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Chapter 1

(1) Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year,^a in the fourth *month* {Tammuz [June-July]}, on the fifth *day* of the month {4/5/3533 A.H.},^b while I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

(2) On the fifth *day* of the month, which *was* the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity {3533 A.H./C-509 B.C.},^c

(3) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was upon him there.

(4) And I looked, and saw, as a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire enfolding itself, and a brightness *was* around it, and out of its midst as the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

Note: The 70 year exile to Babylon began the third year of Jehoiakim king of Judah (II Ki. 24:1; II Chr. 36:5-11) in 3520 A.H./C-522 B.C - Daniel, his friends, and other royalty were carried into captivity during this first exile. - Eight years later Jehoiachin reigned for only three months and ten days (II Chr. 36:9-10) before he was carried into captivity. From the wording of verse one it appears that Ezekiel along with other priests were in this second group carried into captivity with king Jehoiachin.

Ezek 33:21 and 40:1 say "our" captivity which tends to support this.

See also Ezek. 4:6; 12:13; and 40:1

1:1a - thirtieth year - that is the thirtieth year of Ezekiel's life which means that he was seventeen when the first exile began and twenty-five when Jehoiachin's exile began. Note this can't be the thirtieth year of the captivity since it was only the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity - which was the thirteenth year of the seventy total years of captivity Ezek. 1:2. - See Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days. See also The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com
Note: thirteen is the number of rebellion against God – see “Use of Numbers in Scripture” at www.TheWordNotes.com

1:1b - the fifth day of the fourth month - Tammuz 5 - (June to July on Gregorian calendar)

1:2c - 5th year of Jehoiachin's captivity [3533 A.H./C-509 B.C.] - 390 years since the death of king Solomon [3143 A.H./C- 899 B.C.] - see note on Ezek. 4:6

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(5) Also out of its midst *came* the likeness of four living creatures.^d And this *was* their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

(6) And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.

(7) And their feet *were* straight feet; and the sole of their feet *was* like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the color of burnished brass.

(8) And *they had* the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and the four of them had their faces and their wings.

(9) Their wings *were* joined together; they did not turn when they went; they each went straight forward.

(10) As for the likeness of their faces, the four of them had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and the four of them had the face of an ox on the left side; the four of them also had the face of an eagle.

(11) This is how their faces *were*: and their wings *were* stretched upward; two wings of each one were joined together, and two covered their bodies.

(12) And each one went straight forward: wherever the spirit was to go, they went; *and* they did not turn when they went.

(13) As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance *was* like burning coals of fire, *and* like the appearance of lamps: it {the fire} went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

(14) And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

(15) Now as I watched the living creatures, there was one wheel upon the earth beside the living creatures, with his four faces.

(16) The appearance of the wheels and their work *was* like the color of a beryl {blue-green};^e and the four of them had one likeness: and their appearance and their work *was* like a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

(17) When they went, they went upon their four sides: *and* they did not turn when they went.

(18) As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings *were* full of eyes around the four of them.

(19) And when the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up also.

1:5d - Ezek. 10:15 -- Cherubs - these creatures are called cherubim {כְּרוּבִים} in 10:15 Hebrew is cherubim - the "im" {or "eem"} ending is the plural form in Hebrew so cherubs and cherubim are the same. One of our hymns ["Holy, Holy, Holy"] talks about the "cherubim and seraphim falling down before Him."

1:16e - beryl -blue-green stone; topaz

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<p>(20) Wherever the spirit was to go, they went, <i>their</i> spirit <i>was</i> to go there; and the wheels were lifted up beside them: because the spirit of the living creature <i>was</i> in the wheels.</p> <p>(21) When those went, <i>these</i> went; and when those stood, <i>these</i> stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up beside them: because the spirit of the living creature <i>was</i> in the wheels.</p> <p>(22) And the likeness of the firmament {sky; crystal dome}^f <i>was</i> upon the heads of the living creature as the color of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.</p> <p>(23) And under the firmament {sky; crystal dome} their wings <i>were</i> straight, towards one another: each one had two, which covered one side, and each one had two, which covered the opposite side of their bodies.</p> <p>(24) And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the sound of great {rushing} waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an army: when they stood, they let down their wings.</p> <p>(25) And there was a voice from the firmament {sky; crystal dome} that <i>was</i> over their heads, when they stood, <i>and</i> had let down their wings.</p> <p>(26) And above the firmament {sky; crystal dome} that <i>was</i> over their heads <i>was</i> the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire^s {bright blue} stone: and upon the likeness of the throne <i>was</i> the likeness as the appearance of a Man above upon it.</p>	<p>(27) And I saw the color of amber, as the appearance of fire around within it, from the appearance of His waist upwards, and from the appearance of His waist downwards, I saw what appeared to be fire, and it had brightness around it.</p> <p>(28) As the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so <i>was</i> the appearance of the brightness around it. This <i>was</i> the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD {Jehovah}. And when I saw <i>it</i>, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of One Who spoke.</p> <p>Chapter 2</p> <p>(1) And He said to me, Son of man, stand upon your feet, and I will speak to you.</p> <p>(2) And the spirit entered into me when He spoke to me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard Him Who spoke to me.</p> <p>(3) And He said to me, Son of man, I send you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me: they and their forefathers have sinned against Me, <i>even</i> to this very day.</p> <p>(4) Because <i>they are</i> arrogant children and stubborn. I send you to them; and you must say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says.</p> <p>(5) And they, whether they will listen, or whether they will not listen, (because they <i>are</i> a rebellious household,) will know that there has been a prophet among them.</p>
<p>1:22f – firmament – sky; crystal dome - see note on Gen. 1:6,8 1:26g - sapphire - bright blue</p>	

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(6) And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns *are* with you, and you live among scorpions: do not be afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, even though they *are* a rebellious house.

(7) And you must speak My words to them, whether they will listen, or whether they will not listen: because they *are* most rebellious.

(8) But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you; Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house: open your mouth, and eat what I give you.

(9) And when I looked, a hand *was* sent to me; and a scroll of a book *was* in it;

(10) And He spread it before me; and it *was* written inside and outside: and *there was* written in it lamentations {sorrows}, and mourning, and woe.

Chapter 3

(1) Furthermore He said to me, Son of man, eat what you see; eat this scroll,^a and go speak to the house of Israel.

(2) So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat the scroll.

(3) And He said to me, Son of man, cause your belly to eat, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you. Then I ate *it*; and it was in my mouth as honey because of its sweetness.

(4) And He said to me, Son of man, go, get yourself to the house of Israel, and speak My words to them.

(5) Because you *are* not sent to a people of a strange speech and of a difficult language, *but* to the house of Israel;

(6) Not to many people of a strange speech and of a difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, had I sent you to them, they would have listened to you.

(7) But the house of Israel will not listen to you; because they will not listen to Me: because all the house of Israel *are* hard headed and hardhearted.

(8) Indeed, I have made your face steadfast against their faces, and your forehead firm against their foreheads.

(9) As a gem-stone harder than flint I have made your forehead: do not fear them, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *are* a rebellious house.

(10) Furthermore He said to me, Son of man, all My words that I will speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears.

(11) And go, get yourself to those of the captivity, to the children of your people, and speak to them, and tell them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; whether they will listen, or whether they will not listen.

