting and *a* rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone.

Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear YAHWAH ELOHEEM, that gives rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserves unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

Your iniquities have turned away these *things*, and your sins have withholden good *things* from you.

For among my people are found wicked *men*: they lay wait, as he that sets snares; they set *a* trap, they catch men.

As *a* cage is full of birds, so *are* their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.

They are waxen fat, they shine: yes, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge.

Shall I not visit for these *things*? said YAHWAH: shall not my person be avenged on such *a* nation as this?

*A* wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land;

The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love *to have it* so: and what will you all do in the end thereof?

## CHAPTER 6

O YOU ALL children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up *a* sign of fire in Bethhaccerem: for evil appears out of the north, and great destruction.

I have likened the daughter of Zion to *a* comely and delicate *woman*.

The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch *their* tents against her round about; they shall feed every one in his place.

Sanctify you all war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day goes away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.

Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces.

For thus has YAHWAH of Hosts said, Hew you all down trees, and cast *a* mountain against Jerusalem: this *is* the city to be visited; she *is* wholly oppression in the midst of her.

As a fountain casts out her waters, so she casts out her wickedness: violence and spoil is heard in her; before me continually *is* grief and wounds.

Be you instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my person depart from you; lest I make you desolate, *a* land not inhabited. Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as *a* vine: turn back your hand as *a* grapegatherer into the baskets.

To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear *is* uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of YAHWAH is unto them *a* reproach; they have no delight in it.

Therefore I am full of the fury of YAHWAH; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with *him that is* full of days.

And their houses shall be turned unto others, *with their* fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, said YAHWAH.

For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one *is* given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one deals falsely.

They have healed also the hurt *of the daughter* of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace.

Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time *that* I visit them they shall be cast down, said YAHWAH.

Thus said YAHWAH, Stand you all in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and you all shall find rest for your persons. But they said, We will not walk *therein*.

Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Harken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken. Therefore hear, you all nations, and know, O whole national gathering, what *is* among them.

Hear, O land: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, *even* the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

To what purpose comes there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from *a* far land? your burnt offerings *are* not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me.

Therefore thus said YAHWAH, Behold, I will lay stumbling blocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish.

Thus said YAHWAH, Behold, *a* people comes from the north land, and *a* great nation shall be raised from the sides of the land.

They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they *are* cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roares like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against you, O daughter of Zion.

We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble: anguish has taken hold of us, *and* pain, as of *a* woman in travail.

Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy *and* fear *is* on every side.

O daughter of my people, gird *you* with sackcloth, and wallow yourself in ashes: make you mourning, *as for an* only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.

I have set you *for a* tower *and a* fortress among my people, that you may know and try their way.

They *are* all grievous revolvers, walking with slanders: *they are* brass and iron; they *are* all corrupters.

The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melts in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away.

Reprobate silver shall *men* call them, because YAHWAH has rejected them.

## CHAPTER 7

THE word that came to Jeremiah from YAHWAH, saying,

Stand in the gate of YAHWAH'S house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of YAHWAH, all *you all* of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship YAHWAH.

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

Trust you all not in lying words, saying, The temple of YAHWAH, The temple of YAHWAH, The temple of YAHWAH, *are* these.

For if you all throughly amend your ways and your doings; if you all throughly execute judgment between *a* man and his neighbour;

*If* you all oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other eloheems to your hurt:

Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, into this Age and all Ages.

Behold, you all trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

Will you all steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other eloheems whom you all know not;

And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

Is this house, which is called by my name, become *a* den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen *it*, said YAHWAH.

But go you all now unto my place which *was* in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.

And now, because you all have done all these works, said YAHWAH, and I spoke unto you, rising up early and speaking, but you all heard not; and I called you, but you all answered not;

Therefore will I do unto *this* house, which is called by my name, wherein you all trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.

And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, *even* the whole seed of Ephraim.

Therefore pray not you for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear you.

See you not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead *their* dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other eloheems, that they may provoke me to anger.

Do they provoke me to anger? said YAHWAH: *do they* not *provoke* themselves to the confusion of their own faces?

Therefore thus said the Lord YAHWAH; Behold, my anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon adamites, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.

For I spoke not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:

But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your ELOHEEM, and you all shall be my people: and walk you all in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels *and* in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending *them*:

Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.

Therefore you shall speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to you: you shall also call unto them; but they will not answer you.

But you shall say to them, This *is* *a* nation that obeys not the voice of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, nor receives

correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

Cut off your hair, *O Jerusalem*, and cast *it* away, and take up *a* lamentation on high places; for YAHWAH has rejected and forsaken the gene-race-aion of his wrath.

For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, said YAHWAH: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it.

And they have built the high places of Tophet, which *is* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded *them* not, neither came it into my heart.

Therefore, behold, the days come, said YAHWAH, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.

And the carcasses of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the land; and none shall fray *them* away.

Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.

## CHAPTER 8

AT that time, said YAHWAH, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their tombs:

And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the land.

And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places where I have driven them, said YAHWAH of Hosts.

Moreover you shall say to them, Thus said YAHWAH; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return?

Why *then* is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by *a* perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.

I hearkened and heard, *but* they spoke not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rushes into the battle.

Yes, the stork in the heaven knows her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of YAHWAH.

How do you all say, *We are* wise, and the law of YAHWAH *is* with us? Behold, certainly in vain made he *it*; the pen of the scribes *is* in vain.

The wise *men* are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: behold, they have rejected the word of YAHWAH; and what wisdom *is* in them?

Therefore will I give their wives unto others, *and* their fields to them that shall inherit *them*: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one deals falsely.

For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace.

Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, said YAHWAH.

I will surely consume them, said YAHWAH: *there shall be* no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and *the things that* I have given them shall pass away from them.

Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and let us be silent there: for YAHWAH ELOHEEM has put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against YAHWAH.

We looked for peace, but no good *came*; *and* for a time of health, and behold trouble!

The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan: the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones; for they are come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those that dwell therein.

For, behold, I will send serpents, cockatrices, among you, which *will* not *be* charmed, and they shall bite you, said YAHWAH.

*When* I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart *is* faint in me.

Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far land: *Is* not YAHWAH in Zion? *is* not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, *and* with strange vanities?

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not DELIVERED.

For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment has taken hold on me.

*Is there* no balm in Gilead; *is there* no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

## CHAPTER 9

OH that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they *be* all adulterers, *an* assembly of treacherous men.

And they bend their tongues *like* their bow *for* lies: but they are not valiant for the Truth upon the land; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, said YAHWAH.

Take you all heed every one of his neighbour, and trust you all not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders.

And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the Truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, *and* weary themselves to commit iniquity.

Your habitation *is* in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, said YAHWAH.

Therefore thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of my people?

Their tongue *is* as an arrow shot out; it speaks deceit: *one* speaks peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in heart he lays his wait.

Shall I not visit them for these *things*? said YAHWAH: shall not my person be avenged on such a nation as this?

For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through *them*; neither can *men* hear the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the heavens and the beasts are fled; they are gone.

And I will make Jerusalem heaps, *and* a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant.

Who *is* the wise man, that may understand this? and *who is he* to whom the mouth of YAHWAH has spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perishes *and* is burned up like a wilderness, that none passes through?

And YAHWAH said, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;

But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them:

Therefore thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, *even* this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.

I will scatter them also among the nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, Consider you all, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and

send for cunning *women*, that they may come:

And let them make haste, and take up *a* wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters.

For *a* voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast *us* out.

Yet hear the word of YAHWAH, O you all women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation.

For death is come up into our windows, *and* is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from outside, *and* the young men from the streets.

Speak, Thus said YAHWAH, Even the carcasses of adamites shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather *them*.

Thus said YAHWAH, Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, let not the rich *man* glory in his riches:

But let him that glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I *am* YAHWAH which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the land: for in these *things* I delight, said YAHWAH.

Behold, the days come, said YAHWAH, that I will punish all *them which are* circumcised with the uncircumcised;

Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all *that are* in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all *these nations are* uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel *are* uncircumcised in the heart.

## CHAPTER 10

HEAR you all the word which YAHWAH speaks unto you, O house of Israel:

Thus said YAHWAH, Learn not the way of the nations, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the nations are dismayed at them.

For the customs of the people *are* vain: for *one* cuts *a* tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.

They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

They *are* upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also *is it* in them to do good.

Forasmuch as *there is* none like unto you, O YAHWAH; you *are* great, and your name *is* great in might.

Who would not fear you, O King of nations? for to you does it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise *men* of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, *there is* none like unto you.

But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock *is an* instruction of vanities.

Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple *is* their clothing: they *are* all the work of cunning *men*.

But YAHWAH *is* the true ELOHEEM, he *is* the living ELOHEEM, and *an* everlasting king: at his wrath the land shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

Thus shall you all say to them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the land, *even* they shall perish from the land, and from under these heavens.

He has made the land by his power, he has established the World by his wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

When he utters his voice, *there is a* multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causes the vapours to ascend from the ends of the land; he makes lightnings with rain, and brings forth the spirit out of his treasures.

Every adamite is brutish in knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven images: for his molten images *are* falsehoods, and no spirit *is* in them.

They *are* vanities, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

The portion of Jacob *is* not like them: for he *is* the former of all *things*; and Israel *is* the rod of his inheritance:

YAHWAH of Hosts *is* his name.

Gather up your wares out of the land, O inhabitant of the fortress.

For thus said YAHWAH, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this once, and will distress them, that they may find *it so*.

Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this *is a* grief, and I must bear it.

My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they *are not: there is none* to stretch forth my tent anymore, and to set up my curtains.

For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought YAHWAH: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.

Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and *a* great commotion out of the north land, to make the cities of Judah desolate, *and a* den of dragons.

O YAHWAH, I know that the way of adamite *is not* in himself: *it is not* in man that walks to direct his steps.

O YAHWAH, instruct me, but with judgment; not in your anger, lest you bring me to nothing.

Pour out your fury upon the nations that know you not, and upon the families that call not on your name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.

## CHAPTER 11

THE word that came to Jeremiah from YAHWAH, saying,

Hear you all the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; And say you unto them, Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel; Cursed *be* the man that obeys not the words of this covenant,

Which I commanded your fathers in the day *that* I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall you all be my people, and I will be your ELOHEEM:

That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them *a* land flowing with milk and honey, as *it is* this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O YAHWAH.

Then YAHWAH said to me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear you all the words of this covenant, and do them.

For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day *that* I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice.

Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do; but they did *them* not.

And YAHWAH said to me, *A* conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other eloheems to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.

Therefore thus said YAHWAH, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them.

Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the eloheems unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not DELIVER them, shall be no DELIVERANCE in the time of their trouble.

For *according to* the number of your cities were your eloheems, O Judah; and *according to* the number of the streets of Jerusalem have you all set up altars to *that* shameful thing, *even* altars to burn incense unto Baal.

Therefore pray not you for this people, neither lift up *a* cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.

What has my beloved to do in my house, *seeing* she has worked lewdness with many, and the sanctified flesh is passed from you? when you do evil, then you rejoice.

YAHWAH called your name, *A* green olive tree, fair, *and* of goodly fruit: with the noise of *a* great tumult he

has kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken.

For YAHWAH of Hosts, that planted you, has pronounced evil against you, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Baal.

And YAHWAH has given me knowledge *of it*, and I know *it*: then you showed me their doings.

