

The Book of **JEREMIAH**

Jeremiah 1

1 The time, 3 and the calling of Jeremiah. 14 His heavy message against Judah. 17 Jehovah encourages him.

1 ¶ The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, *one* of the priests who *resided* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,

2 *to* whom the Word of Jehovah came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

3 And it happened in the days of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to those gone into exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

4 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

5 I knew you before I formed you in the belly, even before you came out of the womb, I consecrated you. I gave you *to be* a prophet to the nations.

6 And I said, Alas, Lord Jehovah! Behold, I do not know *how* to speak. for I *am* a boy.

7 But Jehovah said to me, Do not say, I *am* a boy; for you shall go to all that I shall send you. And whatever I command you, you shall speak.

8 Do not be afraid of their faces, for I *am* with you to deliver you, a statement of Jehovah.

9 And Jehovah put out His hand and touched my mouth. And Jehovah said to me, Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

10 Behold, I have today appointed you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to tear down, and to destroy, and to cast down, to build, and to plant.

11 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying, Jeremiah, what do you see? And I said, I see an almond rod.

12 And Jehovah said to me, You have seen well; for I will watch over My Word to perform it.

13 And the Word of Jehovah was to me the second time, saying, What do you see? And I said, I see a pot being blown; and its face *is* from the face of the north.

14 And Jehovah said to me, Out of the north, evil will be set loose on all those living in the land.

15 For, behold, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, a statement of Jehovah. And they shall come, and they will give to *each* man his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against its walls round about, and against the cities of Judah.

16 And I will speak My judgments against them on all their evil, *those* who have forsaken Me and have burned incense to other gods, and have worshiped the works of their hands.

17 And you must gird up your loins, and rise up and speak to them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed before their faces, that I not shatter you before them.

18 For, behold, today I have given you *as* a fortified city, and an iron pillar, and bronze walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against her rulers, against her priests, and to the people of the land.

19 And they shall fight against you; but they shall not overcome you. For I *am* with you to deliver you, a statement of Jehovah.

Jeremiah 2

1 Jehovah shows His former kindness, and rebukes the Jews for their causeless revolt.

14 They are the causes of their own calamities.

1 ¶ And was the Word of Jehovah to me, saying,

2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, So says Jehovah, I remember you, the kindness of your youth, the love of your betrothals, your going after Me in the wilderness, in a land not sown.

3 Israel *was* holy to Jehovah, the firstfruits of His increase. All that devour him become

guilty; evil shall come on them, a statement of Jehovah.

4 Hear the Word of Jehovah, O house of Jacob and all the families of the house of Israel.

5 So says Jehovah, What iniquity have your fathers found in Me, that they went far from Me and have walked after vanity, and have become vain?

6 And they did not say, Where *is* Jehovah who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and of pits, in a dry land and death shade, in a land that not a man has passed through, and not a man has lived there?

7 And I brought you into a garden land to eat its fruit and its goodness. But when you went in, you defiled My land and made My inheritance a disgusting thing.

8 The priests did not say, Where *is* Jehovah? And they who handle the Law did not know Me. And the shepherds transgressed against Me; and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after *things* not being profitable.

9 ¶ Therefore, I will contend with you, a statement of Jehovah, and I will contend with your sons' sons.

10 For go to the isles of Kittim and see, and send to Kedar, and carefully consider and see if there is any like this.

11 Has a nation changed its gods, and they were not gods? But My people have changed their Glory without it being profitable.

12 Be amazed at this, O heavens, and be horrified; be completely desolated, a statement of Jehovah.

13 For My people have done two evils: they have forsaken Me, the Fountain of living waters, to hew out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

14 ¶ *Is* Israel a servant? Or *is* he a servant of the house? Why has he become a prey?

15 The young lions roared against him; they gave their voice. And they laid waste his land; his cities are burned, without one living *in it*.

16 Also the sons of Noph and Tahpanhes have fed on your crown.

17 Have you not done this to yourself by your forsaking Jehovah your God when He led you by the way?

18 And now what *is* for you toward the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? Or what for you toward Assyria, to drink the waters of the *Euphrates* River?

19 Your own evil shall instruct you, and your apostasies shall reprove you. Therefore know and see that your forsaking Jehovah your God *is* evil and bitter; and My fear *is* not in you, a statement of the Lord Jehovah of Hosts.

20 ¶ For long ago you broke your yoke *and* tore up your bonds. And you said, I will not pass by, when on every high hill and under every green tree you lay down *like one* doing adultery.

21 Yet I planted you a choice vine, wholly a true seed. And how have you turned into shoots of an alien vine to Me?

22 Though you wash yourself with potash, and multiply soap for yourself, your iniquity is marked before Me, a statement of the Lord Jehovah.

23 How can you say, I am not defiled; I have not gone after Baals? See your way in the valley; know what you have done! *You are* a swift camel criss-crossing her ways;

24 a wild ass used to the wilderness. In the passion of her desire she snuffs up the wind *in* her time. Who can turn her away? All those who seek her will not tire themselves; in her month they will find her.

25 Withhold your foot from *being* bare and your throat from thirst. But you said, It is hopeless! No! For I love strangers, and after them I will go.

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

27 saying to a tree, You are my father; and to a stone, You gave us birth. For they turned *their* back to Me, and not the face. But in the time of their evil, they will say, Arise, and save us!

28 But where *are* your gods that you have made for yourselves? Let them arise, if they can save you in the time of your evil; for *according to* the number of your cities are your gods, O Judah.

29 ¶ Why do you contend with Me? All of you, you have transgressed against Me, a statement of Jehovah.

30 In vain I have stricken your sons; they took no correction. Your own sword has devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

31 O generation, see the Word of Jehovah. Have I been a wilderness to Israel, or a land of darkness? Why do My people say, We roam; we will come no more to You.

32 Can a virgin forget her ornaments, a bride her headband? Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number.

33 What? Do you trim your ways to seek love? Therefore you have even taught the evil ones your ways.

34 Also on your skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents; I have not found them breaking in, but on all these.

35 Yet you say, Because I am free from guilt, surely His anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will judge with you, because you say, I have not sinned.

36 Why do you go about so much to change your way? You also shall be ashamed of Egypt, as you were ashamed of Assyria.

37 Yes, you shall go out from this *place*, and your hands on your head. For Jehovah has rejected those in whom you trust, and you will not prosper by them.

Jeremiah 3

1 Jehovah's great mercy in Judah's blatant adultery. 6 Judah is worse than Israel. 12 The promises of the gospel to the ones who repent.

1 ¶ They say, If a man sends away his wife, and she goes from him and will be for another man, will he return to her again? Would not that land be greatly defiled? But you fornicate with many lovers; yet *would* you come back to Me, a statement of Jehovah.

2 Lift up your eyes on the bare heights and see. Where have you not been lain with? By the highways you have sat for them, like an Arab in the desert. And you have defiled the land with your fornications and with your evil.

3 And the showers are withheld, and there has been no latter rain. And the forehead of a woman, *one* doing adultery, was to you; you refused to be ashamed.

4 Have you not just now called to Me, *saying*, My father, *You are* the friend of my youth?

5 Will He keep *His anger* forever? Or will He guard it to the end? Behold, you have spoken, and you have done *all* the evil that you could.

6 ¶ And Jehovah said to me in the days of Josiah the king, Have you seen what the apostate Israel has done? She has gone up on every high hill and under every green tree, and has fornicated there.

7 And after she had done all these, I said, She will return to Me; but she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw.

8 And I watched when for all the causes *for* which the apostate Israel committed adultery, I sent her away and I gave the writ of her divorce to her. Yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but she also went and fornicated.

9 And it happened, from the vileness of her fornication she defiled the land, and fornicated with stones and with trees.

10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but with falsehood, a statement of Jehovah.

11 And Jehovah said to me, The apostate Israel has justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

12 ¶ Go and cry these words toward the north, and say, Return, O apostate Israel, a statement of Jehovah. I will not cause My face to fall on you, for I *am* holy, a statement of Jehovah; I will not keep *anger* forever.

13 Only know your iniquity, that you have transgressed against Jehovah your God and have scattered your ways to strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed My voice, a statement of Jehovah.

14 Turn back, O apostate sons, a statement of Jehovah; for I am Lord over you. And I will take you, one from a city, and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion.

15 And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you *with* knowledge and understanding.

16 And it will be, when you multiply and increase in the land in those days, a statement of Jehovah, they will no longer say, The ark of the covenant of Jehovah! And it shall not come on the heart, and not shall

they remember it, and not they shall miss it, and it shall not be made any more.

17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of Jehovah. And all nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of Jehovah, to Jerusalem. And they shall not walk any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart.

18 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 caused your fathers to inherit.

19 But I said, How *gladly* would I put you among the sons, and give you a pleasant land, a beautiful inheritance *among* the multitudes of nations! And I said, You shall call Me, My Father; and you shall not turn away from following Me.

20 ¶ Surely *as* a wife acts treacherously from her companion, so you have acted treacherously with Me, O house of Israel, a statement of Jehovah.

21 A voice was heard weeping on the bare heights, pleadings of the sons of Israel; for they have perverted their way; they have forgotten Jehovah their God.

22 Return, O apostate sons; I will heal your apostasies. Behold, we come to You, for You *are* Jehovah our God.

23 Truly, for delusion *comes* from the hills, a murmur *on* the mountains. Truly, in Jehovah our God is the salvation of Israel.

24 For the *things* of shame have eaten up the labor of our fathers from our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.

25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covers us. For we have sinned against Jehovah our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day. And we have not obeyed the voice of Jehovah our God.

Jeremiah 4

1 Jehovah calls Israel by His promise. 3 He exhorts Judah to repentance by fearful judgments.

1 ¶ If you will return, O Israel, a statement of Jehovah, return to Me. And if you will turn away from your detestable things out of My face and will not wander ,

2 and you will swear, *As* Jehovah lives, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness;

and the nations shall bless themselves in Him, and in Him they will glory.

3 ¶ For so says Jehovah to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow to the thorns.

4 Circumcise yourselves to Jehovah, and take away the foreskin of your heart, O men of Judah and those living *in* Jerusalem, lest My fury go forth like fire and burn, so that no one can quench *it*, because of the evil of your doings.

5 ¶ Declare in Judah, and make *it* heard in Jerusalem, and say, Blow the rams' horn in the land. Cry, and say, It will be ended. Gather yourselves and go into the fortified cities.

6 Lift up a banner toward Zion. Flee, seek refuge, and do not stand. For I will bring evil from the north and a great shattering.

7 The lion has come up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations has set out. He has left his place to make your land a waste. Your cities will fall into ruins without *one* living *in them*.

8 Put on sackcloth for this, wail and howl. For the the anger of Jehovah has not turned back from us.

9 And it will be on that day, a statement of Jehovah, the heart of the king, and the heart of the rulers shall perish. And the priests shall be amazed; and the prophets shall be astounded.

10 Then I said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! Surely deceiving You have deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, You shall have peace, but the sword reaches to the soul.

11 At that time it shall be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A hot wind *from* the bare hills in the desert toward the daughter of My people, not to winnow and not to cleanse!

12 A wind more full than these shall come for Me. Now I also will speak judgments against them.

13 Behold, he shall come up like clouds, and his chariots like a windstorm. His horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us, for we are plundered!

14 O Jerusalem, cleanse your heart from evil that you may be saved. Until when will your thoughts of iniquity lodge within you?

15 For a voice announces from Dan, and proclaims iniquity from Mount Ephraim.

16 Recall *it* to the nations: Behold, proclaim against Jerusalem, Besiegers are coming from a distant land and give forth their voice against the cities of Judah.

17 Like the men watching a field, they are against her round about because she has rebelled against Me, a statement of Jehovah.

18 Your way and your doings have done these *things* to you; *in* this you have done evil, because it is bitter, because it reaches to your heart.

19 ¶ My bowels! My bowels! I convulse in pain. O walls of my heart! My heart roars within me. I cannot be silent, for I have heard the sound of the rams' horn. O my soul, the alarm of war!

20 Ruin on ruin has been called; for the whole land is devastated. Suddenly my tents are devastated, my curtains *in* a moment.

21 Until when must I see the banner *and* hear the sound of the rams' horn?

22 For My people are foolish. They do not know Me. They are stupid children, and they have no understanding. They *are* wise to do evil, but they do not know to do good.

23 I looked on the earth, and, behold! *It was* formlessness and void; and to the heavens, and they *had* no light.

24 I looked on the mountains, and, behold! They quaked, and all the hills were shaken.

25 I looked, and, behold! There *was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled.

26 I looked, and, behold! The fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down before the face of Jehovah, before the anger of His nostrils.

27 For so Jehovah has said, The whole land shall be a desolation; but *it* will not be a full ending *that* I make.

28 The earth shall mourn for this, and the heavens above shall grow black, because I have seen, I have purposed and I will not repent, and I will not turn back from it.

29 Every city shall flee from the noise of the horsemen and shooters of the bow. They shall go into thickets and go up in the rocks. Every city shall be forsaken, and not a man shall live in them.

30 And you, one being desolated, what will you do? Though you clothe yourself

with crimson, though you adorn yourself with ornaments of gold, though you make large your eyes with paint, you beautify yourself in vain. Lovers despise you; they will seek your life.

31 For I have heard a voice as of one weakened, the anguish as one bearing her first child, the voice of Zion's daughter gasping and spreading her palms, *saying*, Woe *is* to me now, for my soul faints because of murderers!

Jeremiah 5

1 The judgments of Jehovah on the Jews, for their perverseness, 7 for their adultery, 10 for their impiety, 25 and for their great corruption.

1 ¶ Roam around in Jerusalem's streets and see now, and know, and seek in her open places if you can find a man, if there is one who does justice who seeks truth; and I will pardon her.

2 And though they say, As Jehovah lives, surely they swear falsely.

3 O Jehovah, Your eyes, are *they* not for faithfulness? You struck them, but they felt no pain. You consumed them, *yet* they refused to take correction. They made their faces harder than rock; they have refused to turn back.

4 And I said, Surely they are poor *ones*; they are being foolish, for they do not know the way of Jehovah, the judgment of their God.

5 I will go up for myself to the great men and will speak to them. For they have known the way of Jehovah, the judgment of their God. Surely, together they have broken the yoke; they have torn off the bonds.

6 On account of this a lion out of the forest shall strike them; a wolf of the desert shall destroy them; a leopard is watching over their cities. Everyone who goes out from them shall be torn, because their transgressions are many; their apostasies are numerous.

7 Why should I pardon you for this? Your sons have forsaken Me and have sworn by No-gods. And I adjured them, and they committed adultery and gathered themselves by troops at a house of *one* doing adultery.

8 They were *like* well fed, lustful stallions in the morning, *each* man neighing to the wife of his neighbor.

9 Shall I not call to account for these *things*, a statement of Jehovah? And shall not My soul be avenged on a nation that *is* like this?

10 ¶ Go up on her vine rows and destroy, but do not make a full ending; turn aside her branches, for they *are* not Jehovah's.

11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have acted deceitfully with Me, a statement of Jehovah.

12 They have lied against Jehovah and said, *It is* not He; and, No evil shall come on us; and, We shall not see sword or famine.

13 And the prophets shall become wind, and the Word *is* not in them; so it shall be done to them.

14 So Jehovah God of Hosts says this: Because you spoke this word, behold! I will make My words fire in your mouth, and these people wood; and it shall devour them.

15 Behold, I will bring a nation on you from far away, O house of Israel, a statement of Jehovah. *It is* an enduring nation; *it is* an ancient nation, a nation whose language you do not know, and not do understand what they say.

16 Their quiver *is* as an open grave; they *are* all mighty *men*.

17 And they will eat up your harvest and your food, and they will eat up your sons and your daughters. They will eat up your flocks and your herds; they will eat up your vines and your fig trees. One shall beat down your fortified cities with the sword, those in which you trust.

18 Yet even in those days, a statement of Jehovah, I will not make you *to be* a full ending.

19 And it will be when you shall say, Why does Jehovah our God do all these *things* to us? And you shall say to them, Just as you have forsaken Me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve strangers in a land not *belonging* to you.

20 ¶ Declare this in the house of Jacob and make it heard in Judah, saying,

21 Now hear this, O foolish people, and not *with* a heart, eyes are to them, but do not see, ears are to them, but they do not hear.

22 Do you not fear Me, a statement of Jehovah? Will you not tremble before My face, that I have placed the sand *as* the limit for the sea *by* an eternal decree, so that it cannot cross over it? And though they rise and fall, yet they cannot prevail; though its waves roar, yet they cannot cross over it.

23 But to this people there is a revolting and rebelling heart; they have turned and walked *away*.

24 And they do not say in their heart, Let us now fear Jehovah our God who gives both the former and the latter rain in its time. He keeps for us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

25 ¶ Your iniquities have turned aside these *things*, and your sins have withheld good from you.

26 For among My people are found wicked *ones*. They lie in wait, as the crouching of fowlers they set traps, they catch men.

27 Like a cage full of birds, so their houses are full of treachery. On account of this they have become great and grown rich.

28 They have become fat; they shine. Yea, they pass over the deeds of the evil *one*; they do not judge the cause of the orphan, that they may prosper. And they do not judge the right of the needy *ones*.

29 Shall I not call to account for these *things*, a statement of Jehovah? Or shall not My soul be avenged on a nation that *is* like this?

30 A horror and a dreadful thing has happened in the land,

31 the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their hands; and My people love *it* so, and what will they do at the end of it?

Jeremiah 6

1 The enemies sent against Judah 4 encourage themselves. 9 The prophet laments the judgments of Jehovah because of their sins.

1 ¶ O sons of Benjamin take refuge from the midst of Jerusalem. And blow the rams' horn in Tekoa; and set up a signal over Beth-haccerem. For evil looks down out of the north, and a great shattering.

2 I will destroy the daughter of Zion, the beautiful and delicate one.

3 Those feeding shall come to her with their flocks; they shall pitch tents on her all around. They shall *each* man feed *in* his hand.

4 Consecrate war against her. Rise up and let us go up at noon. Woe to us, for the day turns; for the shadows of the evening are stretched out!

5 Rise up and let us go up by night and destroy her fortresses.

6 For so Jehovah of Hosts has said, Cut down her trees and pour out a *siege*-mound against Jerusalem. She *is* the city to be called to account; in her midst *is* oppression, all of her.

7 As a cistern keeps fresh its waters, so she keeps fresh her evil. Violence and destruction are heard in her. Sickness and wounds *are* continually before My face.

8 O Jerusalem, be taught lest My soul be alienated from you; lest I make you a desolation, a land with not *one* living *in* it.

9 ¶ So says Jehovah of Hosts, Gleaning they shall glean the remnant of Israel like a vine *and* turn back your hand as a grape gatherer over the tendrils.

10 To whom shall I speak and give warning and they may hear? Behold, their ears *are* not circumcised, and they are not able to pay attention-. Behold, the Word of Jehovah is a reproach to them; they have no delight in it.

11 And I am full of the fury of Jehovah; I am weary with holding in. Pour it out on the child in the street and on the circle of the young men together. For even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the elder with fullness of days.

12 And their houses shall be turned to others, fields and wives together. For I will stretch out My hand on those living *in* the land, a statement of Jehovah.

13 For everyone from the least of them even to the greatest of them cuts off a profit. And from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals a lie.

14 They have also healed the break of My people slightly, saying, Peace, peace, when there is no peace.

15 Were they ashamed when they made a disgusting thing? Yea, they were not at all ashamed, nor did they know to blush. So they shall fall among those falling. At the time I call them to account, says Jehovah.

16 So says Jehovah, Stand by the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way *is*, and walk in it; and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *in* it.

17 And I raised watchmen over you, *saying*, Attend to the sound of the rams' horn; but they said, We will not listen.

18 ¶ So hear, O nations, and know, O assembly, that which is *coming* on them.

19 Hear, O earth, behold, I will bring evil on this people, the fruit of their thoughts; for they have not paid attention to My words; and My Law, they also rejected it.

20 Why *is* this to Me; frankincense comes from Sheba, and the good cane from a land afar off? Your burnt offerings *are* not for acceptance, and your sacrifices *are* not sweet to Me.

21 So Jehovah says this, Behold! I am giving stumbling blocks to this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall stumble on them; a neighbor and his friend shall perish.

22 So says Jehovah, Behold! A people comes from the north country; and a great nation shall be stirred from the sides of the earth.

23 They shall lay hold on bow and javelin; they *are* cruel and have no mercy. Their voice roars like the sea; they ride on horses, arrayed like a man for the battle against you, O daughter of Zion.

24 We have heard the report of it. Our hands have dropped down; anguish has seized us, pain like *one* giving birth.

25 Do not go out into the field or walk by the way, because of the sword of the enemy *and* terror from round about.

26 O daughter of My people, put on sackcloth and roll in ashes. Make mourning for yourself, *as for* an only son, most bitter mourning; for the *one* devastating shall suddenly come on us.

27 I have given you as an assayer, as a tester among My people, that you may know and examine their way.

28 All of them turn aside, they rebel, walking *in* slander. All of them *are as* bronze and iron; all of them *are* corrupters.