(12) Then the Spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a great rushing sound, *saying*, Blessed is the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} from His place.

(13) *I also heard* the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, and a noise of a great rushing *sound*.

3:1a – Rev. 10:10

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(14) So the Spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was strong upon me.

(15) Then I came to those of the captivity at Tel-abib, who lived by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.

(16) And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(17) *Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me.*

(18) *When I say to the wicked, You will surely die; and you do not give him warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man will die in his sin; but his blood I will require at your hand.*

(19) *But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he will die in his sin; but you have delivered your soul.*

(20) *Again, When a righteous man turns from his righteousness, and commits sin, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he will die: because you have not given him warning, he will die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done will not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand.*

(21) *But if you warn the righteous man, that the righteous not sin, and he does not sin, he will surely live, because he is warned; also you have delivered your soul.*

(22) And the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was upon me there; and He said to me, *Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will talk with you there.*

(23) Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, indeed, the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} stood there, as the glory which I had seen by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face.

(24) Then the Spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spoke with me, and said to me, *Go, shut yourself inside your house.*

(25) *But you, O son of man, indeed, they will put bands upon you, and will bind you with them, and you will not go out among them:*

(26) *And I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth, so that you will be dumb, and will not be one who reproves them: because they are a rebellious house*

(27) *But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; He who will hear, let him hear; and he who will not hear let him not hear: because they are a rebellious household.*

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<p>Chapter 4</p> <p>(1) You also, son of man, take for yourself a tile, and lay it before you, and draw upon it the city, <i>even</i> Jerusalem:</p> <p>(2) And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set <i>battering</i> rams against it all around.</p> <p>(3) Furthermore take to yourself an iron pan, and set it <i>for</i> a wall of iron between you and the city: and set your face against it, and it shall be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This <i>will be</i> a sign to the house of Israel.</p> <p>(4) Lie also upon your left side, and lay the sin of the house of Israel upon it: <i>according</i> to the number of the days that you shall lie upon it you shall bear their sin.</p> <p>(5) Because I have laid upon you the years of their sin, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days:^a so shall you bear the sin of the house of Israel.</p>	<p>(6) And when you have accomplished them, lie again on your right side, and you shall bear the sin of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed you each day for a year.^b</p> <p>(7) Therefore you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and your arm <i>shall be</i> uncovered, and you shall prophesy against it.</p> <p>(8) And, indeed, I will lay bands upon you, and you shall not turn from one side to another, until you have ended the days of your siege.</p> <p>(9) Take for yourself also wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and rye, and put them in one vessel, and make bread with it, <i>according</i> to the number of the days that you shall lie upon your side, three hundred and ninety days you shall eat it.</p> <p>(10) And your food which you shall eat <i>shall be</i> by weight, twenty shekels a day {about 8 oz.; 227 g.}:^c from time to time you shall eat it.</p>
<p>4:5a - Jer. 52:4-6 - siege lasted 18 months, but siege was lifted 5 months due to the Egyptian army approaching. Actual siege was 390 days {13 months} – see note on Jer. 39:2</p> <p>4:6b - 390 years counted from the death of Solomon [3143 A.H.] to the 5th year of Jehoiachin's captivity according to the chronology given here [Ezek. 1:2]. It is possible, that the 390 years is counted to the destruction of the temple -- if this is the case, our chronology which indicates 396 years to that destruction is off by six years. Due to questions about the rounding off of the years kings reigned, either interpretation is possible. [Ezek. 1:2] Note: those who were already in captivity kept clinging to the hope that they'd return to Judah soon, but Ezekiel was sent to let them know that was not going to happen – Jeremiah's prophecies began in Judah 40 years before the destruction of the temple.</p> <p>Jer. 1:1; 25:3 - See: <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u></p> <p>4:10c - twenty shekels a day - about 8 ounces or 227 grams - see <u>Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</u></p>	

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<p>(11) You shall drink also water by measure, the sixth part of a hin <i>a day</i> {about 0.65 qts.; 0.62 L.};^d from time to time you shall drink.</p> <p>(12) And you shall eat it <i>as</i> barley cakes, and you shall bake it with dung that comes out of man, in their sight.</p> <p>(13) And the LORD {Jehovah} said, Even so shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles {nations; non-Jews}, wherever I will drive them.</p> <p>(14) Then I said, Ah Lord GOD {Jehovah}! indeed, my soul has not been polluted: because from my youth up even until now I have not eaten of that which dies of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither has there come any abominable flesh into my mouth.</p> <p>(15) Then He said to me, Look! I have given you cow's dung for man's dung, and you shall prepare your bread with it.^e</p> <p>(16) Furthermore He said to me, Son of man, indeed, I will break the supply of bread in Jerusalem: and they will eat bread by weight, and with care; and they will drink water by measure, and with astonishment:</p> <p>(17) That they may want bread and water, and be astonished with one another, and be consumed away because of their sin.^f</p>	<p>Chapter 5</p> <p>(1) And you, son of man, take a sharp knife, take a barber's razor, and cause <i>it</i> to pass upon your head and upon your beard: then take balances to weigh, and divide the <i>hair</i>.</p> <p>(2) You shall burn with fire a third of it in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled: and you shall take a third of it, <i>and</i> strike around it with a knife: and a third of it you shall scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them.</p> <p>(3) You shall also take a few pieces of it in number, and bind them in your skirts.</p> <p>(4) Then take of them again, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; <i>because</i> a fire will come forth into all the house of Israel.</p> <p>(5) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; This <i>is</i> Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries <i>that are</i> around her.</p> <p>(6) And she has changed My judgments into wickedness more than the <i>other</i> nations, and My laws more than the countries that <i>are</i> around her: because they have refused My judgments and My laws, they have not obeyed them.</p>
<p>4:11d - a sixth of a hin - about 21 ounces or 0.65 quarts or 0.62 liters - see Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</p> <p>4:15e - because of Ezekiel's hesitancy to cook his bread with human feces, God allowed him to use cattle manure as fuel for the fire instead. Cattle manure was commonly used as fuel for fires.</p> <p>4:17f - food and water would be extremely scarce during the siege of Jerusalem - this siege took place in the nineteenth year of Jewish captivity (six years after the events of these prophecies)</p>	

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(7) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because you have multiplied more than the nations that *are* around you, *and* have not walked in My laws, neither have kept My judgments, neither have done *even* according to the judgments of the nations that *are* around you;

(8) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I, *am* against you, and will execute judgments in the midst of you in the sight of the nations.

(9) And I will do in you that which I have not done, and the likes of which I will not do anymore, because of all your abominations.

(10) Therefore the fathers will eat the sons in your midst, and the sons will eat their fathers;^a and I will execute judgments in you, and the whole remnant of you I will scatter into all the winds.

(11) Therefore, *as* I live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}; Surely, because you have defiled My sanctuary {temple} with all your detestable things, and with all your abominations, therefore I will also diminish *you*; neither will My eye spare, neither will I have any pity.

(12) A third of you will die with the disease, and with famine they will be consumed in your midst: and a third of you will fall by the sword around you; and I will scatter a third of you into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.

(13) So My anger will be accomplished, and I will cause My fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they will know that I the LORD {Jehovah} have spoken *it* in My zeal, when I have accomplished My fury in them.