But I *was* like *a* lamb *or an* ox *that* is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, *saying*, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered.

But, O YAHWAH of Hosts, that judge righteously, that try the feelings and the heart, let me see your vengeance on them: for unto you have I revealed my cause.

Therefore thus said YAHWAH of the men of Anathoth, that seek your person, saying, Prophecy not in the name of YAHWAH, that you die not by our hand:

Therefore thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, Behold, I will punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine:

And there shall be no remnant of them: for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, *even* the year of their visitation.

## CHAPTER 12

RIGHTEOUS *are* you, O YAHWAH, when I plead with you: yet let me talk with you of *your* judgments: Wherefore does the way of the wicked prosper? *wherefore* are all they happy that deal very treacherously?

You have planted them, yes, they have taken root: they grow, yes, they bring forth fruit: you *are* near in their mouth, and far from their feelings.

But you, O YAHWAH, know me: you have seen me, and tried my heart toward you: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and sanctify them for the day of slaughter.

How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our last end.

If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? and *if* in the land of peace, *wherein* you trustedst, *they wearied you*, then how will you do in the swelling of Jordan?

For even your brethren, and the house of your father, even they have dealt treacherously with you; yes, they have called *a* multitude after you: believe them not, though they speak fair words unto you.

I have forsaken my house, I have left my heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my person into the hand of her enemies.

My heritage is unto me as *a* lion in the forest; it cried out against me: therefore have I hated it.

My heritage *is* unto me *as a* speckled bird, the birds round about *are* against her; come you all, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.

Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion *a* desolate wilderness.

They have made it desolate, *and being* desolate it mourns unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man lays *it* to heart.

The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness: for the sword of YAHWAH shall devour from the *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.

They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, *but* shall not profit: and they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of YAHWAH.

Thus said YAHWAH against all my evil neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.

And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.

And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, YAHWAH

lives; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the midst of my people. But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, said YAHWAH.

### CHAPTER 13

THUS said YAHWAH unto me, Go and get you *a* linen girdle, and put it upon your loins, and put it not in water.

So I got *a* girdle according to the word of YAHWAH, and put *it* on my loins.

And the word of YAHWAH came unto me the second time, saying,

Take the girdle that you have got, which *is* upon your loins, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide it there in *a* hole of the rock.

So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as YAHWAH commanded me.

And it came to pass after many days, that YAHWAH said to me, Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded you to hide there.

Then I went to Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it: and, behold, the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing.

Then the word of YAHWAH came unto me, saying,

Thus said YAHWAH, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.

This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other eloheems, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.

For as the girdle cleaves to the loins of *a* man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, said YAHWAH; that they might be unto me for *a* people, and for *a* name, and for *a* praise, and for *a* glory: but they would not hear.

Therefore you shall speak unto them this word; Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall say to you, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?

Then shall you say to them, Thus said YAHWAH, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness.

And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, said YAHWAH: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them.

Hear you all, and give ear; be not proud: for YAHWAH has spoken.

Give glory to YAHWAH ELOHEEM, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while you all look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, *and* make *it* gross darkness.

But if you all will not hear it, my person shall weep in secret places for *your* pride; and my eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because YAHWAH'S flock is carried away captive.

Say to the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down: for your principalities shall come down, *even* the crown of your glory.

The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open *them*: Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive.

Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where *is* the flock *that* was given you, your beautiful flock?

What will you say when he shall punish you? for you have taught them *to be* captains, *and* as chief over you: shall not sorrows take you, as *a* woman in travail?

And if you say in your heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of your iniquity are your skirts discovered, *and* your heels made bare.

Can the Kushite change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then* may you all also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble that passes away by the spirit of the wilderness.

This *is* your lot, the portion of your measures from me, said YAHWAH; because you have forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.

Therefore will I discover your skirts upon your face, that your shame may appear.

I have seen your adulteries, and your neighings, the lewdness of your whoredoms, *and* your abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto you, O Jerusalem! will you not be made clean? when *shall it* once be?

## CHAPTER 14

THE word of YAHWAH that came to Jeremiah concerning the dearth.

Judah mourns, and the gates thereof languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.

And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, *and* found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads.

Because the ground is chapt, for there was no rain in the land, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads.

Yes, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook *it*, because there was no grass.

And the wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the spirit like dragons; their eyes did fail, because *there was* no grass.

O YAHWAH, though our iniquities witness against us, do you *it* for your name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against you.

O the confidence of Israel, the DELIVERER thereof in time of trouble, why should you be as *a* stranger in the land, and as *a* wayfaring man *that* turns aside to wait for *a* night?

Why should you be as *a* man astonished, as *a* mighty man *that* cannot DELIVER? yet you, O YAHWAH, *are* in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; leave us not.

Thus said YAHWAH unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore YAHWAH does not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.

Then said YAHWAH unto me, Pray not for this people for *their* good.

When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and *an* oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

Then said I, Ah, Lord YAHWAH! behold, the prophets say to them, You all shall not see the sword, neither shall you all have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place.

Then YAHWAH said to me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spoke unto them: they prophesy unto you *a* false vision and divination, and *a* thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

Therefore thus said YAHWAH concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.

And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them.

Therefore you shall say this word unto them; Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with *a* great breach, with *a* very grievous blow.

If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yes, both the prophet and the priest go about into *a* land that they know not.

Have you utterly rejected Judah? has your person lothed Zion? why have you smitten us, and *there is* no healing for us? we looked for peace, and *there is* no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!

We acknowledge, O YAHWAH, our wickedness, *and* the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against you.

Do not abhor *us*, for your name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of your glory: remember, break not your covenant with us.

Are there *any* among the vanities of the nations that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? *are* not you he, O YAHWAH ELOHEEM? therefore we will wait upon you: for you have made all these *things*.

## CHAPTER 15

THEN said YAHWAH unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, *yet* my person *could* not be toward this people: cast *them* out of my sight, and let them go forth.

And it shall come to pass, if they say to you, Where shall we go forth? then you shall tell them, Thus said YAHWAH; Such as *are* for death, to death; and such as *are* for the sword, to the sword; and such as *are* for the famine, to the famine; and such as *are* for the captivity, to the captivity.

And I will appoint over them four kinds, said YAHWAH: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the land, to devour and destroy.

And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the land, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for *that* which he did in Jerusalem.

For who shall have pity upon you, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan you? or who shall go aside to ask how you do?

You have forsaken me, said YAHWAH, you are gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against you, and destroy you; I am weary with repenting.

And I will fan them with *a* fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave *them* of children, I will destroy my people, *since* they return not from their ways.

Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas: I have brought upon them against the mother of the young men *a* spoiler at noonday: I have caused *him* to fall upon it suddenly, and terrors upon the city.

She that has borne seven languishes: she has given up the spirit; her sun is gone down while *it was* yet day: she has been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, said YAHWAH.

Woe is me, my mother, that you have borne me *a* man of strife and *a* man of contention to the whole land! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; *yet* every one of them does curse me.

YAHWAH said, Indeed it shall be well with your remnant; indeed I will cause the enemy to entreat you *well* in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

Shall iron break the northern iron and the steel?

Your substance and your treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and *that* for all your sins, even in all your borders.

And I will make *you* to pass with your enemies into *a* land *which* you know not: for *a* fire is kindled in my anger, *which* shall burn upon you.

O YAHWAH, you know: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not in your prolonged anger: know that for your sake I have suffered rebuke.

Your words were found, and I did eat them; and your word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart: for I am called by your name, O YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Hosts.

I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of your hand: for you have filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, *which* refuses to be healed? will you be altogether unto me as *a* liar, and as waters *that* fail?

Therefore thus said YAHWAH, If you return, then will I bring you again, and you shall stand before me: and if you take forth the precious from the vile, you shall be as my mouth: let them return unto you; but return not you unto them.

And I will make you unto this people *a* fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you: for I *am* with you to DELIVER you and to deliver you, said YAHWAH.

And I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you out of the hand of the terrible.

## CHAPTER 16

THE word of YAHWAH came also unto me, saying,

You shall not take you *a* wife, neither shall you have sons or daughters in this place.

For thus said YAHWAH concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land;

They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; *but* they shall be as dung upon the face of the ground: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcasses shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the land.

For thus said YAHWAH, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, said YAHWAH, *even* lovingkindness and mercies.

Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall *men* lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them:

Neither shall *men* tear *themselves* for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall *men* give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother.

You shall not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink.

For thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

And it shall come to pass, when you shall show this people all these words, and they shall say to you, Wherefore has YAHWAH pronounced all this great evil against us? or what *is* our iniquity? or what *is* our sin that we have committed against YAHWAH ELOHEEM?

Then shall you say to them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, said YAHWAH, and have walked after other eloheems, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law;

And you all have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, you all walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me:

Therefore will I cast you out of this land into *a* land that you all know not, *neither* you all nor your fathers; and there shall you all serve other eloheems day and night; where I will not show you favour.

Therefore, behold, the days come, said YAHWAH, that it shall no more be said, YAHWAH lives, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

But, YAHWAH lives, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands where he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

Behold, I will send for many fishers, said YAHWAH, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

For my eyes *are* upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from my eyes.

And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled my inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.

O YAHWAH, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the nations shall come unto you from the ends of the land, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and *things* wherein *there is* no profit.

Shall *an* adamite make eloheems unto himself, and they *are* not the ELOHEEM?

Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know my hand and my might; and they shall know that my name *is* YAHWAH.

## CHAPTER 17

THE sin of Judah *is* written with *a* pen of iron, *and* with the point of *a* diamond: *it is* graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars;

While their children remember their altars and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills.

O my mountain in the field, I will give your substance *and* all your treasures to the spoil, *and* your high places for sin, throughout all your borders.

And you, even yourself, shall discontinue from your heritage that I gave you; and I will cause you to serve your enemies in the land which you know not: for you all have kindled *a* fire in my anger, *which* shall burn forever.

Thus said YAHWAH; Cursed *be* the man that trusts in adamite, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from YAHWAH.

For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good comes; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *in a* salt land and not inhabited.

Blessed *is* the man that trusts in YAHWAH, and whose confidence YAHWAH is.

For he shall be as *a* tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreads out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat comes, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

I YAHWAH search the heart, *I* try the feelings, even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his doings.

*As* the partridge sits *on* eggs, and hatches *them* not; *so* he that gets riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be *a* fool.

*A* glorious high throne from the beginning *is* the place of our sanctuary.

O YAHWAH, the confidence of Israel, all that forsake you shall be ashamed, *and* they that depart from me shall be written in the land, because they have forsaken YAHWAH, the fountain of living waters.

Heal me, O YAHWAH, and I shall be healed; DELIVER me, and I shall be DELIVERED: for you *are* my praise.

Behold, they say to me, Where *is* the word of YAHWAH? let it come now.

As for me, I have not hastened from *being a* pastor to follow you: neither have I desired the woeful day; you know: that which came out of my lips was *right* before you.

Be not *a* terror unto me: you *are* my confidence in the day of evil.

Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

Thus said YAHWAH unto me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;

And say to them, Hear you all the word of YAHWAH, you all kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates:

Thus said YAHWAH; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath, nor bring *it* in by the gates of Jerusalem;

Neither carry forth *a* burden out of your houses on the sabbath, neither do you all any work, but sanctify you all the sabbath, as I commanded your fathers.