29 The bellows blow, the lead is consumed from the fire, the refiner refines in vain; for the evil is not separated.

30 Men will call them rejected silver, for Jehovah has rejected them.

Jeremiah 7

1 Jeremiah is sent to call for true repentance, to prevent the Jews' captivity. 17 He threatens them for their idolatry. 29 He exhorts to mourn for their abominations in Tophet.

1 ¶ The Word that was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 Stand in the gate of the house of Jehovah and call out there this Word, and say, Hear the Word of Jehovah all Judah, who enter in at these gates to worship Jehovah.

3 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will let you dwell in this place.

4 Do not trust yourself to words of the lie, saying, The temple of Jehovah! The temple of Jehovah! This *is* the temple of Jehovah!

5 For if amending you amend your ways and your doings; if you truly practice justice between a man and his neighbor;

6 if you do not oppress the sojourner, the orphan, and the widow; and do not pour out innocent blood in this place, and do not go after other gods to your evil;

7 even I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, from forever and to forever.

8 Behold, you trust for yourself on words of the lie without being of use.

9 Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear a lie, and burn incense to Baal, and go after other gods whom you do not know?

10 And *will you* come and stand before Me in this house on which My name is called, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations

11 Has this house on which My name is called become a den of breakers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen, a statement of Jehovah.

12 But go now to My place which *was* in Shiloh, where I made My name dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for the evil of My people Israel.

13 And now, because you have done all these works, a statement of Jehovah, and I spoke to you, rising up early and speak-

ing, but you did not hear. Yea, I called you, but you did not answer.

14 Therefore I will do to the house on which My name is called, in which you are trusting, and to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.

15 And I will cast you out from My face as I cast out all your brothers, all the seed of Ephraim.

16 ¶ And you, do not pray for this people; do not lift up cry or prayer for them. Do not intercede with Me, for I do not hear you.

17 Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the open places of Jerusalem?

18 The sons gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes to the queen of the heavens, and to pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me.

19 Do they provoke Me, a statement of Jehovah? *Is it* not themselves, to the shame of their own faces?

20 So the Lord Jehovah says this: Behold, My anger and My fury will be poured out on this place, on man and on animal, and on the trees of the field, and on the fruit of the ground. And it will burn and will not be put out.

21 ¶ So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat flesh.

22 For I did not speak to your fathers, and not command them in the day that I brought them out from the land of Egypt, concerning matters of burnt offerings and sacrifices.

23 But I commanded them this thing, saying, Obey My voice, and I will be to you for God, and you will be to Me for a people. Also, Walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, so that it may be well with you.

24 But they did not listen, and did not stretch out their ear. But *they* walked in *their own* plans, in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward.

25 Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have even sent to you all My servants, the prophets, daily rising up early and sending.

26 Yet they did not listen to Me and did not stretch out their ear, but *they* stiffened their neck. They did more evil than their fathers.

27 And you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you. And you will call to them, but they will not answer you.

28 But you shall say to them, This *is* the nation that does not obey the voice of Jehovah their God, and does not receive instruction. Truth has perished, and it is cut off from their mouth.

29 ¶ Cut off your crown and cast *it* away, and lift up a dirge on the heights. For Jehovah has rejected and forsaken the generation of His wrath.

30 For the sons of Judah have done evil in My eyes, a statement of Jehovah. They have set their abominable *idols* in the house on which is called My name in order to defile it.

31 They have built the high places of Tophet in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, and not did it come into My heart.

32 So, behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, when it shall no more be called Tophet, or the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter. For they shall bury in Tophet from lack of a place.

33 And the bodies of this people shall be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth; and no one shall frighten *them* away.

34 Then I will cause the voice of gladness to cease from the streets of Jerusalem, even the voice of joy, and the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride. For the land shall become a waste.

Jeremiah 8

1 The calamity of the Jews, both dead and alive.

4 He upbraids their foolish and shameless impenitence. 13 He shows their judgment.

1 ¶ At that time, a statement of Jehovah, they will bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of its rulers, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of those living in Jerusalem, out of their graves.

2 And they shall spread them before the sun and the moon and all the host of the heavens that they have loved, and that they have served, and after whom they have walked, and to which they have sought, and to which they have bowed themselves. They shall not be gathered or buried; they shall be dung on the face of the ground.

3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the remnant of those who remain of this evil family, those who remain there in all the places there where I have driven them away, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts.

4 ¶ And you shall say to them, So says Jehovah, Shall they fall and not rise up? Or shall one turn back and not return?

5 Why has this people, Jerusalem, turned back *to* a perpetual apostasy? They hold fast to deceit. They refuse to turn back.

6 I listened and heard. They did not speak so. No man repented because of this evil *way*, saying, What have I done? Everyone turned in their own courses, as a horse rushes into the battle.

7 Also the stork in the heavens knows her seasons, and the turtledove and the swallow and the thrush observe the time of their coming. But My people do not know the judgment of Jehovah.

8 How do you say, We *are* wise *ones*, and the Law of Jehovah *is* with us? Behold, certainly the scribes have practiced deceit, the pen of the lie.

9 The wise *ones* are put to shame; they are terrified and are captured. Behold, they have rejected the Word of Jehovah, and what wisdom *is* theirs?

10 So I will give their wives to others, their fields to those who possess them. For everyone from the least even to the greatest cuts off a profit; from the prophet and to the priest, everyone deals a lie.

11 For they have healed the breaking of the daughter of My people slightly, saying, Peace, peace! And *there is* no peace.

12 Were they ashamed when they had made an abomination? They were not even at all ashamed, and they did not know how to blush. So they shall fall among those who fall. In the time *that* they rebel they will wither, says Jehovah.

13 ¶ Gathering I will gather them, a statement of Jehovah. No grapes will be on the vine, or figs on the fig tree; and the leaf withers. And I will give to them those who pass over them.

14 Why do we sit still? Gather yourselves, and let us enter into the fortified cities, and let us be silent there. For Jehovah our God has made us silent there, and *He* has made us drink water of poison because we have sinned against Jehovah.

15 We waited for peace, but no good *came*; for a time of healing, but, behold, terror!

16 The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan; all the land quakes at the sound of the neighing of his stallions. For they come and devour the land and its fullness, the city and those who live *in it*.

17 For behold, I, *even* I will send serpents among you, vipers *for* which there is no charm; and they will bite you, a statement of Jehovah.

18 From my smiling *I suffer* beyond grief; my heart *is* sick within me.

19 Behold, the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people from a distant land! *Is* not Jehovah in Zion? Or *is* not her king in her? Why have they provoked Me with their graven images, with foreign vanities?

20 Harvest has passed; the summer has ended, and we are not delivered.

21 For the breaking of the daughter of my people, I am broken. I mourn; horror has taken hold on me.

22 *Is there* no balm in Gilead? *Is there* no *one* to heal there? Why then has the healing of the daughter of My people not come?

Jeremiah 9

1 Jeremiah weeps for the Jews for their many sins, 9 and for their judgment. 17 He exhorts to mourn for their destruction, 23 and to trust not in themselves, but in Jehovah.

1 ¶ 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!

2 Oh, that I had a lodging place for my journeying in the wilderness, that I might leave my people and go away from them! For they all *are* committing adultery, an assembly of ones acting deceitfully.

3 And they bend their tongues, their bow *is* a lie. And they are not mighty for the truth on the earth, for they go from evil to evil; And they do not know Me, a statement of Jehovah.

4 Let *every* man be on guard against his neighbor, and do not trust any brother. For supplanting every brother will supplant, and every neighbor will go about as one slandering.

5 And everyone will deceive his neighbor, and they will not speak the truth. They have taught their tongue to speak lies. They weary themselves to commit iniquity.

6 Your dwelling *is* in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know Me, a statement of Jehovah.

7 Therefore, so says Jehovah of Hosts, Behold, I will refine them and test them. For what *else* can I do because of the daughter of My people?

8 Their tongue *is* a slaughtering arrow; it speaks deceit. *One* speaks peace with his neighbor with his mouth, but in his inner part he sets his ambush.

9 Shall I not call them to account for these *things*? a statement of Jehovah. Or shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 I will take up a weeping and a wailing for the mountains and a dirge for the pastures of the wilderness. For they are burned up, without a man passing through. Yea, they do not hear the voice of cattle. From the fowl of the heavens and to the beast, they have fled; they are gone.

11 And I will give Jerusalem *to be* a heap of ruins, a den of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, not [one] living *in it*.

12 ¶ Who *is* the wise man that can understand this? And he to whom the mouth of Jehovah has spoken, that he may declare it? Why does the land perish? It is burned up like the wilderness, so that no one passes through.

13 And Jehovah says, Because they have forsaken My Law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, and have not walked in it;

14 but *they* have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart, and after the Baals, which their fathers taught them;

15 Therefore thus says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will make this people eat wormwood, and make them drink waters of poison.

16 I will also scatter them among the nations which they have not known, and not their fathers. And I will send the sword after them until I have consumed them.

17 So says Jehovah of Hosts, Consider and call for the wailers, that they may come. And send for the wise *women*, that they may come.

18 And let them make haste and take up a lament over us, so that our eyes may run down with tears, and waters flow *from* our eyelids.

19 For the voice of lament is heard from Zion. How we are devastated! We are greatly ashamed because we have forsaken the land; because they have thrown down our dwellings.

20 Yet hear the Word of Jehovah, women. And let your ear receive the Word of His mouth, and teach your daughters a lament, and *each* woman her neighbor a dirge.

21 For death has come into our windows, entering into our fortresses, to cut off the children from the outside, *the* young men from the broad spaces.

22 So speak, a statement of Jehovah, Even the bodies of men shall fall as dung on the open field, and as the swath after the reaper, and no one shall gather *them*.

23 ¶ So says Jehovah, Do not let the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, and do not let the mighty *one* glory in his might. Do not let the rich *man* glory in his riches.

24 But let him who glories glory in this, *that he* understands and knows Me, that I *am* Jehovah, doing kindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth; for I delight in these, a statement of Jehovah.

25 Behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that I will call to account all the circumcised with foreskin:

26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the sons of Ammon, and Moab, and all those trimmed on the edges *of their beards*, who dwell in the wilderness. For all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel, those uncircumcised of heart.

Jeremiah 10

1 *The unequal comparison of Jehovah and idols.*

17 *The prophet exhorts to flee from the calamity to come.* 20 *He laments the spoil of the tabernacle.*

1 ¶ Hear the Word which Jehovah speaks to you, O house of Israel.

2 So says Jehovah, You shall not be taught by the way of the nations; and do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens; for the nations are terrified at them.

3 For the statutes of the people *are* vanity. For one cuts a tree out of the forest with the axe, the work of the hands of the craftsman.

4 They beautify it with silver and with gold; they make them strong with nails and hammers, *so that* it will not wobble.

5 They *are* like a rounded palm tree, and they cannot speak; lifting they must be lifted, because they cannot walk. Do not be afraid of them, for they cannot do evil and not good; it is not with them.

6 There is none like You, O Jehovah; You *are* great, and Your name *is* great in might.

7 Who would not fear You, O King of nations? For it is fitting to You, because there is none like You among all the wise *men* of the nations, and in all their kingdoms.

8 But they are at once being foolish and being stupid; their tree *is* an instruction of vanities.

9 Silver beaten into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the craftsman and the hands of the goldsmith. Violet and purple *is* their clothing; they *are* all the works of skillful *ones*.

10 But Jehovah *is* the true God, He *is* the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth shall quake, and the nations shall not be able to stand His indignation.

11 So you shall say to them, The gods who have not made the heavens and the earth, they shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens.

12 *It is* He who made the earth by His power, who established the world by His wisdom, and who stretched out the heavens by His understanding.

13 At the sound of His giving a roar of waters in the heavens, He causes the mists to go up from the ends of the earth; He makes lightnings for the rain and brings forth the wind out of His storehouses.

14 Every man is being stupid from *lack of* knowledge; every refiner is put to shame by the carved image. For his molten image is a lie and no breath *is* in them.

15 They *are* vanity, the work of delusion. In the time of their visitation they will perish.

16 The Portion of Jacob *is* not like these. For He *is* the Former of all things; and Israel *is* the tribe of His inheritance; Jehovah of Hosts *is* His name.

17 ¶ Gather up your bundle from the ground, you who live under the siege.

18 For so says Jehovah, Behold, I will sling out those living *in* the land at this time, and I will distress them so that they may be found out.

19 Woe *to* me for my breaking! My wound is grievous. But I said, Truly this *is* a sickness, and I must bear it.

20 My tabernacle is devastated, and all my cords are broken. My sons have gone out from me and they are not. *There is* no stretching out my tent any more, or setting up my curtains.

21 For the shepherds have been stupid, and they have not sought Jehovah. Therefore, they shall not act wisely, and all their flock shall be scattered.

22 Behold, the sound of report! It comes, and a great commotion from the land of the north, to set out the cities of Judah a desolation, a den of jackals.

23 O Jehovah, I know that his way does not *belong* to man; *it is* not in man who walks to direct his steps.

24 O Jehovah, correct me, only with judgment, not in Your anger, that You do not bring me to nothing.

25 Pour out Your fury on the nations who do not know You, and on the families who do not call on Your name. For they have eaten up Jacob. Yea, they ate him up and have finished him, and *they* have made his dwelling place desolate.

Jeremiah 11

1 Jeremiah proclaims Jehovah's covenant, 8 rebukes the Jews' disobeying, 11 prophesies evils to come upon them, 18 and upon the men of Anathoth, for conspiring to kill Jeremiah.

1 ¶ The Word that was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah, and to those living *in* Jerusalem,

3 and say to them, So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Cursed *is* the man who does not obey the words of this covenant,

4 which I commanded your fathers in the day I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Hear My voice and do them according to all that I command you, so that you shall be for a people to Me, and I will be to you for God;

5 in order to cause to rise the oath which I swore to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as *it is* this day. And I answered and said, Amen, O Jehovah.

6 And Jehovah said to me, Cry out all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear the words of this covenant and do them.

7 For admonishing I admonished your fathers in the day I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, to this day rising early and admonishing, saying, Hear My voice.

8 They did not hear and did not stretch out their ear, but *each* man walked in the stubbornness of *his* evil heart. And I will bring on them all the words of this covenant which I commanded *them* to do, but they did not do.

9 And Jehovah said to me, A plot is found among the men of Judah, and among those living *in* Jerusalem.

10 They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear My Word. And they went after other gods to serve them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I cut with their fathers.

11 ¶ Therefore Jehovah says this: Behold, I will bring evil on them from which they shall not be able to go forth from it. And *though* they cry to Me, I will not hear them.

12 And the cities of Judah and those living in Jerusalem shall go and cry to the gods to whom they burned incense, to them. But they are not at all able to save them in the time of their evil.

13 For according to the number of your cities were your gods, O Judah; yea, according to the number of the outside places of Jerusalem you have set up altars to the thing of shame, altars to burn incense to Baal.

14 And you, do not pray for this people; and do not lift up a cry or prayer for them. For I will not hear in the time they cry to Me for their evil.

15 What is to My beloved in My house, since she has done her many evils? And has the holy flesh caused your evil way to pass from you? Then do you exult?

16 Jehovah called your name, a green olive tree, fair, with fine fruit. With the sound of a great roaring, He has set fire to it, and its branches are bad.

17 And Jehovah of Hosts, who planted you, has spoken evil against you, because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah which they have done to themselves, to provoke Me to anger by burning incense to Baal.

18 ¶ And Jehovah made me know, and I knew. And You made me see their doings.

19 And I was like a docile lamb being brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had plotted schemes against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with its fruit; and let us cut him off from the land of the living so that his name may be remembered no more.

20 But, O Jehovah of Hosts who judges with righteousness, who tries the kidneys and the heart, let me see Your vengeance on them. For to You I have revealed my cause.

21 Therefore, so says Jehovah concerning the men of Anathoth who seek your life, saying, Do not prophesy in the name of Jehovah, that you do not die by our hand.

22 So Jehovah of Hosts says this: Behold, I will call them to account. The young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine.

23 And there shall be no survivor of them, for I will bring evil on the men of Anathoth, even the year of their visitation.

Jeremiah 12

1 Jeremiah, complaining of the wicked's prosperity sees their ruin. 5 Jehovah warns him of the treachery of his brothers. 14 He promises to the penitent a return from captivity.

1 ¶ Righteous are You, O Jehovah, when I might contend with You, yet let me speak with You of Your judgments. Why does the way of the wicked ones prosper? Why are all at ease, those who act deceitfully, with deceit.

2 You planted them; yea, they take root, they go on, they even make fruit. You are near in their mouth, and far from their kidneys.

3 But You know me, O Jehovah. You have seen me and tried my heart toward You. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and consecrate them to the day of slaughter.

4 Until when shall the land mourn, and the plant of every field wither from the evil of those who dwell in it? The beasts and the birds are swept away, because they said, He will not see our last end.

5 If you have run with footmen, and they wore you out, then how can you compete with horses? And if you trusted in the land of peace, then how will you do in the swelling of Jordan?

6 For even your brothers and the house of your father, even they have acted deceitfully with you; even they have fully called after you. Do not believe them, though they speak good things to you.

7 ¶ I have forsaken My house; I have left My inheritance. I have given the beloved of My soul into the palm of her enemies.

8 My inheritance has become as a lion in the forest to Me; she gave out her voice against Me; On account of this I hated her.

9 My inheritance is like a speckled bird to Me; the birds round about are against her. Go gather all the beasts of the field, bring them for food.

10 Many shepherds have destroyed My vineyard; they have trodden My portion under foot; they have made My pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

11 One has made it desolate; it mourns to Me. The whole land is a desolation, but no man sets it on his heart.

12 These devastating have come on all barren heights through the wilderness, for the sword of Jehovah devours from *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land. There is no peace for any flesh.

13 They have sown wheat, but they have reaped thorns. They are exhausted, *but* they do not profit. And they shall be ashamed of your harvests, because of the anger of the anger of the face of Jehovah.

14 ¶ So says Jehovah against all My evil neighbors who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit: Behold, I will pluck them up from their land, and I will pluck the house of Judah from their midst.

15 And it shall be after I have plucked them up I will return and have pity on them, and *I* will bring them again, *each* man to Me, a statement of Jehovah, to be to his inheritance and *each* man to his land.

Jeremiah 13

I By the type of a linen girdle hidden at Euphrates Jehovah prefigures the destruction of His people.

12 Under the parable of the bottles filled with wine He foretells their future in misery.

1 So says Jehovah to me: Go and buy for yourself a linen girdle and put it on your loins, and do not put it in water.

2 And I bought the girdle according to the Word of Jehovah and put *it* on my loins.

3 And the Word of Jehovah was to me a second time, saying,

4 Take the girdle that you bought, which *is* on your loins, and rise up. Go to Euphrates and hide it there in the cleft of the rock.

5 And I went and hid it by Euphrates, as Jehovah commanded me.

6 And it happened at the end of many days Jehovah said to me, Rise up, go to Euphrates and take the girdle from there, which I commanded you to hide there.

7 And I went to Euphrates and dug, and I took the girdle from the place, there where I had hidden it. And behold, the girdle was rotted. It was not useful for anything.

8 And was the Word of Jehovah to me, saying:

9 So says Jehovah, So I will spoil the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.

10 This evil people who refuse to hear My words, who walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them and to bow down to them, shall even be like this girdle which is not useful for anything.

11 For as this girdle holds fast to the loins of a man, so I have caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling to Me for a people, and for a name, and for praise, and for glory; but they would not hear.

12 ¶ So you will speak to them this Word: So says Jehovah, God of Israel, Every skin shall be filled with wine. And they shall say to you, Knowing, do we not know that every skin shall be filled with wine?

13 Then you shall say to them, So says Jehovah, Behold, I will fill all those living *in* this land, even the kings that sit on David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all those living *in* Jerusalem, with drunkenness.

14 And I will dash them a man against his brother, even the fathers and the sons together, a statement of Jehovah. I will not pity and not spare and not have compassion *to keep them* from their destruction.

15 Hear and give ear; do not be proud, for Jehovah has spoken.

16 Give glory to Jehovah your God before He brings darkness, and before your feet stumble on the dark mountains. Yea, while you wait for light, He puts it into death shade, setting up deep gloom.

17 But if you will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for *your* pride. And my eye shall bitterly weep and run down with tears, because the flock of Jehovah was captured.

18 Say to the king and to the queen mother, Humble yourselves, sit down. For the crown of your glory will come down from your head places.

19 The cities of the south have been shut up, and none are opening. Judah has been exiled; all of it has been peacefully exiled.

20 Lift up your eyes and see those who come from the north. Where *is* the flock that *was* given to you, your beautiful flock?

21 What will you say when He calls you to account? For you taught them *to be*

chiefs over you for a head. Will not birth pangs seize you like a woman bearing?

22 ¶ And if you say in your heart, Why do these things meet me? *It is because* of the greatness of your iniquity. Your skirts are bared; your heels suffer violence.

23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? *Then* you also may do good who have learned to do evil.

24 And I will scatter them as the stubble that passes away to the wilderness wind.

25 This *is* your lot, the share of your measure from Me, a statement of Jehovah, because you have forgotten Me and have trusted in falsehood.

