

Chapter 1

(1) The words of Jeremiah {Jehovah will rise}^a the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

(2) To whom the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign {3499 A.H./C-543 B.C.}.^b

(3) It came also 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 {3539 A.H./C-503 B.C.}, to the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month {Ab [July/Aug.]}.^c

(4) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

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

(6) Then I said, Ah, Lord GOD {Jehovah}! Surely, I cannot speak: because I *am* only a child.

(7) But the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, *Do not say, I am only a child: because you shall go to all to whom I shall send you, and whatever I command you that you shall speak.*

(8) *Do not be afraid of their faces: because I am with you to deliver you,* says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(9) Then the LORD {Jehovah} put forth His hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, *See, I have put My words in your mouth.*

(10) *Indeed, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.*

(11) Furthermore the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying, *Jeremiah, what do you see?* And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.^d

(12) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, *You have seen well: because I will quickly bring My word to perform it.*

(13) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me the second time, saying, *What do you see?* And I said, I see a boiling pot; and its face is towards the north.

(14) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, *Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all those who live in the land.*

(15) Because, indeed, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, says the LORD {Jehovah}; and they will come, and each one will set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its walls all around, and against all the cities of Judah.

(16) And I will speak My judgments against them concerning all their wickedness, who have forsaken Me, and have burned incense to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands.

(17) Therefore put your belt on, and arise, and speak to them all that I command you: do not be dismayed at their faces, lest I confound you before them.

1:1a - Jeremiah {יִרְמְיָהוּ} - JAH will rise {JAH is short for Jehovah}

1:2b - thirteenth year of Josiah – 5 years before the Great Revival - 21 years before first captivity under Nebuchadnezzar - 40 years before the temple is destroyed due to Zedekiah's rebellion. - 93 years after the fall of the Northern Kingdom of Israel to Assyria. [3499 A.H./C- 543 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

1:3c – eleventh year of Zedekiah – Zedekiah's rebellion results in destruction of the temple - II Ki. 25:1-4; II Chr. 36:11-19; Jer. 39:2; Ezek. 4:5

1:11d - rod of an almond tree – almond tree is earliest to bloom! - Num. 17:8; Ezek. 7:10

(18) Because, indeed, I have made you this day a defended city, and an iron pillar, and brass walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land.

(19) And they will fight against you; but they will not prevail against you; because I *am* with you, says the LORD {Jehovah}, to deliver you.

Chapter 2

(1) Furthermore the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(2) Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; I remember you, the kindness of your youth, the love of your marriages, when you went after Me in the wilderness, in a land *that was* not sown.

(3) Israel *was* holiness to the LORD {Jehovah}, *and* the first-fruits of His increase: all who devour him will offend {Him}; evil will come upon them, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(4) Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:

(5) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, What sin has your fathers found in Me, that they have gone far from Me, and have walked after vanity, and have become vain?

(6) Neither have they asked, Where *is* the LORD {Jehovah} Who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, Who led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man lived?

(7) And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat its fruit and its goodness; but when you entered, you defiled My land, and made My heritage an abomination.

(8) The priests did not ask, Where *is* the LORD {Jehovah}? and those who handle the law do not know Me: the pastors also sinned against Me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after *things that* do not profit.

(9) Therefore I will yet plead with you, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and with your children's children I will plead.

(10) Pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send to Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there is such a thing.

(11) Has a nation changed *their* gods, which *are* not really gods? but My people have changed their glory for *that which* does not profit.

(12) Be astonished, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be very desolate, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(13) Because My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me the fountain of living waters, *and* dug for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that cannot hold water.

(14) *Is* Israel a servant? *is* he a home born *slave*? why is he spoiled?

(15) The young lions roared upon him, *and* yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burned without anyone living in them.

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

(17) Have you not brought this upon yourself, because you have forsaken the LORD {Jehovah} your God, when He led you by the way?

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

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(19) Your own wickedness will correct you, and your back sliding will reprove you: know *therefore* and see that *it is* an evil and bitter *thing*, that you have forsaken the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and that My fear {reverence} *is* not in you, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}.

(20) Because in old times I have broken your yoke, *and* burst your bands; and you said, I will not sin; when upon every high hill and under every green tree you wander, playing the prostitute.

(21) Yet I had planted you a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then have you turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine to Me?

(22) Because though you wash yourself with lye, and take for yourself much soap, *yet* your sin is marked before me, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(23) How can you say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? see your path in the valley, know what you have done: *you are* a swift camel crossing her ways;

(24) A wild donkey used to the wilderness, *that* snuffs up the wind at her pleasure; in her time who can turn her away? all those who seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they will find her.

(25) Keep your foot from being without shoes, and your throat from thirst: but you said, There is no hope: no; because I have loved strangers, and I will go after them.

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

(27) Saying to a stump, You *are* my father; and to a stone, You have brought me forth: because they have turned *their* back to Me, and not *their* face: but in the time of their trouble 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 trouble: because *according to* the number of your cities are your gods, O Judah.

(29) Why will you plead with Me? you all have sinned against Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(30) In vain I have stricken your children; they received no correction: your own sword has devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

(31) O generation, consider the word of the LORD {Jehovah}. Have I been a wilderness to Israel? a land of darkness? why do My people say, We are lords; we will not come again to You?

(32) Can a maid forget her ornaments, *or* a bride her attire? yet My people have forgotten Me days without number.

(33) Why do you trim your path to seek love? therefore you have also taught the wicked ones your ways.

(34) In your skirts is also found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.

(35) Yet you say, Because I am innocent, surely His anger will turn from me. Indeed, I will plead with you, because you say, I have not sinned.

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

(37) Yes, you will go forth from him, with your hands upon your head: because the LORD {Jehovah} has rejected your confidences, and you will not prosper in them.

Chapter 3

(1) They say, If a man puts away his wife, and she goes from him, and becomes another man's, can he return to her again? will not that land be greatly polluted?^a but you have played the prostitute with many lovers; yet return again to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(2) Lift up your eyes to the high places, and see where you have not been lain with. In the roadways you have sat *waiting* for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and you have polluted the land with your prostitution and with your wickedness.

(3) Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there has been no latter rain; and you have a prostitute's forehead, you refuse to be ashamed.

(4) Will you not from this time cry to Me, My father, You *are* the guide of my youth?

(5) Will He reserve *His anger* forever? Will He keep *it* to the end? Indeed, you have spoken and done evil things as you could.

(6) The LORD {Jehovah} also said to me in the days of Josiah the king, Have you seen *that* which back sliding Israel has done? she has gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there has played the prostitute.

(7) And after she had done all these *things* I said, Turn yourself to Me. But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw *it*.

(8) And I saw, when for all the causes by which backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the prostitute also.

(9) And it came to pass through the lightness of her prostitution, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stumps.

(10) And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but only pretends, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(11) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, The backsliding Israel has justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

(12) Go and proclaim these words towards the north, and say, Return, you backsliding Israel, says the LORD {Jehovah}; *and* I will not cause My anger to fall upon you: Because I *am* merciful, says the LORD {Jehovah}, *and* I will not keep *anger* forever.

(13) Only acknowledge your sin, that you have sinned against the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and have scattered your ways to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed My voice, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(14) Turn, O backsliding children, says the LORD {Jehovah}; because I am married to you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

(15) And I will give you pastors according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

(16) And it will come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, says the LORD {Jehovah}, they will no more say, The ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah}: neither will it come to mind: neither will they remember it; neither will they visit *it*; neither will *that* be done anymore.

3:1a – Deut. 24:1-4

(17) At that time they will call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD {Jehovah}; and all the nations will be gathered to it, to the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, to Jerusalem: neither will they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

(18) In those days the house of Judah will walk with the house of Israel, and they will come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance to your forefathers.

(19) But I said, How will I put you among the children, and give you a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts {armies; multitudes} of nations? and I said, You will call Me, My Father; and will not turn away from Me.

(20) Surely *as* a wife treacherously departs from her husband, so have you dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(21) A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping *and* requests of the children of Israel: because they have perverted their way, *and* they have forgotten the LORD {Jehovah} their God.

(22) Return, you backsliding children, *and* I will heal your backsliding. Indeed, we come to You; because You *are* the LORD {Jehovah} our God.

(23) Truly in vain *salvation is hoped for* from the hills, *and from* the multitude of mountains: truly in the LORD {Jehovah} our God *is* the salvation of Israel.

(24) Because shame has devoured 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: because we have sinned against the LORD {Jehovah} our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} our God.

Chapter 4

(1) If you will return, O Israel, says the LORD {Jehovah}, return to Me: and if you will put away your abominations out of My sight, then you will not be moved.

(2) And you will swear, The LORD {Jehovah} lives, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations will bless themselves in Him, and in Him they will rejoice.

(3) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your plowed ground, and do not sow among thorns.

(4) Circumcise yourselves to the LORD {Jehovah}, and take away the foreskins of your heart, you men of Judah and who live in Jerusalem: lest My fury comes forth like fire, and burn that no one can quench *it*, because of the evil of your deeds.

(5) Declare in Judah, and publish it in Jerusalem; and say, Blow the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defended cities.

(6) Set up the standard {banner; flag} towards Zion: retreat, do not stay: because I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.

(7) The lion has come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles {nations; non-Jews} is on his way; he has gone forth from his place to make your land desolate; *and* your cities shall be laid waste, without anyone living in them.

(8) Because of this clothe yourself with sackcloth, lament {cry loudly} and howl: because the fierce anger of the LORD {Jehovah} has not turned back from us.

(9) And it will come to pass at that day, says the LORD {Jehovah}, *that* the heart of the king will perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests will be astonished, and the prophets will wonder.

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(10) Then I said, Ah, Lord GOD {Jehovah}! surely You have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, You will have peace; because the sword reaches to the soul.

(11) At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness towards the daughter of My people, not to fan, nor to cleanse,

(12) *Even* a full wind from those *places* will come to Me: now I also will give sentence against them.

(13) Indeed, he will come up as clouds, and his chariots *will be* as a whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us! Because we are spoiled.

(14) O Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, that you may be saved. How long will your vain thoughts live within you?

(15) Because a voice declares from Dan, and publishes affliction from mount Ephraim.

(16) Make mention to the nations; Indeed, publish it against Jerusalem, *that* watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah.

(17) As keepers of a field, they are against her all around; because she has been rebellious against Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(18) Your way and your deeds have brought these *things* to you; this *is* your wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reaches to your heart.

(19) My stomach, my stomach! I am pained at my very heart; my heart makes a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because you have heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

(20) Destruction upon destruction is cried; because the whole land is spoiled: suddenly My tents are spoiled, *and* My curtains in a moment.

(21) How long will I see the standard {flag; banner}, *and* hear the sound of the trumpet?

(22) Because My people *are* foolish, they have not known Me; they *are* foolish children, and they have no understanding: they *are* wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

(23) I saw the earth, and, indeed, *it was* without form, and empty; and the heavens, and they *had* no light.

(24) I saw the mountains, and, indeed, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

(25) I saw, and, indeed, *there was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled.

(26) I saw, and, indeed, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of the LORD {Jehovah}, *and* by His fierce anger.

(27) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} has said, The whole land will be desolate; yet I will not make a full end.

(28) Because of this the earth will mourn, and the heavens above {will} be black: because I have spoken *it*, I have purposed *it*, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

(29) The whole city will flee because of the noise of the horsemen and archers; they will go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city *will be* forsaken, and not a man {will} live in it.

(30) And *when* you *are* spoiled, what will you do? Though you clothe yourself with crimson, though you deck yourself with ornaments of gold, though you tear your face with painting, in vain you will make yourself beautiful; *your* lovers will despise you, they will seek your life.

(31) Because I have heard a voice as of a woman in child birth, *and* the anguish as of her who brings forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, *who* wails, *who* spreads her hands, *saying*, Woe is me now! because my soul is wearied because of murderers.

Chapter 5

(1) Run back and forth through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in its broad places, if you can find a man, if there are *any* who executes judgment, who seeks the truth; and I will pardon it.

(2) And though they say, The LORD {Jehovah} lives; surely they swear falsely.

(3) O LORD {Jehovah}, *are* not Your eyes upon the truth? You have stricken them, but they have not grieved; You have consumed them, *but* they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

(4) Therefore I said, Surely these *are* poor; they are foolish: because they do not know the way of the LORD {Jehovah}, *nor* the judgment of their God.

(5) I will go to the great men, and will speak to them; because they have known the way of the LORD {Jehovah}, *and* the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, *and* burst the bonds.

(6) Therefore a lion out of the forest will kill them, *and* a wolf of the evenings will spoil them, a leopard will watch over their cities: everyone who goes out from there will be torn in pieces: because their sins are many, *and* their backsliding has increased.

(7) How shall I pardon you for this? Your children have forsaken Me, and sworn by *themselves that are* no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the houses of prostitutes.

(8) They were *as* horses fed in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbor's wife.

(9) Shall I not visit you for these *things*? says the LORD {Jehovah}: and shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

(10) Go up upon her walls, and destroy; but do not make a full end: take away her battlements; because they *are* not the LORD's {Jehovah's}.

(11) Because the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(12) They have denied the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, *It is* not He; neither will evil come upon us; neither will we see sword nor famine:

(13) And the prophets will become wind, and the word *is* not in them: so it will it be done to them.

(14) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies} says, Because you speak this word, indeed, I will cause My words in your mouth to be fire, and this people wood, and it will devour them.

(15) Indeed, I will bring a nation upon you from afar, O house of Israel, says the LORD {Jehovah}: *it is* a mighty nation, *it is* an ancient nation, a nation whose language you do not know, nor understand what they say.

(16) Their quiver {arrow container} *is* as an open tomb, they *are* all mighty men.

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(17) And they will eat up your harvest, and your bread, *which* your sons and your daughters should eat: they will eat up your flocks and your herds: they will eat up your vines and your fig trees: they will impoverish your fenced cities, in which you trusted, with the sword.

(18) Nevertheless in those days, says the LORD {Jehovah}, I will not make a full end with you.

(19) And it will come to pass, when you will say, Why does the LORD {Jehovah} our God do all these *things* to us? then you will answer them, Just as you have forsaken Me, and served strange gods in your land, so you will serve strangers in a land *that is* not yours.

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

(21) Hear now this, O foolish people, without understanding; who have eyes, and do not see; who have ears, and do not hear:

(22) Do you not fear Me? says the LORD {Jehovah}: will you not tremble at My Presence, which has placed the sand *for* the boundary of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though its waves toss themselves, yet they cannot prevail; though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it?

(23) But this people has a revolting and a rebellious heart; they have revolted and gone.

(24) Neither do they say in their heart, Let us now fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah} our God, Who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season: He reserves to us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

(25) Your sins have turned away these *things*, and your sins have withheld good *things* from you.

(26) Because among My people are found wicked *men*: they lay in wait, as he who sets snares; they set a trap, they catch men.

(27) As a cage is full of birds, so *are* their houses full of deceit: therefore they have become great, and grown rich.

(28) They have grown fat, they shine: yes, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they do not judge the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy they do not judge.

(29) Shall I not visit for these *things*? says the LORD {Jehovah}: shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

(30) A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land;

(31) The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and My people love *to have it so*: and what will you do in its end?

Chapter 6

(1) O you children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in Bethhaccerem: because evil appears out of the north, and great destruction.

(2) I have compared the daughter of Zion to a beautiful and delicate *woman*.

(3) The shepherds with their flocks will come to her; they will pitch *their* tents against her all around; everyone will feed in his place.

(4) Prepare yourselves to war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe to us! because the day goes away, because the shadows of the evening are stretched out.

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

(6) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} has said, Cut down trees, and cast a mount against Jerusalem: this *is* the city to be visited; she *is* totally oppression in her midst.

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(7) As a fountain casts out her waters, so she casts out her wickedness: violence and spoil is heard in her; grief and wounds are before Me continually.

(8) Be instructed, O Jerusalem, lest My soul departs from you; lest I make you desolate, a land not lived in.

(9) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says, They will thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn back your hand as a grape gatherer into the baskets.

(10) To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? Surely, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot listen: Surely, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} is to them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

(11) Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD {Jehovah}; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: because even the husband with the wife will be taken, the aged with *him who is full of days*.

(12) And their houses will be turned to others, *with their fields and wives together*: because I will stretch out My hand upon those who live in the land, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(13) Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them everyone *is given to covetousness*; and from the prophet even to the priest every one deals falsely.

(14) They have also comforted the hurt *of the daughter* of My people, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is no peace*.

(15) Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they will fall among those who fall: at the time *that I visit them they will be cast down*, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(16) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Stand in the roads, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is the good way*, and walk in them, and you will find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in *them*.

(17) Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Listen to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not listen.

(18) Therefore hear, you nations, and know, O congregation, what *is among them*.

(19) Hear, O earth: Indeed, I will bring evil upon this people, *even the fruit of their thoughts*, because they have not listened to My words, nor to My law, but rejected it.