But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

And it shall come to pass, if you all diligently hearken unto me, said YAHWAH, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath, but sanctify the sabbath, to do no work therein;

Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain forever.

And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, unto the house of YAHWAH.

But if you all will not hearken unto me to sanctify the sabbath, and not to bear *a* burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath; then will I kindle *a* fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of

Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

## CHAPTER 18

THE word which came to Jeremiah from YAHWAH, saying,

Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear my words.

Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he worked *a* work on the wheels.

And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make *it*.

Then the word of YAHWAH came to me, saying,

O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? said YAHWAH. Behold, as the clay *is* in the potter's hand, so *are* you all in my hand, O house of Israel.

*At what* instant I shall speak concerning *a* nation, and concerning *a* kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy *it*;

If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will turn of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

And *at what* instant I shall speak concerning *a* nation, and concerning *a* kingdom, to build and to plant *it*;

If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will turn from the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus said YAHWAH; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise *a* device against you: return you all now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

And they said, There is no confidence: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.

Therefore thus said YAHWAH; Ask you all now among the nations, who has heard such things: the virgin of Israel has done *a* very horrible thing.

Will *a man* leave the snow of Lebanon *which comes* from the rock of the field? *or* shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken?

Because my people has forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways *from* the ancient paths, to walk in paths, *in a way* not cast up;

To make their land desolate, *and a* perpetual hissing; every one that passes thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head.

I will scatter them as with *an* east spirit before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

Give heed to me, O YAHWAH, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me.

Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged *a* pit for my person. Remember that I stood before you to speak good for them, *and* to turn away your wrath from them.

Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their *blood* by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and *be* widows; and let their men be put to death; *let* their young men *be* slain by the sword in battle.

Let *a* cry be heard from their houses, when you shall bring *a* troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged *a* pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet.

Yet, YAHWAH, you know all their counsel against me to slay *me*: forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from your sight, but let them be overthrown before you; deal *thus* with them in the time of your anger.

## CHAPTER 19

THUS said YAHWAH, Go and get *a* potter's earthen bottle, and *take* of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests;

And go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which *is* by the entry of the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell you,

And say, Hear you all the word of YAHWAH, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever hears, his ears shall tingle.

Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other eloheems, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents;

They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire *for* burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spoke *it*, neither came *it* into my mind:

Therefore, behold, the days come, said YAHWAH, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter.

And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives: and their carcasses will I give to be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the land.

And I will make this city desolate, and *a* hissing; every one that passes thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof.

And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend in the siege and straitness, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them.

Then shall you break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with you,

And shall say to them, Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as *one* breaks *a* potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury *them* in Tophet, till *there be* no place to bury.

Thus will I do unto this place, said YAHWAH, and to the inhabitants thereof, and *even* make this city as Tophet:

And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled as the place of Tophet, because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings unto other eloheems.

Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, where YAHWAH had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of YAHWAH'S house; and said to all the people,

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

## CHAPTER 20

NOW Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who *was* also chief governor in the house of YAHWAH, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.

Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that *were* in the high gate of Benjamin, which *was* by the house of YAHWAH.

And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, YAHWAH has not called your name Pashur, but Magormissabib.

For thus said YAHWAH, Behold, I will make you *a* terror to yourself, and to all your friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall behold *it*: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword.

Moreover I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labors thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon.

And you, Pashur, and all that dwell in your house shall go into captivity: and you shall come to Babylon, and there you shall die, and shall be buried there, you, and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied lies.

O YAHWAH, you have deceived me, and I was deceived: you are stronger than I, and have prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocks me.

For since I spoke, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of YAHWAH was made *a* reproach unto me, and *a* derision, daily.

Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak anymore in his name. But *his word* was in my heart as *a* burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not *stay*.

For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, *say they*, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, *saying*, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

But YAHWAH *is* with me as *a* mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: *their* everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.

But, O YAHWAH of Hosts, that try the righteous, *and* see the feelings and the heart, let me see your vengeance on them: for unto you have I opened my cause.

Sing unto YAHWAH, praise you all YAHWAH: for he has delivered the person of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

Cursed *be* the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed.

Cursed *be* the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, *A* man child is born unto you; making him very glad.

And let that man be as the cities which YAHWAH overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide;

Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my tomb, and her womb *to be* always great *with me*.

Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

## CHAPTER 21

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from YAHWAH, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying,

Inquire, I pray you, of YAHWAH for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon makes war against us; if so be that YAHWAH will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us.

Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall you all say to Zedekiah:

Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that *are* in your hands, wherewith you all fight against the king of Babylon, and *against* the Chaldeans, which besiege you outside of the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city.

And I myself will fight against you with *an* outstretched hand and with *a* strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.

And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both adamite and beast: they shall die of *a* great pestilence.

And afterwards, said YAHWAH, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their person: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

And unto this people you shall say, Thus said YAHWAH; Behold, I set before you the Way of Life, and the way of death.

He that abides in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goes out, and falls to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his person shall be unto him for *a* prey.

For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, said YAHWAH: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

And touching the house of the king of Judah, *say*, Hear you all the word of YAHWAH;

O house of David, thus said YAHWAH; Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver *him that is* spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench *it*, because of the evil of your doings.

Behold, I *am* against you, O inhabitant of the valley, *and* rock of the plain, said YAHWAH; which say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations?

But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, said YAHWAH: and I will kindle *a* fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it.

## CHAPTER 22

THUS said YAHWAH; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,

And say, Hear the word of YAHWAH, O king of Judah, that sit upon the throne of David, you, and your servants, and your people that enter in by these gates:

Thus said YAHWAH; Execute you all judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

For if you all do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.

But if you all will not hear these words, I swear by myself, said YAHWAH, that this house shall become *a* desolation.

For thus said YAHWAH unto the king's house of Judah; You *are* Gilead unto me, *and* the head of Lebanon: *yet* surely I will make you *a* wilderness, *and* cities *which* are not inhabited.

And I will sanctify destroyers against you, every one with his weapons: and they shall cut down your choice cedars, and cast *them* into the fire.

And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour, Wherefore has YAHWAH done thus unto this great city?

Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and worshipped other eloheems, and served them.

Weep you all not for the dead, neither bemoan him: *but* weep sore for him that goes away: for he shall return no more, nor see his native land.

For thus said YAHWAH touching Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josiah his father, which went forth out of this place; He shall not return there anymore:

But he shall die in the place where they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

Woe unto him that builds his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; *that* uses his neighbour's service without wages, and gives him not for his work;

That said, I will build me *a* wide house and large chambers, and cuts him out windows; and *it is* cieled with cedar, and anointed with vermilion.

Shall you reign, because you close *yourself* in cedar? did not your father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, *and* then *it was* well with him?

He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then *it was* well *with him*: *was* not this to know me? said YAHWAH.

But your eyes and your heart *are* not but for your covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for

oppression, and for violence, to do *it*.

Therefore thus said YAHWAH concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah; They shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah Lord! or, Ah his glory!

He shall be buried with the burial of *an* ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up your voice in Bashan, and cry from the passages: for all your lovers are destroyed.

I spoke unto you in your prosperity; *but* you saidst, I will not hear. This *has been* your manner from your youth, that you obeyed not my voice.

The spirit shall eat up all your pastors, and your lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shall you be ashamed and confounded for all your wickedness.

O inhabitant of Lebanon, that make your nest in the cedars, how gracious shall you be when pangs come upon you, the pain as of *a* woman in travail!

*As* I live, said YAHWAH, though Koniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck you thence;

And I will give you into the hand of them that seek your person, and into the hand *of them* whose face you fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

And I will cast you out, and your mother that bare you, into another land, where you all were not born; and there shall you all die.

But to the land whereunto they desire *as a* person to return, there shall they not return.

*Is* this man Koniah *a* despised broken idol? *is he a* vessel wherein *is* no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into *a* land which they know not?

O land, land, land, hear the word of YAHWAH.

Thus said YAHWAH, Write you all this man childless, *a* man *that* shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling anymore in Judah.

## CHAPTER 23

WOE be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! said YAHWAH.

Therefore thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; You all have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, said YAHWAH.

And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all lands where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, said YAHWAH.

Behold, the days come, said YAHWAH, that I will raise unto David *a* righteous Branch, and *a* King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the land.

In his days Judah shall be DELIVERED, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, YAHWAH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Therefore, behold, the days come, said YAHWAH, that they shall no more say, YAHWAH lives, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

But, YAHWAH lives, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north land, and from all lands where I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

My heart inside of me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like *a* drunken man, and like *a* man whom wine has overcome, because of YAHWAH, and because of the words of his sanctification.

For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourns; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force *is* not right.

For both prophet and priest are profane; yes, in my house have I found their wickedness, said YAHWAH.

Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery *ways* in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall

therein: for I will bring evil upon them, *even* the year of their visitation, said YAHWAH.

And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to be deceived.

I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem *a* horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none does return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

Therefore thus said YAHWAH of Hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak *a* vision of their own heart, *and* not out of the mouth of YAHWAH.

They say still unto them that despise me, YAHWAH has said, You all shall have peace; and they say to every one that walks after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.

For who has stood in the counsel of YAHWAH, and has perceived and heard his word? who has marked his word, and heard *it*?

Behold, *a* whirlwind of YAHWAH is gone forth in fury, *even a* grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.

The anger of YAHWAH shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days you all shall consider it perfectly.

I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

*Am* I the ELOHEEM at hand, said YAHWAH, and not the ELOHEEM afar off?

Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? said YAHWAH. Do not I fill heaven and land? said YAHWAH.

I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

How long shall *this* be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? *yes, they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

The prophet that has *a* dream, let him tell *a* dream; and he that has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat? said YAHWAH.

*Is* not my word like as *a* fire? said YAHWAH; and like *a* hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces?

Therefore, behold, I *am* against the prophets, said YAHWAH, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.

Behold, I *am* against the prophets, said YAHWAH, that use their tongues, and say, He said.

Behold, I *am* against them that prophesy false dreams, said YAHWAH, and do tell them, and cause my people to be deceived by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, said YAHWAH.

And when this people, or the prophet, or *a* priest, shall ask you, saying, What *is* the burden of YAHWAH? you shall then say to them, What burden? I will even forsake you, said YAHWAH.

And *as for* the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of YAHWAH, I will even punish that man and his house.

Thus shall you all say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What has YAHWAH answered? and, What has YAHWAH spoken?

And the burden of YAHWAH shall you all mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for you all have perverted the words of the living ELOHEEM, of YAHWAH of Hosts the ELOHEEM.

Thus shall you say to the prophet, What has YAHWAH answered you? and, What has YAHWAH spoken?

But since you all say, The burden of YAHWAH; therefore thus said YAHWAH; Because you all say this word, The burden of YAHWAH, and I have sent unto you, saying, You all shall not say, The burden of YAHWAH; Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, *and cast you out of my presence*:

And I will bring *an* everlasting reproach upon you, and *a* perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

## CHAPTER 24

YAHWAH showed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs *were* set before the temple of YAHWAH, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

One basket *had* very good figs, *even* like the figs *that are* first ripe: and the other basket *had* very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.

Then said YAHWAH unto me, What see you, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

Again the word of YAHWAH came unto me, saying,

Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for *their* good.

For I will set my eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull *them* down; and I will plant them, and not pluck *them* up.