26 And I also have made bare your skirts over your face, that your shame may be seen.

27 I have seen your adulteries and your neighings, the plot of your adultery, your abominable idols on the hills, in the fields. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! Will you not be made clean? Until when *will it be* again?

Jeremiah 14

1 The grievous famine 7 causes Jeremiah to pray.

10 Jehovah will not be entreated for the people.

13 Lying prophets are no excuse for them.

1 ¶ That which was the Word of Jehovah to Jeremiah concerning the matter of droughts.

2 Judah mourns, and her gates droop. They put on mourning for the land, and the cry of Jerusalem has gone up.

3 And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters. They came to the cisterns; they found no waters. They returned *with* their vessels empty. They were ashamed and blushed and covered their head.

4 Because the ground was shattered, for there was no rain in the land; the plowmen were ashamed; they covered their head.

5 For even the doe gave birth in the field and forsook *it* because *there was* no grass.

6 And the wild asses stood in the high places; they snuffed up the wind like jackals; their eyes failed because *there was* no grass.

7 O Jehovah, though our iniquities testify against us, act for Your name's sake; for our apostasies are many; we have sinned against You.

8 O Hope of Israel, its Savior in time of trouble, why should You be as an alien in

the land, and as a traveler *who* turns aside to lodge?

9 Why should You be as a man who is stunned, as a mighty *one* who cannot save? Yet You, O Jehovah, *are* in our midst, and Your name is called on us. Do not leave us.

10 ¶ So says Jehovah to this people: So they have loved to wander; they have not restrained their feet; even Jehovah will not be pleased with them. He will now recall their iniquity and call their sins to account.

11 And Jehovah said to me, Do not pray for good for this people.

12 I will not hear their cry when they fast; and when they offer burnt offering and grain offering I will not be pleased with them. But I will consume them by the sword, and by famine, and by the plague.

13 Then I said, Ah, O Lord Jehovah! Behold, the prophets are saying to them, You shall not see the sword, and famine shall not be to you, but I will give you true peace in this place.

14 And Jehovah said to me, The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I did not send them and I have not commanded them, and not did I speak to them. They are prophesying to you *concerning* a false vision, and a worthless divination, and the deceit of their heart.

15 So Jehovah says this over the prophets who prophesy in My name, and I did not send them; yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land: By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed.

16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword. And none will bury them, *either* them, their wives, or their sons, or their daughters. For I will pour evil on them.

17 ¶ And you shall speak this Word to them: Let my eyes run down *with* tears night and day, and do not let them cease. For the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great break, *with* a very grievous blow.

18 If I go out into the field, then I see those pierced with the sword. And if I enter into the city, then, behold, diseases of famine! Yes, both the prophet and the priest

have gone around into a land that they do not know.

19 Rejecting have You rejected Judah? Or has Your soul loathed Zion? Why have You stricken us and no healing *is* for us? *We* looked for peace, but no good *came*; and for a healing time, but, behold, terror!

20 We know our wickedness, O Jehovah, the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against You.

21 For Your name's sake, do not spurn *us*; do not dishonor the throne of Your glory. Remember, *and* do not break Your covenant with us.

22 Among the vanities of the nations are there *any* who make rain fall? Or can the heavens give showers? *Is* it not You, O Jehovah our God? Therefore we will wait for You; for You do all these.

Jeremiah 15

1 The utter rejection and manifold judgments of the Jews. 10 Jeremiah, complaining of their spite, receives a promise for himself,

1 ¶ And Jehovah said to me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before Me, My soul *is* not toward this people. Send them from My face; yea, let them go out.

2 And it will be, when they say to you, Where shall we go? Even you will tell them, So says Jehovah, who *are* for death, to death; and *those* who *are* for the sword, to the sword; and *those* who *are* for the famine, to the famine; and *those* who *are* for captivity, to captivity.

3 And I will appoint over them four kinds, says Jehovah: the sword to kill, and the dogs to drag off, and the birds of the heaven and the beast of the earth to devour and destroy.

4 And I will make them a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah; for what he did in Jerusalem.

5 For who shall have pity on you, O Jerusalem? Or who shall grieve over you? Or who shall turn aside to ask your welfare?

6 You have forsaken Me, says Jehovah. You have gone backward, and I will stretch out My hand against you and ruin you; I am weary of repenting.

7 And I will sift them with a fork in the gates of the land; I will bereave; I will make My people perish, *for* they do not turn back from their ways.

8 Their widows are more numerous about Me than the sand of the seas. I have brought for them *one* devastating at noonday against the mother of a young man; I caused anguish and terror to fall on her suddenly.

9 She who bore seven languishes; she has breathed out her life; her sun has gone while *it was* yet day. She has been ashamed and humiliated, and I will give the remnant of them to the sword before their enemies, says Jehovah.

10 ¶ Woe to me, my mother, that you have borne me, a man of strife, and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have not loaned, and not have they loaned to me; *yet* everyone curses me.

11 Jehovah said, Truly did I not free you for good? Did I not cause the enemy to entreat you in a time of evil and the enemy in a time of distress?

12 Can one break iron, iron and bronze from the north?

13 Your wealth and your treasures I will give for prey, not for price, but for all your sins, even in all your borders.

14 And I will make *you* pass with your enemies into a land you do not know. For a fire has been kindled in My anger; it shall burn against you.

15 ¶ O Jehovah, You know. Remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on those who persecute me. Do not take me away in the long of Your anger; know that I bear reproach for You.

16 Your words were found and I ate them; and Your Word was to me the joy and gladness of my heart. For I am called by Your name, O Jehovah, God of Hosts.

17 I did not sit in the circle of ones who laugh in derision, and did not exult. I sat alone because of Your hand; for You have filled me with indignation.

18 Why has my pain been continual and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? You surely are to me as a deceitful *stream*, its waters cannot be trusted.

19 So Jehovah says this: If you turn back, even I will bring you back; you shall stand

before Me. And if you take the precious from the worthless, you shall be as My mouth. They may turn back to you, but do not turn back to them.

20 And I will make you a fortified wall of bronze to this people. And they shall fight against you, but they shall not overcome you; for I *am* with you to save you and to deliver you, says Jehovah.

21 And I will deliver you out of the hand of the evil *ones*, and I will redeem you out of the palm of the terrifying *ones*.

Jeremiah 16

1 The prophet, under the types of abstaining from marriage, from houses of mourning and feasting, foretells the utter ruin of the Jews. 14 Their return from captivity shall be strange.

1 ¶ And was the Word of Jehovah to me, saying,

2 You shall not take a wife for yourself, and not will be to you sons or daughters in this place.

3 For so says Jehovah concerning the sons and concerning the daughters who are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bore them, and concerning their fathers who fathered them in this land:

4 They shall die of deaths of diseases; they shall not be mourned and not shall they be buried; they shall be as dung on the face of the earth. And they will end by the sword and by famine, and their bodies shall be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth.

5 For so says Jehovah, Do not enter into the house of mourning and do not go to lament and not do moan for them. For I have removed My peace with loving-kindness and compassions from this people, a statement of Jehovah.

6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land. They shall not be buried, and not they will mourn for them, and not cut himself, and not make himself bald for them.

7 And not shall they break for them in mourning, to comfort him for ones who died. And not shall *they* give them the cup of consolation to drink for one's father or one's mother.

8 And you shall not go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and drink.

9 For so says Jehovah of Hosts the God of Israel: Behold, I will cause to cease from this place for your eyes, and in your days, the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.

10 ¶ And it shall be, when you declare to this people all these words, they will say to you, Why has Jehovah spoken all this great evil against us? And what *is* our iniquity, or what our sin that we have sinned against Jehovah our God?

11 And you shall say to them, Because your fathers have forsaken Me, a statement of Jehovah, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have bowed down to them, and have forsaken Me, and have not kept My Law.

12 And you have done more evil than your fathers. For, behold, you *each* man walk after the stubbornness of his evil heart, without hearing Me.

13 And I will cast you out of this land into a land that you do not know, you and not your fathers. And there you shall serve other gods day and night, where I will not grant you favor.

14 ¶ So, behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that it shall no more be said, As Jehovah lives who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

15 But rather, As Jehovah lives who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands, there where He had driven them. And I will bring them back into their land that I gave to their fathers.

16 Behold, I will send for many fishermen, a statement of Jehovah. And they shall fish them. And after this I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them, from every mountain and from every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks.

17 For My eyes *are* on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face; their iniquity is not concealed from My eyes.

18 And first I will repay double *for* their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land with the bodies of their detestable *idols*. Yea, their disgusting things have filled My inheritance.

19 O Jehovah, my strength and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the nations shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, Our fathers have inherited only lies, vanity, and there is no profit in them.

20 Can a man make gods to himself? But they *are* not gods!

21 Therefore, behold, I will make them know; this time I will cause them to know My hand and My might; and they shall know that My name *is* Jehovah.

Jeremiah 17

1 The captivity of Judah for her sin. 5 Trust in man is cursed, 7 in Jehovah is blessed.

12 Jehovah is the Fountain of living waters.

1 ¶ The sin of Judah *is* engraved with an iron pen. *It is* carved on the tablet of their heart with the point of a diamond, and on the horns of your altars,

2 *even* while their sons remember their altars and their Asherahs by the green tree on the high hills.

3 O My mountain in the field! I will give your wealth, all your treasures, for prey, your high places for sin throughout all your borders.

4 And you, even through yourself, will let drop from your inheritance which I gave you. And I will cause you to serve your enemies in a land which you do not know. For you have kindled a fire in My anger; it will burn until the age.

5 ¶ So says Jehovah, Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man, and who makes flesh his arm, and who turns aside his heart from Jehovah.

6 For he shall be like a juniper in the desert, and shall not see when good comes. But he shall live in the dry places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land that is not inhabited.

7 Blessed *is* the man who trusts in Jehovah, and Jehovah is his refuge.

8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters. *It* sends out its roots by the stream, and *it* will not fear when the heat comes; but its foliage will be green; and it is not anxious in the year of drought, and not will it cease from producing fruit.

9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and it is incurable; who can know it?

10 I, Jehovah, search the heart *I* try the kidneys, even to give to *each* man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.

11 As a partridge broods and does not hatch, *so is* he who makes riches, and not with justice; it will leave him in the midst of his days, and at his end he will be a foolish *one*.

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

13 The Hope of Israel *is* Jehovah; all who forsake You shall be ashamed. Those who depart from Me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken Jehovah, the Fountain of living waters.

14 Heal me, O Jehovah, and I will be healed; save me, and I will be saved; for You *are* my praise.

15 Behold, they say to me, Where *is* the Word of Jehovah? Let it come now.

16 And I have not hurried away from *being* a shepherd after You; I have not desired the woeful day. You know *that* the going forth of my lips was before Your face.

17 Do not be a terror to me; You *are* my refuge in the day of evil.

18 Let those who persecute me be ashamed, but do not let me be ashamed. Let them be terrified, but do not let me be terrified. Bring on them the day of evil, and break them *with* double breaking.

19 ¶ So Jehovah said to me, Go and stand in the gate of the sons of the people, *that* by which the kings of Judah come in, and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem.

20 And say to them, Hear the Word of Jehovah, kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all those living *in* Jerusalem who go in by these gates.

21 So says Jehovah, Take heed for the sake of your lives, and do not lift up a burden on the sabbath day, nor bring *it* in by the gates of Jerusalem.

22 And do not carry a burden from your houses on the sabbath day, nor do any work, but keep the sabbath day holy, as I commanded your fathers.

23 But they did not obey nor stretch out their ear, but they made their neck stiff, not to hear, and not to take instruction.

24 And it shall be, if listening you listen to Me, a statement of Jehovah, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but keep the sabbath day holy, to do no work in it,

25 even kings and rulers sitting on the throne of David shall enter into the gates of this city, riding on chariots and on horses, they and their rulers, the men of Judah, and those living *in* Jerusalem. And this city will be inhabited to the ages.

26 And they will come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the lowland, and from the hill-country, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and food offerings, and frankincense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving to the house of Jehovah.

27 But if you will not listen to Me to keep the sabbath day holy, even to not lift up a burden and enter at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day, then I will kindle a fire in her gates. And it shall devour the fortresses of Jerusalem, and shall not be put out.

Jeremiah 18

1 Under the type of a potter is shown Jehovah's absolute power in disposing of nations. 11 Judgments threatened to Judah for her revolt.

1 ¶ The Word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 Rise up and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words.

3 And I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he was working a work on the wheel.

4 And the vessel that he made in clay was ruined in the hand of the potter and turning back he made it another vessel, as it seemed good in the potter's eyes to make *it*.

5 And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

6 O house of Israel, am I not able to do to you as this potter? a statement of Jehovah. Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand, *so are* you in My hand, O house of Israel.

7 The instant I speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, or to break down, and to cause *it* to perish,

8 if that nation against whom I have spoken will turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do to it.

9 And the instant I speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant *it*;

10 if it does evil in My eye, not to obey My voice, then I will repent of the good which I had said to do good to it.

11 ¶ And now please speak to the men of Judah and to those living *in* Jerusalem, saying, So says Jehovah, Behold, I am forming evil against you, and devising a plan against you. Now *each* man turn back from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

12 But they say, It is hopeless. For we will walk after our own thoughts, and we will *each* man do *according to* the stubbornness of his evil heart.

13 So Jehovah says this: Ask now among the nations, Who has heard *things* like these? The virgin of Israel has done a dreadful thing.

14 Does the snow of Lebanon cease from the rock of the field? Or are the cold flowing waters *from* a foreign *place* plucked up?

15 But My people have forgotten Me. They have burned incense to vain idols; and they have caused them to stumble in their ways, *from* the old paths, to walk *in* paths of a way not raised up;

16 to make their land a desolation, a hissing forever. Everyone who passes by will be stunned and will shake his head.

17 I will scatter them like an east wind before the enemy; I will make them see *My* back, and not *My* face in the day of their calamity.

18 ¶ Then they said, Come and let us plot schemes against Jeremiah. For the Law shall not perish from the priest, and *not* counsel from the wise, and *not* word from the prophet. Come and let us strike him with the tongue, and let us not attend to any of his words.

19 O Jehovah, attend to me, and attend to the voice of my contenders.

20 Should evil be repaid for good? For they have dug a pit for my soul. Remember, I stood before You to speak good concerning them, to turn Your wrath from them.

21 Therefore, give their sons to the famine, and make them run onto the hand of the sword. And let their wives be bereaved, and *be* widows, and let their men *be* the slain of death, their young men *be* those struck by the sword in battle.

22 Let a cry be heard from their houses when You suddenly bring a raiding band on them. For they have dug a pit to capture me, and have hidden snares for my feet.

23 Yet, O Jehovah, You know all their counsel to death against me. Do not atone for their iniquity, not do blot out their sin from Your face, but let them be those made to stumble before You; deal with them in the time of Your anger.

Jeremiah 19

1 ¶ So says Jehovah, Go and buy a potter's earthen jar, and *gather* from the elders of the people, and from the elders of the priests.

2 And go out to the valley of the son of Hinnom by the entry of Potsherd Gate. And there proclaim the words that I will speak to you.

3 And say, Hear the Word of Jehovah, O kings of Judah, and those living *in* Jerusalem. So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring evil on this place *by* which every one who hear, his ears will tingle.

4 Because they have forsaken Me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it to other gods whom they and their fathers have not known, and not the kings of Judah, and *they* have filled this place with the blood of innocent *ones*,

5 They have also built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire *for* burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command and did not speak, and it did not come into My heart.

6 So, behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that this place shall be no more called Tophet, or the valley of the son of Hinnom, but Valley of Slaughter.

7 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 hand of those who seek their lives. And I will give their corpses for food to the birds of the heavens, and for the animals of the earth.

8 And I will make this city a waste and a hissing. Everyone who passes by shall be stunned and shall hiss because of all its plagues.

9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters. And a man will eat the flesh of his friend in the siege and distress *with* which their enemies and those who seek their lives shall distress them.

10 ¶ And you shall break the jar before the eyes of the men who go with you,

11 and shall say to them, So says Jehovah of Hosts, So I will break this people and this city, as one breaks the potter's vessel that cannot be healed again. And they shall bury in Tophet, there being no place to bury.

12 I will do this to this place, a statement of Jehovah, and to those living *in* it, and give this place *to be* as Tophet.

13 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 roofs of the houses on which they have burned incense to all the host of the heavens, and have poured out drink offerings to other gods.

14 And Jeremiah came from Tophet, where Jehovah had sent him there to prophesy. And he stood in the court of the house of Jehovah, and *he* said to all the people,

15 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring to this city, and on all its towns, all the evil that I have spoken against it, because they have stiffened their necks in order not to hear My words.

Jeremiah 20

1 Pashur smites Jeremiah and receives a new name, and a fearful doom. 7 Jeremiah complains of contempt, 10 of treachery, 14 and of his birth.

1 ¶ When Pashur the son of Immer, the priest, (he also was chief officer in the house of Jehovah), heard Jeremiah prophesying these things,

2 then Pashur struck Jeremiah the prophet and put him in the stocks in the upper Benjamin Gate, which *was* by the house of Jehovah.

3 And it was on the next day that Pashur made Jeremiah go out from the stocks. And Jeremiah said to him, Jehovah has not called

your name Pashur, but Terror From All Around.

4 For so says Jehovah, 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 see. And I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall exile them into Babylon and strike them with the sword.

5 And I will give all the wealth of this city, and all its produce, and all its precious things, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah, *even* I will give *them* into the hand of their enemies who will plunder them and take them, and bring them to Babylon.

6 And you, Pashur, and all who live in your house, shall go into captivity. And you shall enter Babylon; and you shall die there. And you shall be buried there, you and all loving you, to whom you have prophesied lies to them.

7 ¶ O Jehovah, You have deceived me; yea, I was deceived. You are stronger than I, and You have prevailed. I am a derision all the day; everyone mocks me.

8 For whenever I speak, I cry out, I proclaim violence and ruin; for the Word of Jehovah has been to me a reproach and being mocked all the day.

9 And I said, I will not mention Him or speak any more in His name. But *His Word* was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary of holding *in*, and I was not able.

10 For I heard the slanders of many, Terror is all around! Expose! Yea, let us expose him! Every man of my peace watched for my fall, *saying*, Perhaps he will be lured away, and we shall prevail against him; and we shall take revenge on him.

11 But Jehovah *is* with me like a mighty, awesome *one*. On account of this those persecuting me shall stumble and will not prevail. And they shall be greatly ashamed. For they have not acted wisely; they are an everlasting disgrace that will not be forgotten.

12 But, O Jehovah of Hosts, who tries the righteous *one*, *who* sees the kidneys and the heart, let me see Your vengeance on them; for I have revealed my cause to You.

13 Sing to Jehovah. Praise Jehovah. For He has delivered the soul of the poor *one* from the hand of evildoers.

14 ¶ Cursed *is* the day in which I was born; let not the day in which my mother bore me be blessed.

15 Cursed *is* the man who brought news to my father, saying, A son, a male, is born to you, making him very glad.

16 And let that man be as the cities which Jehovah overthrew and did not repent. And let him hear a cry in the morning and the shouting at noontime;

17 because he did not cause me to die from the womb; and that my mother would have been my grave, and her womb always great *with me*.

18 Why did I come forth from the womb to see toil and sorrow, and my days consumed in shame?

Jeremiah 21

1 Zedekiah sends to Jeremiah to inquire about Nebuchadnezzar's war. 3 Jeremiah pretells a hard siege and miserable captivity.

1 ¶ The Word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, when King Zedekiah sent Pashur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to him, saying, 2 Inquire now of Jehovah for us. For Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is warring against us. Perhaps Jehovah will do with us according to all His wonderful works, that he may go up from us.

3 And Jeremiah said to them, You shall say this to Zedekiah,

4 So says Jehovah, the God of Israel: Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war in your hand, with which you fight against the king of Babylon, and *against* the Chaldeans who besiege you outside the wall. And I will gather them together in the midst of the city.

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

6 And I will strike those living *in* this city, both man and beast. They shall die of a great plague.

7 And afterward, a statement of Jehovah, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and those

who remain in this city from the plague, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their lives. And he shall strike them with the mouth of the sword; he shall not spare them, and not have pity, and not have compassion.

8 ¶ And you shall say to this people, So says Jehovah, Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death.

9 He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the plague. But he who goes out and falls to the Chaldeans who are besieging you, he shall live, and his life shall be for a prize to him.

10 For I have set My face against this city for evil, and not for good, a statement of Jehovah. It shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

11 And concerning the house of the king of Judah, say, Hear the Word of Jehovah,

12 O house of David, so says Jehovah: Judge justice for the morning, and deliver the *one* plundered out of the hand of the *one* oppressing, that My fury not go out like fire and burn so that none can put it out, because of the evil of your doings.

13 Behold, I *am* against you, one dwelling *in* the valley, rock of the plain, a statement of Jehovah, those who say, Who can come down against us? Or, Who can enter our dwellings?

14 But I will call you to account according to the fruit of your doings, a statement of Jehovah. And I will kindle a fire in its forest, and it shall devour all things around it.