(20) To what purpose does incense from Sheba and the sweet cane from a far country come to Me? Your burnt offerings *are not acceptable*, nor your sacrifices sweet to Me.

(21) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Indeed, I will lay stumbling blocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together will fall upon them; the neighbor and his friend will perish.

(22) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Indeed, a people comes from the north country, and a great nation will be raised from the sides of the earth.

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

(24) We have heard of its fame: our hands grow feeble: anguish has taken hold of us, *and pain*, as of a woman in child birth.

(25) Do not go forth into the field, nor walk by the road; because the sword of the enemy *and fear is on every side*.

(26) O daughter of my people, clothe *yourself* with sackcloth, and wallow in ashes: cause yourself to mourn, *as for an only son*, most bitter cries: because the spoiler will suddenly come upon us.

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(27) I have set you *for* a tower *and* a fortress among My people, that you may know and test their ways.
(28) They *are* all grievous rebels, walking with slanders: *they are* brass and iron; they all cause corruption.
(29) The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed by the fire; the founder melts in vain: because the wicked are not plucked away.
(30) *Men* will call them rejected silver, because the LORD {Jehovah} has rejected them.

Chapter 7

(1) The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD {Jehovah}, saying,
(2) Stand in the gate of the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple}, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, all *you of* Judah, who enter in at these gates to worship the LORD {Jehovah}.
(3) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says, Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will cause you to live in this place.
(4) Do not trust in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD {Jehovah}, The temple of the LORD {Jehovah}, This is the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}.
(5) But if you thoroughly amend your ways and your deeds; if you thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor;
(6) *If* you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your own harm:
(7) Then I will cause you to live in this place, in the land that I gave to your forefathers, forever and ever.

(8) Indeed, you trust in lying words, that cannot profit.
(9) Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know;
(10) And come and stand before Me in this house {temple}, which is called by My Name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?
(11) Has this house {temple}, which is called by My Name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Indeed, even I have seen *it*, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
(12) But go now to My place which *was* in Shiloh, where I set My Name at the first,^a and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel.
(13) And now, because you have done all these works, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear; and I called you, but you did not answer;
(14) Therefore I will do to *this* house {temple}, which is called by My Name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave to you and to your forefathers, as I have done to Shiloh.
(15) And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, *even* the all the descendants of Ephraim.
(16) Therefore do not pray for this people, neither lift up a cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to Me: because I will not hear you.
(17) Do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

7:12a – where I set my Name at the first – Josh. 18:1; Jg. 21:19; I Ki. 14:2; Is. 52:7; Jn. 4:20

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

(19) Do they provoke Me to anger? says the LORD {Jehovah}: *do they* not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?

(20) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, My anger and My fury will be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it will burn, and will not be quenched.

(21) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Put your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat meat.

(22) Because I did not speak to your forefathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:

(23) But this thing I commanded them, saying, Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people: and walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.

(24) But they did not listen, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels *and* in the imaginations of their evil hearts, and went backward, and not forward.

(25) Since the day that your forefathers came forth out of the land of Egypt to this day I have even sent to you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending *them*:

(26) Yet they did not listen to Me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their forefathers.

(27) Therefore you shall speak all these words to them; but they will not listen to you: you shall also call to them; but they will not answer you.

(28) But you shall say to them, This is a nation that does not obey the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} their God, nor receives correction: truth has perished, and is cut off from their mouths.

(29) Cut off your hair, *O Jerusalem*, and cast *it* away, and take up a loud cry on high places; because the LORD {Jehovah} has rejected and forsaken the generation of His wrath {anger; judgment}.

(30) Because the children of Judah have done evil in My sight, says the LORD {Jehovah}: they have set their abominations in the house {temple} which is called by My Name, to pollute it.

(31) And they have built the high places of Tophet {place of burning},^b which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I did not command *them*, neither did it come into My heart.

(32) Therefore, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that it will no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: because they will bury in Tophet, until there is no place left.

(33) And the dead bodies of this people will be food for the birds of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and no one will drive *them* away.

(34) Then I will cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: because the land will be desolate.

7:31b - Tophet {place of burning} at Jerusalem – pagans and later the Jews burned children as sacrifices to the pagan god Molech [II Ki. 16:1-3]. Part of the valley of Hinnom where in Jesus' time garbage from the city was burned. It came to be a reference to hell because of the continual burning. – See note on II Ki. 23:10; Is. 30:33; Jer. 19:6, 13

Chapter 8

(1) At that time, says the LORD {Jehovah}, they will bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of those who live in Jerusalem, out of their graves:

(2) And they will spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshiped: they will not be gathered, nor be buried; they will be for manure upon the face of the earth.

(3) And death will be chosen rather than life by all the remnant of those who remain of this evil family, which remains in all the places where I have driven them, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}.

(4) Furthermore you shall say to them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Will they fall, and not arise? will He turn away, and not return?

(5) Why *then* has this people of Jerusalem back-slid by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.

(6) I listened and heard, *but* they did not speak aright: no man repented of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? everyone turned to his course, as the horse rushes into the battle.

(7) Yes, the stork in the heaven knows her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but My people do not know the judgment of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(8) How do you say, We *are* wise, and the law of the LORD {Jehovah} *is* with us? Look, certainly in vain he made *it*; the pen of the scribes *is* in vain.

(9) The wise *men* are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: indeed, they have rejected the word of the LORD {Jehovah}; and what wisdom *is* in them?

(10) Therefore I will give their wives to others, *and* their fields to those who will inherit *them*: because everyone from the least even to the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even to the priest everyone deals falsely.

(11) Because they have comforted the hurt of the daughter of My people, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace.

(12) Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they will fall among those who fall: in the time of their visitation they will be cast down, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(13) I will surely consume them, says the LORD {Jehovah}: *there will be* no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf will fade; and *the things that* I have given them will pass away from them.

(14) Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defended cities, and let us be silent there: because the LORD {Jehovah} our God has put us to silence, and given us bitter water to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD {Jehovah}.

(15) We looked for peace, but no good *came*; and for a time of health, and indeed - trouble!

(16) The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan: the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones; because they have come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those who live in it.

(17) Because, indeed, I will send snakes, vipers, among you, which *will not be* charmed, and they will bite you, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(18) *When* I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart *is* faint in me.
(19) Look the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of those who live in a far country: *Is* not the LORD {Jehovah} in Zion? *is* not her king in her? *Why* have they provoked Me to anger with their graven images, *and* with strange vanities?
(20) The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.
(21) Because the hurt of the daughter of my people I am hurt; I am black; astonishment has taken hold on me.
(22) *Is there* no balm in Gilead; *is there* no physician there? why then has the health of the daughter of my people not recovered?

Chapter 9

(1) Oh that My head were waters, and My eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the dead of the daughter of My people!
(2) Oh that I had in the wilderness a house of wayfaring men; that I might leave My people, and go from them! Because they *are* all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.
(3) And they bend their tongues *like* their bow *for* lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; because they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
(4) Everyone take heed of his neighbor, and do not trust in any brother: because every brother will completely deceive, and every neighbor will walk with slanders.
(5) And everyone will deceive his neighbor, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, *and* weary themselves to commit sin.

(6) Your house *is* in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
(7) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says, Indeed, I will melt them, and try them; because what shall I do for the daughter of My people?
(8) Their tongue *is* as an arrow shot out; it speaks deceit: *one* speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in his heart he lies in wait.
(9) Shall I not visit them for these *things*? says the LORD {Jehovah}: shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this?
(10) For the mountains I will take up a weeping and loud cry, and for the houses of the wilderness a mournful cry, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through *them*; neither can *men* hear the voice of the cattle; both the birds of the heavens and the beasts have fled; they are gone.
(11) And I will make Jerusalem piles of rubble, *and* a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without anyone to live in it.
(12) Who *is* the wise man, who may understand this? and *who is he* to whom the mouth of the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken, that he may declare it, why does the land perish *and* is burned up like a wilderness, that none passes through?
(13) And the LORD {Jehovah} says, Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, neither walked in it;
(14) But have walked after the imaginations of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their forefathers taught them:

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(15) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Indeed, I will feed them, *even* this people, with wormwood, and give them bitter water to drink.

(16) I will scatter them also among the heathen {ungodly nations}, whom neither they nor their forefathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, until I have consumed them.

(17) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says, Consider, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning *women*, that they may come:

(18) And let them come quickly, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters.

(19) Because a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How we are spoiled! We are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our homes have cast *us* out.

(20) Yet hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, O you women, and let your ear receive the word of His mouth, and teach your daughters loud crying, and everyone her neighbor mournful cries.

(21) Because death has come up into our windows, *and* has entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from outside, *and* the young men from the streets.

(22) Speak, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Even the dead bodies of men will fall as manure upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvest man, and no one will gather *them*.

(23) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Do not let the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* take pride in his strength, do not let the rich *man* take pride in his riches:

(24) But let him who rejoices rejoice in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} Who exercises loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: because in these *things* I delight, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(25) Indeed, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that I will punish all *those who are* circumcised with the uncircumcised;

(26) Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all who *are* in the furthest corners, who live in the wilderness: because all *these* nations *are* uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel *are* uncircumcised in the heart.

Chapter 10

(1) Hear the word which the LORD {Jehovah} speaks to you, O house of Israel:

(2) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Do not learn the way of the heathen {ungodly}, and do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven; because the heathen {ungodly nations} are dismayed at them.

(3) Because the customs of the people *are* vain: because *one* cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the ax.

(4) They cover it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it not move.

(5) They *are* upright as the palm tree, but do not speak: they must be carried, because they cannot move. Do not be afraid of them; because they cannot do evil, neither also *is it* in them to do good.

(6) Because *there is* no one like You, O LORD {Jehovah}; You *are* great, and Your Name *is* great in might.

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(7) Who would not fear You, O King of nations? Because to You it belongs: because as among all the wise *men* of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, *there is no one like You*.

(8) But they are altogether crude and foolish: the stump is a doctrine of vanities.

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

(10) But the LORD {Jehovah} *is* the true God, He *is* the living God, and an everlasting King: at His wrath {anger; judgment} the earth will tremble, and the nations will not be able to live with His indignation.

(11) *This is what you shall say to them, The gods which have not made the heavens and the earth, even they will perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.*

(12) *He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens by His discretion.*

(13) *When He speaks His voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightnings with rain, and brings forth the wind out of His treasures.*

(14) *Every man is beastly in his knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: because his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.*

(15) *They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they will perish.*

(16) *The portion of Jacob is not like them: because He is the Maker of all things; and Israel is the rod of His inheritance: The LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} is His Name.*

(17) *Gather up your wares out of the land, O you who live in the fortress.*

(18) *Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Surely, I will sling out those who live in the land at this once, and will distress them, that they may find it so.*

(19) *Woe is me because of my pain! my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this is a grief, and I must bear it.*

(20) *My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children have gone forth from me, and they are no more: there is no one to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.*

(21) *Because the pastors have become brutish {ungodly}, and have not sought the LORD {Jehovah}: therefore they will not prosper, and all their flocks will be scattered.*

(22) *Indeed, the noise of the bruit {ungodly} has come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, and a den of dragons.*

(23) *O LORD {Jehovah}, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.*

(24) *O LORD {Jehovah}, correct me, but with judgment; not in Your anger, lest You bring me to nothing.*

(25) *Pour out Your fury upon the heathen {ungodly nations} who do not know You, and upon the families who do not call on Your Name: because they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his house desolate.*

Chapter 11

(1) The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD {Jehovah}, saying,
(2) Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah, and to those who live in Jerusalem;
(3) And say to them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says; Cursed is the man who does not obey the words of this covenant,
(4) Which I commanded your forefathers in the day *that* I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey My voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so you will be My people, and I will be your God:
(5) That I may perform the oath which I have sworn to your forefathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as *it is* this day. Then I answered, and said, So be it, O LORD {Jehovah}.
(6) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, Proclaim 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) Because I earnestly protested to your forefathers in the day *that* I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, *even* to this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey My voice.
(8) Yet they did not obey, nor inclined their ear, but everyone walked in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do; but they did not do *them*.
(9) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among those who live in Jerusalem.

(10) They have returned to the sins of their forefathers, who refused to hear My words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their forefathers.
(11) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Indeed, I will bring evil upon them, which they will not be able to escape; and though they will cry to Me, I will not listen to them.
(12) Then the cities of Judah and those who live in Jerusalem will go, and cry to the gods to whom they offer incense: but they will not save them at all in the time of their trouble.
(13) Because *according to* the number of your cities were your gods, O Judah; and *according to* the number of the streets of Jerusalem you have set up altars to *that* shameful thing, *even* altars to burn incense to Baal.
(14) Therefore do not pray for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: because I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry to Me for their trouble.
(15) What has My beloved to do in My house {temple}, *since* she has committed lewdness with many, and the holy meat has passed from you? when you do evil, then you rejoice.
(16) The LORD {Jehovah} called your name, A green olive tree, fair, *and* of good fruit: with the noise of a great tumult He has kindled fire upon it, and its branches are broken.
(17) Because the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, Who planted you, has pronounced evil against you, because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke Me to anger in offering incense to Baal.

(18) And the LORD {Jehovah} has given me knowledge *of it*, and I know *it*: then You showed me their deeds.

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

(20) But, O LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, Who judges righteously, Who tries the thoughts and the heart, let me see Your vengeance on them: because to You I have revealed my cause.

(21) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says concerning the men of Anathoth, who seek your life, *saying*, Do not prophesy in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, that you not die by our hand:

(22) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says, Indeed, I will punish them: the young men will die by the sword; their sons and their daughters will die by famine:

(23) And there will be no remnant of them: because I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, *even* the year of their visitation.

Chapter 12

(1) You are righteous, O LORD {Jehovah}, when I plead with You: yet let me talk with You of *Your* judgments: Why does the way of the wicked prosper? *Why* are they all happy who deal very treacherously?

(2) You have planted them, yes, they have taken root: they grow, yes, they bring forth fruit: You *are* near in their mouths, but far from their hearts.

(3) But You, O LORD {Jehovah}, know me: You have seen me, and tried my heart towards You: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.

(4) How long will the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, because of the wickedness of those who live in it? the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He will not see our last end.

(5) If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? and *if* in the land of peace, *in which* you trust, *they wearied you*, then how will you do in the swelling of Jordan?

(6) Because even your brothers, and the house of your father, even they have dealt treacherously with you; yes, they have called a multitude after you: do not believe them, though they speak fair words to you.

(7) I have forsaken My house {temple}, I have left My heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of My soul into the hand of her enemies.

(8) My heritage is to Me as a lion in the forest; it cries out against Me: therefore I have hated it.

(9) My heritage *is* to me as a speckled bird, the birds all around *are* against her; Come, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.

(10) Many pastors have destroyed My vineyard, they have trodden My portion under foot, they have made My pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

(11) They have made it desolate, *and being* desolate it mourns to Me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man lays *it* to heart.

(12) The spoilers have come upon all high places through the wilderness: because the sword of the LORD {Jehovah} will devour from the *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land: no flesh will have peace.

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(13) They have sown wheat, but will reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, *but* {it} will not profit: and they will be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(14) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says against all My evil neighbors, who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit; Indeed, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.

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

(16) And it will come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of My people, to swear by My Name, The LORD {Jehovah} lives; as they taught My people to swear by Baal; then they will be built in the midst of My people.

(17) But if they will not obey, I will completely pluck up and destroy that nation, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 13

(1) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, Go and get for yourself a linen belt, and put it upon your waist, and do not put it in water.

(2) So I got a belt according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, and put *it* on my waist.

(3) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me the second time, saying,

(4) Take the belt that you have obtained, which *is* upon your waist, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock.

(5) So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD {Jehovah} commanded me.

(6) And it came to pass after many days, that the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the belt from there, which I commanded you to hide there.

(7) Then I went to Euphrates, and dug, and took the belt from the place where I had hidden it: and, indeed, the belt was marred, it was profitable for nothing.

(8) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(9) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, After this manner I will mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.

(10) This evil people, who refuse to hear My words, who walk in the imagination of their hearts, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, will be even as this belt, which is good for nothing.

(11) Because as the belt clings to the waist of a man, so have I caused to cling to Me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, says the LORD {Jehovah}; that they might be to Me for a people, and for a Name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not listen.

(12) Therefore you shall speak to them this word; This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, Every bottle will be filled with wine: and they will say to you, Do we not certainly know that every bottle will be filled with wine?

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(13) Then you shall say to them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Indeed, I will fill all those who live in this land, even the kings who sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all those who live in Jerusalem, with drunkenness.

(14) And I will dash them against one another, even the fathers and the sons together, says the LORD {Jehovah}: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them.

(15) Hear, and listen; do not be proud: because the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken.

(16) Give glory to the LORD {Jehovah} your God, before He causes darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while you look for light, He turns it into the shadow of death, *and* makes it gross darkness.