(14) Furthermore I will make you waste, and a reproach among the nations who *are* around you, in the sight of all who pass by.

(15) So it will be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment to the nations who *are* around you, when I execute judgments in you in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I the LORD {Jehovah} have spoken *it*.

(16) When I send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which will be for *their* destruction, *and* which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your supply of bread:

(17) So I will send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they will cause you grief; and disease and blood will pass through you; and I will bring the sword upon you. I the LORD {Jehovah} have spoken *it*.

Chapter 6

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

(2) Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,

5:10a - because of the scarcity of food the people will resort to cannibalism eating those who have died. See II Ki. 6:28-29

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<p>(3) And say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD {Jehovah}; This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Indeed, I, <i>even</i> I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.</p> <p>(4) And your altars will be desolate, and your images will be broken: and I will cast down your dead <i>men</i> before your idols.</p> <p>(5) And I will lay the dead bodies of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones around your altars.</p> <p>(6) In all your houses the cities will be laid waste, and the high places will be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.</p> <p>(7) And the dead will fall in your midst, and you will know that I <i>am</i> the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(8) Yet I will <i>spare</i> a remnant, that you may have <i>some</i> who will escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered through the countries.</p> <p>(9) And those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations wherever they will be carried captives, because I am broken with their lustful hearts, which have departed from Me, and with their eyes, which go lusting after their idols: and they will hate themselves because of the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.</p>	<p>(10) And they will know that I <i>am</i> the LORD {Jehovah}, <i>and that</i> I have not said in vain that I would do this evil to them.</p> <p>(11) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Strike with your hand, and stamp with your foot, and say, Alas because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! Because they will fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the disease.</p> <p>(12) He who is far off will die of the disease; and he who is near will fall by the sword; and he who remains and is besieged will die by the famine: and so I will accomplish My fury upon them.</p> <p>(13) Then you will know that I <i>am</i> the LORD {Jehovah}, when their dead <i>men</i> will be among their idols around their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they offered sweet aromas to all their idols.</p> <p>(14) So I will stretch out My hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yes, more desolate than the wilderness towards Diblath, in all their homes: and they will know that I <i>am</i> the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>Chapter 7</p> <p>(1) Furthermore the word of the LORD came to me, saying,</p> <p>(2) Also, you son of man, this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says to the land of Israel; An end, the end has come upon the four corners of the land.</p>

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(3) Now the end *has come* upon you, and I will send My anger upon you, and will judge you according to your deeds, and will pay you for all your abominations.

(4) And My eye will not spare you, neither will I have pity: but I will pay you for your deeds, and your abominations will be in your midst: and you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(5) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; An evil, an only evil, indeed, has come.

(6) An end has come, the end has come: it watches for you; indeed, it has come.

(7) The morning has come to you, O you who live in the land: the time has come, the day of trouble *is* near, and not the echoes of the mountains.

(8) Now I will shortly pour out My fury upon you, and accomplish My anger upon you: and I will judge you according to your deeds, and will pay you for all your abominations.

(9) And My eye will not spare, neither will I have pity: I will pay you according to your deeds and your abominations *that* are in your midst; and you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} Who strikes.

(10) See the day, indeed, it has come: the morning has gone forth; the rod has blossomed, pride has budded.

(11) Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness: none of them *will remain*, nor of their multitude, nor of any of theirs: neither *will there be* cries for them.

(12) The time has come, the day draws near: do not let the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: because wrath {anger; judgment} *has come* upon all its multitude.

(13) Because the seller will not return to that which is sold, although they were yet alive: because the vision *is* concerning its whole multitude, *which* will not return; neither will any strengthen himself in the sin of his life.

(14) They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goes to the battle: because My wrath {anger; judgment} *is* upon all its multitude.

(15) The sword *is on the* outside, and the disease and the famine *are* inside: he who *is* in the field will die with the sword; and he who *is* in the city, famine and disease will devour him.

(16) But those who escape will escape, and will be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one because of his sin.

(17) All hands will be feeble, and all knees will be weak *as* water.

(18) They will also clothe *themselves* with sackcloth, and horror will cover them; and shame *will be* upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads.

(19) They will cast their silver in the streets, and their gold will be removed: their silver and their gold will not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath {anger; judgment} of the LORD {Jehovah}: they will not satisfy their souls, neither fill their stomachs: because it is the stumbling-block of their sin.

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<p>(20) As for the beauty of His ornament {the temple},^a He set it in majesty: but they made the images of their abominations <i>and</i> of their detestable things in it: therefore I have set it far from them.</p> <p>(21) And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they will pollute it.</p> <p>(22) My face I will turn also from them, and they will pollute My secret place {Holy of Holies};^b because the robbers will enter into it, and defile it.</p> <p>(23) Make a chain: because the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.</p> <p>(24) Therefore I will bring the worst of the heathen {ungodly nations}, and they will possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places will be defiled.</p> <p>(25) Destruction comes; and they will seek peace, but <i>there will be none</i>.</p> <p>(26) Mischief will come upon mischief, and rumor will be upon rumor; then they will seek a vision of the prophet; but the law will perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders.</p>	<p>(27) The king will mourn, and the prince will be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do to them according to their deeds, and according to their deserts I will judge them; and they will know that I <i>am</i> the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>Chapter 8</p> <p>(1) And it came to pass in the sixth year {3534 A.H./C-508 B.C.},^a in the sixth <i>month</i> {Ellul [Aug.-Sept.]}, on the fifth <i>day</i> of the month {6/5/3534 A.H.},^b as I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD {Jehovah} fell upon me there.</p> <p>(2) Then I saw, a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of His waist downwards, fire; and from His waist upwards, as the appearance of brightness, as the color of amber.</p> <p>(3) And He put forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my hair; and the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that faces the north; where the seat of the image of jealousy <i>was</i>, which provokes to jealousy.</p>
<p>7:20a - His ornament - the temple - the temple will be destroyed because of the abominations they have put in it and done in it.</p> <p>7:22b- i.e. the Holy of Holies</p> <p>8:1a - the sixth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity (five years before the Temple was destroyed) [3534 A.H./C-508 B.C.] - see <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u></p> <p>8:1b - the fifth day of the sixth month - Ellul 5 (August to September) - 1 year and 2 months after events of chapter 1 - See <u>Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days</u>. See also <u>The Jewish Calendar</u> at <u>www.TheWordNotes.com</u></p>	