Jeremiah 22

1 He exhorts to repentance, with promises and threats. 10 The judgment of Shallum, 13 of Jehoiakim, 20 and of Coniah.

1 ¶ So says Jehovah, Go down to the house of the king of Judah and speak this Word there,

2 and say, Hear the Word of Jehovah, O king of Judah who sits on the throne of David, you and your servants, and your people who enter in by these gates.

3 So says Jehovah, Do justice and righteousness, and deliver the *one* plundered

from the hand of the oppressing *one*. And do not oppress the alien, the widow, or the orphan, and do not do violence and not shed innocent blood in this place.

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

5 But if you will not hear these words, I swear by Myself, a statement of Jehovah, that this house shall become a ruin.

6 For so says Jehovah concerning the king of Judah's house, You *are* Gilead to Me, the head of Lebanon; if not I will make you a wilderness, cities not lived *in*.

7 And I will set apart the destroyers against you, *each* man with his weapons; and they will cut down the best of your cedars and make *them* fall into the fire.

8 And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall *each* man say to his companion, Why has Jehovah done this to this great city?

9 Then they will answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of Jehovah their God and bowed to other gods and served them.

10 ¶ Weep not for the ones who died and do not lament for him; weep bitterly for him who goes away, for he shall return no more, nor see the land of his birth.

11 For so says Jehovah concerning Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned in his father Josiah's place, who went forth from this place: he shall not return there any more.

12 But he shall die there in the place where they have exiled him, and he will see this land no more.

13 Woe to him who builds his house without righteousness, and his upper rooms without justice, his neighbor serves for nothing, and he does not give him *for* his work;

14 who says, I will build myself a wide house and large upper rooms. And *he* cuts out windows for it and covers with cedar, and paints with vermilion!

15 Do you reign because you lust to excel in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then *it* was well for him.

16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy *one*, then *it was* well. Was this not to know Me, a statement of Jehovah?

17 But your eyes and your heart *lust for* nothing but your unjust gain, and to shed innocent blood, and injury, and to do oppression.

18 So Jehovah says this concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, They shall not mourn for him, *saying*, Ah, my brother! Or, Ah, sister! They shall not mourn for him, *saying*, Ah, lord! Or, Ah, his glory!

19 He shall be buried *with* the burial of an ass, drawn beyond the gates of Jerusalem and thrown out.

20 ¶ Go up to Lebanon and cry. And lift up your voice in Bashan, and cry out from Abarim; for all those loving you are broken.

21 I spoke to you in your prosperity, *but* you said, I will not hear. This *has been* your way from your youth, for you have not obeyed My voice.

22 Those feeding you shall feed the wind, and those loving you shall go into captivity. Surely then you will be ashamed and will blush for all your evil.

23 One dwelling *in* Lebanon, nested in the cedars, How gracious will you be when pangs come to you, the pain as *one* giving birth!

24 As I live, says Jehovah, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah were the signet on My right hand, yet I would tear you away!

25 And I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand *of* those of whom you are fearful before them, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 And I will cast you and your mother who bore you into another country, there where you were not born; and there you shall die.

27 But concerning the land which they lift up with their soul, to return there, they shall not return there.

28 *Is* this man Coniah a despised shattered jar, or a vessel in which is no pleasure? Why are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into the land which they do not know?

29 O earth, earth, earth! Hear the Word of Jehovah!

30 So says Jehovah, Write this man childless, a man who will not prosper in his days, for not one from his seed will prosper, a man sitting on the throne of David and ruling any more in Judah.

Jeremiah 23

1 He prophesies a restoration of the scattered flock.

5 Christ shall rule and save them. 9 Against false prophets, 33 and mockers of true prophets.

1 ¶ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture, says Jehovah!

2 Therefore, so says Jehovah the God of Israel against the shepherds who are feeding My people: You have scattered My flock, and have driven them away, and have not visited them. Behold, I will visit on you the evil of your doings, says Jehovah.

3 And I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the lands where I have driven them there, and *I* will bring them back to their fold. And they shall be fruitful and multiply.

4 And I will raise up shepherds over them who will feed them. And they will fear no more, and not be terrified; and not will they be missing *anything*, a statement of Jehovah.

5 Behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that I will raise to David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and act wisely, and *He* shall do judgment and righteousness in the earth.

6 In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely. And this is His name *by* which He shall be called, Jehovah Our Righteousness.

7 Behold, so the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that they shall no more say, As Jehovah lives who brought the sons of Israel up out of the land of Egypt;

8 but, As Jehovah lives who brought up and led the seed of the house of Israel out of the land of the north, and from all the lands where I have driven them there. And they shall dwell on their own land.

9 ¶ My heart within me is broken concerning the prophets; all my bones shake. I am like a drunken man, and like a man

passed *out* by wine, because of Jehovah, and because of the words of His holiness.

10 For the land is full of those doing adultery. For the land mourns because of a curse. The pastures of the wilderness are dried up. And their course is evil, and their might is not right.

11 For both prophet and priest are being defiled; yea, I have found their evil in My house, a statement of Jehovah.

12 So their way shall be to them as slippery *places* in the darkness; they shall be driven out and fall by it. For I will bring evil on them, the year of their calling to account, a statement of Jehovah.

13 And I have seen frivolity among the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied by Baal and led astray My people Israel.

14 And I have seen a horrible thing among the prophets of Jerusalem; they commit adultery and walk in falsehood. And they make the hands of evildoers strong, so that not a man turns back from his evil. They are all of them like Sodom to Me, and those living *in her* like Gomorrah.

15 So Jehovah of Hosts says this concerning the prophets: Behold, I will feed them wormwood, and make them drink poisonous water, for ungodliness has gone forth from the prophets of Jerusalem into all the land.

16 So says Jehovah of Hosts, Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you; they make you vain; they speak a vision of their heart, not out of the mouth of Jehovah.

17 Saying they say to those who spurn Me, Jehovah has said, You shall have peace. And they say to everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart, Evil *things* shall not come on you.

18 For who has stood in the counsel of Jehovah, and has seen and heard His Word? Who has paid attention to His Word and heard?

19 Behold, the tempest of Jehovah has gone forth *in* wrath, even a whirling tempest; it will whirl on the head of the wicked *ones*.

20 The anger of Jehovah shall not turn back until He has executed, and until He has raised up the purposes of His heart. In

latter days understanding you shall understand it.

21 I have not sent the prophets, and they ran; I have not spoken to them, and they prophesied.

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

23 *Am* I a God near by, a statement of Jehovah, and not a God from afar?

24 Or can a man hide himself in secret places so that I do not see him, says Jehovah? Do I not fill the heavens and the earth, a statement of Jehovah?

25 I have heard what the prophets said, *those* who prophesy lies in My name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26 How long is *this* there in the heart of the prophets, the prophets of lies; yea, the prophets of the deceit of their heart?

27 *They are* plotting to cause My people to forget My name by their dreams which they relate, *each* man to his neighbor, even as their fathers have forgotten My name for Baal.

28 The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream. And he who has My Word, let him speak My Word faithfully. What *has* the straw to *do* with the grain, a statement of Jehovah?

29 *Is* not My Word thus like fire, says Jehovah, and like a hammer which shatters rock?

30 Therefore, a statement of Jehovah, Behold, I *am* against the prophets who steal My words, *each* man from his neighbor

31 Behold I *am* against those who take their tongues and say, a statement of Jehovah.

32 Behold, I *am* against those who prophesy false dreams, and speak them, and cause My people to go astray by their lies, and by their frivolity, and I did not send them, and I did not command them, a statement of Jehovah.

33 ¶ And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask you, saying, What *is* the burden of Jehovah? Even you shall say to them, What burden? I will even forsake you, a statement of Jehovah.

34 And the prophet, and the priest, and the people who shall say, The burden of

Jehovah, I will even call that man and his house to account.

35 And you shall say *each* man to his his companion and *each* man to his brother, What has Jehovah answered? And what has Jehovah spoken?

36 And you shall not mention the burden of Jehovah again, for *each* man's word shall be his burden. But you have perverted the words of the living God, of Jehovah of Hosts, our God.

37 So you shall say to the prophet, What has Jehovah answered you? And what has Jehovah spoken?

38 But if you say, The burden of Jehovah, therefore so says Jehovah: Because you say this word, the burden of Jehovah; and I have sent to you saying, You shall not say, The burden of Jehovah;

39 therefore, behold! I, even I will utterly forget you and deceive *you* and cast off you and the city that I gave to you and your fathers, away from My face.

40 And I will put on you everlasting reproach and everlasting shame on you, which shall not be forgotten.

Jeremiah 24

1 Under the type of good and bad figs, 4 he fore-shows the restoration of them that were in captivity, 8 and the desolation of Zedekiah.

1 ¶ Jehovah made me see, and, behold, two baskets of figs set before the temple of Jehovah, after Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had exiled Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the rulers of Judah, and the craftsmen, and the smiths from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

2 One basket *had* very good figs, like first ripe figs. And the other basket *had* very bad figs which could not be eaten from *their* badness.

3 And Jehovah said to me, What do you see, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs. The good figs are very good, and the bad are very bad, so that they cannot be eaten from *their* badness.

4 And the Word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

5 So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Like these good figs, so I will recognize the ex-

iles of Judah whom I have sent out of this place *into* the land of the Chaldeans for good.

6 For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them back to this land. And I will build them and not tear *them* down; and I will plant them, and will not pluck *them* up.

7 And I will give them a heart to know Me, that I *am* Jehovah. And they will be to Me for a people, and I will be to them for God. For they shall turn back to Me with their whole heart.

8 And like the bad figs which cannot be eaten from badness, so says Jehovah: So I shall make Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his rulers, and the remnant of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt;

9 I will even make them a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth for evil, for a reproach, and a proverb, a gibe, and a curse, there in all places where I will drive them.

10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the plague among them until they are consumed from *being* upon the land that I gave to them and to their fathers.

Jeremiah 25

1 Jeremiah reproves the Jews' disobedience to the prophets, 8 foretells the seventy years captivity, 12 and the destruction of Babylon. 15 he foretells the destruction of all nations.

1 ¶ The Word that was to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah. It *was* the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,

2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all those living *in* Jerusalem, saying,

3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, this twenty-three years, the Word of Jehovah was to me, and I have spoken to you, rising up early and speaking; but you have not listened.

4 And Jehovah has sent to you all His servants the prophets, rising early and sending, but you have not listened and not stretched out your ear to hear,

5 saying, Now turn *each* man from his evil way and from the evil of your doings,

and live on the land which Jehovah has given to you and to your fathers from forever even to forever.

6 And do not go after other gods to serve them and to bow down to them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no harm.

7 And you have not listened to Me, a statement of Jehovah, so that you might provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands, for evil to you.

8 ¶ So Jehovah of Hosts says this: Because you have not obeyed My words,

9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, says Jehovah, and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant; and I will bring them against this land, and against those living *in it*, and against all these nations round about. And I will completely destroy them, and make them a horror, and a hissing, and everlasting ruins.

10 And I will cause to perish from them the voice of rejoicing, 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.

11 And this whole land shall be a waste and a horror; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 And it shall be, when seventy years are fulfilled, I will call to account the king of Babylon and that nation, and the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, a statement of Jehovah; and I will make it everlasting ruins.

13 And I will bring on that land all My words which I have spoken against it, all that is written in this book which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations.

14 For many nations and great kings will lay service on them, even they. And I will repay them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their own hands.

15 ¶ For so says Jehovah, the God of Israel, to me. Take the wine cup of this wrath from My hand and cause all the nations to whom I shall send you to drink it.

16 And they shall drink, and reel to and fro, and act madly, because of the sword that I will send among them.

17 And I took the cup from Jehovah's hand and made all the nations drink, *those* to whom Jehovah had sent me to them:

18 Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and their kings, and their rulers, to make them a ruin, a horror, a hissing, and a curse, as *it is* this day;

19 Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and his servants, and his rulers, and all his people;

20 and all the mixed people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod,

21 Edom, and Moab, and the sons of Ammon,

22 and all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the isles beyond the sea,

23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all who cut the corners *of their beards*,

24 and all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mixed people who dwell in the desert,

25 and all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of Media,

26 and all the kings of the north, far and near, *each* man to his brother, and all the kingdoms of the earth which *are* on the face of the earth; and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.

27 So you shall say to them, So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Drink, and be drunk, and vomit, and fall, and do not rise up, because of the sword which I will send among you.

28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, So says Jehovah of Hosts, Drinking you shall drink.

29 For, behold, I begin to bring evil on the city on which is called My name, and shall you be found clearly free from guilt? You shall not be free from guilt. For I will call for a sword on all those living *in* the earth, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts.

30 ¶ And now you prophesy against them all these words, and say to them, Jehovah shall roar from on high and give forth His voice from His holy habitation; He shall mightily roar over His dwelling place. He answers with a shout, like those who tread

out *the grapes*, against all those living *in* the earth.

31 A roaring will go to the ends of the earth, for Jehovah has a quarrel with the nations. He will enter into judgment with all flesh; He will give the wicked *ones* to the sword, a statement of Jehovah.

32 So says Jehovah of Hosts, Behold, evil is going from nation to nation, and a great tempest shall be stirred up from the corners of the earth.

33 And the slain of Jehovah shall be at that day from *one* end of the earth and to the *other* end of the earth. They shall not be mourned, and not gathered, and not buried; they shall be *as* dung on the face of the earth.

34 Howl, shepherds, and cry, and roll yourselves *in ashes*, O leaders of the flock! For the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are fulfilled, and you shall fall like a desirable vessel.

35 And refuge has perished from those feeding and escape from the leaders of the shepherds of the flock.

36 The sound of the cry of the shepherds, and the howling from the leaders of the flock *will be heard*. For Jehovah is devastating their pasture.

37 And the peaceful pastures are devastated, because of the anger of the face of Jehovah.

38 Like the young lion, He has left His den; for their land is a waste because of the anger of oppressing *ones*, and because of the anger of His face.

Jeremiah 26

1 Jeremiah, by promises and threats, exhorts to repentance. 8 He is seized and arraigned.

12 His apology. 16 The example of Micah, 20 and of Urijah, 24 and by the care of Ahikam.

1 ¶ In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this Word was from Jehovah, saying,

2 So says Jehovah, Stand in the court of the house of Jehovah and speak to all the cities of Judah which have come to bow down in the house of Jehovah, all the words that I command you to speak to them. Do not diminish a word.

3 Perhaps they will listen, and *each* man turn from his evil way, and I may repent of

the evil which I plan to do to them because of the evil of their doings.

4 And you shall say to them, So says Jehovah, If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My Law which I have set before you,

5 to listen to the words of My servants the prophets whom I have given to you, even rising up early and sending, but you have not listened,

6 even I will give this house *to be* like Shiloh, and will make this city *to be* a curse to all the nations of the earth.

7 ¶ And the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of Jehovah.

8 And it happened when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that Jehovah had commanded him to speak to all the people, the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, Dying you shall die.

9 Why have you prophesied in the name of Jehovah, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolated, without *one* living *in it*? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of Jehovah.

10 When the rulers of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house *to* the house of Jehovah and set up in the entrance of the New Gate of Jehovah.

11 And the priests and the prophets spoke to the rulers, and to all the people, saying, *Let* a sentence of death *be* for this man, for he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.

12 And Jeremiah spoke to all the rulers and to all the people, saying, Jehovah sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard.

13 And now make good your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of Jehovah your God, and Jehovah will repent toward the evil that He has spoken against you.

14 As for me, behold, I *am* in your hands; do with me as *seems* good and right to you.

15 Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you shall surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city, and on those living *in it*. For truly Jehovah

has sent me to you, to speak all these words in your ears.

16 ¶ And the rulers, and all the people, said to the priests and to the prophets, There *is* not a sentence of death for this man, for he has spoken to us in the name of Jehovah our God.

17 And some of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying,

18 Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah, king of Judah. And he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, So says Jehovah of Hosts: Zion shall be plowed *like* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house like the high places of a forest.

19 Did Hezekiah, king of Judah and all Judah indeed cause him to die? Did he not fear Jehovah and entreat the face of Jehovah? *And did* not Jehovah repent of the evil which He had spoken against them? Even we are doing great evil against our souls.

20 And there was also a man who prophesied in the name of Jehovah, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjath-jearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to the words of Jeremiah.

21 And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty *men*, and all the rulers, heard his words, even the king tried to cause him to die. But Urijah heard, and he was afraid, and fled, and went to Egypt.

22 And Jehoiakim the king sent men to Egypt, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and men with him into Egypt.

23 And they brought Urijah out of Egypt and brought him to Jehoiakim the king, who struck him with the sword, and threw his dead body into the graves of the sons of the people.

24 But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to cause him to die.

Jeremiah 27

1 He prophesies the subduing of the neighbor kings to Nebuchadnezzar. 8 He exhorts them to yield. 19 the rest of the vessels will to go Babylon.

1 ¶ In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah,

this Word came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 So says Jehovah to me, Make bonds and yokes for yourself, and put them on your neck.

3 And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the sons of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon, by the hand of the messengers who came to Jerusalem to Zedekiah, king of Judah.

4 And command them to *go* to their masters, saying, So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Thus you shall say to your masters,

5 I have made the earth, the man, and the animals on the face of the earth by My great power and by My outstretched arm; and I have given it to whom it seemed right in My eyes.

6 And now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant. And I have also given him the beast of the field to serve him.

7 And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land comes; also it, and many nations and great kings shall serve him.

8 And it shall be, the nation and kingdom which will not serve him, Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put its neck in the yoke of the king of Babylon, I will call to account that nation, a statement of Jehovah, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the plague, until I have destroyed them by his hand.

9 As for you, do not listen to your prophets, or to those divining to you, or to your dreamers, or to ones conjuring to you, or to your sorcerers, those who *are* speaking to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon.

10 For they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land, that I should banish you, and you should perish.

11 But the nation that will bring its neck into the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, says Jehovah, I will leave it on its own land, and *it* may work it and live in it.

12 ¶ I also spoke to Zedekiah, king of Judah according to all these words, saying,

Bring your necks into the king of Babylon's yoke, and serve him and his people, and live.

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

14 Therefore do not listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon, for they prophesy a lie to you.

15 For I have not sent them, says Jehovah. Yea, they prophesy a lie in My name, so that I might banish you, and that you might perish, you and the prophets who prophesy to you.

16 Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, So says Jehovah, Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the house of Jehovah shall now be quickly brought again from Babylon, for they prophesy a lie to you.

17 Do not listen to them. Serve the king of Babylon and live. Why should this city be a waste?

18 But if they *are* prophets, and if the Word of Jehovah is with them, let them now intercede with Jehovah of Hosts that the vessels which are left in the house of Jehovah, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, may not go to Babylon.

19 For so says Jehovah of Hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the rest of the vessels which remain in this city,

20 which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take when he took into exile Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem.

21 For so says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of Jehovah, and the house of the king of Judah, and Jerusalem:

22 They shall be brought to Babylon, and they shall be there until the day I visit them, says Jehovah. Then I will bring them up and give them back to this place.

Jeremiah 28

1 Hananiah prophesies the return of the vessels, 5 Jeremiah shows that the event will declare who are true prophets. 12 He tells of an iron yoke.

1 ¶ And it happened in that year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, of Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of Jehovah, for the eyes of the priests and all the people, saying,

2 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 Within two years I will bring back into this place all the vessels of the house of Jehovah which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and brought them to Babylon.

4 And I will bring back to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the exiles of Judah who went into Babylon, says Jehovah. For I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

5 And the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of Jehovah,

6 and the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen! May Jehovah do so; may Jehovah confirm your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the house of Jehovah, and all the exiles, from Babylon into this place.

7 But hear now this word that I speak in your ears and in the ears of all the people:

8 The prophets who have been before me and before you from antiquity prophesied against many lands and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of plague.

9 *As for* the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, the prophet shall be known as one whom Jehovah has truly sent him.

10 ¶ Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from the prophet Jeremiah's neck and broke it.

11 And Hananiah spoke for the eyes of the people saying, So says Jehovah, Even so I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king

of Babylon from the neck of all nations within two years of days. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12 And the Word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

13 Go and say to Hananiah, saying, So says Jehovah, You have broken yokes of wood, but you shall make instead of them yokes of iron.

14 For so says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations to serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. And they shall serve him. And I have given him the beasts of the field also.

15 And the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah, Jehovah has not sent you, but you have made this people trust in a lie.

16 So Jehovah says this, Behold, I send you away from the face of the earth. You shall die this year, because you have spoken apostasy against Jehovah.

17 And Hananiah died the same year in the seventh month.

Jeremiah 29

1 Jeremiah sends a letter to the captives in Babylon not to believe the dreams of their prophets, 10 also they shall return after seventy years.

20 The fearful end of Ahab and Zedekiah. .

1 ¶ And these *are* the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the rest of the elders of the exile, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon

2 after Jeconiah the king, and the queen mother, and the eunuchs, the rulers of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen, and the smiths, had gone out from Jerusalem.

3 He sent by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiyah, whom Zedekiah, king of Judah, sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, saying,

4 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have caused to be exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon:

5 Build houses and live, and plant gardens, and eat their fruit.

6 Take wives, and father sons and daughters. And take wives for your sons; and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters, and multiply there, and do not become few.