(17) But if you will not listen, my soul will weep in secret places for *your* pride; and my eye will weep greatly, and run down with tears, because the LORD's {Jehovah's} flock is carried away captive.

(18) Say to the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down: because your kingdoms will come down, *even* the crown of your glory.

(19) The cities of the south will be shut up, and no one will open *them*: Judah will be carried away captive all of it, it will be wholly carried away captive.

(20) Lift up your eyes, and see those who come from the north: where is the flock *that* was given you, your beautiful flock?

(21) What will you say when He shall punish you? Because you have taught them *to be* captains, *and* as chief over you: shall not sorrows overtake you, as a woman in child birth?

(22) And if you say in your heart? Why have these things come upon me? Because of the greatness of your sins your skirts are discovered, *and* your heels made bare.

(23) Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then* may you also do good, who are accustomed to do evil.

(24) Therefore I will scatter them as the stubble that passes away by the wind of the wilderness.

(25) This is your lot, the portion of your measures from Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}; because you have forgotten Me, and trusted in falsehood.

(26) Therefore I will pull your skirts over your face, that your shame may appear.

(27) I have seen your adulteries, and your neighing,^a the lewdness of your prostitution, *and* your abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! Will you not be made clean? when *will it* once *be*?

Chapter 14

(1) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought.

(2) Judah mourns, and its gates languish; they are black to the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem has gone up.

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

(4) Because the ground is parched, because there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads.

(5) Yes, the deer also gave birth in the field, and forsook *it*, because there was no grass.

(6) And the wild donkeys stood in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes failed, because *there was* no grass.

(7) O LORD {Jehovah}, though our sins testify against us, do *it* for Your Name's sake: because our back sliding is great; we have sinned against You.

13:27a – see Jer. 5:8

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(8) O the hope of Israel, its Savior in time of trouble, why should You be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man *who* turns aside to tarry for a night?

(9) Why should You be as a man astonished, as a mighty man *who* cannot save? yet You, O LORD {Jehovah}, *are* in the midst of us, and we are called by Your Name; do not leave us.

(10) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says to this people, *This is how they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet, therefore the LORD {Jehovah} does not accept them; He will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.*

(11) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, *Do not pray for this people for *their* good.*

(12) When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and a sacrifice, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

(13) Then I said, Ah, Lord GOD {Jehovah}! Indeed, the prophets say to them, You will not see the sword, neither will you have famine; but I will give you assurance of peace in this place.

(14) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, *The prophets prophesy lies in My Name: I did not send them, neither have I commanded them, neither spoke to them: they prophesy to you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nothing and the deceit of their heart.*

(15) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says concerning the prophets who prophesy in My Name, and I did not send them, yet they say, Sword and famine will not be in this land; By sword and famine those prophets will be consumed.

(16) *And the people to whom they prophesy will be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they will have no one to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: because I will pour their wickedness upon them.*

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

(18) If I go forth into the field, there I see those killed with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then there are those who are sick with famine! yes, both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they do not know.

(19) Have You completely rejected Judah? has Your soul hated Zion? Why have You stricken us, and *there is* no healing for us? we looked for peace, and *there is* no good; and for the time of healing, and indeed only trouble!

(20) We acknowledge, O LORD {Jehovah}, our wickedness, *and* the sin of our forefathers: because we have sinned against You.

(21) Do not detest us, for Your Name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of Your glory: remember, do not break Your covenant with us.

(22) Are there *any* among the vanities of the Gentiles {nations; non-Jews} that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? *are* You not He, O LORD {Jehovah} our God? therefore we will wait upon You: because You have made all these *things*.

Chapter 15

(1) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before Me, *yet* My mind *could not be* towards this people: cast *them* out of My sight, and let them go forth.

(2) And it will come to pass, if they say to you, Where will we go forth? then you will tell them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Those who *are {appointed}* for death, to death; and those who *are {appointed}* for the sword, to the sword; and those *who are {appointed}* for the famine, to the famine; and those *who are {appointed}* for the captivity, to the captivity.

(3) And I will appoint over them four kinds, says the LORD {Jehovah}: the sword to kill, and the dogs to tear, and the birds of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy.

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

(5) Because who will have pity upon you, O Jerusalem? or who will mourn for you? or who will go aside to ask how are you doing?

(6) You have forsaken Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}, you have gone backwards: therefore I will stretch out My hand against you, and destroy you; I am weary with repenting.

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

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

(9) She who has borne seven languishes: she has given up the spirit; her sun has gone down while *it was* yet day: she has been ashamed and confounded: and the remainder of them I will deliver to the sword before their enemies, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(10) Woe is me, my mother, that you have borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on interest, nor men have lent to me on interest; *yet* every one of them curses me.

(11) The LORD {Jehovah} said, Truly it shall be well with your remnant; truly I will cause the enemy to treat you *well* in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

(12) Will iron break the northern iron and the steel?

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

(14) And I will cause *you* to pass with your enemies into a land *which* you do not know: because a fire is kindled in My anger, *which* will burn upon you.

(15) O LORD {Jehovah}, You know: remember me, and visit me, and avenge me of my persecutors; do not take me away in Your patience: know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke.

(16) Your words were found, and I ate them; and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart: because I am called by Your Name, O LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies; multitudes}.

(17) I have not sat in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of Your hand: because You have filled me with indignation.

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

(19) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, If you return, then I will bring you again, *and* you will stand before Me: and if you take forth the precious from the vile, you will be as My mouth: let them return to you; but you will not return to them.

(20) And I will make you to this people a fenced brass wall: and they will fight against you, but they will not prevail against you: because I *am* with you to save you and to deliver you, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

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

Chapter 16

(1) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} came also to me, saying,

(2) You will not take for yourself a wife, neither will you have sons or daughters in this place.

(3) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that give birth to them, and concerning their fathers who have fathered them in this land;

(4) They will die of grievous deaths; they will not be mourned; neither will they be buried; *but* they will be as manure upon the face of the earth: and they will be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their dead bodies will be meat for the birds of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

(5) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Do not enter into the house of mourning, neither go to mourn nor cry for them: because I have taken away My peace from this people, says the LORD {Jehovah}, *even* loving kindness and mercies.

(6) Both the great and the small will die in this land: they will not be buried, neither will *men* mourn for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them:

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

(8) You also will not go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink.

(9) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Indeed, I will cause to cease out of this place in your sight, 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 will come to pass, when you shall show this people all these words, and they will say to you, Why has the LORD {Jehovah} pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our sin? or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD {Jehovah} our God?

(11) Then you shall say to them, Because your fathers have forsaken Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshiped them, and have forsaken Me, and have not kept My law;

(12) And you have done worse than your fathers; because, indeed, everyone of you walks after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not listen to Me:

(13) Therefore I will cast you out of this land into a land that you do not know, *neither* you nor your forefathers; and there you will serve other gods day and night; where I will not show you favor.

(14) Therefore, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that it will no more be said, The LORD {Jehovah} lives, Who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

(15) But, The LORD {Jehovah} lives, Who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands where He had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land which I gave to their forefathers.

(16) Indeed, I will send for many fishers, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and they will fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

(17) Because My eyes *are* upon all their ways: they are not hidden from My face, neither is their sin hidden from My eyes.

(18) And first I will repay their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled My land, they have filled My inheritance with the dead bodies of their detestable and abominable things.

(19) O LORD {Jehovah}, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles {nations; non-Jews} will come to You from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and *things* in which *there is* no profit.

(20) Shall a man make gods to himself, and they *are* no gods?

(21) Therefore, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know My hand and My might; and they will know that My Name is The LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 17

(1) The sin of Judah *is* written with a pen of iron, *and* with the point of a diamond: *it is* engraved upon the tablet of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars;

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

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

(4) And you, even you yourself, will discontinue from your heritage that I gave you; and I will cause you to serve your enemies in the land which you do not know: because you have kindled a fire in My anger, *which* will burn forever.

(5) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man, and makes flesh his strength, and whose heart departs from the LORD {Jehovah}.

(6) Because he will be like the juniper {without bark} in the desert, and will not see when good comes; but will live in the parched places in the wilderness, *in* a salt and uninhabited land {a land where no one lives}.

(7) Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD {Jehovah}, and whose hope is the LORD {Jehovah}.

(8) Because he will be as a tree planted by the waters, and *which* spreads out her roots by the river, and will not see when heat comes, but her leaf will be green; and will not be lacking in the year of drought, neither will cease from yielding fruit.

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

(10) I the LORD {Jehovah} search the heart, *I* try the thoughts, even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his deeds.

(11) *As* the partridge sits *on eggs*, and does not hatch *them*; *so* he who dishonestly obtains riches, will leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end will be a fool.

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

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(13) O LORD {Jehovah}, the hope of Israel, all who forsake You will be ashamed, *and* those who depart from me will be written in the earth,^a because they have forsaken the LORD {Jehovah}, the fountain of living waters.

(14) Heal me, O LORD {Jehovah}, and I will be healed; save me, and I will be saved: because You *are* my praise.

(15) Indeed, they say to me, Where is the word of the LORD {Jehovah}? let it now come.

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

(17) Do not be a terror to me: You *are* my hope in the day of evil.

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

(19) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} said to me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, where 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 the LORD {Jehovah}, you kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all those who live in Jerusalem, who enter in by these gates:

(21) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Take heed to yourselves, and carry no burden on the sabbath day {Saturday} nor bring *it* in by the gates of Jerusalem;

(22) Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day {Saturday}, neither do any work, but hallow the sabbath day {Saturday}, as I commanded your forefathers.

(23) But they did not obey, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

(24) And it will come to pass, if you diligently listen to me, says the LORD {Jehovah}, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day {Saturday}, but hallow the sabbath day {Saturday}, to do no work in it;

(25) Then there will enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and those who live in Jerusalem: and this city will remain forever.

(26) And they will come from the cities of Judah, and from the places around Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(27) But if you will not listen to Me to hallow the sabbath day {Saturday}, and not to carry a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day {Saturday}; then I will kindle a fire in its gates, and it will devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it will not be quenched.

Chapter 18

(1) The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD {Jehovah}, saying,

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

(3) Then I went down to the potter's house, and watched as he worked a work on the wheels.

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

(5) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

17:13a – John 8:6

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(6) O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? says the LORD {Jehovah}. Surely, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

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

(8) If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turns from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do to them.

(9) And *at what* instant I will speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant *it*;

(10) If it does evil in My sight, that it does not obey My voice, then I will repent of the good, with which I said I would benefit them.

(11) Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to those who live in Jerusalem, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I frame evil against you, and devise a plan against you: return now everyone from his evil way, and make your ways and your deeds good.

(12) And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices {plans}, and we will all do the imagination of our own evil hearts.

(13) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Ask now among the heathen {ungodly nations}, who has heard such things: the virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing.

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

(15) Because My people have forgotten Me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways *from* the ancient paths, to walk in paths, *in* a way not built up;

(16) To make their land desolate, *and* a perpetual hissing; everyone who passes by will be astonished, and shake his head.

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

(18) Then they said, Come, and let us devise plans against Jeremiah; because the law will not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us strike him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

(19) Give heed to me, O LORD {Jehovah}, and listen to their voices who contend with me.

(20) Shall evil be repaid for good? because they have dug a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before You to speak good for them, *and* to turn away Your anger from them.

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

(22) Let a cry be heard from their houses, when You will bring a troop suddenly upon them: because they have dug a pit to take me, and hidden snares for my feet.

(23) Yet, LORD {Jehovah}, You know all their counsel against me to kill *me*: do not forgive their sin, neither blot out their sin from Your sight, but let them be overthrown before You; deal *in this manner* with them in the time of Your anger.

Chapter 19

(1) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and *take* of the elders of the people, and of the elders of the priests;

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

(3) And say, Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, O kings of Judah, and those who live in Jerusalem; This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Indeed, I will bring evil upon this place, the likes of which whoever hears, 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 neither they nor their forefathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents;

(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, nor spoke *it*, neither did it enter into My mind:

(6) Therefore, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that this place will no more be called Tophet,^a nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The 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 hands of those who seek their lives: and their dead bodies I will give to be meat for the birds of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

(8) And I will make this city desolate, and a hissing; everyone who passes by will be astonished and 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 everyone of them will eat the flesh of his friend in the siege and distress, with which their enemies, and those who seek their lives, will distress them.

(10) Then you will break the bottle in the sight of the men who go with you,

(11) And will say to them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; Even so I will break this people and this city, as *one* breaks a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they will bury *them* in Tophet, until *there is* no place to bury.

(12) This I will do to this place, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and to those who live in it, and *even* make this city as Tophet:

(13) And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, will be defiled as the place of Tophet,^a {place of buning} because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense to all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings to other gods.

19:6,13a - Tophet {place of burning} at Jerusalem – pagans and later the Jews burned children as sacrifices to the pagan god Molech [II Ki. 16:1-3]. Part of the valley of Hinnom where in Jesus' time garbage from the city was burned. It came to be a reference to hell because of the continual burning. – See note on II Ki. 23:10; Is. 30:33; Jer. 19:6, 13

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(14) Then Jeremiah came from Tophet, where the LORD {Jehovah} had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple}; and said to all the people,

(15) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; **Indeed, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear My words.**

Chapter 20

(1) Now Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who *was* also chief governor in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.

(2) Then Pashur struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that *were* in the high gate of Benjamin, which *was* by the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(3) And it came to pass in the morning, that Pashur brought Jeremiah forth out of the stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, The LORD {Jehovah} has not called your name Pashur {liberation},^a but Magormissabib {terror all around}.^b

(4) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **Indeed, I will make you a terror to yourself, and to all your friends: and they will fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes will see it: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will carry them captive into Babylon, and he will kill them with the sword.**

(5) **Furthermore I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all its labors, and all its precious things, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah I will give into the hand of their enemies, who will spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon.**

(6) **And you, Pashur, and all who live in your house will go into captivity: and you will come to Babylon, and there you will die, and will be buried there, you, and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied lies.**

(7) O LORD {Jehovah}, You have deceived me, and I was deceived: You are stronger than I, and have prevailed: I am in derision daily, everyone mocks me.

(8) Because since I spoke, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD {Jehovah} was made a reproach to me, and a derision, daily.

(9) Then I said, I will not make mention of Him, nor speak any more in His Name. But *His word* was in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with resisting, and I could not *stay*.

(10) Because I heard the slander of many, fear on every side. Report, *they say*, and we will report it. All my friends watched for my fall, *saying*, Perhaps he will be enticed, and we will prevail against him, and we will take our revenge on him.

(11) But the LORD {Jehovah} is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail: they will be greatly ashamed; because they will not prosper: *their* everlasting confusion will never be forgotten.

20:3a - Pashur {פֶּשׁוּר} - liberation

20:3b - Magormissabib {מַגּוֹרְמִסָּבִיב} - terror all around

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(12) But, O LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, Who tries the righteous, *and* sees the thoughts and the heart, let me see Your vengeance on them: because to You I have opened my cause.
(13) Sing to the LORD {Jehovah}, praise the LORD {Jehovah}: because He has delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.
(14) Cursed is the day in which I was born: do not let the day in which my mother bore me be blessed.
(15) Cursed is the man who brought news to my father, saying, A boy is born to you; making him very glad.
(16) And let that man be as the cities which the LORD {Jehovah} overthrew, and did not repent: and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide;
(17) Because He did not kill me from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb *to be* always great *with me*.
(18) Why did I come forth out of the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

Chapter 21

(1) The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD {Jehovah}, when king Zedekiah sent to him Pashur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying,
(2) I ask you, inquire of the LORD {Jehovah} for us; because Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon makes war against us; whether the LORD {Jehovah} will deal with us according to all His wondrous works, that He may go up from us.
(3) Then Jeremiah said to them, This is what you shall say to Zedekiah:

(4) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says; Indeed, I will turn back the weapons of war that *are* in your hands, with which you fight against the king of Babylon, and *against* the Chaldeans, who besiege you outside the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city.
(5) And I Myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath {anger; judgment}.
(6) And I will strike those who live in this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence.
(7) And afterward, says the LORD {Jehovah}, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and those who are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life: and he shall strike them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.
(8) And to this people you shall say, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Look, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.
(9) He who stays in this city will die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he who goes out, and falls to the Chaldeans who besiege you, he will live, and his life will be to him for his reward.
(10) Because I have set My face against this city for evil, and not for good, says the LORD {Jehovah}: it will be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will burn it with fire.

(11) And concerning the house of the king of Judah, *say*, Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah};
(12) O house of David, this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver *him who is* spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest My fury go out like fire, and burn that no one can quench *it*, because of the evil of your deeds.
(13) Indeed, I *am* against you, you who live in the valley, *and* rock of the plain, says the LORD {Jehovah}; who say, Who will come down against us? or who will enter into our houses?
(14) But I will punish you according to the fruit of your deeds, says the LORD {Jehovah}; and I will kindle a fire in its forest, and it will devour all things all around it.