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<p>(4) And, indeed, the glory of the God of Israel <i>was</i> there, according to the vision which I saw in the plain.</p> <p>(5) Then He said to me, <i>Son of man, lift up your eyes now to the road towards the north.</i> So I lifted up my eyes to the road towards the north, and indeed northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy was in the entry.</p> <p>(6) He said furthermore to me, <i>Son of man, Do you see what they are doing? even the great abominations that the house of Israel commits here, that I should go far off from My sanctuary {temple}? but turn yourself yet again, and you will see greater abominations.</i></p> <p>(7) And He brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, I saw a hole in the wall.</p> <p>(8) Then He said to me, <i>Son of man, dig now in the wall:</i> and when I had dug in the wall, I saw a door.</p> <p>(9) And He said to me, <i>Go in, and see the wicked abominations that they do here.</i></p> <p>(10) So I went in and saw; and indeed every form of crawling things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall all around.</p> <p>(11) And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, each one with his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.</p>	<p>(12) Then He said to me, <i>Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? Because they say, The LORD {Jehovah} does not see us; the LORD {Jehovah} has forsaken the earth.</i></p> <p>(13) He said also to me, <i>Turn yourself yet again, and you will see greater abominations that they do.</i></p> <p>(14) Then He brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple} which faces the north; and, indeed, there sat women weeping for Tammuz {a female pagan god}.^c</p> <p>(15) Then He said to me, <i>Have you seen this, O son of man? turn yourself yet again, and you will see greater abominations than these.</i></p> <p>(16) <i>And He brought me into the inner court of the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple}, and, indeed, at the door of the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men, with their backs towards the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}, and their faces towards the east; and they worshiped the sun towards the east.</i></p> <p>(17) Then He said to me, <i>Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? because they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke Me to anger: and, look, they put the branch to their nose.</i></p>
8:14c - Tammuz - a female pagan god	

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(18) Therefore I will also deal in fury: My eye will not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, *yet* I will not hear them.

Chapter 9

(1) He cried also in my ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause those who have charge over the city to draw near, even every man *with* his destroying weapon in his hand.

(2) And, six men came from the road of the higher gate, which lies toward the north, and every man {had} a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them *was* clothed with linen, with a writer's ink-horn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brass altar.

(3) And the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub, where He had been,^a to the threshold of the house {temple}. And He called to the man clothed with linen, who *had* the writer's ink-horn by his side;

(4) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men who sigh and who cry because of all the abominations that are done in its midst.^b

(5) And to the others He said in my hearing, You go after him through the city, and strike: do not let your eye spare, nor have pity:

(6) Completely kill old *and* young, both maids, and little children, and women: but do not come near any man upon whom *is* the mark; and begin at My sanctuary {temple}. Then they began with the elders who *were* before the house {temple}.^c

(7) And He said to them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the dead: go forth. And they went forth, and killed in the city.

(8) And it came to pass, while they were killing them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD {Jehovah}! Will You destroy all the remnant of Israel in pouring out of Your fury upon Jerusalem?

(9) Then He said to me, The sin of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of perverseness: because they say, The LORD {Jehovah} has forsaken the earth, and the LORD {Jehovah} does not see.

(10) And as for Me also, My eye will not spare, neither will I have pity, *but* I will pay for their deeds upon their head.

(11) And, indeed, the man clothed with linen, who *had* the ink-horn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as You have commanded me.

9:3a – the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub – the cherub in the Holy of Holies – the Spirit of the Lord left His seat {Mercy Seat} in the temple

9:4b- Those who are righteous are marked on the foreheads to be spared from the judgment

9:6c- note that the judgment begins at the temple

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Chapter 10

(1) Then I looked, and, in the firmament {sky; crystal dome} that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

(2) And He spoke to the man clothed with linen, and said, *Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill your hand with coals of fire from between the cherubims, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight.*

(3) Now the cherubims stood on the right side of the house {temple}, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.

(4) Then the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} went up from the cherub, *and stood* over the threshold of the house {temple}; and the house {temple} was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's {Jehovah's} glory.

(5) And the sound of the cherubims' wings was heard *even* to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when He speaks.

(6) And it came to pass, *that* when He had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, *Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubims;* then he went in, and stood beside the wheels.

(7) And *one* cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubims up to the fire that *was* between the cherubims, and took *of it*, and put *it* into the hands of *him who was* clothed with linen: who took *it*, and went out.

(8) And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings.

(9) And when I looked, I saw the four wheels by the cherubims, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels *was* as the color of a beryl {blue-green} stone.^a

(10) And *as for* their appearances, the four of them had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the middle of a wheel.

(11) When they went, they went upon their four sides; they did not turn as they went, but to the place toward which the head looked they went; they did not turn as they went.

(12) And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, *were* full of eyes all around, *even* the wheels that the four had.

(13) As for the wheels, it was cried to them in my hearing, *O wheel.*

(14) And each one had four faces: the first face *was* the face of a cherub,^b and the second face *was* the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

10:9a- beryl - blue-green stone, topaz

10:14b – face of cherub – is, or replaces the face of the ox Ezek. 1:10

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<p>(15) And the cherubims^c were lifted up. This <i>is</i> the living creature which I saw by the river of Chebar.</p> <p>(16) And when the cherubims went, the wheels went beside them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also did not turn from beside them.</p> <p>(17) When they stood, <i>these</i> stood; and when they were lifted up, <i>these</i> lifted up themselves <i>also</i>: because the spirit of the living creature <i>was</i> in them.</p> <p>(18) Then the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} departed from off the threshold of the house {temple},^d and stood over the cherubims.</p> <p>(19) And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also <i>were</i> beside them, and <i>every one</i> stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple}; and the glory of the God of Israel <i>was</i> over them above.</p> <p>(20) This <i>is</i> the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar;^e and I knew that they <i>were</i> the cherubims.</p> <p>(21) Everyone had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man <i>was</i> under their wings.</p>	<p>(22) And the likeness of their faces <i>was</i> the same faces which I had seen by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themselves: they went each one straight forward.</p> <p>Chapter 11</p> <p>(1) Furthermore the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me to the east gate of the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple}, which faces eastward: and at the door of the gate twenty-five men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.</p> <p>(2) Then He said to me, <i>Son of man, these are the men who devise mischief, and give wicked counsel in this city:</i></p> <p>(3) <i>Who say, It {the destruction} is not near;^a let us build houses: this city is the boiling pot, and we are the flesh.</i></p> <p>(4) <i>Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man.</i></p> <p>(5) And the Spirit of the LORD {Jehovah} fell upon me, and said to me, <i>Speak; This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; This is what you have said, O house of Israel: because I know the things that comes into your mind, every one of them.</i></p> <p>(6) <i>You have multiplied your dead in this city, and you have filled its streets with the dead.</i></p>
<p>10:15c - cherubims {כְּרוּבִים} - see Ezek. 10:20 and Ezek. 1:5</p> <p>10:18d – house – i.e. the temple – the glory of the Lord departed from the temple</p> <p>10:20e – Ezek. 1:5f</p> <p>11:3a-- i.e. the foretold destruction</p>	

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(7) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Your dead whom you have laid in its midst, they *are* the flesh, and this *city* is the boiling pot: but I will bring you forth out of its midst.

(8) You have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(9) And I will bring you out of its midst, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you.

(10) You will fall by the sword; I will judge you in the border of Israel; and you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(11) This *city* will not be your boiling pot, neither will you be the flesh in its midst; *but* I will judge you at the border of Israel:

(12) And you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}: because you have not walked in My laws, nor executed My judgments, but have done after the manners of the heathen {ungodly nations} who *are* around you.

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

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

(15) Son of man, your brothers, *even* your brothers, the men of your kin, and all the house of Israel completely, *are* those to whom those who live in Jerusalem have said, Get far *away* from the LORD {Jehovah}: come to us in this land given as possession.

(16) Therefore say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen {ungodly nations}, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet I will be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come.

(17) Therefore say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; I will even gather you from *among* the people, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

(18) And they will come there, and they will take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there.