And I will give them *a* heart to know me, that I *am* YAHWAH: and they shall be my people, and I am their ELOHEEM: and they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus said YAHWAH, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt:

And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the land for *their* hurt, *to be a* reproach and *a* proverb, *a* taunt and *a* curse, in all places where I shall drive them.

And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

## CHAPTER 25

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that *was* the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;

The which Jeremiah the prophet spoke unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day, that *is* the three and twentieth year, the word of YAHWAH has come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but you all have not hearkened.

And YAHWAH has sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*; but you all have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear.

They said, Turn you all again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that YAHWAH has given unto you and to your fathers into this Age and all Ages:

And go not after other eloheems to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt.

Yet you all have not hearkened unto me, said YAHWAH; that you all might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

Therefore thus said YAHWAH of Hosts; Because you all have not heard my words,

Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, said YAHWAH, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all

these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them *an* astonishment, and *a* hissing, and perpetual desolations.

Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the Light of the Lamp.

And this whole land shall be *a* desolation, *and an* astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, said YAHWAH, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, *even* all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations.

For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

For thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it.

And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.

Then took I the cup at YAHWAH'S hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom YAHWAH had sent me:

*To wit*, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them *a* desolation, *an* astonishment, *a* hissing, and *a* curse; as *it is* this day;

Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people;

And all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod,

Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon,

And all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isles which *are* beyond the sea, Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all *that are* in the utmost corners,

And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert,

And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes,

And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the lands, which *are* upon the face of the ground: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.

Therefore you shall say to them, Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Drink you all, and be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.

And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at your hand to drink, then shall you say to them, Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts; You all shall certainly drink.

For, behold, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should you all be utterly unpunished? You all shall not be unpunished: for I will call for *a* sword upon all the inhabitants of the land, said YAHWAH of Hosts.

Therefore prophesy you against them all these words, and say to them, YAHWAH shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his sanctified habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give *a* shout, as they that tread *the grapes*, against all the inhabitants of the land.

*A* noise shall come *even* to the ends of the land; for YAHWAH has *a* controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them *that are* wicked to the sword, said YAHWAH.

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and *a* great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the land.

And the slain of YAHWAH shall be at that day from *one* end of the land even unto the *other* end of the land: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

Howl, you all shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves *in the ashes*, you all principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and you all shall fall like *a* pleasant vessel.

And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape.

A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and a howling of the principal of the flock, *shall be heard*: for YAHWAH has spoiled their pasture.

And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of the fierce anger of YAHWAH.

He has forsaken his covert, as the lion: for their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.

## CHAPTER 26

IN the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from YAHWAH, saying,

Thus said YAHWAH; Stand in the court of YAHWAH'S house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in YAHWAH'S house, all the words that I command you to speak unto them; diminish not *a* word:

If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may turn myself from the evil, which I thought to do unto them because of the evil of their doings.

And you shall say to them, Thus said YAHWAH; If you all will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you,

To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending *them*, but you all have not hearkened;

Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city *a* curse to all the nations of the land.

So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of YAHWAH.

Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made *an* end of speaking all that YAHWAH had commanded *him* to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, You shall surely die.

Why have you prophesied in the name of YAHWAH, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without *an* inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of YAHWAH.

When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of YAHWAH, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of YAHWAH'S *house*.

Then spoke the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man *is* worthy to die; for he has prophesied against this city, as you all have heard with your ears.

Then spoke Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, YAHWAH sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you all have heard.

Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of YAHWAH ELOHEEM; and YAHWAH will turn himself from the evil that he has pronounced against you.

As for me, behold, I *am* in your hand: do with me as seems good and meet unto you.

But know you all for certain, that if you all put me to death, you all shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of *a* truth YAHWAH has sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man *is* not worthy to die: for he has spoken to us in the name of YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spoke to all the leaders of the people, saying,

Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts; Zion shall be plowed *like a* field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of *a* forest.

Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear YAHWAH, and besought YAHWAH, and YAHWAH turned himself from the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus might we procure great evil against our persons.

And there was also *a* man that prophesied in the name of YAHWAH, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjath-jearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah:

And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death: but when Urijah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt;

And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, *namely*, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and *certain* men with him into Egypt.

And they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the tombs of the common people.

Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

## CHAPTER 27

IN the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word unto Jeremiah from YAHWAH, saying,

Thus said YAHWAH to me; Make you bonds and yokes, and put them upon your neck,

And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyrus, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah;

And command them to say to their masters, Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Thus shall you all say to your masters;

I have made the land, the adamite and the beast that *are* upon the land, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.

And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him.

And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him.

And it shall come to pass, *that* the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, said YAHWAH, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.

Therefore hearken not you all to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, You all shall not serve the king of Babylon:

For they prophesy *a* lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and you all should perish.

But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, said YAHWAH; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.

I spoke also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.

Why will you all die, you and your people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as YAHWAH has spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon?

Therefore hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, You all shall not serve the king of Babylon: for they prophesy *a* lie unto you.

For I have not sent them, said YAHWAH, yet they prophesy *a* lie in my name; that I might drive you out, and that you all might perish, you all, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.

Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus said YAHWAH; Hearken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of YAHWAH'S house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon: for they prophesy *a* lie unto you.

Hearken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: wherefore should this city be laid waste?

But if they *be* prophets, and if the word of YAHWAH be with them, let them now make intercession to YAHWAH of Hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of YAHWAH, and *in* the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon.

For thus said YAHWAH of Hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain in this city,

Which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem;

Yes, thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain *in* the house of YAHWAH, and *in* the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem;

They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be until the day that I visit them, said YAHWAH; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

## CHAPTER 28

AND it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, *and* in the fifth month, *that* Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, which *was* of Gibeon, spoke unto me in the house of YAHWAH, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,

Thus speaks YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of YAHWAH'S house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon:

And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, said YAHWAH: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

Then the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of YAHWAH,

Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Truly: YAHWAH do so: YAHWAH perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring again the vessels of YAHWAH'S house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place.

Nevertheless hear you now this word that I speak in your ears, and in the ears of all the people;

The prophets that have been before me and before you of old prophesied both against many lands, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.

The prophet which prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, *then* shall the prophet be known, that YAHWAH has truly sent him.

Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and break it.

And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus said YAHWAH; Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

Then the word of YAHWAH came unto Jeremiah *the prophet*, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus said YAHWAH; You have broken the yokes of wood; but you shall make for them yokes of iron.

For thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; I have put *a* yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; YAHWAH has not sent you; but you make this people to trust in *a* lie.

Therefore thus said YAHWAH; Behold, I will cast you from off the face of the ground: this year you shall die, because you have taught rebellion against YAHWAH.

So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

## CHAPTER 29

NOW these *are* the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;

*(After that Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem,)*

By the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkihah, *(whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon)* saying,

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon;

Build you all houses, and dwell *in them*; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them;

Take you all wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that you all may be increased there, and not diminished.

And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto YAHWAH for it: for in the peace thereof shall you all have peace.

For thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that *be* in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which you all cause to be dreamed.

For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, said YAHWAH.

For thus said YAHWAH, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, said YAHWAH, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you *an* expected end.

Then shall you all call upon me, and you all shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

And you all shall seek me, and find *me*, when you all shall search for me with all your heart.

And I will be found of you, said YAHWAH: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places where I have driven you, said YAHWAH; and I will bring you again into the place where I caused you to be carried away captive.

Because you all have said, YAHWAH has raised us up prophets in Babylon;

*Know* that thus said YAHWAH of the king that sits upon the throne of David, and of all the people that dwells in this city, *and* of your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity;

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts; Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the land, to be *a* curse, and *an* astonishment, and *a* hissing, and *a* reproach, among all the nations where I have driven them:

Because they have not hearkened to my words, said YAHWAH, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*; but you all would not hear, said YAHWAH.

Hear you all therefore the word of YAHWAH, all you all of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon:

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel, of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesy *a* lie unto you in my name; Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes;

And of them shall be taken up *a* curse by all the captivity of Judah which *are* in Babylon, saying, YAHWAH make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;

Because they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and *am* *a* witness, said YAHWAH.

*Thus* shall you also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying,

Thus speaks YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel, saying, Because you have sent letters in your name unto all the people that *are* at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

YAHWAH has made you priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that you all should be officers in the house of YAHWAH, for every man *that is* mad, and makes himself *a* prophet, that you should put him in prison, and in the stocks.

Now therefore why have you not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, which makes himself *a* prophet to you?

For therefore he sent unto us *in* Babylon, saying, This *captivity is* long: build you all houses, and dwell *in them*; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

Then came the word of YAHWAH unto Jeremiah, saying,

Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus said YAHWAH concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah has prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in *a* lie:

Therefore thus said YAHWAH; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed: he shall not have *a* man to dwell among this people; neither shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, said YAHWAH; because he has taught rebellion against YAHWAH.

### CHAPTER 30

THE word that came to Jeremiah from YAHWAH, saying,

Thus speaks YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, saying, Write you all the words that I have spoken unto you in *a* book.

For, behold, the days come, said YAHWAH, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, said YAHWAH: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

And these *are* the words that YAHWAH spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah.

For thus said YAHWAH; We have heard *a* voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

Ask you all now, and see whether *a* man does travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as *a* woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be DELIVERED out of it.

For it shall come to pass in that day, said YAHWAH of Hosts, *that* I will break his yoke from off your neck, and will burst your bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

But they shall serve YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

Therefore fear you not, O my servant Jacob, said YAHWAH; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will DELIVER you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make *him* afraid.

For I *am* with you, said YAHWAH, to DELIVER you: though I make *a* full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet will I not make *a* full end of you: but I will instruct you in measure, and will not leave you altogether unpunished.

For thus said YAHWAH, Your bruise *is* incurable, *and* your wound *is* grievous.

*There is* none to plead your cause, that you may be bound up: you have no healing medicines.

All your lovers have forgotten you; they seek you not; for I have wounded you with the wound of *an* enemy, with the instruction of *a* cruel one, for the multitude of your iniquity; *because* your sins were increased.

Why cry you for your affliction? your sorrow *is* incurable for the multitude of your iniquity: *because* your sins were increased, I have done these things unto you.

Therefore all they that devour you shall be devoured; and all your adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil you shall be *a* spoil, and all that prey upon you will I give for *a* prey.

For I will restore health unto you, and I will heal you of your wounds, said YAHWAH; because they called you

*an* Outcast, *saying*, This *is* Zion, whom no man seeks after.

Thus said YAHWAH; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwellingplaces; and the city shall be built upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.

And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their whole national gathering shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.

And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who *is* this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? said YAHWAH.

And you all shall be my people, I am your ELOHEEM.

Behold, the whirlwind of YAHWAH goes forth with fury, *a* continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked.

The fierce anger of YAHWAH shall not return, until he have done *it*, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days you all shall consider it.

### CHAPTER 31

AT the same time, said YAHWAH, will I be the ELOHEEM of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus said YAHWAH, The people *which were* left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; *even* Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.

YAHWAH has appeared of old unto me, *saying*, Yes, I have loved you with *an* everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin of Israel: you shall again be adorned with your tabrets, and shall go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

You shall yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat *them* as common things.

For there shall be *a* day, *that* the watchmen upon the mountain of Ephraim shall cry, Arise you all, and let us go up to Zion unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

For thus said YAHWAH; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish you all, praise you all, and say, O YAHWAH, DELIVER your people, the remnant of Israel.