Chapter 22

(1) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,
(2) And say, Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, O king of Judah, who sits upon the throne of David, you, and your servants, and your people who enter in by these gates:
(3) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.
(4) Because if you do this thing indeed, then there will enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.

(5) But if you will not hear these words, I swear by Myself, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that this house will become a desolation.
(6) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says to the king's house of Judah; You *are* Gilead to Me, *and* the head of Lebanon: *yet* surely I will make you a wilderness, *and* cities *which* are not lived in.
(7) And I will prepare destroyers against you, everyone with his weapons: and they will cut down your choice cedars, and cast *them* into the fire.
(8) And many nations will pass by this city, and everyone will say to his neighbor, Why has the LORD {Jehovah} done this to this great city?
(9) Then they will answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah} their God, and worshiped other gods, and served them.
(10) Do not weep for the dead, neither mourn him: *but* weep greatly for him who goes away: because he will never return, nor see his native country.
(11) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says concerning Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, who went forth out of this place; He will not return there any more:
(12) But he will die in the place where they have led him captive, and will see this land no more.
(13) Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; *who* uses his neighbor's service without wages, and does not pay him for his work;

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(14) Who says, I will build for myself a wide house and large chambers, and cuts out for himself windows; and *its ceiling is of cedar*, and painted with red.

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

(16) He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then *it was* well *with him*: was not this to know Me? says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(17) But your eyes and your heart *are* for your covetousness, and to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and to do violence.

(18) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah; They will not mourn for him, *saying*, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! they will not mourn for him, *saying*, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory!

(19) He will be buried with the burial of a donkey, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

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

(21) I spoke to you in your prosperity; *but* you said, I will not hear. This *has been* your manner from your youth, that you did not obey My voice.

(22) The wind will eat up all your pastors, and your lovers will go into captivity: surely then you will be ashamed and confounded because of all your wickedness.

(23) O you who live in Lebanon, who makes your nest in the cedars, how gracious you will be when pain comes upon you, the pain as of a woman in child birth!

(24) As I live, says the LORD {Jehovah}, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet ring upon My right hand, yet I would pluck you from there;

(25) And I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand of *those* whose face you fear, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

(26) And I will cast you out, and your mother who gave birth to you, into another country, where you were not born; and there you will die.

(27) But to the land where they desire to return, there they will not return.

(28) *Is* this man Coniah a despised broken idol? *is he* a vessel in which there *is* no pleasure? why are they cast out, he and his offspring, and are cast into a land which they do not know?

(29) O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(30) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Write this man childless, a man *who* will not prosper in his days: because no man of his descendants will prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

Chapter 23

(1) Woe to the pastors who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture! says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(2) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says against the pastors who feed My people; You have scattered My flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: Indeed, I will visit upon you the evil of your deeds, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(3) And I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they will be fruitful and increase.

(4) And I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them: and they will be afraid no more, nor be dismayed, neither will they be in want, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

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(5) Look, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, and a King will reign and prosper, and will execute judgment and justice in the earth.

(6) In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live safely: and this is His Name by which He will be called, THE LORD {Jehovah} OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

(7) Therefore, indeed, the days are coming, says the LORD, that they will no more say, The LORD {Jehovah} lives, Who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

(8) But, The LORD {Jehovah} lives, Who brought up and Who led the descendants of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries where I had driven them; and they will live in their own land.

(9) My heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, because of the LORD {Jehovah}, and because of the words of His holiness.

(10) Because the land is full of adulterers; because of swearing the land mourns; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right.

(11) Because both prophet and priest are profane; yes, in My house {temple} I have found their wickedness, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(12) Therefore their way will be to them as slippery ways in the darkness: they will be driven on, and fall there: because I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(13) And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused My people Israel to err.

(14) I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem a horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that no one turns from his wickedness: they are all of them to Me as Sodom, and those who live in Gomorrah.

(15) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says concerning the prophets; Indeed, I will feed them with wormwood, and cause them to drink the water of bitterness: because from the prophets of Jerusalem profaneness has gone forth into all the land.

(16) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says, Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(17) They still say to those who despise Me, The LORD {Jehovah} has said, You will have peace; and they say to everyone who walks after the imagination of his own heart, No evil will come upon you.

(18) Because who has stood in the counsel of the LORD {Jehovah}, and has perceived and heard His word? who has marked His word, and heard it?

(19) Indeed, a whirlwind of the LORD {Jehovah} has gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it will fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.

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(20) The anger of the LORD {Jehovah} will not return, until He has executed, and until He has performed the thoughts of His heart: in the latter days you will consider it perfectly.

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

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

(23) *Am* I a God at hand, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and not a God afar off?

(24) Can any hide himself in secret places that I will not see him? says the LORD {Jehovah}. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(25) I have heard what the prophets said, who prophesy lies in My Name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

(26) How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? yes, *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

(27) Who think to cause My people to forget My Name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their forefathers 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 is the chaff to the wheat? says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(29) *Is* not My word like a fire? says the LORD {Jehovah}; and like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces?

(30) Therefore, indeed, I *am* against the prophets, says the LORD {Jehovah}, who all steal My words from his neighbor.

(31) Indeed, I *am* against the prophets, says the LORD {Jehovah}, who use their tongues, and say, He says.

(32) Indeed, I *am* against those who prophesy false dreams, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I did not send them, nor command them: therefore they will not profit this people at all, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(33) And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask you, saying, What is the word of the LORD {Jehovah}? you shall then say to them, What word? I will even forsake you, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(34) And *as for* the prophet, and the priest, and the people, who will say, The word of the LORD {Jehovah}, I will even punish that man and his house.

(35) So you shall say everyone to his neighbor, and everyone to his brother, What has the LORD {Jehovah} answered? and, What has the LORD {Jehovah} spoken?

(36) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} you shall not mention any more: because every man's word will be his word; because you have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} our God.

(37) So you shall say to the prophet, What has the LORD {Jehovah} answered you? and, What has the LORD {Jehovah} spoken?

(38) But since you say, The word of the LORD {Jehovah}; therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Because you say this word, The word of the LORD {Jehovah}, and I have sent to you, saying, You shall not say, The word of the LORD {Jehovah};

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(39) Therefore, indeed, I, even I, will completely forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your forefathers, *and cast you out of My presence*:

(40) And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which will not be forgotten.

Chapter 24

(1) The LORD {Jehovah} showed me, and, I saw two baskets of figs *were* set before the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}, after Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

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

(3) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, *What do you see, Jeremiah?* And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad.

(4) Again the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(5) *This is what the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of Israel says; Like these good figs, so I will acknowledge those who are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good.*

(6) *Because I will set My eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.*

(7) And I will give them a heart to know Me, that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}: and they will be My people, and I will be their God: because they will return to Me with their whole heart.

(8) And as the bad figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad; surely this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, So I will give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the remnant of Jerusalem, who remain in this land, and those who live in the land of Egypt:

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

(10) *And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, until they are consumed from off the land that I gave to them and to their forefathers.*

Chapter 25

(1) The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim {3522 A.H./C-520 B.C.}^a the son of Josiah king of Judah, that was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;

(2) That which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah, and to all those who lived in Jerusalem, saying,

(3) From the thirteenth year of Josiah {3499 A.H./C- 543 B.C.}^b the son of Amon king of Judah, even to this day, that is the twenty-third year {3522 A.H./C-520 B.C.}, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} has come to me, and I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking; but you have not listened.

25:1a - 4th year of Jehoiakim - 2nd year after first group of captives exiled to Babylon [3522 A.H./C-520 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#) – first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon – because when he took the first group of exiles he was not a king but a general

25:3b - 13th year of Josiah [3499 A.H./C- 543 B.C.] - 4th year of Jehoiakim - 2nd year after first group of captives exiled to Babylon

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(4) And the LORD {Jehovah} has sent to you all His servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*; but you have not listened, nor inclined your ear to hear.

(5) They said, Turn again now everyone from his evil way, and from the evil of your deeds, and live in the land that the LORD {Jehovah} has given to you and to your forefathers forever and ever:

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

(7) Yet you have not listened to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}; that you might provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt. (8) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; Because you have not heard My words,

(9) Indeed, I will send and take all the families of the north, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land, and against those who live in it, and against all these nations all around, and will completely destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolation.

(10) Furthermore I will take from them the voice of joy, 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 candle.

(11) And this whole land will be a desolation, *and* an astonishment; and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years,^c

(12) And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, says the LORD {Jehovah}, for their sin, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolation.

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

(14) Because many nations and great kings will serve themselves of them also: and I will repay them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

(15) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says to me; Take the wine cup of this fury at My hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it.

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

(17) Then I took the cup at the LORD's {Jehovah's} hand, and caused all the nations to drink, to whom the LORD {Jehovah} had sent me:

(18) *Including*, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and its kings, and its princes, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse; as *it is* this day;

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

(20) And all the mingled people,^d and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod,

25:11c – Judah will be in captivity for 70 years - Dan. 9:2 - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

25:20d – mingled people – people who had intermarried with unbelievers of other nations

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(21) Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon,
(22) And all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isles which *are* beyond the sea,
(23) Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all *that are* in the utmost corners,
(24) And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people who live in the desert,
(25) And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes,
(26) And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which *are* upon the face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach will drink after them.
(27) Therefore you shall say to them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Drink, and be drunken, and spew, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.
(28) And it will be, if they refuse to take the cup at your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; You will certainly drink.
(29) Because, indeed, I begin to bring evil upon the city which is called by My Name, and should you be completely unpunished? You will not be unpunished: because I will call for a sword upon all those who live on the earth, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}.
(30) Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and say to them, The LORD {Jehovah} shall roar from on high, and speak His voice from His holy habitation {where He lives}; He will mightily roar upon His habitation {where He lives}; He will give a shout, as those who tread *the grapes*, against all those who live on the earth.

(31) A noise will come *even* to the ends of the earth; because the LORD {Jehovah} has a controversy with the nations, He will plead with all flesh; He will give those who *are* wicked to the sword, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
(32) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says, Indeed, evil will go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind will be raised up from the coasts of the earth.
(33) And those killed of the LORD {Jehovah} shall be at that day from *one* end of the earth even to the *other* end of the earth: they will not be mourned, neither gathered, nor buried; they will be as manure upon the ground.
(34) Howl, you shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves *in the ashes*, you leaders of the flock: because the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and you will fall like a pleasant vessel.
(35) And the shepherds will have no way to flee, nor the leaders of the flock to escape.
(36) A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and a howling of the leaders of the flock, *will be heard*: because the LORD {Jehovah} has spoiled their pasture.
(37) And the peaceable houses are cut down because of the fierce anger of the LORD {Jehovah}.
(38) He has forsaken His tabernacle {temple}, as the lion: because their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of His fierce anger.

Chapter 26

(1) In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the LORD {Jehovah}, saying,

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(2) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Stand in the court of the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple}, and speak to all the cities of Judah, who come to worship in the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple}, all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not diminish a word:
(3) If perhaps they will listen, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent Myself of the evil, which I purpose to do to them because of the evil of their deeds.
(4) And you shall say to them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; 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 sent to you, both rising up early, and sending *them*, but you have not listened;
(6) Then I will make this house {temple} like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.
(7) So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.
(8) Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD {Jehovah} had commanded *him* to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, You shall surely die.
(9) Why have you prophesied in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, saying, This house {temple} will be like Shiloh, and this city will be desolate without anyone living in it? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(10) When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple}.
(11) Then the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and to all the people, saying, This man *is* worthy to die; because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.
(12) Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD {Jehovah} sent me to prophesy against this house {temple} and against this city all the words that you have heard.
(13) Therefore now amend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} your God; and the LORD {Jehovah} will repent of the evil that He has pronounced against you.
(14) As for me, I *am* in your hand: do with me as seems good and appropriate to you.
(15) But know for certain, that if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon those who live in it: because truly the LORD {Jehovah} has sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.
(16) Then the princes and all the people said to the priests and to the prophets; This man *is* not worthy to die: because he has spoken to us in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} our God.
(17) Then certain of the elders of the land rose up, and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying,

(18) Micah the Morasthite^a prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; **Zion will be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem will become heaps of rubble, and the mountain of the house {temple} as the high places of a forest.**

(19) Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear the LORD {Jehovah}, and beg the LORD {Jehovah}, and the LORD {Jehovah} repented of the evil which He had pronounced against them? So might we procure great evil against our souls.

(20) And there was also a man who prophesied in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjathjearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah:

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

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

(23) And they brought forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him to Jehoiakim the king; who killed him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people.

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

Chapter 27

(1) In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word to Jeremiah from the LORD {Jehovah}, saying,

(2) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} said to me; **Make for yourself bonds and yokes, and put them upon your neck,**

(3) **And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyrus, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers who come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah;**

(4) **And command them to say to their masters, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Say this to your masters;**

(5) **I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and have given it to whom it seemed appropriate to Me.**

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

(7) **And all nations will serve him, and his son, and his son's son,^a until the very time of his land comes to an end: and then many nations and great kings will serve themselves of him.**

(8) **And it will come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation I will punish, says the LORD {Jehovah}, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.**

26:18a – Micah 1:1
27:7a – Dan. 5:1

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(9) Therefore do not listen to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, who speak to you, saying, You will not serve the king of Babylon:
(10) Because they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and you should perish.
(11) But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those I will let remain still in their own land, says the LORD {Jehovah}; and they will till it, and live in it.
(12) I spoke also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.
(13) Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the LORD {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 will not serve the king of Babylon: because they prophesy a lie to you.
(15) Because I have not sent them, says the LORD {Jehovah}, yet they prophesy a lie in My Name; that I might drive you out, 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, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, Surely, the vessels of the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple} will now shortly be brought again from Babylon: because they prophesy a lie to you.
(17) Do not listen to them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: why should this city be laid waste?

(18) But if they *are* prophets, and if the word of the LORD {Jehovah} is with them, let them now make intercession to the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, that the vessels which are left in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and *in* the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, not go to Babylon.
19) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea {great bowl; priests' bath tub},^b and concerning the bases, and concerning the remainder of the vessels that remain in this city,
(20) Which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem;
(21) Yes, this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says, concerning the vessels that remain *in* the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and *in* the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem;
(22) They will be carried to Babylon, and there they will be until the day that I visit them, says the LORD; then I will bring them up, and restore them to this place.

Chapter 28

(1) And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year {3532 A.H./C- 510 B.C.},^a and in the fifth month {Ab [July/August]}, that Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, which *was* of Gibeon, spoke to me in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,

27:19b – sea – great bowl – bath tub for priests - I Ki. 7:23
28:1a - fourth year Zedekiah - 12 years after first captives taken to Babylon 7 years before destruction of the temple [3532 A.H./C- 510 B.C. - See Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

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(2) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

(3) Within two full years I will bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple}, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon:

(4) And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, who went into Babylon, says the LORD {Jehovah}: because I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

(5) Then 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 {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah},

(6) Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen {Let it be}: the LORD {Jehovah} do so: the LORD {Jehovah} perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple}, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place.

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

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

(9) The prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, *then* the prophet will be known, that the LORD {Jehovah} has truly sent him.

(10) Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and broke it.

(11) And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Even so I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

(12) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jeremiah *the prophet*, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

(13) Go and tell Hananiah, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; You have broken the yokes of wood; but you shall make for them yokes of iron.

(14) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they will serve him; and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

(15) Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD {Jehovah} has not sent you; but you cause this people to trust in a lie.

(16) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will cast you from off the face of the earth: this year you will die, because you have taught rebellion against the LORD {Jehovah}.

(17) So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month {Tishri [Sept.-Oct.]}.^b

28:17b - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar](#) at www.TheWordNotes.com

Chapter 29

(1) Now these *are* the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the remainder of the elders who were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;

(2) (After Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were taken from Jerusalem;)

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

(4) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts, the God of Israel says, to all who are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon;

(5) Build houses, and live *in them*; and plant gardens, and eat their fruit;

(6) Take for yourselves 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; that you may be increased there, and not diminished.

(7) And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray to the LORD {Jehovah} for it: because in its peace you will have peace.

(8) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Do not let your prophets and your diviners, who *are* in your midst, deceive you, neither listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed.

(9) Because they prophesy falsely to you in My Name: I have not sent them, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(10) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, That after seventy years^a are accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform My good word towards you, in causing you to return to this place.

(11) Because I know the thoughts that I think towards you, says the LORD {Jehovah}, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

(12) Then you will call upon Me, and you will go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

(13) And you will seek Me, and find *Me*, when you will search for Me with all your heart.

(14) And I will be found by you, says the LORD {Jehovah}: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD {Jehovah}; and I will bring you again into the place where I caused you to be carried away captive.

(15) Because you have said, The LORD {Jehovah} has raised up for us prophets in Babylon;

(16) *Know* that this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says of the king who sits upon the throne of David, and of all the people who live in this city, *and* of your brothers who have not gone forth with you into captivity;

(17) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; Indeed, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like bad figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad.