(19) And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh:

(20) That they may walk in My laws, and keep My commandments, and do them: and they will be My people, and I will be their God.

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(21) But *as for those* whose hearts walk after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will pay for their deeds upon their own heads, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(22) Then the cherubims lifted up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them above.

(23) And the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.

(24) Afterward the Spirit took me up, and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to those of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me.

(25) Then I spoke to them of the captivity all the things that the LORD {Jehovah} had shown me.

Chapter 12

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

(2) Son of man, you live in the midst of a rebellious house, which has eyes to see, but does not see; they have ears to hear, and do not hear: because they *are* a rebellious house.

(3) Therefore, you son of man, prepare for yourself stuff for moving, and move by day in their sight; and you shall move from your place to another place in their sight: it may be they will consider, though they *are* a rebellious house.

(4) Then you shall bring forth your stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for moving: and you shall go forth at evening in their sight, as those who go forth into captivity.

(5) Dig through the wall in their sight, and carry *it* out through there.

(6) In their sight you shall carry *it* upon *your* shoulders, *and* carry *it* forth in the twilight: you shall cover your face, so that you do not see the ground: because I have set you *for* a sign to the house of Israel.

(7) And I did as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for captivity, and in the evening I dug through the wall with my hand; I brought *it* forth in the twilight, *and* I carried *it* upon *my* shoulder in their sight.

(8) And in the morning the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying

(9) Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, What are you doing?

(10) You say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; This sign *concerns* the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel that *are* among them.

(11) Say, I *am* your sign: as I have done, so it will be done to them: they will remove *and* go into captivity.

(12) And the prince that *is* among them will carry upon *his* shoulder in the twilight, and will go forth: they will dig through the wall to carry out through it: he will cover his face, so that he does not see the ground with *his* eyes.

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<p>(13) I will also spread My net upon him, and he will be taken in My snare: and I will bring him to Babylon <i>to</i> the land of the Chaldeans; yet he will not see it,^a though he will die there.</p> <p>(14) And I will scatter toward every wind all who <i>are</i> about him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them.</p> <p>(15) And they will know that I <i>am</i> the LORD {Jehovah}, when I scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries.</p> <p>(16) But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the disease; that they may declare all their abominations among the heathen {ungodly nations} wherever they come; and they will know that I <i>am</i> the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(17) Furthermore the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,</p> <p>(18) Son of man, eat your bread with quaking, and drink your water with trembling and with carefulness;</p> <p>(19) And say to the people of the land, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says of those who live in Jerusalem, <i>and</i> of the land of Israel; They will eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from all that is in it, because of the violence of all those who live there.</p> <p>(20) And the cities that are lived in will be laid waste, and the land will be desolate; and you will know that I <i>am</i> the LORD {Jehovah}.</p>	<p>(21) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,</p> <p>(22) Son of man, what <i>is</i> this proverb <i>that</i> you have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision fails?</p> <p>(23) Tell them therefore, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; I will make this proverb to cease, and they will no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say to them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision.</p> <p>(24) Because there will no more be any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel.</p> <p>(25) Because I <i>am</i> the LORD {Jehovah}: I will speak, and the word that I speak will come to pass; it will be prolonged no more: because in your days, O rebellious house, I will say the word, and will perform it, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(26) Again the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,</p> <p>(27) Son of man, indeed, <i>those of</i> the house of Israel say, The vision that he sees <i>is</i> for many days <i>to come</i>, and he prophesies of the times <i>that are</i> far off.</p> <p>(28) Therefore say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; None of My words will be prolonged any longer, but the word which I have spoken will be done, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.</p>
<p>12:13a - king Zedekiah did not see it because his eyes were put out before he was taken from Jerusalem (II Ki. 25:1-4,8; Jer. 39:1-2; 52:2-7) Note: king Zedekiah had been appointed king by Nebuchadnezzar, but because he rebelled, Nebuchadnezzar sent his armies and totally destroyed Jerusalem and the temple – 19 years after the first captivity. See: <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u></p>	

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Chapter 13

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

(2) Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and you say to them who prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah};

(3) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!

(4) O Israel, your prophets are like the foxes in the deserts.

(5) You have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(6) They have seen vanity and lying prophecies, saying, The LORD {Jehovah} says: and the LORD {Jehovah} has not sent them: and they have caused *others* to hope that they would confirm the word.

(7) Have you not seen a vain vision, and have you not spoken a lying prophecy, whereas you say, The LORD {Jehovah} says *it*; although I have not spoken?

(8) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because you have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, indeed, I *am* against you, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(9) And My hand will be upon the prophets who see vanity, and who divine lies: they will not be in the assembly of My people, neither will they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither will they enter into the land of Israel; and you will know that I am the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(10) Because, even because they have seduced My people, saying, Peace; and *there was* no peace; and one built up a wall, and, indeed, others plastered it with whitewash:

(11) Say to those who plastered *it* with white wash, that it will fall: there will be an overflowing shower; and *on* you, O great hailstones, will fall; and a stormy wind will destroy *it*.

(12) Indeed, when the wall has fallen, shall it not be said to you, Where *is* the plaster with which you have plastered *it*?

(13) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; I will even destroy *it* with a stormy wind in My fury; and there will be an overflowing shower in My anger, and great hailstones in *My* fury to consume *it*.

(14) So I will break down the wall that you have plastered with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be discovered, and it will fall, and you will be consumed in its midst: and you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

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(15) So I will accomplish My wrath {anger; judgment} upon the wall, and upon those who have plastered it with whitewash, and will say to you, The wall is no *more*, neither *are* those who plastered it;

(16) *So that*, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her, and *there is* no peace, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(17) Likewise, you son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart; and you prophesy against them,

(18) And say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Woe to the *women* who sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs^a upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and will you save the souls alive *who come* to you?

(19) And will you pollute Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to kill the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to My people who hear *your* lies?

(20) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I *am* against your pillows, with which you hunt the souls there to make *them* fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, *even* the souls that you hunt to make *them* fly.

(21) Your kerchiefs also I will tear, and deliver My people out of your hand, and they will be no more in your hand to be hunted; and you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(22) Because with lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:

(23) Therefore you will see no more vanity, nor divine prophecies: because I will deliver My people out of your hand: and you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 14

(1) Then certain of the elders of Israel came to me, and sat before me.

(2) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(3) Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumbling-block of their sin before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them?