Behold, I will bring them from the north land, and gather them from the coasts of the land, *and* with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travails with child together: great leaders shall return there.

They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in *a* straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am *a* father to Israel, and Ephraim *is* my firstborn.

Hear the word of YAHWAH, O you all nations, and declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as *a* shepherd *does* his flock.

For YAHWAH has redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of *him that was* stronger than he.

Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of YAHWAH, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their person shall be as *a* watered garden; and they shall not sorrow anymore at all.

Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

And I will satiate the person of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, said YAHWAH.

Thus said YAHWAH; *A* voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, bitterness; Rachael weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

Thus said YAHWAH; Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears: for your work shall be rewarded, said YAHWAH; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.

And there is confidence in your end, said YAHWAH, that your children shall come again to their own border.

I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself *thus*; You have instructed me, and I was instructed, as *a* bullock unaccustomed *to the yoke*: turn you me, and I shall be turned; for you *are* YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon *my* thigh: I was ashamed, yes, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

*Is* Ephraim my dear son? *is he* a pleasant child? for since I spoke against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, said YAHWAH.

Set you up waymarks, make you high heaps: set your heart toward the highway, *even* the way *which* you went: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these your cities.

How long will you go about, O you backsliding daughter? for YAHWAH has created *a* new thing in the land, *A* woman shall compass *a* man.

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; YAHWAH bless you, O habitation of justice, *and* mountain of sanctification.

And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they *that* go forth with flocks.

For I have satiated the weary person, and I have replenished every sorrowful person.

Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.

Behold, the days come, said YAHWAH, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of adamite, and with the seed of beast.

And it shall come to pass, *that* like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, said YAHWAH.

In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten *a* sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge.

But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every adamite that eats the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

Behold, the days come, said YAHWAH, and I will make *a* new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand bringing them out of the land of Egypt; because they broke my covenant, although I was *a* husband unto them, said YAHWAH:

But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, said YAHWAH, I will put my laws upon their mind, and write them upon their hearts; I will be to them ELOHEEM, and they shall be into me *a* people.

And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know YAHWAH: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, said YAHWAH: for I shall forgive their iniquity, and I shall remember their sins no more.

Thus said YAHWAH, which gives the sun for *a* light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for *a* light by night, which divides the sea when the waves thereof roar; YAHWAH of Hosts *is* his name:

If those ordinances depart from before me, said YAHWAH, *then* the seed of Israel also shall cease from being *a* nation before me forever.

Thus said YAHWAH; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the land searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, said YAHWAH.

Behold, the days come, said YAHWAH, that the city shall be built to YAHWAH from the tower of Hananeel

unto the gate of the corner.

And the measuring line shall yet go forth over against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath. And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, *shall be* sanctified unto YAHWAH; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down anymore forever.

## CHAPTER 32

THE word that came to Jeremiah from YAHWAH in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which *was* the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.

For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which *was* in the king of Judah's house.

For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore do you prophesy, and say, Thus said YAHWAH, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

And Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes;

And he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, said YAHWAH: though you all fight with the Chaldeans, you all shall not prosper?

And Jeremiah said, The word of YAHWAH came unto me, saying,

Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum your uncle shall come unto you, saying, Buy you my field that *is* in Anathoth: for the right of redemption *is* your to buy *it*.

So Hanameel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of YAHWAH, and said to me, Buy my field, I pray you, that *is* in Anathoth, which *is* in the land of Benjamin: for the right of inheritance *is* your, and the redemption *is* your; buy *it* for yourself. Then I knew that this *was* the word of YAHWAH.

And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that *was* in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, *even* seventeen shekels of silver.

And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed *it*, and took witnesses, and weighed *him* the money in the balances.

So I took the evidence of the purchase, *both* that which was sealed *according* to the law and custom, and that which was open:

And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel my uncle's *son*, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Judeans that sat in the court of the prison.

And I charged Baruch before them, saying,

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in *an* earthen vessel, that they may continue many days.

For thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land.

Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed unto YAHWAH, saying,

Ah Lord YAHWAH! behold, you have made the heaven and the land by your great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for you:

You show lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompense the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, YAHWAH of Hosts, *is* his name,

Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for your eyes *are* open upon all the ways of the sons of adamites: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:

Which have set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, and in Israel, and among *other* adamites; and have made you *a* name, as at this day;

And have brought forth your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with *a* strong hand, and with *a* stretched out arm, and with great terror;

And have given them this land, which you did swear to their fathers to give them, *a* land flowing with milk and honey;

And they came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not your voice, neither walked in your law; they have done nothing of all that you commanded them to do: therefore you have caused all this evil to come upon them:

Behold the mounts, they are come unto the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans, that fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence: and what you have spoken is come to pass; and, behold, you see *it*.

And you have said to me, O Lord YAHWAH, Buy you the field for money, and take witnesses; for the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

Then came the word of YAHWAH unto Jeremiah, saying,

Behold, I *am* YAHWAH ELOHEEM of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?

Therefore thus said YAHWAH; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it:

And the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Baal, and poured out drink offerings unto other *eloheems*, to provoke me to anger.

For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil before me from their youth: for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, said YAHWAH.

For this city has been to me *as a* provocation of my anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face,

Because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, rising up early and teaching *them*, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction.

But they set their abominations in the house, which is called by my name, to defile it.

And they built the high places of Baal, which *are* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

And now therefore thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, concerning this city, whereof you all say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence;

Behold, I will gather them out of all lands, where I have driven them in my anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

And they shall be my people, I am their ELOHEEM:

And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me forever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

And I will make *an* everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole person.

For thus said YAHWAH; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof you all say, *It is* desolate without *adamite* or *beast*; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and seal *them*, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and

in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south: for I will cause their captivity to return, said YAHWAH.

### CHAPTER 33

MOREOVER the word of YAHWAH came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

Thus said YAHWAH the maker thereof, YAHWAH that formed it, to establish it; YAHWAH *is* his name;

Call unto me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you know not.

For thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by the mounts, and by the sword;

They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but *it is* to fill them with the dead bodies of adamites, whom I have slain in my anger and in my fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city.

Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.

And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.

And it shall be to me *a* name of joy, *a* praise and *a* honor before all the nations of the land, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

Thus said YAHWAH; Again there shall be heard in this place, which you all say *shall be* desolate without adamite and without beast, *even* in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without adamite, and without inhabitant, and without beast,

The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise YAHWAH of Hosts: for YAHWAH *is* good; for his mercy *endures* forever: *and* of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of YAHWAH. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, said YAHWAH.

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts; Again in this place, which is desolate without adamite and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be *a* habitation of shepherds causing *their* flocks to lie down.

In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that tells *them*, said YAHWAH.

Behold, the days come, said YAHWAH, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

In those days shall Judah be DELIVERED, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this *is the name* wherewith she shall be called, YAHWAH our righteousness.

For thus said YAHWAH; David shall never want *a* man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

Neither shall the priests the Levites want *a* man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

And the word of YAHWAH came unto Jeremiah, saying,

Thus said YAHWAH; If you all can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

*Then* may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have *a* son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

Moreover the word of YAHWAH came to Jeremiah, saying,

Consider you not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which YAHWAH has chosen, he has even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more *a* nation before them.

Thus said YAHWAH; If my covenant *be* not with day and night, *and if* I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and land;

Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, *so* that I will not take *any* of his seed *to be* rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

### CHAPTER 34

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from YAHWAH, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the land of his dominion, and all the people, fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities thereof, saying,

Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel; Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus said YAHWAH; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire:

And you shall not escape out of his hand, but shall surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and your eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with you mouth to mouth, and you shall go to Babylon.

Yet hear the word of YAHWAH, O Zedekiah king of Judah; Thus said YAHWAH of you, You shall not die by the sword:

*But* you shall die in peace: and with the burnings of your fathers, the former kings which were before you, so shall they burn *odours* for you; and they will lament you, *saying*, Ah Lord! for I have pronounced the word, said YAHWAH.

Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words unto Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem,

When the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah: for these defenced cities remained of the cities of Judah.

*This is* the word that came unto Jeremiah from YAHWAH, after that the king Zedekiah had made *a* covenant with all the people which *were* at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them;

That every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant, *being a* Hebrew or *a* Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, *to wit*, of *a* Judean his brother.

Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them anymore, then they obeyed, and let *them* go.

But afterwards they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

Therefore the word of YAHWAH came to Jeremiah from YAHWAH, saying,

Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel; I made *a* covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen, saying,

At the end of seven years let you all go every man his brother *a* Hebrew, which has been sold unto you; and when he has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear.

And you all were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and you all had made *a* covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:

But you all turned and polluted my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom you all had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

Therefore thus said YAHWAH; You all have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim *a* liberty for you, said YAHWAH, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the land.

And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the

covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in two, and passed between the parts thereof, The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf;

I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their person: and their dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the land.

And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their person, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you.

Behold, I will command, said YAHWAH, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.

## CHAPTER 35

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from YAHWAH in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of YAHWAH, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.

Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziniah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites;

And I brought them into the house of YAHWAH, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of the ELOHEEM, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door:

And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said to them, Drink you all wine.

But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, You all shall drink no wine, *neither* you all, nor your sons forever:

Neither shall you all build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have *any*: but all your days you all shall dwell in tents; that you all may live many days in the land where you all *be* strangers.

Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he has charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters;

Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed:

But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we dwell at Jerusalem.

Then came the word of YAHWAH unto Jeremiah, saying,

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will you all not receive instruction to hearken to my words? said YAHWAH.

The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but you all hearkened not unto me.

I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*, saying, Return you all now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other eloheems to serve them, and you all shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but you all have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me.

Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people has not hearkened unto me:

Therefore thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.

And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Because you all have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he has commanded you:

Therefore thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want *a* man to stand before me forever.

## CHAPTER 36

AND it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, *that* this word came unto Jeremiah from YAHWAH, saying,

Take you *a* roll of *a* book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto you against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke unto you, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.

It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of YAHWAH, which he had spoken unto him, upon *a* roll of *a* book.

And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I *am* shut up; I cannot go into the house of YAHWAH:

Therefore go you, and read in the roll, which you have written from my mouth, the words of YAHWAH in the ears of the people in YAHWAH'S house upon the fasting day: and also you shall read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.

It may be they will present their supplication before YAHWAH, and will return every one from his evil way: for great *is* the anger and the fury that YAHWAH has pronounced against this people.

And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of YAHWAH in YAHWAH'S house.

And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, *that* they proclaimed *a* fast before YAHWAH to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem.

Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of YAHWAH, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of YAHWAH'S house, in the ears of all the people.

When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of YAHWAH,

Then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, behold, all the princes sat there, *even* Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes.

Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.

Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Kushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in your hand the roll wherein you have read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them.

And they said to him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read *it* in their ears.

Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said to Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words.

And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How did you write all these words at his mouth?

Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote *them* with ink in the book.

Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide you, you and Jeremiah; and let no man know where you all be.

And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king.

So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and *there was a fire* on the hearth burning before him.

And it came to pass, *that* when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast *it* into the fire that *was* on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that *was* on the hearth.

Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, *neither* the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.

Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them.

But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but YAHWAH hid them.

Then the word of YAHWAH came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

Take you again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned.

And you shall say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus said YAHWAH; You have burned this roll, saying, Why have you written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence adamites and beast?