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

29:10a – Jer. 25:11,12

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(19) Because they have not listened to My words, says the LORD {Jehovah}, which I sent to them by My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*; but you would not hear, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(20) Hear therefore the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, all you of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon:

(21) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says, of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie to you in My Name; Indeed, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he will kill them before your eyes;

(22) And they will be taken up as a curse by all those of captivity of Judah who *are* in Babylon, saying, The LORD {Jehovah} make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;

(23) Because they have committed treachery in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken lying words in My Name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and *am* a witness, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(24) *So* you shall also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying,

(25) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says, saying, Because you have sent letters in your name to all the people who *are* at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

(26) The LORD {Jehovah} has made you priest in the place of Jehoiada the priest, that you should be officers in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, because every man *that is* mad, and makes himself a prophet, that you should put him in prison, and in the stocks.

(27) Now therefore why have you not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes himself a prophet to you?

(28) Therefore because he sent to us *in* Babylon, saying, This *captivity* is long; build houses, and live *in them*; 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 the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jeremiah, saying,

(31) Send to all those of the captivity, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I did not send him, and he caused you to trust in a lie:

(32) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his descendants: he will not have a man to live among this people; neither will he see the good that I will do for My people, says the LORD {Jehovah}; because he has taught rebellion against the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 30

(1) The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD {Jehovah}, saying,

(2) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, saying, Write all the words that I have spoken to you in a book.

(3) Because, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that I will bring again the captivity of My people Israel and Judah, says the LORD {Jehovah}; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their forefathers, and they will possess it.

(4) And these *are* the words that the LORD {Jehovah} spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah.

(5) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

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(6) Ask now, and see whether a man has labor pains of child birth? why do I see every man with his hands on his waist, as a woman in child birth, and all faces have turned pale?
(7) Alas! because that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble;^a but he will be saved out of it.
(8) Because it will come to pass in that day, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, *that* I will break his yoke from off your neck, and will burst your bonds, and strangers will no more serve themselves of him:
(9) But they will serve the LORD {Jehovah} their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up to them.
(10) Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob, says the LORD {Jehovah}; neither be dismayed, O Israel: because, indeed, I will save you from afar, and your descendants from the land of their captivity; and Jacob will return, and will be in rest, and be quiet, and no one will make *him* afraid.
(11) Because I *am* with you, says the LORD {Jehovah}, to save you: though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a full end of you: but I will correct you in measure, and will not leave you altogether unpunished.
(12) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Your bruise *is* incurable, *and* your wound *is* grievous.
(13) *There is* no one to plead your cause, that you may be bandaged up: you have no healing medicines.
(14) All your lovers have forgotten you; they do not seek you; because I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, with the punishment of a cruel one, because of the multitude of your sins; *because* your sins were increased.

(15) Why do you cry because of your affliction? your sorrow *is* incurable because of the multitude of your sins: *because* your sins were increased, I have done these things to you.
(16) Therefore all those who devour you will be devoured; and all your adversaries, every one of them, will go into captivity; and those who spoil you will be a spoil, and all those who prey upon you I will give for a prey.
(17) Because I will restore health to you, and I will heal you of your wounds, says the LORD {Jehovah}; because they called you an Outcast, *saying*, This *is* Zion, whom no man seeks after.
(18) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his houses; and the city will be built upon her own heap, and the palace will remain after its manner.
(19) And out of them will proceed thanksgiving and the voice of those who make merry: and I will multiply them, and they will not be few; I will also glorify them, and they will not be small.
(20) Their children also will be as before, and their congregation will be established before Me, and I will punish all who oppress them.
(21) And their nobles will be of their own, and their governor will proceed from their midst; and I will cause him to draw near, and he will approach to Me: because who *is* this who engaged his heart to approach to Me? says the LORD {Jehovah}.
(22) And you will be My people, and I will be your God.
(23) See, the whirlwind of the LORD {Jehovah} goes forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it will fall with pain upon the head of the wicked.

30:7a – time of Jacob's Trouble – also known as the Great Tribulation – last seven years prior to the Lord's Return at Armageddon.

(24) The fierce anger of the LORD {Jehovah} will not return, until He has done *it*, and until He has performed the intents of His heart: in the latter days you will consider it.

Chapter 31

(1) At the same time, says the LORD {Jehovah}, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be My people.

(2) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, The people *who were* left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; *even* Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.

(3) The LORD {Jehovah} has appeared of old to me, *saying*, Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you.

(4) Again I will build you, and you will be built, O virgin of Israel: you will again be adorned with your tambourines, and will go forth in the dances of those who make merry.

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

(6) Because there will be a day, *that* the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim will cry, Arise, and let us go up to Zion to the LORD {Jehovah} our God.

(7) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish it, give praise, and say, O LORD {Jehovah}, save Your people, the remnant of Israel.

(8) Indeed, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, *and* with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her who labors in child birth together: a great company will return there.

(9) They shall come with weeping, and with requests I will lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, in which they will not stumble: because I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim is My firstborn.

(10) Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, O nations, and declare *it* in the islands afar off, and say, He Who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd *keeps* his flock.

(11) Because the LORD {Jehovah} has redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of *him who was* stronger than he.

(12) Therefore they will come and sing in the height of Zion, and will flow together to the goodness of the LORD {Jehovah}, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul will be as a watered garden; and they will not sorrow any more at all.

(13) Then the virgin will rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: because I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and cause them to rejoice from their sorrow.

(14) And I will satisfy the soul of the priests with fatness, and My people will be satisfied with My goodness, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(15) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; A voice was heard in Ramah, loud crying, *and* bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted, because they *were* no more.^a

(16) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears: because your work will be rewarded, says the LORD {Jehovah}; and they will come again from the land of the enemy.

31:15a – Mat. 2:18

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(17) And there is hope in your end, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that your children will come again to their own border.

(18) I have surely heard Ephraim himself crying *this*; You have punished me, and I was punished, as a bull unaccustomed to the yoke: turn me, and I will be turned; because you *are* the LORD {Jehovah} my God.

(19) Surely after I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I struck upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yes, even confounded, because I bore the reproach of my youth.

(20) *Is* Ephraim My dear son? *is he* a pleasant child? because since I spoke against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore My inward parts are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(21) Set up for yourself landmarks, make for yourself high heaps: set your heart towards the highway, *even* the way *which* you went: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these your cities.

(22) How long will you wander about, O backsliding daughter? because the LORD {Jehovah} has created a new thing in the earth, A woman will protect a man.

(23) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; As yet they will use this speech in the land of Judah and in its cities, when I will bring again their captivity; The LORD {Jehovah} bless you, O house of justice, *and* mountain of holiness.

(24) And there will live in Judah itself, and in all its cities together, gardeners, and those who go forth with flocks.

(25) Because I have satisfied the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.

(26) Upon this I awoke, and saw; and my sleep was sweet to me.

(27) Indeed, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.

(28) And it will come to pass, *that* just as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so I will watch over them, to build, and to plant, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

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

(30) But everyone will die for his own sin: every man who eats the sour grape, his teeth will be set on edge.

(31) Indeed, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

(32) Not according to the covenant that I made with their forefathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them, says the LORD {Jehovah}:

(33) But this *will be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, says the LORD {Jehovah}, I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they will be My people.

(34) And they will no more teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD {Jehovah}; because they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD {Jehovah}: because I will forgive their sin, and I will remember their sin no more.

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(35) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Who gives the sun for a light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, Who divides the sea when its waves roar; The LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} is His Name:
(36) If those laws depart from before Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}, *then* the descendants of Israel also will cease from being a nation before Me forever.
(37) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the descendants of Israel because of all that they have done, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
(38) Indeed, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that the city will be built to the LORD {Jehovah} from the tower of Hananeel to the gate of the corner.
(39) And the measuring line will yet go forth opposite it upon the hill Gareb, and will circle to Goath.
(40) And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields to the brook of Kidron, to the corner of the horse gate towards the east, *will be* holy to the LORD {Jehovah}; it will not be plucked up, nor thrown down anymore forever.

Chapter 32

(1) The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD {Jehovah} in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah {3539 A.H./C- 503 B.C.},^a which *was* the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.
(2) Because then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which *was* in the king of Judah's house.

(3) Because Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Why do you prophesy, and say, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, *Indeed*, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will take it;
(4) And Zedekiah king of Judah will not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but will surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and will speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes will see his eyes;
(5) And he will lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he will remain until I visit him, says the LORD {Jehovah}: though you fight with the Chaldeans, you will not prosper.
(6) And Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,
(7) *Indeed*, Hanameel the son of Shallum your uncle will come to you, saying, Buy for yourself my field that *is* in Anathoth: because the right of redemption *is* yours to buy *it*.
(8) So Hanameel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, and said to me, I ask you to buy my field that *is* in Anathoth, which *is* in the country of Benjamin: because the right of inheritance *is* yours, and the redemption *is* yours; buy *it* for yourself. Then I knew that this *was* the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.
(9) And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that *was* in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, *even* seventeen shekels of silver {about 6.8 ounces; 193.8 grams}.^b
(10) And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed *it*, and took witnesses, and weighed *him* the money in the balances.

32:1a - 10th year of Zedekiah - the year of Zedekiah's rebellion and the destruction of the Temple [3539 A.H./C- 503 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#) - eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar - see note on Jer. 25:1
32:9b - seventeen shekels - about 6.8 ounces; 193.8 grams - 1 shekel = 0.4 oz; 11.4 g - see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(11) So I took the evidence of the purchase, *both* that which was sealed *according* to the law and custom, and that which was open:
(12) And I gave the evidence of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel my uncle's *son*, and in the presence of the witnesses who signed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews who sat in the court of the prison.
(13) And I charged Baruch before them, saying,
(14) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; *Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days.*
(15) *Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Houses and fields and vineyards will be possessed again in this land.*
(16) Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to the LORD {Jehovah}, saying,
(17) Ah Lord GOD {Jehovah}! Indeed, You have made the heaven and the earth by Your great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for You:
(18) You show loving kindness to thousands, and repay the sin of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, *is* His Name,
(19) Great in counsel, and mighty in work: because Your eyes *are* open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give everyone according to his deeds, and according to the fruit of his deeds:

(20) Who has set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, *even* to this day, and in Israel, and among *other* men; and have made for Yourself a Name, as at this day;
(21) And has brought forth Your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror;
(22) And have given them this land, which You swore to their forefathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey;
(23) And they came in, and possessed it; but they did not obey Your voice, neither walked in Your law; they have done nothing of all that You commanded them to do: therefore You have caused all this evil to come upon them:
(24) See the mounts, they have come to the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans, who fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence: and what You have spoken has come to pass; and, indeed, You see *it*.
(25) And You have said to me, O Lord GOD {Jehovah}, *Buy for yourself the field for money, and take witnesses; because the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.*
(26) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jeremiah, saying,
(27) *Indeed, I am the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for Me?*
(28) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; *Indeed, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he will take it:*

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(29) And the Chaldeans, who fight against this city, will come and set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense to Baal, and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke Me to anger.

(30) Because the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil before Me from their youth: because the children of Israel have only provoked Me to anger with the work of their hands, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(31) Because this city has been to Me as a provocation of My anger and of My fury from the day that they built it even to this day; that I should remove it from before My face,

(32) Because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke Me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and those who live in Jerusalem.

(33) And they have turned to Me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, rising up early and teaching *them*, yet they have not listened to receive instruction.

(34) But they set their abominations in the house {temple}, which is called by My Name, to defile it.

(35) And they built the high places of Baal, which *are* in the valley of the son of Hinnom,^c to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* to Molech; which I did not command them, neither did it come into My mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

(36) And now therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of Israel says, concerning this city, of which you say, It will be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence;

(37) Indeed, I will gather them out of all countries, where I have driven them in My anger, and in My fury, and in great wrath {anger; judgment}; and I will bring them again to this place, and I will cause them to live safely:

(38) And they will be My people, and I will be their God:

(39) And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear {revere} Me forever, for their own good, and of their children after them:

(40) And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put My fear {reverence} in their hearts, that they will not depart from Me.

(41) Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with My whole heart and with My whole soul.

(42) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Just as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so I will bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

(43) And fields will be bought in this land, of which you say, It is desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

(44) Men will buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and seal *them*, and take 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 valley, and in the cities of the south: because I will cause their captivity to return, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

32:35c – valley of the son of Hinnom – see Is. 30:33; Jer. 7:31

Chapter 33

(1) Furthermore the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the prison, saying,
(2) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} its Maker says, the LORD {Jehovah} Who formed it, to establish it; the LORD {Jehovah} is His Name;
(3) Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.
(4) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of Israel says, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by the mounts, and by the sword;
(5) They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but *it is* to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have killed in My anger and in My fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hidden My face from this city.
(6) Indeed, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.
(7) And I will cause 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 sin, by which they have sinned against Me; and I will pardon all their sins, by which they have sinned, and by which they have transgressed against Me.
(9) And it will be to Me a name of joy, a praise and an honor before all the nations of the earth, which will hear all the good that I do to them: and they will fear and tremble because of all the goodness and because of all the prosperity that I give to it.

(10) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Again there will be heard in this place, which you say *will be* desolate without man and without beast, *even* in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without anyone living in it, and without 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 who will say, Praise the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}: because the LORD {Jehovah} is good; because His mercy *endures* forever: *and* of those who shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}. Because I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
(12) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all its cities, will be homes of shepherds causing *their* flocks to lie down.
(13) In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks will pass again under the hands of him who counts *them*, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
(14) Indeed, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that I will perform that 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 the Branch of Righteousness to grow up to David; and He will execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

(16) In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live safely: and this is *the name* by which she will be called, The LORD {Jehovah} our righteousness.

(17) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; David will never lack a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

(18) Neither will the priests the Levites lack a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

(19) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jeremiah, saying,

(20) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; If you can break My covenant of the day, and My covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

(21) *Then* may My covenant also be broken with David My servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, My ministers.

(22) As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea be measured: so I will multiply the descendants of David My servant, and the Levites who minister to Me.

(23) Furthermore the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jeremiah, saying,

(24) Do you not consider what this people has spoken, saying, The two families which the LORD {Jehovah} has chosen, He has even cast them off? So they have despised My people, that they should be no more a nation before them.

(25) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; If My covenant is not with day and night, *and if* I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

(26) Then I will cast away the descendants of Jacob, and David My servant, so that I will not take *any* of his descendants to be rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: because I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

Chapter 34

(1) The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD {Jehovah}, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth of his dominion, and all the people, fought against Jerusalem, and against all its cities, saying,

(2) This is what the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of Israel says; Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will burn it with fire:

(3) And you will not escape out of his hand, but will surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and your eyes will see the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he will speak with you mouth to mouth, and you will go to Babylon.

(4) Yet hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, O Zedekiah king of Judah; This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says of you, You will not die by the sword:

(5) *But* you will die in peace: and with the burnings of your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so they will burn *aromas* for you; and they will mourn for you, *saying*, Ah lord! because I have pronounced the word, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

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(6) Then 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 were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah: because these defended cities remained of the cities of Judah.

(8) *This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD {Jehovah}, after the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people who were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty to them;*

(9) That every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant, *who is a Hebrew or a Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, of his brother a Jew.*

(10) Now when all the princes, and all the people, who had entered into the covenant, heard that everyone should let his manservant, and everyone his maidservant, go free, that no one should serve themselves of them anymore, then they obeyed, and let *them go.*

(11) But afterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

(12) Therefore the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

(13) *This is what the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of Israel says; I made a covenant with your forefathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen, saying,*

(14) *At the end of seven years every man of you are to let his brother a Hebrew go, who has been sold to you; and when he has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you:^a but your fathers did not listen to Me, neither inclined their ear.*

(15) And you were now turned, and had done right in My sight, in proclaiming liberty to his neighbor; and you had made a covenant before Me in the house {temple} which is called by My Name:

(16) But you turned and polluted My Name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom you had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be to you for servants and for handmaids.

(17) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; You have not listened to Me, in proclaiming liberty, everyone to his brother, and every man to his neighbor: Indeed, I proclaim a liberty for you, says the LORD {Jehovah}, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will cause you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

(18) And I will give the men who have sinned against My covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before Me, when they cut the calf in two, and passed between its parts,

(19) The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, who passed between the parts of the calf;

(20) I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life: and their dead bodies will be for meat to the birds of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth.

(21) And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes I will give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which have gone up from you.

(22) Indeed, I will command, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without anyone living in it.

34:14a – Ex. 21:2

Chapter 35

(1) The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD {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 into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.*

(3) Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziniah, and his brothers, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites;

(4) And I brought them into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which *was* by the chamber of the princes, which *was* above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door:

(5) And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said to them, Drink wine.

(6) But they said, We will drink no wine: because Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, You shall drink no wine, *neither you, nor your sons forever*:

(7) Neither shall you build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have *any*: but all your days you shall live in tents; that you may live many days in the land where you *are* strangers.