(4) Therefore speak to them, and say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Every man of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling-block of his sin before his face, and comes to the prophet; I the LORD {Jehovah} will answer him who comes according to the multitude of his idols;

13:18a – not only do the people make idols to worship, but the women even make clothes and decorations for their idols

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| <p>(5) That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from Me through their idols.</p> <p>(6) Therefore say to the house of Israel, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Repent, and turn <i>yourselves</i> from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.</p> <p>(7) Because everyone of the house of Israel, or of the stranger who stays in Israel, who separates himself from Me, and sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling-block of his sin before his face, and comes to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me; I the LORD {Jehovah} will answer him by Myself:</p> <p>(8) And I will set My face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of My people; and you shall know that I <i>am</i> the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(9) And if the prophet is deceived when he has spoken a thing, I the LORD {Jehovah} have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of My people Israel.</p> <p>(10) And they will bear the punishment for their sin: the punishment of the prophet will be even as the punishment of the one who seeks <i>him</i>;</p> <p>(11) That the house of Israel may no more go astray from Me, neither be polluted any more with all their sins; but that they may be My people, and I may be their God, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.</p> | <p>(12) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} came again to me, saying,</p> <p>(13) Son of man, when the land sins against Me by doing grievous sins, then I will stretch out My hand upon it, and will break the supply of its bread, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:</p> <p>(14) Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver <i>only</i> their own souls by their righteousness, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(15) If I cause wild beasts to pass through the land, and they spoil it, so that it becomes desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts:</p> <p>(16) <i>Though</i> these three men <i>were</i> in it, <i>as</i> I live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, they will deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only will be delivered, but the land will be desolate.</p> <p>(17) Or <i>if</i> I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it:</p> <p>(18) Though these three men <i>were</i> in it, <i>as</i> I live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, they will deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they themselves only will be delivered.</p> <p>(19) Or <i>if</i> I send a disease into that land, and pour out My fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast:</p> <p>(20) Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, <i>were</i> in it, <i>as</i> I live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, they will deliver neither son nor daughter; they will <i>only</i> deliver their own souls by their righteousness.</p> |
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(21) Because this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; How much more when I send My four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the roaring beast, and the disease, to cut off from it man and beast?

(22) Yet, indeed, there will be left a remnant in it that will be brought forth, *both* sons and daughters: indeed, they will come forth to you, and you will see their ways and their works: and you will be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, *even* concerning all that I have brought upon it.

(23) And they will comfort you, when you see their deeds and their works: and you will know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 15

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

(2) Son of man, What is the vine tree more than any tree, *or than* a branch which is among the trees of the forest?

(3) Shall wood be taken from it to do any work? or will *men* take a pin of it to hang any vessel upon it?

(4) Indeed, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devours both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. Is it suitable for *any* work?

(5) Indeed, when it was whole, it was suitable for no work: how much less shall it be suitable yet for *any* work, when the fire has devoured it, and it is burned?

(6) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given as fuel for fire, so I will give those who live in Jerusalem {as fuel for fire}.

(7) And I will set My face against them; they will go out from *one* fire, and *another* fire will devour them; and you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}, when I set My face against them.

(8) And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a sin, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 16

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

(2) Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,

(3) And say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says to Jerusalem; Your birth and your nativity is of the land of Canaan; your father *was* an Amorite, and your mother a Hittite.

(4) And *as for* your nativity, in the day that you were born your navel *cord* was not cut, neither were you washed in water to cleanse *you*; you were not doctored at all, nor clothed at all.

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(5) No eye pitied you, to do any of these to you, to have compassion upon you; but you were cast out into the open field, to the despising of your person, in the day that you were born.

(6) And when I passed by you, and saw you polluted in your own blood, I said to you when you were in your own blood, Live; yes, I said to you when you were in your own blood, Live.

(7) I have caused you to multiply as the bud of the field, and you have increased and grown great, and you have become excellent ornaments: *your* breasts are fashioned, and your hair has grown, whereas you *were* naked and bare.

(8) Now when I passed by you, and looked upon you, indeed, your time *was* the time of love; and I spread My skirt over you, and covered your nakedness: yes, I swore to you, and entered into a covenant with you, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, and you became Mine.

(9) Then I washed you with water; yes, I thoroughly washed away your blood from off your body, and I anointed you with oil.

(10) I clothed you also with embroidered work, and gave you shoes of badgers' skin, and I clothed you with fine linen, and I covered you with silk.

(11) I decked you also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon your hands, and a chain on your neck.

(12) And I put a jewel on your forehead, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown upon your head.

(13) So you were decked with gold and silver; and your clothing *was of* fine linen, and silk, and embroidered work; you ate fine flour, and honey, and oil: and you were exceedingly beautiful, and you prospered into a kingdom.

(14) And your renown went forth among the heathen {ungodly nations} because of your beauty: because it *was* perfect through My beauty, which I had put upon you, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(15) But you trusted in your own beauty, and played the prostitute because of your popularity, and poured out your fornications {sex outside of marriage}^a on every one who passed by; it was his.

(16) And you took of your clothes, and decked your high places with various colors, and played the prostitute upon them: *these kind of things* shall not come, neither shall it be so.

(17) You have also taken your fair jewels of My gold and of My silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself images of men, and committed prostitution with them,

(18) And took your embroidered clothes, and covered them: and you have set My oil and My incense before them.

(19) Also My food which I gave you, fine flour, and oil, and honey, *with which* I fed you, you have even set it before them for a sweet aroma: and so it was, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(20) Furthermore you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne to Me, and these you have sacrificed to them to be devoured. *Is this* your prostitution a small matter,

16:15a - Fornication is having sex with someone you are not married to. If either of the individuals is married, then it is also adultery. See Mat. 5:32; Acts 15:20; I Cor. 6:9-13; Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 2:45:32h

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(21) That you have killed My children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through *the fire* for them?

(22) And in all your abominations and your prostitution you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, *and* were polluted in your *own* blood.

(23) And it came to pass after all your wickedness, (woe, woe to you! says the Lord GOD {Jehovah};)

(24) *That* you have also built for yourself a prominent place, and have made for yourself a high place to *worship idols* in every street.

(25) You have built your high place at every head of the road, and have made your beauty to be despised, and have spread your legs to everyone who passed by, and multiplied your prostitution.

(26) You have also committed prostitution with the Egyptians your neighbors, great of flesh; and have increased your prostitution, to provoke Me to anger.

(27) Therefore I have stretched out My hand over you, and have diminished your ordinary *food*, and delivered you to the will of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd ways.

(28) You have played the prostitute also with the Assyrians, because you could not be satisfied; yes, you have played the prostitute with them, and yet *still* could not be satisfied.

(29) Furthermore you have multiplied your prostitution in the land of Canaan to Chaldea; and yet you were still not satisfied.

(30) How weak your heart is, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, since you do all these *things*, the work of an unrestrained prostitute;

(31) In that you build your prominent place in the head of every road, and make your high place in every street; and have not been as a prostitute, in that you scorn payment;

(32) *But as* a wife who commits adultery, *who* takes strangers instead of her *own* husband!

(33) They give gifts to all prostitutes: but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and hire them, that they may come to you on every side for your prostitution.

(34) And your prostitution is contrary to *those of other* women, in that no one follows you to commit prostitution: but you give a payment, and no payment is given to you, therefore you are contrary.

(35) Therefore, O prostitute, hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}:

(36) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because your filthiness was poured out, and your nakedness uncovered through your prostitution with your lovers, and with all the idols of your abominations, and by the blood of your children, which you gave to them;

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(37) Indeed, therefore, I will gather all your lovers, with whom you have taken pleasure, and all *those* who you have loved, with all *those* whom you have hated; I will even gather them around against you, and will display your nakedness to them, that they may see all of your nakedness.

(38) And I will judge you, as women who break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give your blood in fury and jealousy.

(39) And I will also give you into their hand, and they will throw down your prominent place, and will break down your high places: they will also strip you of your clothes, and will take your fair jewels, and leave you naked and bare.

(40) They will also bring up a company against you, and they will stone you with stones, and thrust you through with their swords.

(41) And they will burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments upon you in the sight of many women: and I will cause you to cease from playing the prostitute, and you also will no longer give payment.