7 And seek the peace of the city, there where I have caused you to be exiled. And pray to Jehovah for it; for in its peace you shall have peace.

8 ¶ For so says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets who *are* in your midst deceive you, and *ones* divining to you. And do not listen to their dreams which you dream.

9 For they prophesy falsely to you in My name. I have not sent them, says Jehovah.

10 For so says Jehovah, When according to My mouth seventy years have been fulfilled for Babylon, I will visit you and confirm My good Word to you, to bring you back to this place.

11 For I know the purposes which I am planning for you, a statement of Jehovah; purposes of peace, and not for evil; to give you a latter *time* and a hope.

12 Then you shall call on Me, and you shall go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

13 And you shall seek and find *Me* when you search for Me with all your heart.

14 And I will be found by you, a statement of Jehovah. And I will turn back your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places where I have banished you, a statement of Jehovah. And I will bring you back into the place from which I sent you into exile, from there.

15 ¶ Because you have said, Jehovah has raised up for us prophets in Babylon,

16 for so says Jehovah to the king who sits on the throne of David, and to all the people who live in this city, your brothers who have not gone out with you into exile,

17 so says Jehovah of Hosts, Behold, I am sending among them the sword, the famine, and the plague. And have given them up *as* figs that are vile, which cannot be eaten from badness.

18 And I will pursue them with the sword, with the famine, and with the plague. And I

will give them *to be* a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and a waste, and a hissing, and a reproach among all the nations, there where I have banished them.

19 For they have not listened to My words, a statement of Jehovah, which I sent to them by My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending; but you would not hear, a statement of Jehovah.

20 And now you hear the Word of Jehovah, all you exiles whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon.

21 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie to you in My name: Behold, I will give them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall strike them before your eyes.

22 And a curse shall be taken up from them for all the exiles of Judah who *are* in Babylon, saying, May Jehovah set you out like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire,

23 because they have committed disgraceful folly in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbor's wives, and have spoken a lying word in My name, which I have not commanded them. For I *am* He who knows, and a witness, a statement of Jehovah.

24 ¶ You shall also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying,

25 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because you have sent letters in your name to all the people in Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

26 Jehovah has given you *to be* priest instead of Jehoiada the priest, to be overseers *in* the house of Jehovah, over every man being mad who prophesies, that you should put him into the stocks and into the *torture* collar.

27 And now why have you not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, who prophesies to you?

28 For on account of this he sent to us *in* Babylon, saying, This *exile* is long; build houses and live; and plant gardens and eat their fruit.

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

30 Then the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying,

31 Send to all the exiles, saying, So says Jehovah concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I did not send him; and he caused you to trust in a lie;

32 therefore so says Jehovah, Behold, I will watch over Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his seed. There shall not be to him a man living among this people; and he shall not behold the good which I shall do for My people, a statement of Jehovah, because he has uttered rebellion against Jehovah.

Jeremiah 30

1 Jehovah shows Jeremiah the return of the Jews.

10 He comforts Jacob. 18 Their return shall be gracious. 20 Wrath shall fall on the wicked.

1 ¶ The Word that was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 So says Jehovah, God of Israel, saying, Write for yourself all the words that I have spoken to you in a book.

3 For, behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that I will turn back the captivity of My people Israel and Judah, says Jehovah; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

4 And these *are* the words that Jehovah spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah:

5 For so says Jehovah, We have heard a sound of trembling, of dread, and not of peace.

6 Ask now and see whether a male is giving birth? Why do I see every man *with* his hands on his loins, like *one* giving birth, and have turned all faces to paleness.

7 Alas! For that day *is* great, for none *is* like it. And a time of trouble it is for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it.

8 For it shall be in that day, a statement of Jehovah of Hosts, I will break his yoke from your neck, and I will burst your bonds. And strangers will not again make him serve;

9 but they shall serve Jehovah their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up to them.

10 ¶ And you, O My servant Jacob, do not fear, a statement of Jehovah. Do not be terrified, O Israel. For, behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity. And *I will* bring back Jacob and have quiet and be untroubled, and no one will make *him* afraid.

11 For I *am* with you, a statement of Jehovah, to save you. Though I make a full end among all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a full end with you. But I will correct you with judgment, and I will not leave you free *from guilt*.

12 For so says Jehovah, Your break cannot be cured; your wound *is* grievous.

13 *There is* no one to judge your cause; for *your* ulcer there are *no* healing medicines for you.

14 All those loving you have forgotten you; they do not seek you. For I have struck you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastening of a cruel *one*, because of the greatness of your iniquity. Your sins are many.

15 Why do you cry out over your crushing? Your pain *is* incurable, for the greatness of your iniquity; your sins are many, so I have done these things to you.

16 Therefore, all those who devour you shall be devoured. And all the *ones* pressing you, every one of them, shall go into captivity. And those plundering you I will give up to plunder, and all preying on you I will give up for prey.

17 For I will bring up healing for you, and from your wounds I will heal you, a statement of Jehovah, because they called you Outcast; *saying*, This *is* Zion; no one is seeking for her.

18 ¶ So says Jehovah, Behold I will turn back the captivity of Jacob's tents and will have mercy on his dwelling places. And the city shall be built on her ruin heap; and the fortress shall remain on its own ordinance.

19 And out of them shall go forth thanksgiving and the voice of those who are merry. And I will multiply them, and they shall not be few. I also will honor them, and they shall not be small.

20 And his sons shall be as before, and his assembly shall be established before Me; and I will call to account all oppressing him.

21 And his leader shall be from him, and his ruler shall come forth from his midst. And I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach Me. For who is he who gives his heart in pledge to come near to Me, a statement of Jehovah?

22 And you shall be to Me for a people, and I will be to you for God.

23 Behold, the tempest of Jehovah: fury goes forth, a sweeping tempest; it shall whirl on the head of the wicked *ones*.

24 The glow of Jehovah's anger will not turn back until He has executed, and until He has established the purposes of His heart. In latter days you will understand it.

Jeremiah 31

1 The restoration of Israel. 10 The publication of it. 15 Rachel mourning, is not comforted.

18 Ephraim repenting is brought home again. .

1 ¶ At that time, a statement of Jehovah, I will be for God to all the families of Israel, and they shall be to Me for a people.

2 So says Jehovah, Israel, the people, the survivors of the sword, have found grace in the wilderness, I will go to give rest to him.

3 Jehovah has appeared to me from far away, *saying*, Yea, I have loved you with an everlasting love! Therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you.

4 Again I will build you, and you shall be built again, O virgin of Israel. You will again put on your tambourines and go forth in the dance of those making merry.

5 You shall yet plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria, the planters shall plant and shall treat *them* as undefiled.

6 For there shall be a day *when* the watchmen on Ephraim's hills shall call out, Rise up and let us go up to Zion, to Jehovah our God.

7 For so says Jehovah, Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations. Cry out, give praise and say, O Jehovah, save Your people, the remnant of Israel.

8 Behold! I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the recesses of the earth. Among them the blind *one*, and the lame *one*, the one being pregnant, and the *one* giving birth, together a great *company*, shall return here.

9 They shall come with weeping, and I will lead them with supplications. I will cause them to walk by torrents of waters, in a right way; they will not stumble in it. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is My first-born.

10 ¶ Hear the Word of Jehovah, O nations, and declare in the isles from far away, and say, *He who* scattered Israel will gather him and keep him, as a shepherd *feeding* his flock.

11 For Jehovah has redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of the *one* stronger than he.

12 And they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and beam over the goodness of Jehovah, for grain, and for new wine, and for oil, and for the sons of the flock and the herd. And their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not add to languish any more.

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

14 And I will fill the soul of the priests with fatness, and My people shall be satisfied with My goodness, a statement of Jehovah.

15 So says Jehovah, A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing, bitter weeping: Rachel weeping over her sons; she refuses to be comforted for her sons, for they *are* not.

16 So says Jehovah, Hold back your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears. For there will be a reward for your work, a statement of Jehovah, and they shall return from the land of the enemy.

17 And there is hope for your latter *time*, a statement of Jehovah, that *your* sons will return to their *own* territory.

18 ¶ Hearing I have heard Ephraim moaning over himself, *saying*, You have chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bull calf not trained. Turn me back, and I shall be turned; for You *are* Jehovah my God.

19 For after I had turned away, I repented; and after I knew, I slapped on *my* thigh. I was ashamed; yea, I also *was* shamed, because I lifted up the reproach of my youth.

20 *Is* Ephraim My dear son? Or *is he* a delightful child? For as often as I spoke against him, remembering I remember him still. So My bowels *are* stirred for him; pitying I will have pity on him, a statement of Jehovah.

21 Set up road marks for yourself; make sign posts for yourself. Set your heart toward the highway, even the way you went. Turn back, O virgin of Israel; turn back to these cities of yours.

22 Until when will you turn to and fro, O faithless daughter? For Jehovah has created a new thing in the land: a woman shall encompass a man.

23 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Again they will speak this Word in the land of Judah, and in its cities, when I turn back their captivity, *saying*, Jehovah bless you, O home of righteousness, O holy mountain!

24 And Judah and all its cities shall live in it together, the tenant-farmers and those who travel with flocks.

25 For I fully satisfy the weary soul, and I fill every soul that languishes.

26 On this I awakened and looked up, and my sleep was sweet to me.

27 ¶ Behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, even I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and the seed of beast.

28 And it shall be, as I have watched over them to pluck up, and to break down, and to destroy, and to bring calamity; so I will watch over them to build and to plant, a statement of Jehovah.

29 In those days they shall not any more say, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the teeth of the sons are dull.

30 But *every* man will die in his iniquity. Every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be dull.

31 Behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that I will cut a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

32 not according to the covenant that I cut with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, which covenant of Mine they broke, although I was a husband to them, a statement of Jehovah.

33 But this *shall be* the covenant that I will cut with the house of Israel: After those days, a statement of Jehovah, I will put My Law in their inward parts, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be to them for God, and they shall be to Me for a people.

34 And they shall no longer *each* man teach his companion, and *each* man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah. For they shall all know Me, from the least of them even to the greatest of them, a statement of Jehovah. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sins no more.

35 ¶ So says Jehovah, who gives the sun for a light by day, the laws of the moon and the stars for a light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar, Jehovah of Hosts is His name.

36 If these ordinances depart from before Me, a statement of Jehovah, the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me forever.

37 So says Jehovah, If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below can be searched out, I will also reject all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, a statement of Jehovah.

38 Behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that the city will be built to Jehovah, from the Tower of Hananeel to the Corner Gate.

39 And the measuring line shall yet go out to the hill Gareb, and shall go around to Goath.

40 And the whole valley of the corpses and the ashes and all the fields to the torrent Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate east, shall be holy to Jehovah. It shall not be torn up, and not torn down any more, forever.

Jeremiah 32

1 Jeremiah imprisoned by Zedekiah, 6 buys Hanameel's field. 13 Baruch preserves the evidences. 26 Jehovah confirms the captivity for their sins, 36 and promises a gracious return.

1 ¶ The Word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah in the tenth year of Zedekiah, king of Judah, which *was* the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

2 For then the king of Babylon's army was besieging Jerusalem. And Jeremiah the

prophet was shut in the court of the guard, which *was in* the king of Judah's house.

3 For Zedekiah, king of Judah, had shut him up, saying, Why do you prophesy and say, So says Jehovah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will take it?

4 And Zedekiah, king of Judah, shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but giving shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will speak with him mouth to mouth, and will see his eyes with his eyes.

5 And he shall lead Zedekiah into Babylon, and there he shall be until I visit him, says Jehovah. Though you fight with the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed.

6 And Jeremiah said, The Word of Jehovah was to me saying,

7 Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum, your uncle, shall come to you, saying, Buy my field in Anathoth for yourself, for the right to redeem *is* yours, to buy *it*.

8 And Hanameel, my uncle's son, came to me in the court of the guard, according to the Word of Jehovah, and said to me, Please buy my field which *is* in Anathoth, which *is* in the land of Benjamin; for the right of possession *is* yours, and the right of redemption *is* yours. Buy *it* for yourself. And I knew that this *was* the Word of Jehovah.

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

10 And I wrote it in the document, and sealed *it*, and called witnesses, and weighed the silver on the scales.

11 And I took the document of the purchase, that which was sealed *according* to the law and the statutes, and the open copy.

12 And I gave the purchase document to Baruch the son of Neriah the son of Maaseiah, before the eyes of my uncle's son, Hanameel, and before the eyes of the witnesses who wrote in the purchase document before the eyes of all the Jews who sat in the court of the guard.

13 And I commanded Baruch before their eyes, saying,

14 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Take these books, the purchase

document, the one sealed, and the open book, and put them in an earthen vessel so that they may stand many days.

15 For so says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.

16 ¶ And after I gave the document of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to Jehovah, saying,

17 Ah, Lord Jehovah! You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and Your outstretched arm; not any thing is too difficult for You,

18 who exercises with loving-kindness to thousands, and repays the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their sons after them. The great, the mighty God, Jehovah of Hosts, *is* His name.

19 *He is* great in counsel and mighty in work. For Your eyes *are* open on all the ways of the sons of men, to give to *each* man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

20 For You have set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt until this day, and in Israel, and among men; and You have made a name for Yourself, as at this day.

21 And You have brought Your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terror.

22 And You have given them this land which You swore to their fathers to give to them, a land flowing with milk and honey.

23 And they came in and possessed it, but they did not obey Your voice nor did they walk in Your Law. They have not done all that You commanded them to do, so You have caused all this evil to meet them.

24 Behold, the siege mounds have come to the city, to capture it. And the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because of the sword, and the famine, and the plague. And what You have spoken has happened. And, behold, You see *it*.

25 And You have said to me, O Lord Jehovah, Buy for yourself the field with silver, and call witnesses; for the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying,

27 Behold, I *am* Jehovah, the God of all flesh. Is anything too difficult for Me?

28 So Jehovah says this: Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and he shall take it.

29 And the Chaldeans who fight against this city shall enter and kindle this city with fire, and burn it, with the houses where they offered incense on their roofs to Baal, and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke Me to anger.

30 For the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah have only done evil in My eyes from their youth. For the sons of Israel have only provoked Me to anger with the work of their hands, a statement of Jehovah.

31 For this city has been to Me a cause of My anger and My wrath from the day that they built it even to this day, that I should remove it from My face;

32 because of all the evil of the sons of Israel and of the sons of Judah which they have done to provoke Me to anger, they, their kings, their rulers, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and those living *in* Jerusalem.

33 And they have turned the back to Me, and not the face; though I taught them, rising up early and teaching, yet they have not listened to receive instruction.

34 But they set their abominable idols in the house on which My name has been called, to defile it.

35 And they built the high places of Baal which *is* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* to Molech, which I did not command them, and not did it come into My heart, that they should do this disgusting thing, to cause Judah to sin.

36 And therefore now so says Jehovah, the God of Israel, concerning this city, of which you say, It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the plague;

37 Behold, I will gather them out of all the lands, there where I have driven them in My anger, and in My fury, and in great indignation.

And I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to live in safety.

38 And they shall be to Me for a people, and I will be to them for God.

39 And I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me all the days, for good to them and to their sons after them.

40 And I will cut an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do good to them. But I will put My fear in their heart, that they shall not depart from Me.

41 And I will rejoice over them, to do good to them; and I will truly plant them in this land with all My heart and with all My soul.

42 For so says Jehovah: As I have brought this great evil on this people, so I will bring on them all the good that I am speaking to them.

43 And fields will be bought in this land, of which you say, It is a desolation, not with man or beast; it has been given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

44 Men shall buy fields for silver, and write in a document, and seal it, and call witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the Negeb. For I will turn back their captivity, a statement of Jehovah.

Jeremiah 33

1 Jehovah promises to the captives a gracious return, 12 a settled government, 15 Christ the Branch of Righteousness, 17 a continuance of kingdom and priesthood, 20 of a blessed seed.

1 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the guard, saying,

2 So says Jehovah his Maker, Jehovah, who formed it in order to establish it; Jehovah is His name:

3 Call to Me, and I will answer you; and I will tell you great and inaccessible things; you do not know them.

4 For so says Jehovah, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are broken down to defend against the siege mounds, and against the sword,

5 they come to fight with the Chaldeans, and to fill them with the corpses of men

whom I have struck in My anger and in My wrath, and for whom I have hidden My face from this city, because of all their evil.

6 Behold, I will bring health and healing to it, and I will heal them and will show them the abundance of peace and truth.

7 And I will bring back the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.

8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity which they have sinned against Me; and I will pardon all their iniquities that they have sinned against Me, and which they have transgressed against Me.

9 And it shall be a name of joy to Me, a praise and a glory to all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do for them. And they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the peace that I do for it.

10 ¶ So says Jehovah, Again there shall be heard in this place, which you say *shall be* waste, not with man, and not with beast, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate not with man, not with *one* living in it, and not with beast,

11 the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of those saying, Praise Jehovah of Hosts, for Jehovah is good, for His mercy endures forever; those who shall bring the sacrifice of thanksgiving into the house of Jehovah. For I will bring back the captivity of the land, as at the first, says Jehovah.

12 So says Jehovah of Hosts, Again in this place *which is* a waste, not with man and also beast, and in all its cities *shall be* a home of shepherds causing *their* flocks to lie down.

13 In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the Negeb, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places round about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks shall pass again under the hands of him who tallies, says Jehovah.

14 Behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that I will cause to rise the good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

15 In those days, and at that time, I will

cause a Branch of Righteousness to grow up to David. And He shall do judgment and righteousness in the land.

16 In those days Judah shall be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell in safety. And this *is the name* with which one shall call on her: JEHOVAH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

17 ¶ For so says Jehovah, Not a man sitting on the throne of the house of Israel will be cut off to David.

18 And for the Levitical priests, they shall not have a man cut off before Me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle food offerings, and to do sacrifice all the days.

19 And the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying,

20 So says Jehovah, If you can break My covenant of the day, and My covenant of the night, and there should not be day and night in their time,

21 My covenant with My servant David may also be broken, that he should not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers.

22 As the host of the heavens cannot be numbered, and not the sand of the sea measured, so I will multiply the seed of My servant David, and the Levites who minister to Me.

23 And the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying,

24 Have you not seen what these people have spoken, saying, The two families that Jehovah has chosen, He has also rejected them? And they spurn My people, no more to be a nation before them.

25 So says Jehovah, If My covenant *is* not with day and night, *and if* I have not appointed the ordinances of the heavens and earth,

26 then I also will reject the seed of Jacob, and My servant David, not to take of his seed *to be* rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. For I will bring back their captivity and have compassion on them.

Jeremiah 34

1 Jeremiah prophesies the captivity of Zedekiah and the city. 8 The rulers and the people freed their slaves, but contrary to the covenant of Jehovah, took them again. 12 Jeremiah, for this, gives them into the enemies' hands.

1 ¶ The Word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah when Nebuchadnezzar king of

Babylon and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth (because his hand rules), and all the peoples fought against Jerusalem, and against all its cities, saying,

2 So says Jehovah, the God of Israel: Go and speak to Zedekiah, king of Judah, and say to him, So says Jehovah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will burn it with fire.

3 And you shall not escape out of his hand, but seizing shall be seized and delivered into his hand. And your eyes shall see the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak, his mouth with your mouth; and you shall go to Babylon.

4 Yet hear the Word of Jehovah, O Zedekiah, king of Judah: So says Jehovah concerning you, You shall not die by the sword.

5 You shall die in peace. And as the burnings of *spices for* your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so they shall burn spices for you, *saying*, Ah, lord! They will wail for you. For I have spoken the Word, a statement of Jehovah.

6 And Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah, king of Judah, in Jerusalem,

7 when the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem and against all the cities of Judah that remained; against Lachish, and against Azekah; for these fortified cities remained among the cities of Judah.

8 ¶ The Word that was to Jeremiah from Jehovah after King Zedekiah had cut a covenant with all the people who *were* in Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty to them,

9 that *each* man should let go his male slave, and *each* man his female slave, *if* a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, to go free, that not *any* should enslave a Jew, a man, his brother among them.

10 And all the rulers obeyed, and all the people who had entered into the covenant to let go free *each* man his male slave, and *each* man his female slave; so that not one should enslave among them again; and they obeyed and let *them* go.

11 But afterward they turned and caused to return the male slaves and the female slaves whom they sent away free. And they subjected them for male slaves and for female slaves.

12 Therefore the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

13 So says Jehovah, the God of Israel: I cut a covenant with your fathers in the day I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, saying,

14 At the end of seven years *each* man should let go his brother *who is* a Hebrew, who has been sold to him. When he has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you. But your fathers did not listen to Me and did not stretch out their ear.

15 And you turned today, and you did right in My eyes, to call for liberty, *each* man to his neighbor. And you cut a covenant before Me in the house *on* which is called My name.

16 But you turned and profaned My name, and *each* man caused his male slave, and *each* man his female slave, to return whom you had sent away according to their desire. And you subjected them to be slaves and female slaves to you.