(8) So we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he has charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters;

(9) Nor to build houses for us to live in: neither do we have vineyard, nor field, nor seed:

(10) But we have lived in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

(11) But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem because of fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we live at Jerusalem.

(12) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jeremiah, saying,

(13) *This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Go and tell the men of Judah and those who live in Jerusalem, Will you not receive instruction to listen to My words? says the LORD {Jehovah}.*

(14) *The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; because to this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: nevertheless I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking; but you have not listened to Me.*

(15) *I have sent also to you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return now every man from his evil way, and amend your deeds, and do not go after other gods to serve them, and you will live in the land which I have given to you and to your forefathers: but you have not inclined your ear, nor listened to Me.*

(16) *Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people has not listened to Me:*

(17) *Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Indeed, I will bring upon Judah and upon all those who live in Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken to them, but they have not heard; and I have called to them, but they have not answered.*

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(18) And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; **Because you have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according to all that he has commanded you:**

(19) **Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Jonadab the son of Rechab will not lack a man to stand before Me forever.**

Chapter 36

(1) And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim {3522 A.H./C-520 B.C.}^a the son of Josiah king of Judah, *that* this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD {Jehovah}, saying,

(2) **Take to yourself a scroll, 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) **It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do to them; that every man may return from his evil way; that I may forgive their evil deeds and their sin.**

(4) Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD {Jehovah}, which he had spoken to him, upon a scroll.

(5) And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I *am* shut up; I cannot go into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}:

(6) Therefore you go, and read in the scroll, which you have written from my mouth, the words of the LORD {Jehovah} in the ears of the people in the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple} upon the fasting day: and you shall also read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.

(7) It may be they will present their request before the LORD {Jehovah}, and everyone will return from his evil way: because great *is* the anger and the fury that the LORD {Jehovah} has pronounced against this people.

(8) And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the scroll the words of the LORD {Jehovah} in the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple}.

(9) And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim {3523 A.H./C-519 B.C.}^b the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month {Kislev [Nov.-Dec.]}, *that* they proclaimed a fast before the LORD {Jehovah} to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem.

(10) Then Baruch read in the scroll the words of Jeremiah in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple}, in the ears of all the people.

(11) When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the scroll all the words of the LORD {Jehovah},

36:1a - 4th year of Jehoiakim - 2nd year after first group of captives exiled to Babylon [3522 A.H./C-520 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

36:9b - 5th year of Jehoiakim - 3rd year after first group of captives exiled to Babylon [3523 A.H./C-519 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)
- See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com](#)

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(12) That he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, indeed, all the princes sat there, *even* Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes.

(13) Then Michaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.

(14) Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cush, to Baruch, saying, Take in your hand the scroll in which you have read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand, and came to them.

(15) And they said to him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read *it* in their ears.

(16) Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said to Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words.

(17) And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How did you write all these words at his mouth?

(18) Then Baruch answered them, He spoke all these words to me with his mouth, and I wrote *them* with ink in the scroll.

(19) Then the princes said to Baruch, Go, hide yourself, you and Jeremiah; and let no man know where you are.

(20) And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the scroll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king.

(21) So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the scroll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes who stood beside the king.

(22) Now the king sat in the winter house in the ninth month {Kislev [Nov./Dec.]}:^c and *there was a fire* on the hearth burning before him.

(23) And it came to pass, *that* when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast *it* into the fire that *was* on the hearth, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that *was* on the hearth.

(24) Yet they were not afraid, nor tore their clothing, *neither* the king, nor any of his servants who heard all these words.

(25) Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the scroll: but he would not listen to them.

(26) But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD {Jehovah} hid them.

(27) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jeremiah, after the king had burned the scroll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

(28) *Take to yourself again another scroll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned.*

(29) *And you shall say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; You have burned this scroll, saying, Why have you written in it, saying, The king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, and will cause to cease from there man and beast?*

(30) *Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He will have no one to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body will be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.*

36:22c - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com](#)

(31) And I will punish him and his descendants and his servants for their sin; and I will bring upon them, and upon those who live in Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they did not listen.

(32) Then Jeremiah took another scroll, 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 there were added besides to them many similar words.

Chapter 37

(1) And king Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.

(2) But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, listened to the words of the LORD {Jehovah}, which He spoke by the prophet Jeremiah.

(3) And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now to the LORD {Jehovah} our God for us.

(4) Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: because they had not put him into prison.

(5) Then Pharaoh's army came forth out of Egypt: and when the Chaldeans who besieged Jerusalem heard news of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

(6) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

(7) This is what the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of Israel says; This is what you shall say to the king of Judah, who sent you to Me to inquire of Me; Indeed, Pharaoh's army, which has come forth to help you, will return to Egypt into their own land.

(8) And the Chaldeans will come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire.

(9) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Do not deceive yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans will surely depart from us: because they will not depart.

(10) Because though you had stricken the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained *but* wounded men among them, *yet* every man of them would rise up in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

(11) And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army,

(12) Then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to separate himself there in the midst of the people.

(13) And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward *was* there, whose name *was* Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, You have fallen away to join the Chaldeans.

(14) Then Jeremiah said, *It is false*; I have not fallen away to join the Chaldeans. But he did not listen to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.

(15) Therefore the princes were angry with Jeremiah, and struck him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: because they had made that the prison.

(16) When Jeremiah had entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days;

(17) Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there *any* word from the LORD {Jehovah}? And Jeremiah said, There is: because, He said, *you will be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.*

(18) Furthermore Jeremiah said to king Zedekiah, What have I offended against you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison?
(19) Where *are* your prophets now who prophesied to you, saying, The king of Babylon will not come against you, nor against this land?
(20) Therefore hear now, I ask you, O my lord the king: let my request, I ask you, be accepted before you; that you not cause me to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.
(21) Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city were spent. So Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

Chapter 38

(1) Then Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken to all the people, saying,
(2) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **He who remains in this city will die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he who goes forth to the Chaldeans will live; because he will have his life for his reward, and will live.**
(3) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **This city will surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which will take it.**
(4) Therefore the princes said to the king, We ask you, let this man be put to death: because he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words to them: because this man does not seek the welfare of this people, but the hurt.

(5) Then Zedekiah the king said, Indeed, he *is* in your hand: because the king *is* not *one who* can do *anything* against you.
(6) Then they took Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that *was* in the court of the prison: and they let Jeremiah down with ropes. And in the dungeon *there was* no water, but only mud: so Jeremiah sunk in the mud.
(7) Now when Ebedmelech {servant of a king}^a the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin;
(8) Ebedmelech went forth 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 cast into the dungeon; and he is likely to die for hunger in the place where he is: because *there is* no more bread in the city.
(10) Then the king commanded Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from here thirty men with you, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he dies.
(11) So Ebedmelech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took from there old worn out cloths^b and old rotten rags, and let them down by ropes into the dungeon to Jeremiah.
(12) And Ebedmelech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, Put *these* old worn out clothes and rotten rags under your armpits under the ropes. And Jeremiah did so.
(13) So they drew up Jeremiah with ropes, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

38:7a – Ebedmelech {עֶבֶד מֶלֶךְ} - servant of a king
38:11b – cast cloths – worn out or discarded scraps of cloth

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(14) Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet to himself into the third entry that is in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}; and the king said to Jeremiah, I will ask you a thing; do not hide anything from me.

(15) Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, If I declare *it* to you, will you not surely put me to death? and if I give you counsel, will you not listen to me?

(16) So Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, Who made us this soul, I will not put you to death, neither will I give you into the hand of these men who seek your life.

(17) Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, This is what the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; *If you will assuredly go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then your soul will live, and this city will not be burned with fire; and you will live, and your house:*

(18) *But if you will not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then this city will be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they will burn it with fire, and you will 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 deliver me into their hand, and they mock me.

(20) But Jeremiah said, They will not deliver you. *I ask you* to obey, the voice of the LORD {Jehovah}, which I speak to you: so it will be well to you, and your soul will live.

(21) But if you refuse to go forth, this is the word that the LORD {Jehovah} has shown me:

(22) *And, indeed, all the women who are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women will say, Your friends have set on you, and have prevailed against you: your feet have sunk into the mud, and they have turned away backward.*

(23) *So they will bring out all your wives and your children to the Chaldeans: and you will not escape out of their hand, but will be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and you will cause this city to be burned with fire.*

(24) Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and you will not die.

(25) But if the princes hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you, and say to you, Declare to us now what you have said to the king, also what the king said to you: do not hide it from us, and we will not put you to death;

(26) Then you shall say to them, I presented my request before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.

(27) Then all the princes came to Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; because the matter was not perceived.

(28) So Jeremiah stayed in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken: and he was *there* when Jerusalem was taken.

Chapter 39

(1) In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah {3537 A.H./C- 505 B.C.},^{a*} in the tenth month {Tebeth [Dec.-Jan.]} {10/10/3537 A.H.}, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

(2) *And* in the eleventh year of Zedekiah {3539 A.H./C- 503 B.C.}, in the fourth month {Tammuz [June-July]}, the ninth *day* of the month {4/9/3539 A.H.}, the city was broken up.^b

(3) And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, *even* Nergalsharezer, Samgarnebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris, Nergalsharezer, Rabmag, with all the remainder of the princes of the king of Babylon.

(4) And it came to pass, *that* when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate between the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain.

(5) But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him.

(6) Then the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon killed all the nobles of Judah.

(7) Furthermore he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him 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) Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remainder of the people that remained in the city, and those who fell away, who fell to him, with the rest of the people who remained.

(10) But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, who had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

(11) Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying,

(12) Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do to him even as he says to you.

(13) So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushasban, Rabsaris, and Nergalsharezer, Rabmag, and all the king of Babylon's princes;

(14) Even they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he lived among the people.

(15) Now the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

39:1a - 9th year of Zedekiah [3537 A.H./C- 505 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#) - II Ki. 25:1-4; II Chr. 36:11-19; Jer. 52:4-6; Ezek. 4:5 - Ezek. 24:1
39:2b - the siege lasted from 10/10/3537 A.H. To 4/9/3539 A.H. -- 1 year, 5 months, 29 days [360+150+29] - 539 days - 11th year of Zedekiah [3539 A.H./C- 503 B.C.] - Jer. 52:6; II Ki. 25:1-4; II Chr. 36:11-19; Ezek. 4:5 - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#) - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com](#)

(16) Go and speak to Ebedmelech^c the Ethiopian, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Indeed, I will bring My words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they will be *accomplished* in that day before you.

(17) But I will deliver you in that day, says the LORD {Jehovah}; and you will not be given into the hand of the men of whom you *are* afraid.

(18) Because I will surely deliver you, and you will not fall by the sword, but your life will be for a reward to you: because you have put your trust in Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 40

(1) The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD {Jehovah}, after Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all who were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, who were carried away captive to Babylon.

(2) And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said to him, The LORD {Jehovah} your God has pronounced this evil upon this place.

(3) Now the LORD {Jehovah} has brought it, and done just as He has said: because you have sinned against the LORD {Jehovah}, and have not obeyed His voice, therefore this thing has come upon you.

(4) And now, indeed, I loose you this day from the chains which *were* upon your hand. If it seems good to you to come with me into Babylon, come; and I will look well to you: but if it seems ill to you to come with me into Babylon, refrain: indeed, all the land *is* before you: where it seems good and convenient for you to go, go there.

(5) Now while he had not yet gone back, *he said*, Go back also to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has made governor over the cities of Judah, and live with him among the people: or go wherever it seems convenient to you to go. So the captain of the guard gave him food and a reward, and let him go.

(6) Then Jeremiah went to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and lived with him among the people who were left in the land.

(7) Now when all the captains of the forces which *were* in the fields, *even* they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed to him men, and women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of those who were not carried away captive to Babylon;

(8) Then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

(9) And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan swore to them and to their men, saying, Do not be afraid to serve the Chaldeans: live in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it will be well with you.

(10) As for me, indeed, I will live at Mizpah to serve the Chaldeans, who will come to us: but you, gather wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put *them* in your vessels, and live in your cities that you have taken.

(11) Likewise when all the Jews who *were* in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and who *were* in all the countries, 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;

39:16c – Jer. 38:7-12

(12) Even 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 abundance.

(13) Furthermore Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,

(14) And said to him, Do you certainly know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to kill you? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam did not believe them.

(15) Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, I ask you to let me go, and I will kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man will know it: why should he kill you, that all the Jews which are gathered to you should be scattered, and the remainder in Judah perish?

(16) But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, You shall not do this thing: because you speak falsely of Ishmael.

Chapter 41

(1) Now it came to pass in the seventh month {Tishri [Sept.-Oct.]},^a that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the royal descent, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they ate bread together in Mizpah.

(2) Then Ishmael the son of Nethaniah arose, and the ten men who were with him, and struck Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and killed him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land.

(3) Ishmael also killed all the Jews who were with him, *even* with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, *and* the men of war.

(4) And it came to pass the second day after he had killed Gedaliah, and no man knew it,

(5) That there came certain *men* from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, *even* eighty men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes torn, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring *them* to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(6) And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them, he said to them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam.

(7) And so it was, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah killed them, *and cast them* into the midst of the pit, he, and the men who were with him.

(8) But ten men were found among them who said to Ishmael, Do not kill us: because we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he refrained, and did not kill them among their brothers.

(9) Now the pit in which Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the men, whom he had killed because of Gedaliah, is the same as that which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel: *and* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with *those who were killed*.

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(10) Then Ishmael carried away captive all the remainder of the people that *were* in Mizpah, *even* the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites.

(11) But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who *were* with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done,

(12) Then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that *are* in Gibeon.

(13) Now it came to pass, *that* when all the people who *were* with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, then they were glad.

(14) So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned around and returned, 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 Ammonites.

(16) Then Johanan the son of Kareah took, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after he had killed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, *even* mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon:

(17) And they departed, and lived in the home of Chimham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt,

(18) Because of the Chaldeans: because they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had killed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

Chapter 42

(1) Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, came near,

(2) And said to Jeremiah the prophet, We ask you, let our request be accepted before you, and pray for us to the LORD {Jehovah} your God,^a *even* for all this remnant; (because we are left *but* a few of many, as your eyes see us:)

(3) That the LORD {Jehovah} your God may show us the way in which we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

(4) Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, I have heard *you*; Indeed, I will pray to the LORD {Jehovah} your God^b according to your words; and it will come to pass, *that* whatever thing the LORD {Jehovah} will answer you, I will declare *it* to you; I will keep nothing back from you.

(5) Then they said to Jeremiah, The LORD {Jehovah} is a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not do even according to all things for the which the LORD {Jehovah} your God will send you to us.

(6) Whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} our God,^c to Whom we send you; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} our God.

(7) And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jeremiah.

42:2a - notice that the people repeatedly refer to the Lord as Jeremiah's God

42:4b - notice that Jeremiah turns the words of the people around and refers to God as their God

42:6c - the people acknowledge God as - "our God"

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(8) Then he called Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who *were* with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

(9) And said to them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of Israel says, to Whom you sent me to present your request before Him;

(10) If you will still stay in this land, then I will build you, and not pull *you* down, and I will plant you, and not pluck *you* up: because I repent of 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 him, says the LORD {Jehovah}: because I *am* with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.

(12) And I will show mercies to you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.

(13) But if you say, We will not live in this land, neither obey the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} your God,

(14) Saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we will see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there we will live:

(15) And now therefore hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, you remnant of Judah; This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; If you completely set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to live there;

(16) Then it will come to pass, *that* the sword, which you feared, will overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, of which you were afraid, will follow close after you there in Egypt; and there you will die.

(17) So it will be with all the men who set their faces to go into Egypt to live there; they will die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and none of them will remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them.

(18) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; As My anger and My fury have been poured forth upon those who live in Jerusalem; so My fury will be poured forth upon you, when you will enter into Egypt: and you will be a curse, and an astonishment, and a shame, and a reproach; and you will see this place no more.

(19) The LORD {Jehovah} has said concerning you, O you remnant of Judah; Do not go into Egypt: know certainly that I have admonished you this day.

(20) Because you dealt deceitfully in your hearts, when you sent me to the LORD {Jehovah} your God, saying, Pray for us to the LORD {Jehovah} our God; and according to all that the LORD {Jehovah} our God will say, so declare to us, and we will do *it*.

(21) And *now* I have this day declared *it* to you; but you have not obeyed the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} your God, nor *anything* in which He has sent me to you.

(22) Now therefore know certainly that you will die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place where you desire to go *and* to live.

Chapter 43

(1) And it came to pass, *that* when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking to all the people all the words of the LORD {Jehovah} their God, for which the LORD {Jehovah} their God had sent him to them, *even* all these words,

(2) Then Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men spoke, saying to Jeremiah, You speak falsely: the LORD {Jehovah} our God has not sent you to say, *Do not go into Egypt to live there:*

(3) But Baruch the son of Neriah set you on against us, in order to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon.

(4) So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, did not obey the voice of the LORD {Jehovah}, to live in the land of Judah.