(42) So I will cause My fury toward you to rest, and My jealousy will depart from you, and I will be quiet, and will be angry no more.

(43) Because you have not remembered the days of your youth, but have caused Me to fret all these *things*; indeed, therefore I also will repay your ways upon *your* head, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}: and you will not commit this lewdness above all your abominations.

(44) Indeed, everyone who uses proverbs will use *this* proverb against you, saying, As the mother *is*, so *is* her daughter.

(45) You *are* your mother's daughter, who hates her husband and her children; and you *are* the sister of your sisters, who hated their husbands and their children: your mother *was* a Hittite, and your father an Amorite.

(46) And your elder sister *is* Samaria, she and her daughters who live at your left hand: and your younger sister, who lives at your right hand, *is* Sodom and her daughters.

(47) Yet you have not walked after their deeds, nor done after their abominations: but, as *if that were* a very little *thing*, you were more corrupted than any of them in your ways.

(48) *As* I live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, Sodom your sister has not done, she nor her daughters, as you have done, you and your daughters.

(49) Indeed, this was the sin of your sister Sodom, pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

(50) And they were haughty, and committed abomination before Me: therefore I took them away as I saw *good*.

(51) Neither has Samaria committed half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters in all your abominations which you have done.

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(52) You also, who have judged your sisters, bear your own shame for your sins that you have committed more abominable than they: they are more righteous than you: yes, be confounded also, and bear your shame, in that you have justified your sisters.

(53) When I bring again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then *I will bring again* the captivity of your captives in their midst:

(54) That you may bear your own shame, and may be confounded in all that you have done, in that you are a comfort to them.

(55) When your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters return to their former estate, then you and your daughters will return to your former estate.

(56) Because your sister Sodom was not mentioned by your mouth in the day of your pride,

(57) Before your wickedness was revealed, as at the time of *your* reproach of the daughters of Syria, and all *who are* around her, the daughters of the Philistines, who despise you all around.

(58) You have borne your lewdness and your abominations, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(59) Because this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; I will even deal with you as you have done, who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant.

(60) Nevertheless I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish with you an everlasting covenant.

(61) Then you will remember your ways, and be ashamed, when you receive your sisters, your elder and your younger: and I will give them to you for daughters, but not by your covenant.

(62) And I will establish My covenant with you; and you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}:

(63) That you may remember, and be confounded, and never open your mouth anymore because of your shame, when I am pacified towards you for all that you have done, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 17

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

(2) Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel;

(3) And say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; A great eagle with great wings, long-winged, full of feathers, which had various colors, came to Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar:

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<p>(4) He cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffic; he set it in a city of merchants.</p> <p>(5) He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed <i>it</i> by great waters, <i>and</i> set it <i>as</i> a willow tree.</p> <p>(6) And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and its roots were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.</p> <p>(7) There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and, indeed, this vine bent her roots toward him, and shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it by the furrows of her plantation.</p> <p>(8) It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a good vine.</p> <p>(9) You say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Shall it prosper? will he not pull up its roots, and cut off its fruit, that it wither? it will wither in all the leaves of her spring, even without great power or many people to pluck it up by its roots.</p> <p>(10) Yes, <i>although it is</i> planted, shall it prosper? will it not completely wither, when the east wind touches it? {indeed} it will wither in the furrows where it grew.</p>	<p>(11) Furthermore the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,</p> <p>(12) Say now to the rebellious house, Do you not know what these <i>things mean</i>? tell <i>them</i>, Indeed, the king of Babylon has come to Jerusalem, and has taken its king, and its princes, and led them with him to Babylon;</p> <p>(13) And has taken of the king's offspring, and made a covenant with him, and has taken an oath from him: he has also taken the mighty of the land:</p> <p>(14) That the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up, <i>but</i> that by keeping of his covenant it might stand.</p> <p>(15) But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and many people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape who does such <i>things</i>? or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered?</p> <p>(16) As I live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, surely in the place <i>where</i> the king <i>lives</i> who made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he broke, <i>even</i> with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die.^a</p> <p>(17) Neither will Pharaoh with <i>his</i> mighty army and great company make for him in the war, by casting up mounts, and building forts, to cut off many persons:</p>
<p>17:16a – King Zedekiah attempted to form an alliance with Egypt to throw off King Nebuchadnezzar's rule. As a result, King Nebuchadnezzar sent his armies and destroyed Jerusalem and the temple and carried King Zedekiah as a prisoner back to Babylon after killing his children before his eyes then putting his eyes out. II Ki. 25:1-4,8; Jer. 39:1-2; 52:2-7</p>	

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(18) Since he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, he had given his hand, and has done all these *things*, he will not escape.

(19) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; As I live, surely My oath that he has despised, and My covenant that he has broken, even it I will repay upon his own head.

(20) And I will spread My net upon him, and he will be taken in My snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there because of his sin that he has sinned against Me.

(21) And all his fugitives with all his bands will fall by the sword, and those who remain will be scattered toward all winds: and you will know that I the LORD {Jehovah} have spoken *it*.

(22) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set *it*; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant *it* upon a high and prominent mountain:

(23) In the mountain of the height of Israel I will plant it: and it will bring forth branches, and bear fruit, and be a good cedar: and all birds of every wing will live under it; in the shadow of its branches they will live.

(24) And all the trees of the field will know that I the LORD {Jehovah} have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the LORD {Jehovah} have spoken and have done *it*.

Chapter 18

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

(2) What do you mean, that you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?

(3) As I live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, you shall not have *occasion* any more to use this proverb in Israel.

(4) Indeed, all souls are Mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is Mine: the soul that sins, it shall die.

(5) But if a man is just, and does that which is lawful and right,

(6) *And* has not eaten upon the mountains *before his gods*, neither has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither has defiled his neighbor's wife, neither has come near to a woman in her period,

(7) *And* has not oppressed anyone, *but* has restored to the debtor his pledge, has spoiled no one by violence, has given his bread to the hungry, and has covered the naked with clothing;

(8) He *who* has not loaned charging interest,^a neither has taken any increase, *who* has withdrawn his hand from sin, has executed true judgment between man and man,

(9) Has walked in My laws, and has kept My judgments, to deal truly; he *is* just, he will surely live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(10) If he fathers a son *who is* a robber, a one who sheds blood, and *who* does things similar to *any* one of these *things*,

18:8a - usury - interest - see Neh. 5:11 {even 1% is too much!!}

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(11) And who does not do any of those *deeds*, but even has eaten upon the mountains *before his gods*, and defiled his neighbor's wife,
 (12) Has oppressed the poor and needy, has spoiled by violence, has not restored the pledge, and has lifted up his eyes to the idols, has committed abomination,
 (13) Has lent upon interest, and has taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he has done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.
 (14) Now, indeed, *if* he fathers a son, who sees all his father's sins which he has done, and considers, and does not do such things,
 (15) *Who* has not eaten upon the mountains, neither has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, has not defiled his neighbor's wife,
 (16) Neither has oppressed any, has not withheld the pledge, neither has spoiled by violence, *but* has given his bread to the hungry, and has covered the naked with clothing,
 (17) *Who* has taken off his hand from the poor, *who* has not received interest nor increase, has executed My judgments, has walked in My laws; he will not die for the sin of his father, he will surely live.
 (18) *As for* his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did *that* which is not good among his people, indeed, even he will die in his sin.