Therefore thus said YAHWAH of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they hearkened not.

Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

## CHAPTER 37

AND king Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Koniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.

But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of YAHWAH, which he spoke by the prophet Jeremiah.

And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM for us.

Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had not put him into prison.

Then Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt: and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

Then came the word of YAHWAH unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel; Thus shall you all say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to inquire of me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land.

And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire.

Thus said YAHWAH; Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart.

For though you all had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained *but* wounded men among them, *yet* should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army,

Then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to separate himself thence in the midst of the people.

And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, *a* captain of the ward *was* there, whose name *was* Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, You fall away to the Chaldeans.

Then said Jeremiah, *It is* false; I fall not away to the Chaldeans. But he hearkened not to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.

Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison.

When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days; Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there *any* word from YAHWAH? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, you shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

Moreover Jeremiah said to king Zedekiah, What have I offended against you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you all have put me in prison?

Where *are* now your prophets which prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land?

Therefore hear now, I pray you, O my Lord the king: let my supplication, I pray you, be accepted before you; that you cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.

Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily *a* piece of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city were spent.

Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

## CHAPTER 38

THEN Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying,

Thus said YAHWAH, He that remains in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goes forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his person for *a* prey, and shall live.

Thus said YAHWAH, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it.

Therefore the princes said to the king, We beseech you, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakens the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeks not the welfare of this people, but the hurt.

Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he *is* in your hand: for the king *is* not *he that* can do *anything* against you.

Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the pit of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that *was* in the court of the prison: and they let down Jeremiah with ropes. And in the pit *there was* no water, but mud: so Jeremiah sunk down in the mud.

Now when Ebedmelech the Kushite, one of the eunuchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the pit; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin;

Ebedmelech went forth out of the king's house, and spoke to the king, saying,

My Lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the pit; and he will die from hunger in that place where he is: for *there is* no more bread in the city.

Then the king commanded Ebedmelech the Kushite, saying, Take from hence thirty men with you, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the pit, before he dies.

So Ebedmelech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast out clothes and old rotten rags, and let them down by ropes into the pit to Jeremiah.

And Ebedmelech the Kushite said to Jeremiah, Put now *these* old cast out clothes and rotten rags under your armholes under the ropes. And Jeremiah did so.

So they drew up Jeremiah with ropes, and took him up out of the pit: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the

prison.

Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third entry that *is* in the house of YAHWAH: and the king said to Jeremiah, I will ask you *a* thing; hide nothing from me.

Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, If I declare *it* unto you, will you not surely put me to death, and if I give you counsel, will you not hearken unto me?

So Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, *As* YAHWAH lives, that made us this person, I will not put you to death, neither will I give you into the hand of these men that seek your person.

Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; If you will assuredly go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then your person shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and you shall live, and your house:

But if you will not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape out of their hand.

And Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Judeans that are fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me.

But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver *you*. Obey, I beseech you, the voice of YAHWAH, which I speak unto you: so it shall be well unto you, and your person shall live.

But if you refuse to go forth, this *is* the word that YAHWAH has showed me:

And, behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house *shall be* brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those *women* shall say, Your friends have set you on, and have prevailed against you: your feet are sunk in the mud, *and* they are turned away back.

So they shall bring out all your wives and your children to the Chaldeans: and you shall not escape out of their hand, but shall be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and you shall cause this city to be burned with fire.

Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and you shall not die.

But if the princes hear that I have talked with you, and they come unto you, and say to you, Declare unto us now what you have said to the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put you to death; also what the king said to you:

Then you shall say to them, I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.

Then came all the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived.

So Jeremiah abode in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken: and he was *there* when Jerusalem was taken.

## CHAPTER 39

IN the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

*And* in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth *day* of the month, the city was broken up.

And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, *even* Nergalsharezer, Samgarnebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris, Nergalsharezer, Rabmag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon.

And it came to pass, *that* when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain.

But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him.

Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.

Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon.

And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and break down the walls of Jerusalem.

Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained.

But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying,

Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say to you.

So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushasban, Rabsaris, and Nergalsharezer, Rabmag, and all the king of Babylon's princes;

Even they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he dwelt among the people.

Now the word of YAHWAH came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

Go and speak to Ebedmelech the Kushite, saying, Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be *accomplished* in that day before you.

But I will deliver you in that day, said YAHWAH: and you shall not be given into the hand of the men of whom you *are* afraid.

For I will surely deliver you, and you shall not fall by the sword, but your person shall be for *a* prey unto you: because you have put your trust in me, said YAHWAH.

## CHAPTER 40

THE word that came to Jeremiah from YAHWAH, after that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive unto Babylon.

And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said to him, YAHWAH ELOHEEM has pronounced this evil upon this place.

Now YAHWAH has brought *it*, and done according as he has said: because you all have sinned against YAHWAH, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you.

And now, behold, I loose you this day from the chains which *were* upon your hand. If it seem good unto you to come with me into Babylon, come; and I will look well unto you: but if it seem ill unto you to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, all the land *is* before you: where it seems good and convenient for you to go, there go.

Now while he was not yet gone back, *he said*, Go back also to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go wheresoever it seems convenient unto you to go. So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and *a* reward, and let him go.

Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

Now when all the captains of the forces which *were* in the fields, *even* they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon;

Then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of *a* Maachathite, they and their men.

And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan sware unto them and to their men, saying, Fear not to

serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah to serve the Chaldeans, which will come unto us: but you all, gather you all wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put *them* in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that you all have taken.

Likewise when all the Judeans that *were* in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and that *were* in all the lands, heard that the king of Babylon had left *a* remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan;

Even all the Judeans returned out of all places where they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,

And said to him, Do you certainly know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to slay you? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them not.

Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray you, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know *it*: wherefore should he slay you, that all the Judeans which are gathered unto you should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish?

But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, You shall not do this thing: for you speak falsely of Ishmael.

## CHAPTER 41

NOW it came to pass in the seventh month, *that* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah.

Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land.

Ishmael also slew all the Judeans that were with him, *even* with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, *and* the men of war.

And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew *it*,

That there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, *even* fourscore men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring *them* to the house of YAHWAH.

And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them, he said to them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam.

And it was *so*, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, *and cast them* into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that *were* with him.

But ten men were found among them that said to Ishmael, Slay us not: for we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he forbore, and slew them not among their brethren.

Now the pit wherein Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the men, whom he had slain because of Gedaliah, *was* it which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel: *and* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with *them that were* slain.

Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people that *were* in Mizpah, *even* the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites.

But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done,

Then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great

waters that *are* in Gibeon.

Now it came to pass, *that* when all the people which *were* with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, then they were glad.

So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned, and went unto Johanan the son of Kareah.

But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites.

Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after *that* he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, *even* mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon:

And they departed, and dwelt in the habitation of Chimham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt, Because of the Chaldeans: for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

## CHAPTER 42

THEN all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshai, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near,

And said to Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech you, our supplication be accepted before you, and pray for us unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM, *even* for all this remnant; (*for we are left but a few of many, as your eyes do behold us,*)

That YAHWAH ELOHEEM may show us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, I have heard *you*; behold, I will pray unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM according to your words; and it shall come to pass, *that* whatsoever thing YAHWAH shall answer you, I will declare *it* unto you; I will keep nothing back from you.

Then they said to Jeremiah, YAHWAH be *a* true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which YAHWAH ELOHEEM shall send you to us.

Whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil, we will obey the voice of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, to whom we send you; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of YAHWAH came unto Jeremiah.

Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces which *were* with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

And said to them, Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, unto whom you all sent me to present your supplication before him;

If you all will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull *you* down, and I will plant you, and not pluck *you* up: for I sorrow myself of the evil that I have done unto you.

Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you all are afraid; be not afraid of him, said YAHWAH: for I *am* with you to DELIVER you, and to deliver you from his hand.

And I will show mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.

But if you all say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of YAHWAH ELOHEEM,

Saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell:

And now therefore hear the word of YAHWAH, you all remnant of Judah; Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; If you all wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there;

Then it shall come to pass, *that* the sword, which you all feared, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, whereof you all were afraid, shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and there you all shall die.

So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring

upon them.

For thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; As my anger and my fury has been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when you all shall enter into Egypt: and you all shall be *an* execration, and *an* astonishment, and *a* curse, and *a* reproach; and you all shall see this place no more.

YAHWAH has said concerning you, O you all remnant of Judah; Go you all not into Egypt: know certainly that I have admonished you this day.

For you all dissembled in your hearts, when you all sent me unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM, saying, Pray for us unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM; and according unto all that YAHWAH ELOHEEM shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do *it*.

And *now* I have this day declared *it* to you; but you all have not obeyed the voice of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, nor anything for the which he has sent me unto you.

Now therefore know certainly that you all shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place where you all desire to go *and* to sojourn.

### CHAPTER 43

AND it came to pass, *that* when Jeremiah had made *an* end of speaking unto all the people all the words of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, for which YAHWAH ELOHEEM had sent him to them, *even* all these words, Then spoke Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, You speak falsely: YAHWAH ELOHEEM has not sent you to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there:

But Baruch the son of Neriah sets you on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon.

So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of YAHWAH, to dwell in the land of Judah.

But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations, where they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah;

*Even* men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah.

So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of YAHWAH: thus came they *even* to Tahpanhes.

Then came the word of YAHWAH unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

Take great stones in your hand, and hide them in the clay in the brickkiln, which *is* at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah;

And say to them, Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.

And when he comes, he shall smite the land of Egypt, *and deliver* such *as are* for death to death; and such *as are* for captivity to captivity; and such *as are* for the sword to the sword.

And I will kindle *a* fire in the houses of the eloheems of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as *a* shepherd puts on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace.

He shall break also the images of Bethshemesh, that *is* in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the eloheems of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.

### CHAPTER 44

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Judeans which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwell at

Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the land of Pathros, saying,

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; You all have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they *are a* desolation, and no man dwells therein,

Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, *and* to serve other eloheems, whom they knew not, *neither* they, you all, nor your fathers.

Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate.

But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other eloheems.

Wherefore my fury and my anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted *and* desolate, as at this day.

Therefore now thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Wherefore commit you all *this* great evil against your persons, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of Judah, to leave you none to remain;

In that you all provoke me unto wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other eloheems in the land of Egypt, where you all be gone to dwell, that you all might cut yourselves off, and that you all might be *a* curse and *a* reproach among all the nations of the land?

Have you all forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?

They are not humbled *even* unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.

Therefore thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.

And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed, *and* fall in the land of Egypt; they shall *even* be consumed by the sword *and* by the famine: they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine: and they shall be *an* execration, *and an* astonishment, and *a* curse, and *a* reproach.

For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence:

So that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they have *a* desire *as a* person to return to dwell there: for none shall return but such as shall escape.

Then all the men which knew that their wives had burned incense unto other eloheems, and all the women that stood by, great leaders, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

*As for* the word that you have spoken unto us in the name of YAHWAH, we will not hearken unto you.

But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goes forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for *then* had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.

But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all *things*, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.

And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?

Then Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people which had given him *that* answer, saying,

The incense that you all burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, you all, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the people of the land, did not YAHWAH remember them, and came it *not* into his mind?

So that YAHWAH could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, *and* because of the abominations which you all have committed; therefore is your land *a* desolation, and *an* astonishment, and *a* curse, without *an* inhabitant, as at this day.