(5) But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, who had returned from all nations, where they had been driven, to live in the land of Judah;

(6) *Even* men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah.

(7) So they came into the land of Egypt: because they did not obey the voice of the LORD {Jehovah}: so they came *even* to Tahpanhes.

(8) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

(9) Take great stones in your hand, and hide them in the clay in the brick kiln, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah;

(10) And say to them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Indeed, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hidden; and he will spread his royal pavilion over them.

(11) And when he comes, he will strike the land of Egypt, *and deliver such as are determined* for death to death; and such *as are determined* for captivity to captivity; and such *as are determined* for the sword to the sword.

(12) And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he will burn them, and carry them away captives: and he will array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd puts on his clothes; and he will go forth from there in peace.

(13) He will also break the images of Bethshemesh {house of the sun},^a that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians he will burn with fire.

Chapter 44

(1) The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who live in the land of Egypt, who live at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

(2) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; You have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, indeed, this day they *are* a desolation, and no man lives there,

43:13a - Bethshemesh {בֵּית שֶׁמֶשׁ} - house of the sun - the sun god was one of Egypt's gods

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(3) Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke Me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, *and* to serve other gods, whom they did not know, *neither* they, nor you, nor your fathers.

(4) However I sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*, saying, Oh, do not do this abominable thing that I hate.

(5) But they did not listen, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense to other gods.

(6) Therefore My fury and My anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted *and* desolate, as at this day.

(7) Therefore now this is what the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Why do you commit *this* great evil against your souls, to cut off from yourselves man and woman, child and nursing baby, out of Judah, to leave you no one to remain;

(8) In that you provoke Me to wrath {anger; judgment} with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you have gone to live, that you might cut yourselves off, and that you might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

(9) Have you forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?

(10) They have not humbled *themselves even* to this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in My law, nor in My commandments, that I set before you and before your fathers.

(11) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Indeed, 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 live there, and they will all be consumed, *and* fall in the land of Egypt; they will *even* be consumed by the sword *and* by the famine: they will die, from the least even to the greatest, by the sword and by the famine: and they will be a curse, *and* an astonishment, and a shame, and a reproach.

(13) Because I will punish those who live in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence:

(14) So that none of the remnant of Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt to live there, will escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to which they have a desire to return to live there: because no one will return except those who will escape.

(15) Then all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to other gods, and all the women who stood by, a great multitude, 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 the LORD {Jehovah}, we will not listen to you.

(17) But we will certainly do whatever thing goes forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: because *then* we had plenty of food, and were well, and saw no evil.

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(18) But since we quit burning incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her, we have lacked all *things*, and have been consumed 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, we made her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her, without our men?

(20) Then Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people who had given him *that* answer, saying,

(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 princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD {Jehovah} remember them, and it did not come into His mind?

(22) So that the LORD {Jehovah} could no longer bear, because of the evil of your deeds, *and* because of the abominations which you have committed; therefore your land is a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without anyone living in it, as at this day.

(23) Because you have burned incense, and because you have sinned against the LORD {Jehovah}, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD {Jehovah}, nor walked in His law, nor in His commandments, nor in His testimonies; therefore this evil has happened to you, as at this day.

(24) Furthermore Jeremiah said to all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, all Judah who *are* in the land of Egypt:

(25) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says, saying; *You and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her: you will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows.*

(26) Therefore hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, all Judah who live in the land of Egypt; Indeed, I have sworn by My great Name, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that My Name will no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord GOD {Jehovah} lives.

(27) Indeed, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah who *are* in the land of Egypt will be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there is an end of them.

(28) Yet a small number who escape the sword will return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, who are gone into the land of Egypt to live there, will know whose words will stand, Mine, or theirs.

(29) And this *shall be* a sign to you, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that I will punish you in this place, that you may know that My words will surely stand against you for evil:

(30) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will give Pharaohhophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of those who seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and who sought his life.

Chapter 45

(1) The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a scroll at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim {3522 A.H./C-520 B.C.}^a the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

(2) This is what the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of Israel says, to you, O Baruch;

(3) You have said, Woe is me now! because the LORD {Jehovah} has added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.

(4) This is what you shall say to him, The LORD {Jehovah} says this; Indeed, *that* which I have built I will break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.

(5) And do you seek great things for yourself? do not seek *them*: because, indeed, I will bring evil upon all flesh, says the LORD {Jehovah}: but your life I will give to you for a reward in all places wherever you go.

Chapter 46

(1) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles {nations; non-Jews};

(2) Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaohnecho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon struck in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah.

(3) Put in order the armor and shield, and draw near to battle.

(4) Harness the horses; and get up, you horsemen, and stand forth with *your* helmets; sharpen the spears, *and* put on the coats of mail {armor}.^a

(5) Why have I seen them dismayed *and* turned away back? and their mighty ones are beaten down, and have fled away, and do not look back: *because* fear *was* all around, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(6) Do not let the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they will stumble, and fall towards the north by the river Euphrates.

(7) Who *is* this *who* comes up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers?

(8) Egypt rises up like a flood, and *his* waters are moved like the rivers; and he says, I will go up, *and* will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and those who live in it.

(9) Come up, you horses; and let the mighty men come forth; the Ethiopians and the Libyans, who handle the shield; and the Lydians, who handle *and* bend the bow.

(10) Because this *is* the day of the Lord GOD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, a day of vengeance, that He may avenge Himself of His adversaries: and the sword will devour, and it will be satisfied and made drunk with their blood: because the Lord GOD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} has a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

(11) Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain you will use many medicines; *because* you will not be cured.

(12) The nations have heard of your shame, and your cry has filled the land: because the mighty man has stumbled against the mighty, *and* they have both fallen together.

(13) The word that the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come *and* strike the land of Egypt.

45:1a - 4th year of Jehoiakim - 2nd year after first group of captives exiled to Babylon [3522 A.H./C-520 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)
46:4a - mail - fine metal mesh-like netting used as armor for protection

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(14) Declare in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say, Stand fast, and prepare yourself; because the sword will devour all around you.

(15) Why are your valiant *men* swept away? they did not stand, because the LORD {Jehovah} drove them.

(16) He caused many to fall, yes, one fell upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our birth, from the oppressing sword.

(17) They cried there, Pharaoh king of Egypt *is but* a noise; he has passed the time appointed.

(18) As I live, says the King, Whose Name is the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, Surely as Tabor *is* among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, *so* he will come.

(19) O you daughter living in Egypt, furnish yourself to go into captivity: because Noph shall be waste and desolate without anyone living in it.

(20) Egypt *is like* a very fair heifer, *but* destruction comes; it comes out of the north.

(21) Also her hired men *are* in the midst of her like fattened bulls; because they also have turned back, *and* have fled away together: they did not stand, because the day of their calamity has come upon them, *and* the time of their visitation.

(22) The news of it shall go like a snake; because they will march with an army, and come against her with axes, as those who cut wood.

(23) They will cut down her forest, says the LORD {Jehovah}, though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the grasshoppers, and *are* innumerable.

(24) The daughter of Egypt will be confounded; she will be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.

(25) The LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel, says; Indeed, I will punish the multitude of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and *all* those who trust in him:

(26) And I will deliver them into the hand of those who seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants: and afterward it will be lived in, as in the days of old, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(27) But do not be afraid, O My servant Jacob, and do not be dismayed, O Israel: because, indeed, I will save you from afar off, and your descendants from the land of their captivity; and Jacob will return, and be in rest and at ease, and no one will make *him* afraid.

(28) Do not be afraid, O Jacob My servant, says the LORD {Jehovah}: because I *am* with you; because I will make a full end of all the nations where I have driven you: but I will not make a full end of you, but correct you in measure; yet I will not leave you completely unpunished.

Chapter 47

(1) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before that Pharaoh struck Gaza.

(2) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, waters rise up out of the north, and will be an overflowing flood, and will overflow the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those who live there: then the men will cry, and all those who live in the land will howl.

(3) At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong *horses*, at the rushing of his chariots, *and at* the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers will not look back to *their* children because of feebleness of hands;
(4) Because of the day that comes to spoil all the Philistines, *and* to cut off from Tyrus and Zidon every helper who remains: because the LORD {Jehovah} will spoil the Philistines, the remnant of the country of Caphtor.
(5) Baldness has come upon Gaza; Ashkelon is cut off *with* the remnant of their valley: how long will you cut yourself?
(6) O you sword of the LORD {Jehovah}, how long *will it be* before you are quiet? put up yourself into your scabbard, rest, and be still.
(7) How can it be quiet, since the LORD {Jehovah} has given it a charge against Ashkelon, and against the sea shore? there He has appointed it.

Chapter 48

(1) Against Moab this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Woe to Nebo! because it is spoiled: Kiriathaim is confounded *and* taken: Misgab is confounded and dismayed.
(2) *There will be* no more praise of Moab: in Heshbon they have devised {planned} evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from *being* a nation. Also you will be cut down, O Madmen; the sword will pursue you.
(3) A voice of crying *will be* from Horonaim, spoiling and great destruction.
(4) Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.

(5) Because in the going up of Luhith continual weeping will go up; because in the going down of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.
(6) Flee, save your lives, and be like the juniper {without bark} in the wilderness.
(7) Because you have trusted in your works and in your treasures, you will also be taken: and Chemosh will go forth into captivity *with* his priests and his princes together.
(8) And the spoiler will come upon every city, and no city will escape: the valley also will perish, and the plain will be destroyed, as the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken.
(9) Give wings to Moab, that it may flee and get away: because its cities will be desolate, without any to live in them.
(10) Cursed is he who does the work of the LORD {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 wine dregs, and has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither has he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remains in him, and his scent is not changed.
(12) Therefore, indeed, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that I will send to him wanderers, who will cause him to wander, and will empty his vessels, and break their bottles.
(13) And Moab will be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel their confidence.
(14) How do you say, *We are* mighty and strong men for the war?
(15) Moab is spoiled, and gone up *out of* her cities, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, says the King, Whose Name is the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}.

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(16) The calamity of Moab is near at hand, and his affliction hastens fast.
(17) All you who are about him, mourn him; and all you who know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, and the beautiful rod!
(18) You daughter who lives in Dibon, come down from *your* glory, and sit in thirst; because the spoiler of Moab will come upon you, and he will destroy your strongholds.
(19) O you who live in Aroer, stand by the way, and spy; ask him who flees, and her who escapes, and say, What has happened?
(20) Moab is confounded; because it is broken down: howl and cry; tell it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled,
(21) And judgment has come upon the plain country; upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephaath,
(22) And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Bethdiblathaim,
(23) And upon Kiriathaim, and upon Bethgamul, and upon Bethmeon,
(24) And upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near.
(25) The kingdom of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
(26) Cause him to be drunken: because he magnified *himself* against the LORD {Jehovah}: Moab also will wallow in his vomit, and he also will be in derision.
(27) Because, was not Israel a derision to you? was he found among thieves? because since you spoke of him, you skipped for joy.
(28) O you who live in Moab, leave the cities, and live in the rock, and be like the dove that makes her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.

(29) We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceedingly proud) his loftiness, and his arrogance, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.
(30) I know his wrath {anger; judgment}, says the LORD {Jehovah}; but *it will not be so*; his lies will not so effect *it*.
(31) Therefore I will howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; My *heart* shall mourn for the men of Kirheres.
(32) O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for you with the weeping of Jazer: your plants have gone over the sea, they reach *even* to the sea of Jazer: the spoiler has fallen upon your summer fruits and upon your vintage.
(33) And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail from the wine presses: no one will tread with shouting; *their shouting will be no more*.
(34) From the cry of Heshbon *even* to Elealeh, and *even* to Jahaz, they have spoken their voice, from Zoar *even* to Horonaim, as a three year old heifer: because the waters also of Nimrim will be desolate.
(35) Furthermore I will cause to cease in Moab, says the LORD {Jehovah}, he who offers in the high places, and he who burns incense to his gods.
(36) Therefore My heart will sound for Moab like pipes, and My heart will sound like pipes for the men of Kirheres: because the riches *that* he has obtained have perished.
(37) Because every head *will be* bald, and every beard clipped: upon all the hands *will be* cuts, and upon the waist sackcloth.

(38) *There will be* loud weeping generally upon all the housetops of Moab, and in its streets: because I have broken Moab like a vessel in which there is no pleasure, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(39) They will howl, *saying*, How is it broken down! how has Moab turned the back with shame! So Moab will be a derision and a dismaying to all those around him.

(40) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, He will fly as an eagle, and will spread His wings over Moab.

(41) Kerioth is taken, and the strongholds are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day will be as the heart of a woman in pains of birth.

(42) And Moab will be destroyed from *being* a people, because he has magnified *himself* against the LORD {Jehovah}.

(43) Fear, and the pit, and the snare, *will be* on you, O you who live in Moab, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(44) He who flees from the fear will fall into the pit; and he who gets up out of the pit will be taken in the snare: because I will bring upon it, *even* upon Moab, the year of their visitation, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(45) Those who fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the force: but a fire will come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and will devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.

(46) Woe to you, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perishes: because your sons and your daughters are taken captives.

(47) Yet I will bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, says the LORD {Jehovah}. So far is the judgment of Moab.

Chapter 49

(1) Concerning the Ammonites, this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Has Israel no sons? has he no heir? why *then* does their king inherit Gad, and his people live in his cities?

(2) Therefore, indeed, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it will be a desolate heap, and her daughters will be burned with fire: then Israel will be heir to those who were his heirs, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(3) Howl, O Heshbon, because Ai is spoiled: cry, you daughters of Rabbah, clothe yourself with sackcloth; cry, and run back and forth by the hedges; because their king will go into captivity, *and* his priests and his princes together.

(4) Why do you rejoice in the valleys, your flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? who trusted in her treasures, *saying*, Who will come to me?

(5) Indeed, I will bring a fear upon you, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, from all those who are around you; and you will be driven out every man straight ahead; and no one will gather up he who wanders.

(6) And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(7) Concerning Edom, this is what the LORD of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; *Is* wisdom no more in Teman? has counsel perished from the prudent? has their wisdom vanished?

(8) Flee, turn back, live deep, O you who live in Dedan; because I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time *that* I will visit him.

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(9) If grape gatherers come to you, would they not leave *some* gleaning grapes? if thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough.

(10) But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he will not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brothers, and his neighbors, and he is no more.

(11) Leave your fatherless children, I will preserve *them* alive; and let your widows trust in Me.

(12) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, those whose judgment *was* not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunk of it; and *are* you he *who* will altogether go unpunished? you will not go unpunished, but you will surely drink *of it*.

(13) Because I have sworn by Myself, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that Bozrah will become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all its cities will be perpetual wastes.

(14) I have heard a rumor from the LORD {Jehovah}, and an ambassador is sent to the heathen {ungodly nations}, *saying*, Gather together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.

(15) Because, indeed, I will make you small among the nations, *and* despised among men.

(16) Your greatness has deceived you, *and* the pride of your heart, O you who live in the cracks 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, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(17) Also Edom will be a desolation: everyone who goes by it will be astonished, and will hiss at all its plagues.

(18) As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah^a and its neighbor *cities*, says the LORD {Jehovah}, no man will stay there, neither will a son of man live in it.

(19) Indeed, he will come up like a lion from the swelling of the Jordan River against the home of the strong; but I will suddenly make him run away from her: and who *is* a chosen *man*, *that* I may appoint over her? because who *is* like Me? and who will appoint Me the time? and who *is* that shepherd who will stand before Me?

(20) Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD {Jehovah}, that He has taken against Edom; and His purposes, that He has determined against those who live in Teman: Surely the least of the flock will draw them out: surely he will make their homes desolate with them.

(21) The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry of its noise was heard in the Red Sea.

(22) Indeed, he will come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and at that day the heart of the mighty men of Edom will be as the heart of a woman in birth pains.

(23) Concerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: because they have heard evil news: they are fainthearted; *there is* sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet.

(24) Damascus has grown feeble, *and* turned herself to flee, and fear has seized on *her*: anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in child birth.

(25) How has the city of praise not left, the city of My joy!

(26) Therefore her young men will fall in her streets, and all the men of war will be cut off in that day, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts.

(27) And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it will consume the palaces of Benhadad.

(28) Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon will strike, this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Arise, go up to Kedar, and spoil the men of the east.

49:18a – Sodom and Gomorrah – Gen. 19:24

(29) Their tents and their flocks they will take away: they will take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they will cry to them, Fear *is* on every side.

(30) Flee, get yourself far off, live deep, you who live in Hazor, says the LORD {Jehovah}; because Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel against you, and has conceived a plan against you.

(31) Arise, get yourself up to the wealthy nation, that lives without care, says the LORD {Jehovah}, which has neither gates nor bars, *which* live alone.

(32) And their camels will be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter into all winds those who *are* in the furthest corners; and I will bring their calamity from all its sides, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(33) And Hazor will be a home for dragons, *and* a desolation forever: no man will stay there, nor *any* son of man live in it.