17 So Jehovah says this: You have not listened to Me, to call for liberty, *each* man to his brother, and *each* man to his neighbor. Behold, I call for freedom to you, a statement of Jehovah: to the sword, to the plague, and to the famine. And I will give you *to be* a terror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not stood on the words of the covenant which they have cut with Me *when they* cut the calf in two, and passed between its pieces,

19 the rulers of Judah and the rulers of Jerusalem, the eunuchs and the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the pieces of the calf;

20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those seeking their life. And their corpses shall be for food to the birds of the heavens, and to the beasts of the earth.

21 And I will give Zedekiah, king of Judah, and his rulers, into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those seeking their life, even into the hand of the king of Babylon's army that has gone up from you.

22 Behold, I will command and cause them to return to this city, a statement of Jehovah. And they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire. And I will make the cities of Judah *to be* a desolation, without *one* to live in it.

Jeremiah 35

1 By the obedience of the Rechabites, 12 Jeremiah condemns the disobedience of the Jews. 18 Jehovah blesses the Rechabites for their obedience.

1 ¶ The Word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah in the days of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

2 Go to the house of the Rechabites and speak to them, and bring them to the house of Jehovah, into one of the rooms, and give them wine to drink.

3 Then I took Jaazaniah, the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziah, and his brothers, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites.

4 And I brought them into the house of Jehovah, into the room of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was near the room of the rulers, above the room of Maaseiah, the son of Shallum, the keeper of the threshold.

5 And I set bowls and cups full of wine before the sons of the house of the Rechabites. And I said to them, Drink wine.

6 But they said, We will not drink wine, for Jonadab, the son of Rechab our father, commanded us, saying, You shall not drink wine, you and your sons forever.

7 And you shall not build a house, and not sow seed, nor plant a vineyard, and not shall there be *anything* to you; but all your days you shall live in tents, so that you may live many days on the face of the land there where you are sojourning.

8 And we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab, the son of Rechab our father, to all that he commanded us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, and our daughters,

9 and not be to us houses for our dwelling, and not to us *is* a vineyard, and to us field, and seed.

10 And we live in tents, and *we* have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

11 But it was when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against the land, and we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem, because of the army of the Chaldeans and because of the army of Syria. And we live in Jerusalem.

12 ¶ Then the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, saying,

13 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Go and tell the men of Judah and the people of Jerusalem, Will you not receive instruction, to listen to My words? a statement of Jehovah.

14 The words of Jonadab, the son of Rechab are done, in which he commanded his sons not to drink wine. And to this day they do not drink, but obey their father's command. But I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking, and you did not listen to Me.

15 I have also sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending, saying, *Each* man now turn back from his evil way, and amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them, and you shall live in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers. But you have not stretched out your ear, and not listened to Me.

16 Because the sons of Jonadab, the son of Rechab, have stood on the command of their father which he gave them, but this people has not listened to Me,

17 therefore Jehovah, God of Hosts, the God of Israel, says this, Behold, I will bring on Judah and on all the people of Jerusalem all the evil that I have spoken against them because I have spoken to them, but they did not listen. Yea, I have called to them, but they did not answer.

18 And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Because you have obeyed your father Jonadab's command, and have kept all his commands, and have done according to all that he has commanded you,

19 so Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, says this: Jonadab, the son of Rechab, shall not have a man cut off from standing before Me all the days.

Jeremiah 36

1 Jeremiah causes Baruch to write his prophecy, 5 and publicly to read it. 11 The rulers send Jehudi to bring the roll. 20 King Jehoiakim, hears part of it, and burns the roll.

1 ¶ And it was in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this Word was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 Take to yourself a roll of a book and write in it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah even to this day.

3 Perhaps the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I plan to do to them, that they may *each* man turn from his evil way, and I will forgive their iniquity and their sin.

4 And Jeremiah called Baruch, the son of Neriah. And Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of Jehovah that He had spoken to him, on a roll of a book.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, *I am* shut up; I cannot go to the house of Jehovah.

6 And you go and read in the roll the words of Jehovah that you have written from my mouth, *in* the house of Jehovah, in the ears of the people on the fasting day. And also you shall read them in the ears of all Judah who come out from their cities.

7 Perhaps their supplication will fall before Jehovah, and *each* man will turn from his evil way. For great *is* the anger and the wrath that Jehovah has spoken against this people.

8 And Baruch, the son of Neriah, did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of Jehovah *in* the house of Jehovah.

9 ¶ And it happened in the fifth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, they called a fast before Jehovah, to all the people of Jerusalem, and to all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem.

10 And Baruch read in the book the words of Jeremiah *in* the house of Jehovah, in the

room of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court, at the entrance to the Gate of the house of Jehovah, in the ears of all the people.

11 And Micaiah, the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, heard all the words of Jehovah out of the book,

12 and he went down into the king's house over the scribe's room. And, behold, all the rulers were sitting there, 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 rulers.

13 And Micaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.

14 And all the rulers sent Jehudi, the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, Take the roll in your hand, in which you have read in the ears of the people, and come. And Baruch, the son of Neriah, took the roll in his hand and came to them.

15 And they said to him, Sit down now and read *it* in our ears. And Baruch read in their ears.

16 And it happened, when they had heard all the words, they turned *each* man to his companion in fear. And *they* said to Baruch, Reporting we will report all these words to the king.

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, how did you write all these words? From his mouth?

18 And Baruch said to them, He spoke all these words to me from his mouth, and I wrote with ink on the book.

19 And the rulers said to Baruch, Go hide, you and Jeremiah, and do not let any man know where you *are*.

20 ¶ And they went in to the king, into the court. But they deposited the roll in the room of Elishama the scribe. And *they* declared all the words in the ear of the king.

21 And the king sent Jehudi to take the roll. And he took it out of the room of Elishama the scribe. And Jehudi read it in the king's ears, and in the ears of all the rulers who stood beside the king.

22 And the king was sitting *in* the winter house in the ninth month, and with the burning fire-pot before him.

23 And it happened, when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the scribe's knife and threw *it* into the fire in the fire-pot, until all the roll was burned up in the fire that *was* in the fire-pot.

24 And the king and all his servants who heard these words were not afraid, *nor* did they tear their garments.

25 But Elnathan, and Delaiah, and Gemariah had entreated the king that he should not burn the roll, but he would not listen to them.

26 And the king commanded Jerahmeel, the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah, the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah, the son of Abdeel, to seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet. But Jehovah hid them.

27 And the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah, after the king had burned the roll and the words which Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

28 Take for yourself another roll, and write on it all the former words that were in the former roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned.

29 And you shall say to Jehoiakim the king of Judah, So says Jehovah, You have burned this roll, saying, Why have you written on it, saying, Coming the king of Babylon shall come and destroy this land, and shall cause man and beast to cease from there?

30 Therefore, so says Jehovah of Jehoiakim, king of Judah: There shall not be *one* to him to sit on the throne of David, and his corpse shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

31 And I will call him to account, and his seed and his servants *for* their iniquity. And I will bring on them, and on the people of Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah, all the evil that I have spoken against them. But they did not listen.

32 And Jeremiah took another roll and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote in it from the mouth of Jeremiah, all the words of the book which Jehoiakim, king of Judah, had burned in the fire. And besides many words like them were added to them.

Jeremiah 37

1 The Egyptians having raised the siege of the Chaldeans, King Zedekiah asks Jeremiah to pray for the people. 6 Jeremiah prophesies the Chaldeans' certain return and victory. 11 He is taken for a fugitive, beaten, and put in prison.

1 ¶ And King Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, made king in the land of Judah.

2 But not he, and not his servants, and not the people of the land, listened to the words of Jehovah which He spoke by Jeremiah the prophet.

3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal, the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah, the son of Maaseiah the priest, to Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Intercede now for us to Jehovah our God.

4 And Jeremiah came in and went out among the people, for they had not put him into a house of imprisonment.

5 And Pharaoh's army had come forth out of Egypt. And when the Chaldeans who besieged Jerusalem heard news of them, they went up from Jerusalem.

6 And the Word of Jehovah was to the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

7 So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, You shall say this to the king of Judah who sent you to Me to inquire of Me: Behold, Pharaoh's army, which has come out to help you, shall turn back into his own land of Egypt.

8 And the Chaldeans shall come again and fight against this city, and *they will* take it and burn it with fire.

9 So says Jehovah, Do not deceive yourselves, saying, Going the Chaldeans will go from us, for they shall not go.

10 For though you had stricken the entire army of the Chaldeans who fight against you, and *only* wounded men remained among them, yet they would rise up, *each* man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

11 ¶ And it was when the army of the Chaldeans went up from Jerusalem because of Pharaoh's army,

12 even Jeremiah went out of Jerusalem, to go into the land of Benjamin to receive a portion from there in the midst of the people.

13 And it happened, he *being* in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard *was* there, and his name *was* Irijah the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah, and he seized Jeremiah the prophet, saying, You are falling to the Chaldeans.

14 And Jeremiah said, A lie! I am not falling to the Chaldeans. But he did not listen to him. And Irijah took Jeremiah and brought him to the rulers.

15 And the rulers were angry with Jeremiah and struck him, and *they* put him in the house of binding, *in* the house of Jonathan the scribe. For they had made it into a house of imprisonment.

16 When Jeremiah had gone into the house of the pit, and into the cells, then Jeremiah remained there many days.

17 And Zedekiah the king sent and took him out. And the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there Word from Jehovah? And Jeremiah said, There is. For He said, You shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

18 And Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, What have I sinned against you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me into a house imprisonment?

19 Where now *are* your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, or against this land?

20 And now hear, please, O my lord the king, please let my plea fall before you, so that you do not make me return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, that I not die there.

21 And Zedekiah the king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him a piece of bread out of the baker's street daily, until all the bread of the city was gone. And Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison until the day Jerusalem was taken, and he was *there* when Jerusalem was taken.

Jeremiah 38

1 Jeremiah is put into a pit of mud by the rulers.

7 Ebed-melech, after secret conference advises the king to save his life. 24 By the king's instructions he hides this from the rulers.

1 ¶ And Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jehucal,

the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur, the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken to all the people, saying,

2 So says Jehovah, He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague. But he who goes forth to the Chaldeans shall live; and his life shall be a prize, and he shall live.

3 So says Jehovah, Giving this city shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, and he shall take it.

4 Therefore the rulers said to the king, Please cause this man to die. For in this way he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking these words to them. For this man does not seek the peace of this people, but the evil.

5 And Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he *is* in your hand. For the king is not able to do a thing against you.

6 And they took Jeremiah and threw him into the pit of Malchiah, the king's son, which *was* in the court of the prison. And they let Jeremiah down with ropes. But no water *was* in the pit, only mud. And Jeremiah sank into the mud.

7 And Ebed-melech, the Cushite man, who is of the eunuchs in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the pit (the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin).

8 Ebed-melech went out of the king's house and spoke to the king, saying,

9 My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have thrown into the pit. And he *may* die in his place because of the famine, for there is no more bread in the city.

10 And the king commanded Ebed-melech the Cushite, saying, Take in your hand thirty men from here and bring up Jeremiah the prophet out of the pit before he dies.

11 And Ebed-melech took the men in his hand and went into the king's house, to under the treasury. And he took worn out clothes and worn out rags from there. And *he* let them down by ropes into the pit to Jeremiah.

12 And Ebed-melech the Cushite said to Jeremiah, Now put *these* worn out clothes and rags under the armpits of your hands, under the ropes. And Jeremiah did so.

13 And they drew up Jeremiah with ropes and brought him up out of the pit. And Jeremiah dwelt in the court of the prison.

14 ¶ And Zedekiah the king sent and took Jeremiah the prophet to him, into the third entrance in the house of Jehovah. And the king said to Jeremiah, I will ask you a thing; do not hide a thing from me.

15 And Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, If I declare *it* to you, will you not cause me dying to die? And if I counsel you, you will not listen to me.

16 And Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, *As* Jehovah lives, who made us this soul, I will not cause you to die, and I will not give you into the hand of these men who seek your soul.

17 And Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, So says Jehovah, the God of Hosts, the God of Israel: If going out you will go out to the rulers of the king of Babylon, even your soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire. And you and your house shall live.

18 But if you will not go out to the rulers of the king of Babylon, even this city shall be given into the hands of the Chaldeans, and they will burn it with fire. And you shall not escape out of their hand.

19 And Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews who have fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they give me into their hand and they abuse me.

20 And Jeremiah said, They will not give. Please obey the voice of Jehovah for whom I am speaking to you, and it will be well with you and your soul will live.

21 But if you refuse to go out, this *is* the Word Jehovah has made me see:

22 Even, behold, all the women who are left in the house of the king of Judah *shall be* brought out to the rulers of the king of Babylon. And they will say, The men of your peace have lured you and have prevailed against you; your feet have sunk in the mire, and they turned back.

23 And they shall bring out all your wives and your sons to the Chaldeans. And you shall not escape out of their hand, but shall be seized by the hand of the king of Babylon. And this city shall be burned with fire.

24 And Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, Let not a man know of these words, and you shall not die.

25 But if the rulers hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you and say to you, Now declare to us what you said to the king; do not hide *it* from us and we will not cause you to die; also, What did the king say to you?

26 And you shall say to them, I was causing my plea to fall before the king, that he should not return me to the house of Jonathan, to die there.

27 And all the rulers came to Jeremiah and asked him. And he declared to them according to all these words that the king had ordered. And they were quiet with him, for the matter was not heard.

28 And Jeremiah dwelt in the court of the prison until the day Jerusalem was taken And he was *there* when Jerusalem was taken.

Jeremiah 39

1 Jerusalem is taken. 7 Zedekiah's eyes are blinded, and he is sent to Babylon.

11 Nebuchadnezzar commands good for Jeremiah.

1 ¶ In the ninth year of Zedekiah, king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

2 In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth of the month, the city was breached.

3 And all the rulers of the king of Babylon came in and sat in the middle gate: Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, chief of the eunuchs, Nergal-sharezer, chief magician, and all the rest of the rulers of the king of Babylon.

4 And it happened when Zedekiah, king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, they fled and went out from the city by night, the way of the king's garden, by the gate between the two walls. And he went by the way of the Arabah.

5 But the Chaldean army pursued them and overtook Zedekiah in the Arabah of Jericho. And they took him and brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, to Riblah in the land of

Hamath, where he spoke judgment on him.

6 And the king of Babylon slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes at Riblah. And the king of Babylon slaughtered all the rulers of Judah.

7 And he blinded the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him in bronze fetters, to make him go to Babylon.

8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's house and the houses of the people with fire and broke down the walls of Jerusalem.

9 And the rest of the people who remained in the city, and those who fell away, who fell to him, even the rest of the people who remained, Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, exiled to Babylon.

10 But Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, left *some* of the poor people, who had not a thing to themselves, in the land of Judah. And *he* gave to them vineyards and fields on that day.

11 ¶ And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon commanded concerning Jeremiah by the hand of Nebuzaradan the chief of the executioners, saying:

12 Take him and set your eyes on him. But do not do anything evil to him, but do with him even as he shall say to you.

13 And Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, and Nebushasban the chief of the eunuchs, and Nergal-sharezer, chief magician, and all the rulers of the king of Babylon, sent,

14 even they sent and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison. And they gave him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, to cause him to go out to the house; and he lived among the people.

15 And the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

16 Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Cushite, saying, So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I am bringing My words on this city for an evil *thing*, and not for a good *thing*. And they shall be before you in that day.

17 But I will deliver you in that day, a statement of Jehovah, and you shall not be given into the hand of the men, of those whom you fear.

18 For delivering I will deliver you, and you shall not fall by the sword; but your life shall be a prize to you, because you have trusted in Me, a statement of Jehovah.

Jeremiah 40

1 Jeremiah, being set free by Nebuzaradan, goes to Gedaliah. 7 The dispersed Jews go to him.

13 Johanan reveals Ishmael's conspiracy.

1 ¶ The Word which was to Jeremiah from Jehovah, after Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, had sent him from Ramah, when he had taken him and he was bound in chains among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah being exiled to Babylon.

2 And the chief of the executioners took Jeremiah and said to him, Jehovah your God has spoken this evil *thing* against this place.

3 And Jehovah has brought *it* and has done according as He has spoken, because you have sinned and have not obeyed His voice, and this thing has come upon you.

4 And now, behold! I loose you today from the chains which *were* on your hand. If *it is a good thing* in your eyes to come with me into Babylon, come. And I will set my eye on you. But if *it is an evil thing* in your eyes to come with me into Babylon, stay. Behold, all the land *is* before you, to go to the good *way* and to the upright *way* in your eyes, go there .

5 Even while he had not yet returned, *he said*, Or go back to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has appointed over the cities of Judah, and live with him among the people, or to all *that is* right in your eyes to go, go. And the chief of the executioners gave him ration and a reward, and sent him away.

6 And Jeremiah went to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam at Mizpah, and *he* lived with him among the people remaining in the land.

7 ¶ And when all the heads of the armies who *were* in the field, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, over the land, and had appointed with him men, and women, and children, and of the poor

of the land, of those who *were* not exiled to Babylon,

8 And 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 of Netopha, and Jezaniah the son of the Maachathite, they and their men.

9 And Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, swore to them and to their men, saying, Do not fear to serve the Chaldeans. Live in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

10 *As for* me, behold, I will live at Mizpah to stand before the Chaldeans who have come to us. But you, *go* gather wine, and the summer fruits, and oil, and put *them* in your vessels, and live in your cities that you have taken.

11 And when all the Jews in Moab, and among the sons of Ammon, and in Edom, and who *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,

12 and all the Jews returned out of all places where they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits *in* great abundance.

13 And Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the heads of the army that *were* in the field, came to Gedaliah, to Mizpah.

14 And they said to him, Knowing you know that Baalis, the king of the sons of Ammon, has sent Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, to strike your soul. But Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, did not believe them.

15 And Johanan, the son of Kareah, spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Please let me go, and I will strike Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and a man shall not know. Why should he strike your soul, and all the Jews who are gathered to you be scattered, and the remnant of Judah perish?

16 But Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, said to Johanan, the son of Kareah, You shall not do this thing, for you speak a lie concerning Ishmael.

Jeremiah 41

1 Ishmael treacherously kills Gedaliah and flees to the Ammonites with captives. 11 Johanan recovers the captives, and they flee toward Egypt.

1 ¶ And it was in the seventh month, Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal seed, and of the chief ones of the king, and ten men with him, came to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, to Mizpah. And they ate bread together there in Mizpah.

2 And Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men with him rose up and struck Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, with the sword. And they killed him whom the king of Babylon had appointed over the land.

3 And Ishmael struck all the Jews who were with him, with Gedaliah at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, the men of war.

4 And it happened, the second day after he had killed Gedaliah; and no one knew,

5 men from Shechem came from Shiloh, and from Samaria, eighty men, *having their beards shaved, and their clothes torn, and having cut themselves, and with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring to the house of Jehovah.*

6 And Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, went out from Mizpah to meet them, walking as he walked and weeping. And it happened, as he met them, he said to them, Come to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam.

7 And when they came into the middle of the city, Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, slaughtered them, he and the men with him, throwing them into the middle of the pit.

8 But ten men were found among them who said to Ishmael, Do not make us die, for there is to us treasures in the field, of wheat, and barley, and oil, and honey. And he held back and not did make them die with their brothers.

9 And the pit there *in* which Ishmael had thrown all the corpses of the men, whom he had struck because of Gedaliah, *was* the one which Asa the king had made from the face of Baasha, king of Israel. Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah filled it with the slain.

10 And Ishmael took captive all the rest of the people who *were* in Mizpah, the king's daughters, and all the people who were left over in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, had entrusted to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam. And Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, took captive and went to go over to the sons of Ammon.

11 ¶ But when Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army heads with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, had done,

12 and they took all the men and went to fight with Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah. And they found him by the *many* waters that *are* in Gibeon.

13 And it happened when all the people with Ishmael saw Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army heads with him, then they were glad.

14 And all the people that Ishmael had taken captive from Mizpah turned around and came back, and went to Johanan, the son of Kareah.

15 But Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the sons of Ammon.

16 And Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army heads with him, took all the remnant of the people whom he had taken from Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah after he had struck Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon.

17 And they came and lived in the inn of Chimham, which *is* by Bethlehem, to go to enter Egypt,

18 because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, had struck Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon had appointed in the land.

Jeremiah 42

1 Johanan asks Jeremiah to pray to Jehovah, promising to obey His will. 7 Jehovah tells them to stay in Judea. 16 their destruction in Egypt.

1 ¶ And all the army heads, and Johanan, the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah, the son of

Hoshaiah, and all the people, from the least and to the greatest, came near.

2 And they said to Jeremiah the prophet, Please let our plea fall before you; and pray for us to Jehovah your God, for all this remnant, (for we are left over, *but* a few of many, as your eyes see us),

3 and Jehovah your God may make known to us the way in which we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

4 And Jeremiah the prophet said to them, I have heard. Behold, I will pray to Jehovah your God according to your words; and it shall be, all the Word which Jehovah shall answer, I will declare to you. I will not keep back a thing from you.