Because you all have burned incense, and because you all have sinned against YAHWAH, and have not obeyed the voice of YAHWAH, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is happened unto you, as at this day.

Moreover Jeremiah said to all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of YAHWAH, all Judah that *are* in the land of Egypt:

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel, saying; You all and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: you all will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows.

Therefore hear you all the word of YAHWAH, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, said YAHWAH, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord YAHWAH lives.

Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that *are* in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be *an* end of them.

Yet *a* small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or theirs.

And this *shall be a* sign unto you, said YAHWAH, that I will punish you in this place, that you all may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil:

Thus said YAHWAH; Behold, I will give Pharaohhophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his person; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his person.

## CHAPTER 45

THE word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in *a* book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, unto you, O Baruch;

You did say, Woe is me now! for YAHWAH has added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.

Thus shall you say to him, YAHWAH said thus; Behold, *that* which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.

And seek you great things for yourself? seek *them* not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, said YAHWAH: but your person will I give unto you for *a* prey in all places where you go.

## CHAPTER 46

THE word of YAHWAH which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the nations;

Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaohnecho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Karchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah.

Order you all the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

Harness the horses; and get up, you all horsemen, and stand forth with *your* helmets; furbish the spears, *and* put on the brigandines.

Wherefore have I seen them dismayed *and* turned away back? and their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back: *for* fear *was* round about, said YAHWAH.

Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.

Who *is* this *that* comes up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers?

Egypt rises up like a flood, and *his* waters are moved like the rivers; and he said, I will go up, *and* will cover the land; I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.

Come up, you all horses; and rage, you all chariots; and let the mighty men come forth; the Kushites and the Libyans, that handle the shield; and the Lydians, that handle *and* bend the bow.

For this *is* the day of the Lord YAHWAH of Hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord YAHWAH of Hosts has a sacrifice in the north land by the river Euphrates.

Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain shall you use many medicines; *for* you shall not be cured.

The nations have heard of your shame, and your cry has filled the land: for the mighty man has stumbled against the mighty, *and* they are fallen both together.

The word that YAHWAH spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come *and* smite the land of Egypt.

Declare you all in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say you all, Stand fast, and prepare you; for the sword shall devour round about you.

Why are your valiant *men* swept away? they stood not, because YAHWAH did drive them.

He made many to fall, yes, one fell upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword.

They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt *is* but a noise; he has passed the time appointed.

*As* I live, said the King, whose name *is* YAHWAH of Hosts, Surely as Tabor *is* among the mountains, and as Karmel by the sea, *so* shall he come.

O you daughter dwelling in Egypt, furnish yourself to go into captivity: for Noph shall be waste and desolate without *an* inhabitant.

Egypt *is* like a very fair heifer, *but* destruction comes; it comes out of the north.

Also her hired men *are* in the midst of her like fatted bullocks; for they also are turned back, *and* are fled away together: they did not stand, because the day of their calamity was come upon them, *and* the time of their visitation.

The voice thereof shall go like a serpent; for they shall march with *an* army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood.

They shall cut down her forest, said YAHWAH, though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the grasshoppers, and *are* innumerable.

The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.

YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel, said; Behold, I will punish the multitude of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their eloheems, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and *all* them that trust in him:

And I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants: and afterwards it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, said YAHWAH.

But fear not you, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will DELIVER you from afar off, and your seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make *him* afraid.

Fear you not, O Jacob my servant, said YAHWAH: for I *am* with you; for I will make a full end of all the nations where I have driven you: but I will not make a full end of you, but instruct you in measure; yet will I not leave you wholly unpunished.

## CHAPTER 47

THE word of YAHWAH that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote Gaza.

Thus said YAHWAH; Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be *an* overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein: then the adamites shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.

At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong *horses*, at the rushing of his chariots, *and at* the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to *their* children for feebleness of hands;

Because of the day that comes to spoil all the Philistines, *and* to cut off from Tyrus and Zidon every helper that remains: for YAHWAH will spoil the Philistines, the remnant of the country of Kaphtor.

Baldness is come upon Gaza; Ashkelon is cut off *with* the remnant of their valley: how long will you cut yourself?

O you sword of YAHWAH, how long *will it be* ere you be quiet? put up yourself into your scabbard, rest, and be still.

How can it be quiet, seeing YAHWAH has given it *a* charge against Ashkelon, and against the sea shore? there has he appointed it.

## CHAPTER 48

AGAINST Moab thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Woe unto Nebo! for it is spoiled: Kiriathaim is confounded *and* taken: Misgab is confounded and dismayed.

*There shall be* no more praise of Moab: in Heshbon they have devised evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from *being a* nation. Also you shall be cut down, O Madmen; the sword shall pursue you.

*A* voice of crying *shall be* from Horonaim, spoiling and great destruction.

Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused *a* cry to be heard.

For in the going up of Luhith continual weeping shall go up; for in the going down of Horonaim the enemies have heard *a* cry of destruction.

Flee, escape for your lives, and be like the heath in the wilderness.

For because you have trusted in your works and in your treasures, you shall also be taken: and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity *with* his priests and his princes together.

And the spoiler shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape: the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as YAHWAH has spoken.

Give wings unto Moab, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein.

Cursed *be* he that does the work of YAHWAH deceitfully, and cursed *be* he that keeps back his sword from blood.

Moab has been at ease from his youth, and he has settled on his lees, and has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither has he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed.

Therefore, behold, the days come, said YAHWAH, that I will send unto him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander, and shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles.

And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel their trust.

How say you all, We *are* mighty and strong men for the war?

Moab is spoiled, and gone up *out of* her cities, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, said the King, whose name *is* YAHWAH of Hosts.

The calamity of Moab *is* near to come, and his affliction hastens fast.

All you all that are about him, bemoan him; and all you all that know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, *and* the beautiful rod!

You daughter that do inhabit Dibon, come down from *your* glory, and sit in thirst; for the spoiler of Moab shall come upon you, *and* he shall destroy your strong holds.

O inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way, and espy; ask him that flees, and her that escapes, *and* say, What is done?

Moab is confounded; for it is broken down: howl and cry; tell you all it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled, And judgment is come upon the plain land; upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephaath, And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Bethdiblathaim, And upon Kiriathaim, and upon Bethgamul, and upon Bethmeon, And upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near. The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, said YAHWAH.

Make you all him drunken: for he magnified *himself* against YAHWAH: Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.

For was not Israel *a* derision unto you? was he found among thieves? for since you spake of him, you skipped for joy.

O you all that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove *that* makes her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.

We have heard the pride of Moab, (*he is exceeding proud*) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.

I know his wrath, said YAHWAH; but *it shall not be* so; his lies shall not so effect *it*.

Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; *my heart* shall mourn for the men of Kirheres.

O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for you with the weeping of Jazer: your plants are gone over the sea, they reach *even* to the sea of Jazer: the spoiler is fallen upon your summer fruits and upon your vintage.

And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses: none shall tread with shouting; *their* shouting *shall be* no shouting.

From the cry of Heshbon *even* unto Elealeh, *and even* unto Jahaz, have they uttered their voice, from Zoar *even* unto Horonaim, *as a* heifer of three years old: for the waters also of Nimrim shall be desolate.

Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, said YAHWAH, him that offers in the high places, and him that burns incense to his eloheems.

Therefore my heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and my heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kirheres: because the riches *that* he has gotten are perished.

For every head *shall be* bald, and every beard clipped: upon all the hands *shall be* cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth.

*There shall be* lamentation generally upon all the house tops of Moab, and in the streets thereof: for I have broken Moab like *a* vessel wherein *is* no pleasure, said YAHWAH.

They shall howl, *saying*, How is it broken down! how has Moab turned the back with shame! so shall Moab be *a* derision and *a* dismaying to all them about him.

For thus said YAHWAH; Behold, he shall fly as *an* eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab.

Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of *a* woman in her pangs.

And Moab shall be destroyed from *being a* people, because he has magnified *himself* against YAHWAH.

Fear, and the pit, and the snare, *shall be* upon you, O inhabitant of Moab, said YAHWAH.

He that flees from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that gets up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon it, *even* upon Moab, the year of their visitation, said YAHWAH.

They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the force: but *a* fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and *a* flame from the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.

Woe be unto you, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perishes: for your sons are taken captives, and your daughters captives.

Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, said YAHWAH. Thus far *is* the judgment of Moab.

## CHAPTER 49

CONCERNING the Ammonites, thus said YAHWAH; Has Israel no sons? has he no heir? why *then* does their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his cities?

Therefore, behold, the days come, said YAHWAH, that I will cause *an* alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be *a* desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, said YAHWAH.

Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled: cry, you all daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the hedges; for their king shall go into captivity, *and* his priests and his princes together.

Wherefore glory you in the valleys, your flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, *saying*, Who shall come unto me?

Behold, I will bring *a* fear upon you, said the Lord YAHWAH of Hosts, from all those that be about you; and you all shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wanders.

And afterwards I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, said YAHWAH.

Concerning Edom, thus said YAHWAH of Hosts; *Is* wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the learned? is their wisdom vanished?

Flee you all, turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time *that* I will visit him.

If grapegatherers come to you, would they not leave *some* gleaning grapes? if thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough.

But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and he *is* not.

Leave your fatherless children, I will preserve *them* alive; and let your widows trust in me.

For thus said YAHWAH; Behold, they whose judgment *was* not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken; and *are* you he *that* shall altogether go unpunished? you shall not go unpunished, but you shall surely drink *of it*.

For I have sworn by myself, said YAHWAH, that Bozrah shall become *a* desolation, *a* reproach, *a* waste, and *a* curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.

I have heard *a* rumour from YAHWAH, and *an* ambassador is sent unto the nations, *saying*, Gather you all together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.

For, behold, I will make you small among the nations, *and* despised among adamites.

Your terribleness has deceived you, *and* the pride of your heart, O you that dwell in the clefts of the rock, that hold the height of the hill: though you should make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from thence, said YAHWAH.

Also Edom shall be *a* desolation: every one that goes by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof.

As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, said YAHWAH, no man shall abide there, neither shall *a* son of adamites dwell in it.

Behold, he shall come up like *a* lion from the swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the strong: but I will suddenly make him run away from her: and who *is* *a* chosen *man*, *that* I may appoint over her? for who *is* like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who *is* that shepherd that will stand before me?

Therefore hear the counsel of YAHWAH, that he has taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he has purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.

The land is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard in the Red sea.

Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of *a* woman in her pangs.

Concerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings: they are

fainthearted; *there is* sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet.

Damascus is waxed feeble, *and* turns herself to flee, and fear has seized on *her*: anguish and sorrows have taken her, as *a* woman in travail.

How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy!

Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, said YAHWAH of Hosts.

And I will kindle *a* fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Benhadad.

Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus said YAHWAH; Arise you all, go up to Kedar, and spoil the men of the east.

Their tents and their flocks shall they take away: they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, Fear *is* on every side.

Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O you all inhabitants of Hazor, said YAHWAH; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel against you, and has conceived *a* purpose against you.

Arise, get you up unto the wealthy nation, that dwells without care, said YAHWAH, which have neither gates nor bars, *which* dwell alone.

And their camels shall be *a* booty, and the multitude of their cattle *a* spoil: and I will scatter into all spirits them *that are* in the utmost corners; and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, said YAHWAH.