(34) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,

(35) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; Indeed, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.

(36) And upon Elam I will bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there will be no nation where the outcasts of Elam will not come.

(37) Because I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before those who seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, *even* My fierce anger, says the LORD {Jehovah}; and I will send the sword after them, until I have consumed them:

(38) And I will set My throne in Elam, and will destroy from there the king and the princes, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(39) But it will come to pass in the latter days, *that* I will bring again the captivity of Elam, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 50

(1) The word that the LORD {Jehovah} spoke against Babylon *and* against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet.

(2) Declare among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard {flag; banner}; publish, *and* do not conceal it: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

(3) Because out of the north there comes up a nation against her, which will make her land desolate, and no one will live in it: they will remove, they will depart, both man and beast.

(4) In those days, and in that time, says the LORD {Jehovah}, the children of Israel will come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they will go, and seek the LORD {Jehovah} their God.

(5) They will ask the way to Zion with their faces toward there, *saying*, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD {Jehovah} in a perpetual covenant *that* will not be forgotten.

(6) My people have been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away *on* the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place.

(7) All who found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We do not offend, because they have sinned against the LORD {Jehovah}, the home of justice, even the LORD {Jehovah}, the hope of their forefathers.

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(8) Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the male goats before the flocks.
(9) Because, look, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they will set themselves in array against her; from there she will be taken: their arrows *will be* as of a mighty expert man; no one will return in vain.
(10) And Chaldea will be a spoil: all who spoil her will be satisfied, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
(11) Because you were glad, because you rejoiced, O destroyers of My heritage, because you have grown fat as the heifer in grass, and bellow as bulls;
(12) Your mother will be greatly confounded; she who bore you will be ashamed: indeed, the rear most parts of the nations *will be* a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.
(13) Because of the wrath {anger; judgment} of the LORD {Jehovah} no one will live in it, but it will be completely desolate: everyone who goes by Babylon will be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.
(14) Put yourselves in array against Babylon all around: all you who bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: because she has sinned against the LORD {Jehovah}.
(15) Shout against her all around: she has given her hand: her foundations have fallen, her walls are thrown down: because it is the vengeance of the LORD {Jehovah}: take vengeance upon her; as she has done, do to her.
(16) Cut off the sower from Babylon, and he who handles the sickle in the time of harvest: because of fear of the oppressing sword they will turn everyone to his people, and they will flee everyone to his own land.

(17) Israel *is* a scattered sheep; the lions have driven *him* away: first the king of Assyria has devoured him; and last of all this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon has broken his bones.
(18) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; Indeed, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.
(19) And I will bring Israel again to his home, and he will feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul will be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead.
(20) In those days, and in that time, says the LORD {Jehovah}, the sin of Israel will be sought for, and *there will* none be found; and the sins of Judah, and they will not be found: because I will pardon those whom I reserve.
(21) Go up against the land of Merathaim, *even* against it, and against those who live in Pekod: waste and completely destroy after them, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and do according to all that I have commanded you.
(22) A sound of battle *is* in the land, and of great destruction.
(23) How has the hammer of the whole earth cut in two and broken! how has Babylon become a desolation among the nations!
(24) I have laid a snare for you, and you are also taken, O Babylon, and you were not aware: you are found, and also caught, because you have striven against the LORD {Jehovah}.
(25) The LORD {Jehovah} has opened His armory, and has brought forth the weapons of His indignation: because this *is* the work of the Lord GOD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} in the land of the Chaldeans.

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<p>(26) Come against her from the furthestmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her completely: let nothing of her be left.</p> <p>(27) Kill all her bulls; let them go down to the slaughter: woe to them! because their day has come, the time of their visitation.</p> <p>(28) The voice of those who flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD {Jehovah} our God, the vengeance of His temple.</p> <p>(29) Call together the archers against Babylon: all you who bend the bow, camp against it all around; let no one of it escape: repay her according to her work; according to all that she has done, do to her: because she has been proud against the LORD {Jehovah}, against the Holy One of Israel.</p> <p>(30) Therefore her young men will fall in the streets, and all her men of war will be cut off in that day, says the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(31) Indeed, I <i>am</i> against you, <i>O you</i> most proud, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}: because your day has come, the time <i>that</i> I will visit you.</p> <p>(32) And the most proud will stumble and fall, and no one will raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it will devour all around him.</p> <p>(33) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; The children of Israel and the children of Judah <i>were</i> oppressed together: and all who took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.</p> <p>(34) Their Redeemer <i>is</i> strong; the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} <i>is</i> His Name: He will thoroughly plead their cause, that He may give rest to the land, and trouble those who live in Babylon.</p>	<p>(35) A sword <i>is</i> upon the Chaldeans, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and upon those who live in Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise <i>men</i>.</p> <p>(36) A sword <i>is</i> upon the liars; and they will dote {become foolish}: a sword <i>is</i> upon her mighty men; and they will be dismayed.</p> <p>(37) A sword <i>is</i> upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people who <i>are</i> in her midst; and they will become as women: a sword <i>is</i> upon her treasures; and they will be robbed.</p> <p>(38) A drought <i>is</i> upon her waters; and they will be dried up: because it <i>is</i> the land of graven images, and they are mad upon <i>their</i> idols.</p> <p>(39) Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands will live <i>there</i>, and the owls will live in it: and it will no more be lived in forever; neither will it be lived in from generation to generation.</p> <p>(40) As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah^a and its neighbor <i>cities</i>, says the LORD {Jehovah}; <i>so</i> no man will stay there, neither will any son of man live in it.</p> <p>(41) Indeed, a people will come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings will be raised up from the coasts of the earth.</p> <p>(42) They will hold the bow and the lance: they <i>are</i> cruel, and will not show mercy: their voice will roar like the sea, and they will ride upon horses, <i>everyone</i> put in array, like a man to the battle, against you, O daughter of Babylon.</p> <p>(43) The king of Babylon has heard the report of them, and his hands have grown feeble: anguish took hold of him, <i>and</i> pain as of a woman in child birth.</p>
50:40a – Sodom and Gomorrah – Gen. 19:24	

(44) Indeed he will come up like a lion from the swelling of the Jordan River to the home of the strong; but I will cause them to suddenly run away from her: and who is a chosen *man*, whom I may appoint over her? because who is like Me? and who will appoint Me the time? and who is that shepherd who will stand before Me?
(45) Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD {Jehovah}, that He has taken against Babylon; and His purposes, that He has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock will draw them out: surely He will make *their* home desolate with them.
(46) At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

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(1) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will raise up against Babylon, and against those who live in their midst who rise up against Me, a destroying wind;
(2) And will send to Babylon fan wavers, who will fan her, and will empty her land: because in the day of trouble they will be against her all around.
(3) Against *him who* bends let the archer bend his bow, and against *him who* lifts himself up in his coat of mail {armor}:^a and do not spare her young men; destroy completely all her host.
(4) So those killed will fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and *those who* are thrust through in her streets.
(5) Because Israel *has not been* forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.

(6) Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and let every man deliver his soul: do not be cut off in her sin; because this is the time of the LORD's {Jehovah's} vengeance; He will render to her a payment.
(7) Babylon *has been* a golden cup in the LORD's {Jehovah's} hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.
(8) Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl 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 all return into our own country: because her judgment reaches to heaven, and is lifted up *even* to the skies.
(10) The LORD {Jehovah} has brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD {Jehovah} our God.
(11) Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the LORD {Jehovah} has raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: because his plan is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the LORD {Jehovah}, the vengeance of His temple.
(12) Set up the standard {flag; banner} upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: because the LORD {Jehovah} has both planned and done that which He spoke against those who live in Babylon.
(13) O you who live upon many waters, abundant in treasures, your end has come, *and* the measure of your covetousness.
(14) The LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} has sworn by Himself, *saying*, Surely I will fill you with men, as with caterpillars; and they will lift up a shout against you.

51:3a – coat of mail – see note in Jer. 46:4

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(15) He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, and has stretched out the heaven by His understanding.

(16) When He speaks *His* voice, *there is* a multitude of waters in the heavens; and He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth: He makes lightnings with rain, and brings forth the wind out of His treasures.

(17) Every man is ignorant by *His* knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: because his molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is* no breath 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; because He *is* the One Who made all things: and *Israel is* the rod of His inheritance: the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} *is* His Name.

(20) You *are* My battle ax *and* weapons of war: because with you I will break in pieces the nations, and with you I will destroy kingdoms;

(21) And with you I will break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with you I will break in pieces the chariot and his rider;

(22) With you also I will break in pieces man and woman; and with you I will break in pieces old and young; and with you I will break in pieces the young man and the maid;

(23) I will also with you break in pieces the shepherd and his flock; and with you I will break in pieces the gardener and his yoke of oxen; and with you I will break in pieces captains and rulers.

(24) And I will render to Babylon and to all those who live in Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(25) Indeed, I *am* against you, O destroying mountain, says the LORD {Jehovah}, Who destroys all the earth: and I will stretch out My hand upon you, and roll you down from the rocks, and will make you a burnt mountain.

(26) And they will not take from you a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but you will be desolate forever, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(27) Set up a standard {flag} in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillars.

(28) Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, its captains, and all its rulers, and all the land of his rule.

(29) And the land will tremble and sorrow: because every purpose of the LORD {Jehovah} will be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without anyone to live in it.

(30) The mighty men of Babylon have stopped fighting, they have remained in *their* strongholds: their might has failed; they became as women: they have burned her homes; her bars are broken.

(31) One post {courier; one who brings news} will run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to show the king of Babylon that his city is taken at *one* end,

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(32) And that the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are afraid.

(33) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, the God of Israel says; The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor, *it is* time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest will come.

(34) Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has devoured me, he has crushed me, he has made me an empty vessel, he has swallowed me up like a dragon, he has filled his belly with my delicacies, he has cast me out.

(35) The violence done to me and to my flesh is upon Babylon, those who live in Zion will say; and my blood upon those who live in Chaldea, Jerusalem will say.

(36) Indeed, therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will plead your cause, and take vengeance for you; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.

(37) And Babylon will become heaps, a home for dragons, an astonishment, and a hissing, without anyone to live in it.

(38) They will roar together like lions: they will yell as lions' cubs.

(39) In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not awake, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(40) I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with male goats.

(41) How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how has Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!

(42) The sea has come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of its waves.

(43) Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land in which no man lives, neither does *any* son of man pass by it.

(44) And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he has swallowed up: and the nations will not flow together any more to him: yes, the wall of Babylon will fall.

(45) My people, go out of her midst, and every man deliver his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(46) And lest your heart faint, and you become afraid because of the rumor that will be heard in the land; a rumor will both come *one* year, and after that in *another* year *will come* a rumor, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

(47) Therefore, indeed, the days are coming, that I will bring judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land will be confounded, and all her dead will fall in her midst.

(48) Then the heaven and the earth, and all that is in it, will sing for Babylon: because the spoilers will come to her from the north, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(49) As Babylon *has caused* the dead of Israel to fall, so at Babylon the dead of all the earth will fall.

(50) You who have escaped the sword, go away, do not stand still: remember the LORD {Jehovah} afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.

(51) We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame has covered our faces: because strangers have come into the sanctuaries of the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple}.

(52) Therefore, indeed, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that I will bring judgment upon her graven images: and through all her land the wounded will groan.

(53) Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, *yet* from Me spoilers will come to her, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

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(54) A sound of a cry *comes* from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans:
(55) Because the LORD {Jehovah} has spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is spoken:
(56) Because the spoiler has come upon her, *even* upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: because the LORD {Jehovah} God of payments will surely repay.
(57) And I will make her princes drunk, and her wise *men*, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they will sleep a perpetual sleep, and not awake, says the King, Whose Name is the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}.
(58) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; The broad walls of Babylon will be completely broken, and her high gates will be burned with fire; and the people will labor in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they will 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 into Babylon in the fourth year of his reign {3533 A.H./C-507 B.C.}.^b And *this* Seraiah was a quiet prince.
(60) So Jeremiah wrote in a scroll all the evil that would come upon Babylon, *even* all these words that are written against Babylon.
(61) And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon, and see, and shall read all these words;

(62) Then you shall say, O LORD {Jehovah}, You have spoken against this place, to cut it off, that no one will remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it will be desolate forever.
(63) And it will be, when you have made an end of reading this scroll, *that* you shall bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates:
(64) And you shall say, So Babylon will sink, and will not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they will be weary. So *are* the words of Jeremiah.

Chapter 52

(1) Zedekiah *was* twenty-one years old when he began to reign {3529 A.H./C- 513 B.C.},^a and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.
(2) And he did *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah}, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.
(3) Because through the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until He had cast them out from His presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.
(4) And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign {3537 A.H./C-505 B.C.}, in the tenth month {Tebeth [Dec.-Jan]}^b, on the tenth *day* of the month {10/10/3537 A.H.}, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it all around.
(5) So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

51:59b – fourth year of Zedekiah, six years before the destruction of the temple [3533 A.H./C- 507 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

52:1a – Zedekiah begins reign - [3529 A.H./C- 513 B.C.]

52:4b – Jer. 32:1 – see note on Jer. 39:1-2 - [3537 A.H./C-505 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#); II Ki. 25:1-4; II Chr. 36:11-19 - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar](#) at www.TheWordNotes.com

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(6) And in the fourth month {Tammuz [June-July]}, on the ninth *day* of the month {4/9/3539 A.H.}, the famine was great in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land.^c

(7) Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which *was* by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans *were* by the city all around:) and they went by the way of the plain.

(8) But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him.

(9) Then they took the king, and carried him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgment upon him.

(10) And the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he also killed all the princes of Judah in Riblah.

(11) Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison until the day of his death.

(12) Now in the fifth month {Ab [July-Aug.]}, on the tenth *day* of the month, which *was* the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, *who* served the king of Babylon, came into Jerusalem,

(13) And burned the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great *men*, he burned with fire:

(14) And all the army of the Chaldeans, who *were* with the captain of the guard, broke down all the walls of Jerusalem all around.

(15) Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive *certain* of the poor of the people, and the remainder 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 captain of the guard left *certain* of the poor of the land for vine dressers and for gardeners.

(17) Also the pillars of brass that *were* in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the bases, and the brass sea {great bowl; priests' bath tub}^d that *was* in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, the Chaldeans broke, and carried all their brass to Babylon.

(18) The caldrons {pots} also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass with which they ministered, they took away.

(19) And the large bowls, and the fire-pans, and the bowls, and the caldrons {pots}, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the cups; *that* which *was* of gold *in* gold, and *that* which *was* of silver *in* silver, the captain of the guard took away.

(20) The two pillars, one sea, and twelve brass bulls that *were* under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

(21) And *concerning* the pillars, the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits {about 27 ft.; 8.2 m.};^e and a line of twelve cubits {about 18 ft.; 5.5 m.} encircled it; and its thickness *was* four fingers {about 4 in.; 10 cm.}: *it was* hollow.

(22) And a cap of brass *was* upon it; and the height of one cap *was* five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.}, with network and pomegranates up - on the caps all around, all *of* brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates *were* like these.

52:6c – II Ki. 25:1-4; II Chr. 36:11-19; Jer. 39:2; Ezek. 4:5

52:17d – brass sea – I Ki. 7:23; Jer. 27:19

52:21e – cubit – 1.5 feet; 0.48 meters – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

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(23) And there were ninety-six pomegranates on a side; *and* all the pomegranates upon the network *were* one hundred all around.

(24) And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three door keepers:

(25) He took also out of the city an eunuch, who had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of those who were near the king's person, which were found in the city; and the principal scribe of the host {army}, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city.

(26) So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.

(27) And the king of Babylon struck them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.

(28) This *is* the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand twenty-three Jews:

(29) In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty-two persons:

(30) In the twenty-third year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty-five persons: all the persons *were* four thousand and six hundred.

(31) And it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah {3565 A.H./C-477 B.C.},^f in the twelfth month {Adar [Feb.-Mar.]}, on the twenty-fifth *day* of the month {12/25/3565 A.H.}, *that* Evilmerodach king of Babylon in the *first* year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison,

(32) And spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who *were* with him in Babylon,

(33) And changed his prison clothes: and he continually ate bread before him all the days of his life.

(34) And *for* his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

52:31f - 37th year of Jehoiachin's captivity [45th year of the 70 year captivity] [3565 A.H. /C-477 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#) - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar](#) at www.TheWordNotes.com

In 3520 A.H./C-522 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar carried the first captives from Jerusalem to Babylon - Daniel and his friends and other royalty were in this first group of captives - see Daniel chapter 1

In 3528 A.H./C-514 B.C. , 8 years later, Nebuchadnezzar carried Jehoiachin and another group captive to Babylon including Ezekiel and other Levitical priests [See Ezekiel 1].

In 3539 A.H./C-503 B.C., 11 years later, because of the rebellion of Zedekiah, Nebuchadnezzar totally destroyed Jerusalem and the temple [19 years after the first captivity]