5 And they said to Jeremiah, Let Jehovah be a true and faithful witness between us if not according to all things Jehovah your God shall send you to us, so we will do,

6 whether *it is a good thing*, or whether *an evil thing*, we will obey the voice of Jehovah our God, to whom we send you; so that it may be well with us when we obey the voice of Jehovah our God.

7 ¶ And it happened at the end of ten days, the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah.

8 And he called Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army heads that *were* with him, and all the people, from the least even to the greatest.

9 And he said to them, So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, to Him, *to* whom you sent me to cause to fall your petition before Him,

10 If you will still remain in this land even I will build you up, and will not tear you down. And I will plant you, and will not pluck you up. For I repent as to the evil that I have done to you.

11 Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid. Do not be afraid of his face, a statement of Jehovah, for I *am* with you to save you and to deliver you from his hand.

12 And I will give mercies to you, so that he may have pity on you, and cause you to turn back to your own land.

13 But if you say, We will not live in this land or obey the voice of Jehovah your God,

14 saying, No, but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war

or hear the sound of the rams' horn. And we will not hunger for bread, and there we will live.

15 And now therefore hear the Word of Jehovah, remnant of Judah, So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel: If setting you set your faces to go into Egypt, and go to sojourn there,

16 even it shall be, the sword which you feared shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt. And the famine which you were anxious about shall cling to you there *in* Egypt, and you shall die there.

17 And *it* shall be to all the men who have set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there, they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague, and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring on them.

18 For so says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, As My anger and My fury has poured out upon the people of Jerusalem, so shall My fury pour out on you when you enter Egypt. And you shall be a curse, and a horror, and a shame, and a reproach, and you shall not see this place again.

19 Jehovah has spoken concerning you, O remnant of Judah. Do not go into Egypt. Knowing, know that I have testified against you today.

20 For you used deceit against your souls when you sent me to Jehovah your God, saying, Pray for us to Jehovah our God. And according to all that Jehovah our God shall say, so declare to us, and we will do *it*.

21 And I have declared *it* to you this day, but you have not obeyed the voice of Jehovah your God, or anything for which He has sent me to you.

22 And therefore knowing, *you* now know that you shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague in the place where you desire to go to sojourn

Jeremiah 43

1 Johanan, ignoring Jeremiah's prophecy, takes Jeremiah and others into Egypt. 8 Jeremiah prophesies the fall of Egypt to the Babylonians.

1 ¶ And it was when Jeremiah had finished speaking to all the people all the words of Jehovah their God, *for* which

Jehovah their God had sent him to them, all these words,

2 Azariah, the son of Hoshaiiah, and Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, then spoke, saying to Jeremiah, You speak falsely. Jehovah our God has not sent you to say, Do not go to Egypt, to sojourn there.

3 But Baruch, the son of Neriah, *is* inciting you against us, to give us into the hand of the Chaldeans, to cause us to die, and to exile us to Babylon.

4 And Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army heads, and all the people, did not obey the voice of Jehovah, to live in the land of Judah.

5 But Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the army heads, took all the remnant of Judah who had returned from all the nations where they had been driven, to sojourn in the land of Judah:

6 men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch, the son of Neriah.

7 And they came into the land of Egypt, for they did not obey the voice of Jehovah. And they came to Tahpanhes.

8 ¶ And the Word of Jehovah was to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

9 Take great stones to your hand and hide them in the mortar in the brickwork which *is* at the entrance to Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah.

10 And say to them, So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, Behold I will send and take Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, My servant, and will set his throne on these stones that I have hidden. And he shall stretch his pavilion over them.

11 And when he comes, he shall strike the land of Egypt. And who ever *is* for death shall go to death; and whoever *is* for captivity shall go into captivity; and whoever *is* for the sword, to the sword.

12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt. And he shall burn them and seize them. And he shall adorn himself with the land of Egypt, as a shep-

herd covers himself with his robe. And he shall go forth from there in peace.

13 And He shall break the obelisks of The House of the Sun which *is* in the land of Egypt; and he shall burn the houses of the gods of the Egyptians with fire.

Jeremiah 44

1 Jeremiah relates what Jehovah says to Judah for their idolatry. 11 Their destruction in Egypt.

15 The Jews will not listen; Jeremiah threatens them. 29 He prophesies the destruction of Egypt.

1 ¶ The Word which was to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who were living in the land of Egypt, those living at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the land of Pathros, saying,

2 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, You have seen all the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem, and on all the cities of Judah. And, behold! This day *they are* a ruin, and no one lives in them,

3 because of the evil which they have done, by provoking Me to anger, by going to burn incense, by serving other gods that they did not know, they, you, and not your fathers.

4 And, I sent to you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending, saying, Do not now do this disgusting thing which I hate!

5 But they did not listen and not did stretch their ear, to turn from their evil *ways*, not to burn incense to other gods.

6 And My fury and My anger poured out and burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem. And they are for a waste *and* for a desolation *as* at this day.

7 And now so says Jehovah, the God of Hosts, the God of Israel: Why do you do *this* great evil *thing* against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of Judah, not leaving to yourselves a remnant,

8 to provoke Me to wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt, there where you have gone to sojourn, that I might cut you off, and that you might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

9 Have you forgotten the evilness of your fathers, and the evilness of the kings of Judah, and the evilness of his wives, and

your own evilness, and the evilness of your wives, which they have done in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

10 They are not made contrite to this day, and they have not feared, and not they have walked in My Law, and not in My statutes which I gave before you and before your fathers.

11 So Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel says this: Behold, I will set My face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.

12 And I will take the remnant of Judah who 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 be consumed by the sword, and by the famine. They shall die, from the least even to the greatest, by the sword, and by the famine, and they shall be a curse, a horror, and a shame, and a reproach.

13 For I will call to account those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have called to account Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague,

14 so that none of the remnant of Judah which has gone into the land of Egypt, to sojourn there, will be a fugitive, or a survivor, and turn back to the land of Judah *to* which they are lifting up their soul to turn back to live there, for none shall return, except the ones who escape.

15 ¶ And all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to other gods, and all the women who stood by, a great assembly, even all the people who lived in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah saying,

16 *As for* the Word that you have spoken to us in the name of Jehovah, we will not listen to you.

17 But doing we will do whatever thing goes out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the queen of the heavens, and to pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings, and our rulers, in the cities of Judah and in the outside *places* of Jerusalem. And we were satisfied with food, and were well, and saw *no evil thing*.

18 But when we stopped burning incense to the queen of the heavens, and pouring

out drink offerings to her, we have lacked all *things*, and have been devoured by the sword and by the famine.

19 And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make her cakes to form *her image*, and pour out drink offerings to her, without our men?

20 ¶ And Jeremiah said to all the people; to the men, and to the women, and to all the people who *were* answering,

21 The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, you, and your fathers, your kings, and your rulers, and the people of the land, did not Jehovah remember them? Yea, it came into His heart.

22 And Jehovah could not still bear *it* because of the evil of your doings, because of the abominations you have done. And your land became a waste, and a horror, and a curse, without *one* living *in it*, as this day.

23 Before which *time* you have burned incense, and *in* which you have sinned against Jehovah, and have not obeyed the voice of Jehovah, in His Law, or in His statutes; and *in* which you did not walk in His testimonies, therefore this evil *thing* has happened to you, as at this day.

24 And Jeremiah said to all the people, and to all the women, Hear the Word of Jehovah, all Judah who *are* in the land of Egypt.

25 So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, saying: You and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hands, saying, Performing we will perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of the heavens, and to pour out drink offerings to her. Lifting up you lift up your vows and performing *you* perform your vows.

26 So hear the Word of Jehovah, all Judah who sojourn in the land of Egypt: Behold, I have sworn by My great name, says Jehovah, *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 Jehovah lives.

27 Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good; and all the men of Judah who *are* in the land of Egypt

shall be consumed by the sword, and by the famine, until they are consumed.

28 And he who escapes the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt to the land of Judah, *a few* in number. And all the remnant of Judah who have gone into the land of Egypt, to sojourn there, shall know whose word shall stand, theirs or Mine.

29 And this *shall be* the sign to you, says Jehovah, that I will call you to account in this place, so that you may know that My words rising shall rise against you for *your evil doing*:

30 So says Jehovah, Behold, I am giving Pharaoh-hophra, king of Egypt, into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of those who seek his soul, even as I gave Zedekiah, king of Judah, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, his enemy that sought his soul.

Jeremiah 45

1 Baruch is dismayed, 4 and Jeremiah instructs and comforts him.

1 ¶ The Word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch, the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a writing from the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

2 So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch:

3 You said, Woe is me now, for Jehovah has added grief to my pain; I fainted in my groaning, and I find no rest.

4 So you shall say to him, Jehovah says this: Behold, I am tearing down what I have built; and I am pulling up that which I have planted, even all the land itself to Me.

5 And do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek *them*. For, behold, I will bring an evil *thing* on all flesh, a statement of Jehovah. But I will give your soul to you for a prize, there on all the places where you go.

Jeremiah 46

1 Jeremiah prophesies the overthrow of Pharaoh's army, 13 and the conquest of Egypt by Nebuchadnezzar. 27 He comforts Jacob.

1 ¶ The Word of Jehovah which was to Jeremiah the prophet against the nations:

2 against Egypt, against the army of Pharaoh-necho, king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, struck in the fourth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

3 Set in order the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

4 Harness the horses, and go up, O horsemen. Yea, stand with helmets, polish the spears, put on coats of mail.

5 Why have I seen *that they are afraid and turned backward*? And their mighty *ones* are crushed, and have fled *for* refuge, and do not look back. Terror *is* all around, a statement of Jehovah.

6 Do not let the swift flee away, nor the mighty *man* escape. They stumbled and fell to the north, by the side of the river Euphrates.

7 Who *is* this rising up like the Nile, whose waters surge about like the rivers?

8 Egypt rises up like the Nile, and *his* waters surge about like the rivers. And he says, I will go up *and* will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and *those* living *in* it.

9 Come up, horses; and rage, chariots! And let the mighty *men* come forth, the Ethiopians and the Libyans who handle the shield, and the Lydians who handle *and* tread the bow.

10 For that day *is* to the Lord Jehovah of Hosts, a day of vengeance to avenge Himself of His foes. And the sword shall devour, and be sated, and made drunk with their blood, for a sacrifice *is* to the Lord Jehovah of Hosts in the north country by the river Euphrates.

11 Go up into Gilead and take balm, O virgin daughter of Egypt. In vain you shall use many remedies; healing *is* not for you.

12 ¶ The nations have heard *of* your shame, and your cry has filled the land, for the mighty *man* has stumbled against the mighty *man*; they have fallen together, both of them.

13 The Word that Jehovah spoke to Jeremiah the prophet of the coming of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, to strike the land of Egypt.

14 Declare *it* in Egypt, and make *it* heard in Migdol, and make *it* heard in Noph and in Tahpanhes; say, Stand fast and prepare

yourself, for the sword shall devour all around you.

15 Why is your mighty *one* swept away? He did not stand because Jehovah thrust him down.

16 He made many stumble; yea, one fell on his fellow. And they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our birth, before the oppressing sword.

17 They cried there, Pharaoh, king of Egypt, *is* an *empty* roar; he has passed the appointed time.

18 *As* I live, a statement of the King whose name *is* Jehovah of Hosts, Surely as Tabor *is* among the mountains, and as Carmel *is* by the sea, he shall come.

19 O daughter dwelling in Egypt, prepare for yourself vessels of exile. For Noph shall be a waste, and burned, without one living *in it*.

20 Egypt *is* a beautiful heifer, but a stinger coming out of the north comes.

21 Also her mercenaries *are* in the midst of her like calves of the stall; for they also have turned back, fleeing together. They stood not because the day of their calamity had come on them, the time of their calling to account.

22 Its sound *is* like the going of a snake, for they shall go in force and come against her with axes, like those cutting wood.

23 They have cut down her forest, a statement of Jehovah, though it cannot be searched, because they are more than the locusts, and there is no number to them.

24 The daughter of Egypt shall be ashamed. She shall be given into the hand of the people of the north.

25 Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, says, Behold, I am calling to account the multitudes of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with her gods and her kings, even Pharaoh and those who trust in him.

26 And I will give them into the hand of those who seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants. And afterward it will be inhabited, as in the days of old, a statement of Jehovah.

27 But you, do not fear, O My servant Jacob; and do not dread, O Israel. For, behold, I am saving you from afar off, and your seed from the land of their exile. And Jacob shall return and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make afraid.

28 You shall not fear, O Jacob My servant, a statement of Jehovah, for I *am* with you. For I will make a full end of all the nations there where I have banished you. But I will not make a full end of you, but I will correct you in judgment, and not acquit *you* and not leave you free of *guilt*.

Jeremiah 47

The destruction of the Philistines.

1 ¶ The Word of Jehovah that was to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before Pharaoh struck Gaza.

2 So says Jehovah, Behold, waters rise up out of the north and shall become an overflowing torrent. And *it* shall overflow the land and all its fullness; the city, and those living *in it*. And the men shall cry, and all the people of the land shall wail.

3 At the noise of the stamping of the hooves of his strong *horses*, at the rushing of his chariots, the rumbling of his wheels; the fathers shall not look back to their sons, because of sinking of hands;

4 because of the day that comes to destroy all the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every survivor who helps. For Jehovah is devastating the Philistines, the remnant of the coast of Caphtor.

5 Baldness has come on Gaza; Ashkelon is cut off. O remnant of their valley, until when will you cut off yourself?

6 O sword of Jehovah, until when will you not *be* quiet? Put yourself into your sheath; rest, and be still.

7 How can you be quiet, since Jehovah has commanded it? He has set it there against Ashkelon, and against the seashore.

Jeremiah 48

1 The judgment of Moab, 7 for their pride, 14 for their carnal confidence, 26 and for their contempt of Jehovah and His people. 47 The restoration of Moab.

1 ¶ So says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, against Moab: Woe to Nebo, for it is devastated! Kiriathaim *is* put to shame

and captured. The fortress is put to shame and shattered.

2 Moab shall not still be praised. In Heshbon they have plotted evil against it, saying, Come and let us cut it off as a nation. And you shall be silenced, O madmen; a sword will go after you,

3 a voice of crying from Horonaim, plundering and great ruin!

4 Moab is broken up; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.

5 For in the ascent to Luhith, they shall go up with great weeping. For in the descent to Horonaim, the enemies have heard a cry of ruin.

6 Flee! Save your lives, and be like a naked thing in the wilderness.

7 For because you have trusted in your works and in your treasures, you shall also be captured. And Chemosh shall go into exile; his priests and his rulers together.

8 And a plunderer shall come on every city, and no city shall escape. And the valley shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as Jehovah has spoken.

9 Give wings to Moab, for it will fly, going forth; and its cities shall be a waste without one living in them.

10 Cursed is he who does the work of Jehovah deceitfully, and cursed is he who keeps back his sword from blood.

11 Moab has been at ease from his youth, and he has settled on his lees and has not been emptied from vessel to vessel. He has not gone into exile. On account of this his taste remains in him, and his scent is not changed.

12 So, behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that I will send ones tipping to him who will tip him over, and shall empty his vessels, and break their jars in pieces.

13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of their confidence in Bethel.

14 ¶ How do you say, We are mighty and strong men for the war?

15 Moab is devastated, and her cities have gone up; and the choice of his young men have gone down to the slaughter, a statement of the King whose name is Jehovah of Hosts.

16 The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his evil doom hurries fast.

17 All who are around him mourn for him, and all who know his name, say, How the strong staff is broken, the beautiful rod!

18 Come down from glory and sit in thirst, one living in it, daughter in Dibon. For shall come upon you one ruining Moab; he has ruined your strongholds.

19 Stand by the way and watch, one living in Aroer. Ask him who flees and her who escapes; say, What has happened?

20 Moab is put to shame, for it is shattered. Wail and cry! Declare it in Arnon that Moab is ruined.

21 And judgment has come to the plain country, on Holon, and on Jahazah, and on Mephaath,

22 and on Dibon, and on Nebo, and on Beth-diblathaim,

23 and on Kiriathaim, and on Beth-gamul, and on Beth-meon,

24 and on Kerioth, and on Bozrah, and on all the cities of the land of Moab, far and near.

25 The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, a statement of Jehovah.

26 Make Him drunk, for he magnified himself against Jehovah. Moab also shall fall with a splash in his vomit, and he shall be a mockery, even he.

27 For was not Israel a mockery to you? Was he found among thieves? For ever since you spoke of him, you shook yourself.

28 Leave the cities and dwell in the rock, ones living in Moab, and be like the dove who makes her nest in the sides of the mouth of the pit.

29 We have heard the pride of Moab, he is exceeding proud; his haughtiness, and his pride, and his arrogance, and his elevated heart.

30 I have known, a statement of Jehovah, his wrath, and it is not so; his empty talking, they have not done so.

31 Therefore I will wail for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab, and he shall mourn for the men of Kir-heres.

32 O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for you more than the weeping of Jazer. Your tendrils have crossed the sea; they reach to

the sea of Jazer. One devastating has fallen on your harvest, and on your grape crop.

33 And joy and gladness is taken from the fruitful field, and from the land of Moab, and I have caused wine to cease from the wine-presses. None shall tread *the grapes* with shouting; *their shouting shall be* no shouting.

34 From the cry of Heshbon to Elealeh, to Jahaz, they have given their voice, from Zoar to Horonaim, *like* a heifer three years old. For the waters of Nimrim also shall be desolate.

35 Also I will cause him who offers in the high places to cease in Moab, a statement of Jehovah, and he who burns incense to his gods.

36 Therefore, My heart shall mourn for Moab like flutes; and My heart shall sound like flutes for the men of Kir-heres, because the riches that he has gotten have perished.

37 For every head *shall be* bald, and every beard clipped. On all the hands *shall be* cuttings, and sackcloth on the loins.

38 On all Moab's housetops, and in its streets *is* wailing for all. For I have broken Moab like a vessel; no pleasure is in it, a statement of Jehovah.

39 They shall howl, *saying*, How it is broken down! How has Moab turned *his* back in shame! And Moab shall be a mockery, and a terror to all those around him.

40 For so says Jehovah: Behold, he shall fly like an eagle, and shall spread his wings toward Moab.

41 Kerioth is captured, and the strongholds are seized. And the mighty men's hearts in Moab shall be at that day like the heart of a woman being distressed.

42 And Moab shall be destroyed from *being* a people, because he has magnified *himself* against Jehovah.

43 Dread, and the pit, and the snare, *shall be* on you, O *one* living in Moab, a statement of Jehovah.

44 He who flees from the dread shall fall into the pit. And he who goes up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare. For I will bring it on Moab, the year of their calling to account, a statement of Jehovah.

45 Those who fled stood powerless in the shadow of Heshbon, for a fire shall go out

of Heshbon, and a flame out of the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the sons of tumult.

46 Woe to you, Moab! The people of Chemosh have perished. For your sons are taken away into exile, and your daughters into exile.

47 But I will restore the prisoners of Moab in the end of the days, a statement of Jehovah. So far *is* the judgment of Moab.

Jeremiah 49

1 The judgment of the Ammonites. 6 Their restoration. 7 The judgment of Edom, 23 of Damascus, 28 of Kedar, 30 of Hazor, 34 and of Elam.

1 ¶ So says Jehovah to the sons of Ammon: Has Israel no sons? Or has he no heir? Why does their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in its cities?

2 So, behold, the days come, a statement of Jehovah, that I will cause a shout of war to be heard in Rabbah of the sons of Ammon. And it shall be a heap, a ruin, and her daughter-villages shall be burned with fire; and Israel shall inherit his inheritance, says Jehovah.

3 Wail, O Heshbon, for Ai is devastated! Cry, daughters of Rabbah, gird yourselves with sackcloth; mourn, and run to and fro in the walls. For their king shall go into exile, his priests and his rulers together.

4 Why do you glory in your valleys, your flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? She trusted in her treasures, *saying*, Who shall come to me?

5 Behold, I will bring a dread on you, a statement of the Lord Jehovah of Hosts, from all those who are around you. And you shall be driven out, *each* man before him. And there *is* none to gather up the runaways.

6 And after this I will bring again the prisoners of the sons of Ammon, a statement of Jehovah.

7 ¶ So says Jehovah of Hosts concerning Edom: *Is* wisdom no more in Teman? Has counsel perished from the prudent? Has their wisdom vanished?

8 Flee, turn back, go deep to dwell, *one* living in Dedan. For I will bring

the calamity of Esau on him *in* the time I will call him to account.

9 If the grape gatherers come to you, would they not leave gleanings? If thieves *come* by night, will they destroy their sufficiency?

10 But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself. His seed is devastated, also his brothers and his neighbors, and he is not.

11 Leave your orphans, I will keep *them* alive. And let your widows trust in Me.

12 For so says Jehovah: Behold, those whose judgment *was* not to drink of the cup, drinking they drank. And freeing are you to be free *from guilt*? You shall not be free *from guilt*, but drinking you shall drink.

13 For I have sworn by Myself, a statement of Jehovah, that Bozrah shall become a ruin, a reproach, a waste, and a curse. And all its cities shall be wastes forever.

14 I have heard a message from Jehovah, and a herald is sent to the nations: Gather together and come against her, and rise up to the battle.