And Hazor shall be *a* dwelling for dragons, *and a* desolation forever: there shall no man abide there, nor *any* son of adamite dwell in it.

The word of YAHWAH that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts; Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.

And upon Elam will I bring the four spirits from the four corners of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those spirits; and there shall be no nation where the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their person: and I will bring evil upon them, *even* my fierce anger, said YAHWAH; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them:

And I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence the king and the princes, said YAHWAH.

But it shall come to pass in the latter days, *that* I will bring again the captivity of Elam, said YAHWAH.

## CHAPTER 50

THE word that YAHWAH spoke against Babylon *and* against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet.

Declare you all among the nations, and publish, and set up *a* standard; publish, *and* conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

For out of the north there comes up *a* nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart, both adamites and beast.

In those days, and in that time, said YAHWAH, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thereward, *saying*, Come, and let us join ourselves to YAHWAH in *a* perpetual covenant *that* shall not be forgotten.

My people has been perishing sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away *on* the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.

All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against YAHWAH, the habitation of justice, *even* YAHWAH, the confidence of their fathers.

Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the flocks.

For, behold, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon leaders of great nations from the north land: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows *shall be* as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain.

And Chaldea shall be *a* spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, said YAHWAH.

Because you all were glad, because you all rejoiced, O you all destroyers of my heritage, because you all are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as bulls;

Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations *shall be a* wilderness, *a* dry land, and *a* desert.

Because of the wrath of YAHWAH it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goes by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all you all that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she has sinned against YAHWAH.

Shout against her round about: she has given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it *is* the vengeance of YAHWAH: take vengeance upon her; as she has done, do unto her.

Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handles the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

Israel *is a* scattered sheep; the lions have driven *him* away: first the king of Assyria has devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon has broken his bones.

Therefore thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.

And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Karmel and Bashan, and his person shall be satisfied upon the mountain of Ephraim and Gilead.

In those days, and in that time, said YAHWAH, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and *there shall be* none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

Go up against the land of Merathaim, *even* against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod: waste and utterly destroy after them, said YAHWAH, and do according to all that I have commanded you.

*A* sound of battle *is* in the land, and of great destruction.

How is the hammer of the whole land cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become *a* desolation among the nations!

I have laid *a* snare for you, and you are also taken, O Babylon, and you were not aware: you are found, and also caught, because you have striven against YAHWAH.

YAHWAH has opened his armoury, and has brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this *is* the work of the Lord YAHWAH of Hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.

Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.

The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, the vengeance of his temple.

Call together the archers against Babylon: all you all that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she has done, do unto her: for she has been proud against YAHWAH, against the Sanctified One of Israel.

Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, said YAHWAH.

Behold, I *am* against you, *O* you most proud, said the Lord YAHWAH of Hosts: for your day is come, the time *that* I will visit you.

And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle *a* fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts; The children of Israel and the children of Judah *were* oppressed together: and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.

Their Redeemer *is* strong; YAHWAH of Hosts *is* his name: he shall throughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

*A sword is* upon the Chaldeans, said YAHWAH, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise *men*.

*A sword is* upon the liars; and they shall dote: *a sword is* upon her mighty men; and they shall be dismayed.

*A sword is* upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that *are* in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: *a sword is* upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed.

*A drought is* upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it *is* the land of graven images, and they are mad upon *their* idols.

Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell *there*, and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited forever; neither shall it be dwelt in from gene-race-aion to gene-race-aion.

As the ELOHEEM overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, said YAHWAH; *so* shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of adamites dwell therein.

Behold, *a* people shall come from the north, and *a* great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the land.

They shall hold the bow and the lance: they *are* cruel, and will not show mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, *every one* put in array, like *a* man to the battle, against you, O daughter of Babylon.

The king of Babylon has heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble: anguish took hold of him, *and* pangs as of *a* woman in travail.

Behold, he shall come up like *a* lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who *is a* chosen *man*, *that* I may appoint over her? for who *is* like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who *is* that shepherd that will stand before me?

Therefore hear you all the counsel of YAHWAH, that he has taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make *their* habitation desolate with them.

At the noise of the taking of Babylon the land is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

## CHAPTER 51

THUS said YAHWAH; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, *a* destroying wind;

And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.

Against *him that* bends let the archer bend his bow, and against *him that* lifts himself up in his brigandine: and spare you all not her young men; destroy you all utterly all her host.

Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and *they that are* thrust through in her streets.

For Israel *has not been* forsaken, nor Judah of the ELOHEEM, of YAHWAH of Hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Sanctified One of Israel.

Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his person: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this *is* the time of YAHWAH'S vengeance; he will render unto her *a* recompence.

Babylon *has been a* golden cup in YAHWAH'S hand, that made all the land drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.

Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own land: for her judgment reaches unto heaven, and is lifted up *even* to the skies.

YAHWAH has brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: YAHWAH has raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device *is* against Babylon, to destroy it; because it *is* the vengeance of YAHWAH, the vengeance of his temple. Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for YAHWAH has both devised and done that which he spoke against the inhabitants of Babylon. O you that dwell upon many waters, abundant in treasures, your end is come, *and* the measure of your covetousness.

YAHWAH of Hosts has sworn by himself, *saying*, Surely I will fill you with adamites, as with caterpillers; and they shall lift up *a* shout against you.

He has made the land by his power, he has established the World by his wisdom, and has stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

When he utters *his* voice, *there is a* multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causes the vapours to ascend from the ends of the land: he makes lightnings with rain, and brings forth the spirit out of his treasures.

Every adamite is brutish in knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven images: for his molten images *are* falsehoods, and no spirit *is* in them.

They *are* vanities, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

The portion of Jacob *is* not like them; for he *is* the former of all things: and *Israel is* the rod of his inheritance: YAHWAH of Hosts *is* his name.

You *are* my battle axe *and* weapons of war: for with you will I break in pieces the nations, and with you will I destroy kingdoms;

And with you will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with you will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider;

With you also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with you will I break in pieces old and young; and with you will I break in pieces the young man and the maid;

I will also break in pieces with you the shepherd and his flock; and with you will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with you will I break in pieces captains and rulers.

And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, said YAHWAH.

Behold, I *am* against you, O destroying mountain, said YAHWAH, which destroy all the land: and I will stretch out my hand upon you, and roll you down from the rocks, and will make you *a* burnt mountain.

And they shall not take of you *a* stone for *a* corner, nor *a* stone for foundations; but you shall be desolate forever, said YAHWAH.

Set you all up *a* standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, sanctify the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Urartu, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint *a* captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillers.

Sanctify against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion.

And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of YAHWAH shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon *a* desolation without *an* inhabitant.

The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in *their* holds: their might has failed; they became as women: they have burned her dwellingplaces; her bars are broken.

One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to show the king of Babylon that his city is taken at *one* end,

And that the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.

For thus said YAHWAH of Hosts, the ELOHEEM of Israel; The daughter of Babylon *is* like *a* threshingfloor, *it is* time to thresh her: yet *a* little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has devoured me, he has crushed me, he has made me *an* empty vessel, he

has swallowed me up like *a* dragon, he has filled his belly with my delicates, he has cast me out. The violence done to me and to my flesh *be* upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.

Therefore thus said YAHWAH; Behold, I will plead your cause, and take vengeance for you; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.

And Babylon shall become heaps, *a* dwellingplace for dragons, *an* astonishment, and *a* hissing, without *an* inhabitant.

They shall roar together like lions: they shall yell as lions' whelps.

In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep *a* perpetual sleep, and not wake, said YAHWAH.

I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he goats.

How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole land surprised! how is Babylon become *an* astonishment among the nations!

The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.

Her cities are *a* desolation, *a* dry land, and *a* wilderness, *a* land wherein no man dwells, neither does *any* son of adamite pass thereby.

And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he has swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together anymore unto him: yes, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

My people, go you all out of the midst of her, and deliver you all every man his person from the fierce anger of YAHWAH.

And lest your heart faint, and you all fear for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; *a* rumour shall both come *one* year, and after that in *another* year *shall come* *a* rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.

Then the heaven and the land, and all that *is* therein, shall sing for Babylon: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, said YAHWAH.

As Babylon *has caused* the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the land.

You all that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: remember YAHWAH afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.

We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame has covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of YAHWAH'S house.

Wherefore, behold, the days come, said YAHWAH, that I will do judgment upon her graven images: and through all her land the wounded shall groan.

Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, *yet* from me shall spoilers come unto her, said YAHWAH.

*A* sound of *a* cry *comes* from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans:

Because YAHWAH has spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, *a* noise of their voice is uttered:

Because the spoiler is come upon her, *even* upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: for YAHWAH God of recompences shall surely requite.

And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise *men*, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep *a* perpetual sleep, and not wake, said the King, whose name *is* YAHWAH of Hosts.

Thus said YAHWAH of Hosts; The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labor in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary.

The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And *this* Seraiah *was* *a* quiet prince.

So Jeremiah wrote in *a* book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, *even* all these words that are written

against Babylon.

And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon, and shall see, and shall read all these words; Then shall you say, O YAHWAH, you have spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither adamite nor beast, but that it shall be desolate forever.

And it shall be, when you have made *an* end of reading this book, *that* you shall bind *a* stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates:

And you shall say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far *are* the words of Jeremiah.

## CHAPTER 52

ZEDEKIAH *was* one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

And he did *that which was* evil in the eyes of YAHWAH, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

For through the anger of YAHWAH it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about.

So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

And in the fourth month, in the ninth *day* of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land.

Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which *was* by the king's garden; (*now the Chaldeans were by the city round about,*) and they went by the way of the plain.

But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him.

Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgment upon him.

And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah.

Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

Now in the fifth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, which *was* the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, *which* served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem, And burned the house of YAHWAH, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great *men*, burned he with fire:

And all the army of the Chaldeans, that *were* with the captain of the guard, break down all the walls of Jerusalem round about.

Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive *certain* of the poor of the people, and the residue of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude.

But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left *certain* of the poor of the land for vinedressers and for husbandmen.

Also the pillars of brass that *were* in the house of YAHWAH, and the bases, and the brasen sea that *was* in the house of YAHWAH, the Chaldeans break, and carried all the brass of them to Babylon.

The caldrons also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.

And the basons, and the firepans, and the bowls, and the caldrons, and the Lamps, and the spoons, and the cups;

*that* which *was* of gold *in* gold, and *that* which *was* of silver *in* silver, took the captain of the guard away.

The two pillars, one sea, and twelve brasen bulls that *were* under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of YAHWAH: the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

And *concerning* the pillars, the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits; and *a* fillet of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof *was* four fingers: *it was* hollow.

And *a* chapter of brass *was* upon it; and the height of one chapter *was* five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the chapters round about, all *of* brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates *were* like unto these.

And there were ninety and six pomegranates in that spirit; *and* all the pomegranates upon the network *were a* hundred round about.

And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door:

He took also out of the city *an* eunuch, which had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of them that were near the king's face, which were found in the city; and the principal scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city.

So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.

And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.

This *is* the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand Judeans and three and twenty:

In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two persons:

In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Judeans seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons *were* four thousand and six hundred.

And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth *day* of the month, *that* Evilmerodach king of Babylon in the *first* year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison,

And spoke kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon,

And changed his prison garments: and he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life.

And *for* his diet, there was *a* continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, every day *a* portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

This concludes the book of Jeremiah.