15 For, behold, I have made you small among the nations, despised among men.

16 Your dreadfulness has deceived you, the pride of your heart, you who live in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill; though you should make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there, a statement of Jehovah.

17 And Edom shall be a ruin, everyone who goes by it shall be amazed and shall hiss at all its plagues.

18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, and its neighbor, says Jehovah a man shall not dwell there, a son of man shall not sojourn in it.

19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the pride of Jordan against the home of the strong. But I will suddenly made him run away from it, and who *is the* chosen *one* I shall appoint over it? For who *is* like Me? And who will summon Me? And who then *is* that shepherd who will stand before Me?

20 Therefore, hear the counsel of Jehovah which He has planned against Edom,

and His purposes which He has purposed against those living *in* Teman: Surely they shall drag them, the least of the flock. Surely He shall make their dwellings desolate over them.

21 The earth is shaken at the noise of their fall. When they cried, the noise of it was heard in the Sea of Reeds.

22 Behold, he shall come up and fly like the eagle and spread his wings over Bozrah. And at that day the heart of the mighty *men* of Edom shall be like the heart of a woman being distressed.

23 ¶ Concerning Damascus: Hamath and Arpad are put to shame, for they have heard bad news, they are melted; anxiety is in the sea, it is not able to be quiet.

24 Damascus has become feeble; she has turned to flee, and trembling has seized *her*; anguish and pangs have taken her like *one* giving birth.

25 How is the city of praise not forsaken, the city of my joy!

26 So her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be silenced in that day, says Jehovah of Hosts.

27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus; and it shall burn up the fortresses of Ben-hadad.

28 ¶ So says Jehovah concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor which Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, struck: Rise up, go up to Kedar, and devastate the sons of the east.

29 They shall take their tents and their flocks. They shall take their curtains, and all their vessels, and they shall lift up their camels, to themselves. And they shall cry to them, Terror *is* round about!

30 Flee, go far away, go deep to dwell one living in Hazor, a statement of Jehovah. For Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, has taken counsel against you, and has plotted a scheme against you.

31 Rise up, go up to the nation at ease, who dwells securely, a statement of Jehovah; neither gates and not bars *are* on it, and they dwell alone.

32 And their camels shall be a prize, and the multitude of their cattle a prey. And I will scatter them to all winds, those who cut the corners. And I will bring

their calamity from all sides of it, a statement of Jehovah.

33 And Hazor shall be a dwelling for jackals, a ruin forever. No man shall live there, and not any son of man sojourn in it.

34 ¶ The Word of Jehovah that was to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah, saying,

35 So says Jehovah of Hosts, Behold I am breaking the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.

36 And I will bring the four winds from the four ends of the heavens on Elam, and will scatter them toward all those winds. And there shall be no nation where the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

37 And I will cause Elam to be terrified before their enemies and before those seeking their life. And I will bring an evil *thing* on them, the burning of My anger, a statement of Jehovah. And I will send the sword after them until I have consumed them.

38 And I will set My throne in Elam, and I will destroy the king and the rulers from there, a statement of Jehovah.

39 But it shall happen in the latter days; I will turn back the captivity of Elam, a statement of Jehovah.

Jeremiah 50

1, 9, 21, 35 The judgment of Babylon.

4, 17, 33 The redemption of Israel.

1 ¶ The Word that Jehovah spoke against Babylon, against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet:

2 Declare among the nations, and make them hear, and lift up a banner. Make *them* hear, do not hide it; say, Babylon is captured, Bel is put to shame, Merodach is broken in pieces, her images are put to shame, her idols are broken in pieces.

3 For a nation comes up against her from the north, which shall make her land a horror. Yea, no one shall dwell in it. They shall flee, they shall go up, both man and animal.

4 In these days, and at that time, the sons of Israel shall come, a statement of Jehovah, they and the sons of Judah together, going and weeping; they shall go and seek Jehovah their God.

5 They shall ask the way there *to* Zion, with their faces *pointing* there, *saying*, Come and let us join ourselves to Jehovah *in* an everlasting covenant never *to be* forgotten.

6 My people are lost sheep, their shepherd has led them astray; they turned them back *on* the mountains, they have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their resting place.

7 All who have found them have devoured them. And their oppressing *ones* said, We are not guilty, because they have sinned against Jehovah, the habitation of righteousness, and the hope of their fathers, Jehovah.

8 Flee from the midst of Babylon, and go out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he-goats before the flocks.

9 ¶ For, behold, I am stirring up and making go up a company of great nations from a northern land against Babylon. And they shall array themselves against her. She shall be captured there; their arrows *shall be* as *those* of a mighty, skillful man; they shall not return empty.

10 And Chaldea shall be a prize; all who plunder her shall be satisfied, a statement of Jehovah.

11 Because you rejoice, because you exult, O plunderers of My inheritance, because you are fat like the heifer *in* grass, and neigh like strong *ones*,

12 your mother shall be greatly ashamed, she who bore you shall turn pale. Behold, the last of the nations *shall be* a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

13 Because of the wrath of Jehovah, it shall not be lived *in*, but all of it shall be a waste. Everyone who goes by Babylon shall be amazed and hiss at all her plagues.

14 Array yourselves against Babylon round about. All you who tread a bow, shoot at her. Do not spare arrows, for she has sinned against Jehovah.

15 Shout against her round about. She has given her hand, her foundations have fallen, her walls have been thrown down, for it *is* Jehovah's vengeance. Take vengeance on her. As she has done, do to her.

16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and the one taking hold of the sickle in the time of harvest. They shall turn from a sword of the oppressing *one, each* man to his people. And they shall flee, *each* man to his own land.

17 Israel *is* a scattered sheep, driven away by lions. First, the king of Assyria devoured him. And last, this King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon broke *his* bones.

18 So Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, says this: Behold, I am calling to account the king of Babylon and his land as I have called to account the king of Assyria.

19 And I will bring back Israel to his home, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied on Mount Ephraim and Gilead.

20 In those days, and at that time, a statement of Jehovah, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and it is not; and the sins of Judah, and they will not be found; for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.

21 ¶ Go up against the land of Merathaim, against it and against *those* living *in* Pekod. Waste and destroy after them, says Jehovah, and do according to all that I have commanded you.

22 A sound of battle *is* in the land and of great ruin.

23 How the hammer of all the earth is cut off and broken! How Babylon has become a horror among the nations!

24 I have laid a trap for you, and you also are captured, Babylon, and you did not know. You were found and also caught, because you stirred up yourself against Jehovah.

25 Jehovah has opened His armory and has brought out the weapons of His fury. For this *is* a work of Jehovah, God of Hosts, in the land of the Chaldeans.

26 Come against her from the end, open her granaries, pile her up as heaps and utterly destroy her. Let not a remnant be to her.

27 Put the sword to all her bulls, let them go down to the slaughter. Woe to them! For their day has come, the time of their being called to account.

28 The voice of those who flee and escape out of the land of Babylon to de-

clare in Zion the vengeance of Jehovah our God, the vengeance of His temple.

29 Make the archers hear against Babylon. All you who tread a bow camp against it round about. Let not *one* of them escape. Repay her according to her work, according to all that she has done, do to her. For she has been proud against Jehovah, against the Holy One of Israel.

30 So her young men shall fall in the broad *places*, and all her men of war shall be silenced in that day, a statement of Jehovah.

31 Behold, I *am* against you, O proud one, a statement of the Lord Jehovah of Hosts, for your day has come, the time I will call you to account

32 And the proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up. And I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall burn up everything round about him.

33 ¶ So says Jehovah of Hosts, Those oppressing the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah together; yea, all who captured them *and* held them fast; they refused to let them go.

34 Their Redeemer *is* strong, Jehovah of Hosts *is* His name. Striving He shall strive *in* their strife, so that He may give rest to the land, and make to tremble *those* living *in* Babylon.

35 A sword *is* on the Chaldeans, a statement of Jehovah, and on *those* living *in* Babylon, and on her rulers, and on her wise *men*.

36 A sword *is* on the liars, and they shall become fools; a sword *is* on her mighty *men*, and they shall be broken.

37 A sword *is* on his horses and his chariots, and to all the mixed people in her midst. And they shall become as women. A sword *is* to her treasures, and they shall be plundered.

38 A drought *is* on her waters, and they shall be dried up. For it is the land of idols, and they boast themselves in idols.

39 So the beasts of the desert shall dwell there with jackals. And the daughters of the ostrich shall dwell in her again. And it shall not be lived *in* again forever; not be lived *in* until generation and generation.

40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbors, a statement

of Jehovah, so no man shall live there, nor shall a son of man sojourn in it.

41 Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be stirred up from the farthest parts of the earth.

42 They lay hold of a bow and a javelin, they *shall be* cruel and will show no mercy. Their voice shall roar like the sea, and arrayed like a man for the battle, they shall ride on horses against you, O daughter of Babylon.

43 The king of Babylon has heard their report, and his hands sank; anguish seized him, pangs like *one* giving birth.

44 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the pride of Jordan against the perpetual abode. But I will make them suddenly run away from it. And who *is* a chosen *one* I will appoint over it? For who *is* like Me? And who will summon Me? And who is this shepherd who will stand before Me?

45 So hear the counsel of Jehovah that He has planned against Babylon, and His purposes which He has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely *they* shall not drag them, the little *ones* of the flock. Surely He will not make *their* dwelling desolate over them.

46 At the sound of Babylon's capture, the earth shall tremble, and a cry is heard among the nations.

Jeremiah 51

1 The severe judgment of Jehovah against Babylon in revenge of Israel. 59 Jeremiah delivers the book of this prophecy to Seraiah, to be cast into Euphrates, in token of the perpetual sinking of Babylon.

1 Behold, I am stirring up a destroying wind against Babylon and against those living in the heart of those who rose against Me.

2 And I will send aliens to Babylon who will sift her and shall empty her land. For in the day of evil they shall be against her all around.

3 Treading the one treading does not tread his bow, and not himself go up in his armor. And do not spare her young men; utterly destroy all her hosts.

4 So the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, yea, pierced through in her streets.

5 For Israel and Judah have not become widowed *ones* by his God, by Jehovah of Hosts, though their land was filled with guilt against the Holy One of Israel.

6 Flee from the midst of Babylon; yea, *each* man deliver his soul. Do not be silenced in her iniquity. For it *is* the time of the vengeance of Jehovah. He will complete a recompense to her.

7 Babylon *was* a golden cup in the hand of Jehovah, making all the earth drunk. The nations have drunk of her wine, therefore the nations act madly.

8 Suddenly Babylon has fallen, and it is broken. Wail for her, take balm for her pain, if perhaps she may be healed.

9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed. Forsake her, and let us go, *each* man into his own country. For her judgment reaches to the heavens and is lifted up to the clouds.

10 Jehovah has brought forth our righteousness; come and let us declare in Zion the work of Jehovah our God.

11 Polish the arrows, fill the shields; Jehovah has stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes. For His plan *is* against Babylon, to destroy *it*, because it *is* the vengeance of Jehovah, the vengeance of His temple.

12 Lift up the banner to Babylon's walls, make the watch strong; set up the watches, prepare the ambushes. For Jehovah has both planned and has done that which He spoke against those sojourning in Babylon.

13 O you residing upon many waters, rich in treasures, your end has come, the measure of your unjust gain.

14 Jehovah of Hosts has sworn by Himself, *saying*, Surely I will fill you with men as with locusts, and they shall lift up a shout against you.

15 He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, and stretched out the heavens by His understanding.

16 When He gives *His* voice, a multitude of waters is in the heavens, and He causes the mists to go up from the end of the earth.

He makes lightnings for rain, and brings forth the wind out of His treasuries.

17 Every man is brutish in knowledge, every refiner is put to shame by idols. For his molten image *is* a lie, and no breath *is* in them.

18 They *are* vanity, the work of errors; in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

19 The Portion of Jacob *is* not like them, for He *is* the Former of all things, and He *is* the rod of His inheritance, Jehovah of Hosts *is* His name.

20 You *are* My war club *and* weapons of war, for with you I will shatter nations and with you I will destroy kingdoms.

21 And with you I will shatter the horse and his rider, and with you I will shatter the chariot and his charioteer.

22 And I will shatter man and woman with you, and with you I will shatter old and young, and with you I will shatter the young man and the virgin.

23 And I will shatter the shepherd and his flock with you. And I will shatter the farmer and his team with you, and with you I will shatter heads and rulers.

24 And I will give to Babylon, and to all *those* living in Chaldea all the evil that they have done in Zion, before your eyes, a statement of Jehovah.

25 Behold, I *am* against you, O destroying mountain, a statement of Jehovah, who destroys all the earth. And I will stretch out My hand on you, and will roll you down from the rocks, and I will make you a burned mountain;

26 and they shall not take a stone from you for a corner, or a stone for foundations, but you shall be a waste forever, a statement of Jehovah.

27 Lift up a banner in the land. Blow a rams' horn among the nations; consecrate nations against her. Make hear the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz together against her, set an official against her. Cause the horses to come up like rough locusts.

28 Consecrate nations against her, with the kings of the Medes, her governors and all her rulers, and all the land of his dominion.

29 And the land trembles and writhes *in pain*. For every purpose of Jehovah shall rise

against Babylon, to set up the land of Babylon a waste without *one* living *in it*.

30 The mighty *men* of Babylon have stopped fighting. They have dwelt in strongholds; their might has withered; they became women; they have burned their houses, her bars are broken.

31 A runner shall run to meet a runner, and a herald to meet a herald, to announce to the king of Babylon that his city is captured from end *to end*,

32 and that the fords are captured. And they have burned the reeds with fire, and the men of war are terrified.

33 For so says Jehovah of Hosts, the God of Israel, The daughter of Babylon *is* like a threshing-floor, *it is* time to tread her; yet a little while, and the time of her harvest will come.

34 Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, has devoured us. He has crushed us. He has set us up as an empty vessel. He has swallowed us like a jackal. He has filled his belly with delicacies. He has cast me out.

35 The violence done to me and to my flesh *is* on Babylon, the *one* living *in* Zion shall say. And Jerusalem shall say, My blood shall be on *those* living *in* Chaldea.

36 So Jehovah says this: Behold, I will contend for your cause and avenge for your vengeance, and I will dry up her sea and make her well dry.

37 And Babylon shall become heaps, a home for jackals, a horror and a hissing, without one living *in it*.

38 They shall roar together like lions, they shall growl like lions' cubs.

39 In their heat, I will set their feasts, and I will make them drunk so that they exult and sleep a never-ending sleep and never awaken, a statement of Jehovah.

40 I shall bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he-goats.

41 How Sheshach is captured! And how the praise of all the earth is seized! How Babylon has become a ruin among the nations!

42 The sea has come up over Babylon, she is covered with the multitude of its waves.

43 Her cities have become a ruin, a dry land and a wilderness, a land in which no

man dwells, and not does a son of man pass by it.

44 And I will visit 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 any more to him; yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

45 My people, go out of her midst, and *each* man deliver his soul from the burning anger of Jehovah.

46 And lest your heart faint, and you fear the report that shall be heard in the land, the report shall come in a year. And after that the report *shall come in another* year, and *there shall be* violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

47 So behold, the days come that I will visit on the idols of Babylon. And all her land shall be shamed, and all pierced in her shall fall in her midst.

48 Then the heavens and the earth, and all that *is* in them, shall shout for Babylon. For the plunderers shall come to her from the north, a statement of Jehovah.

49 As Babylon is to fall for the pierced of Israel, so for Babylon the pierced of all the earth shall fall.

50 You who have escaped the sword, go away. Do not stand still. Remember Jehovah afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your heart.

51 *We are* ashamed, for we have heard reproach, dishonor has covered our faces. For aliens have come into the holy places of the house of Jehovah.

52 So, behold, the days are coming, a statement of Jehovah, that I will visit on *her* idols, and through all her land the pierced shall groan.

53 Though Babylon should go up to the heavens, and though she should fortify her strong heights, *ones* devastating shall come from Me to her, a statement of Jehovah.

54 A sound of a cry from Babylon, and great ruin from the land of Chaldeans!

55 For Jehovah is devastating Babylon, and the great voice will perish out of her. And her waves will roar like many waters, the noise of their voice is given.

56 Because *ones* devastating has come on her, on Babylon, and is capturing her mighty *men*, their bows are shattered; for

Jehovah the God of recompenses repaying shall repay.

57 And I will make her rulers drunk, also her wise *ones*, her governors, and her prefects, and her mighty *men*; and they shall sleep a never-ending sleep, and not awaken, a statement of the King whose name *is* Jehovah of Hosts.

58 So says Jehovah of Hosts, Baring, the broad walls of Babylon shall be laid bare, and her high gates shall be burned with fire. And the peoples shall labor as for vanity, and a people as for fire; and they shall be weary.

59 ¶ 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, *to* Babylon in the fourth year of his reign; and Seraiah, a leader of quietness.

60 And Jeremiah wrote in one book all the evil that should come on Babylon, all these words that are written against Babylon.

61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon and shall see and shall cry all these words,

62 then you shall say, O Jehovah, You have spoken against this place to cut it off so that not *one* living shall be in it, from man to animal, but it shall be a ruin forever.

63 And it shall be, when you have finished crying out this book, you shall tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of the Euphrates.

64 And you shall say, In this way Babylon shall sink and shall not rise from the evil that I am bringing on it, and they shall be weary. So far *are* the words of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 52

1 Zedekiah rebels. 4 Jerusalem is besieged and taken. 8 Zedekiah's sons killed, and his eyes put out. 12 Nebuzaradan turns and plunders the city.

1 ¶ Zedekiah *was* a son of twenty-one years when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

2 And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

3 For it was because of the anger of Jehovah in Jerusalem and Judah that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon, until *Jehovah* had cast them out from His face.

4 And it was in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came, he and all his army against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built a siege wall against it all around.

5 And the city came under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

6 And in the fourth month, in the ninth of the month, the famine was severe in the city, so that there was no food for the people of the land.

7 And the city was breached, and all the men of war fled, and went out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which *was* by the king's garden. And the Chaldeans *lay* all around the city. And they went by the way of the Arabah.

8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook Zedekiah in the Arabah of Jericho. And all his army was scattered from him.

9 And they seized the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon, to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgments against him.

10 And the king of Babylon slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes. He also slaughtered all the rulers of Judah in Riblah.

11 And he blinded the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in bronze fetters and brought him to Babylon. And he put him in prison until the day of his death.

12 ¶ And in the fifth month, in the tenth of the month, which *was* the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, who stood before the king of Babylon, came into Jerusalem.

13 And he burned the house of Jehovah

and the king's house. And he burned all the houses of Jerusalem with fire, and all the houses of the great *ones*.

14 And all the army of the Chaldeans who *were* with the chief of the executioners broke down all the walls of Jerusalem roundabout.

15 Then Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, exiled *some* of the poor of the people, and the rest of the people who remained in the city, and those who fell away, who fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude.

16 But Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, left *some* of the poor of the land for vinedressers and for farmers.

17 Also the Chaldeans broke the pillars of bronze that *were* in the house of Jehovah, and the bases, and the bronze sea that *were* in the house of Jehovah, and lifted up all the bronze from them to Babylon.

18 They also took away the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze with which they served.

19 And the chief of the executioners took away the basins, and the fire-pans, and the bowls, and the pots, the lampstands, and the spoons, and the cups; what *was* gold, *in* gold, and what *was* silver, *in* silver,

20 And the two pillars, one sea, and twelve bronze bulls that were under the bases, which King Solomon had made in the house of Jehovah. The weight of the bronze of all these vessels was not *known*.

21 And *as to* the pillars: the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, and a line of twelve cubits went around it, and its thickness *was* four fingers; *it was* hollow.

22 And a capital of bronze *was* on it; and the height of one capital *was* five cubits, with network and pomegranates on the capital round about, all of bronze. And like these *was* the second pillar, and the pomegranates.

23 And ninety-six pomegranates were on a side; all the pomegranates on the network *were* a hundred round about.

24 ¶ And the chief of the executioners took Seraiah the head priest, and

Zephaniah the second priest, and the three doorkeepers.

25 He also took out of the city one eunuch who was in charge of the men of war, and seven men who saw the king's face, who were found in the city, and the commander of the army's scribe who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the middle of the city.

26 And Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, took them and led them to the king of Babylon, to Riblah.

27 And the king of Babylon struck them and caused them to die in Riblah in the land of Hamath. And Judah was exiled from off his land.

28 This is the people who Nebuchadnezzar exiled: In the seventh year, three thousand and twenty-three Jews;

29 and in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar, eight hundred thirty-two souls from Jerusalem;

30 and in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan, the chief of

the executioners, exiled seven hundred forty-five souls of the Jews. All the souls were four thousand and six hundred.

31 ¶ And it happened in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin, king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the twenty-fifth of the month, Evil-merodach, king of Babylon, in the year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin, king of Judah, and brought him from the house of imprisonment.

32 And he spoke good to him and gave his throne to be above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon.

33 And he changed his prison garments, and he ate bread before his face continually the day of his death, all the days of his life.

34 And his allowance, a continual allowance was given to him from the king of Babylon, the matter of a day in its day until the day of his death all the days of his life.