(19) Yet you say, Why? Does not the son bear the sin of the father? When the son has done that which is lawful and right, *and* has kept all My laws, and has done them, he shall surely live.
 (20) The soul that sins, it shall die. The son shall not bear the sin of the father, neither shall the father bear the sin of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.
 (21) But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keep all My laws, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.
 (22) All his sins that he has committed, they will not be mentioned towards him: in his righteousness that he has done he shall live.
 (23) Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}: *and* not that he should return from his ways, and live?
 (24) But when the righteous turns away from his righteousness, and commits sin, *and* does according to all the abominations that the wicked *man* does, shall he live? All his righteousness that he has done will not be mentioned: in his evil deeds that he has done, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them he shall die.
 (25) Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not fair. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not My way fair? are not your ways unfair?

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(26) When a righteous *man* turns away from his righteousness, and commits sin, and dies in them; because of his sin that he has done he shall die.

(27) Again, when the wicked *man* turns away from his wickedness that he has committed, and does that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

(28) Because he considers, and turns away from all his sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

(29) Yet the house of Israel says, The way of the Lord is not fair. O house of Israel, are not My ways fair? are not your ways unfair?

(30) Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}. Repent, and turn *yourselves* from all your sins; so sin will not be your ruin.

(31) Cast away from you all your sins, in which you have sinned; and make yourself a new heart and a new spirit: because why will you die, O house of Israel?

(32) Because I have no pleasure in the death of him who dies, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}: therefore turn *yourselves*, and live.

Chapter 19

(1) Furthermore take up a lamentation {loud cry} for the princes of Israel,

(2) And say, What is your mother? A lioness: she lay down among lions, she nourished her cubs among young lions.

(3) And she brought up one of her cubs: it became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men.

(4) The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains to the land of Egypt.

(5) Now when she saw that she had waited, *and* her hope was lost, then she took another of her cubs, *and* made him a young lion.

(6) And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, *and* devoured men.

(7) And he knew their desolate palaces, and he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and its fullness, by the noise of his roaring.

(8) Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him: he was taken in their pit.

(9) And they put him in prison in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon: they brought him into strongholds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel.

(10) Your mother is like a vine in your blood, planted by the waters: she was fruitful and full of branches because of many waters.

(11) And she had strong rods for the scepters of those who bore rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.

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(12) But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them.

(13) And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground.

(14) And fire has gone out of a rod of her branches, *which* has devoured her fruit, so that she has no strong rod to be a scepter to rule. This is a cry, and will be for crying.

Chapter 20

(1) And it came to pass in the seventh year {3535 A.H./C-507 B.C.}, in the fifth *month* {Ab [July-Aug.]}, the tenth *day* of the month {5/10/3535 A.H.},^a *that* certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD {Jehovah}, and sat before me.

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

(3) Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Have you come to inquire of Me? As I live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, I will not be inquired of by you.

(4) Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge *them*? cause them to know the abominations of their forefathers:

(5) And say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up My hand to the offspring of the house of Jacob, and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up My hand to them, saying, I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} your God;

(6) In the day *that* I lifted up My hand to them, to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had spied out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands:

(7) Then I said to them, let everyone cast away the abominations of his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(8) But they rebelled against Me, and would not listen to Me: every man did not cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out My fury upon them, to accomplish My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

(9) But I did it for My Name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen {ungodly nations}, among whom they *were*, in whose sight I made Myself known to them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

20:1a - fifth month - Ab (July-August) 7th year of Jehoiachin's captivity, 4 years before Jerusalem and the temple are destroyed [3535 A.H./C-507 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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(10) Therefore I caused them to go out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.

(11) And I gave them My laws, and showed them My judgments, which *if* a man does *them*, he will even live in them.

(12) Furthermore also I gave them My sabbaths {Saturdays}, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} Who sanctifies them.

(13) But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness: they did not walk in My laws, and they despised My judgments, which *if* a man does, he will even live in them; and My sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out My fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

(14) But I did it for My Name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen {ungodly nations}, in whose sight I brought them out.

(15) Yet I also lifted up My hand to them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given *them*, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands;

(16) Because they despised My judgments, and did not walk in My laws, but polluted My sabbaths: because their hearts went after their idols.

(17) Nevertheless My eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

(18) But I said to their children in the wilderness, Do not walk in the laws of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols:

(19) I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} your God; walk in My laws, and keep My judgments, and do them;

(20) And hallow My sabbaths {Saturdays}; and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(21) Nevertheless the children rebelled against Me: they did not walk in My laws, neither kept My judgments to do them, which *if* a man does, he will even live in them; they polluted My sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out My fury upon them, to accomplish My anger against them in the wilderness.

(22) Nevertheless I withdrew My hand, and did it for My Name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen {ungodly nations}, in whose sight I brought them forth.

(23) I lifted up My hand to them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the heathen {ungodly nations}, and disperse them through the countries;

(24) Because they had not executed My judgments, but had despised My laws, and had polluted My sabbaths, and their eyes went after their fathers' idols.

(25) Therefore I gave them also laws *that were* not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;

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(26) And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through *the fire* all who opens the womb, that I might make them desolate, in order that they might know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(27) Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel, and say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Yet in this your forefathers have blasphemed Me, in that they have committed a sin against Me.

(28) *Because* when I had brought them into the land, *for* which I had lifted up My hand to give to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering: there also they made their sweet aroma, and poured out there their drink offerings.

(29) Then I said to them, What is the high place where you go? And the name of it is called Bamah {high place}^b to this day.

(30) Therefore say to the house of Israel, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Are you polluted after the manner of your fathers? and do you commit prostitution after their abominations?

(31) *Because* when you offer your gifts, when you make your sons to pass through the fire, you pollute yourselves with all your idols, even to this day: and shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, I will not be inquired of by you.

(32) And that which comes into your mind will not be at all, that you say, We will be as the heathen {ungodly nations}, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.

(33) As I live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, I will rule over you:

(34) And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries in which you are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

(35) And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there I will plead with you face to face.

(36) Just as I pleaded with your forefathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead with you, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(37) And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

(38) And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and those who sin against Me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they live, and they will not enter into the land of Israel: and you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(39) As for you, O house of Israel, this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Everyone of you go and serve your idols, and hereafter *also*, if you will not listen to Me: but do not pollute My holy Name any more with your gifts, and with your idols.

20:29b - Bamah {במה} - high place

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(40) Because in My holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve Me: there I will accept them, and there I will require your offerings, and the first-fruits of your sacrifices, with all your holy things.

(41) I will accept you with your sweet aroma, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries in which you have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen {ungodly nations}.

(42) And you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the country *for* the which I lifted up My hand to give it to your forefathers.

(43) And there you will remember your ways, and all your works, in which you have been defiled; and you will despise yourselves in your own sight for all your evils which you have committed.

(44) And you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}, when I have dealt with you for My Name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt works, O house of Israel, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(45) Furthermore the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

(46) Son of man, set your face toward the south, and drop *your word* toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field;

(47) And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}; This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will kindle a fire in you, and it will devour every green tree in you, and every dry tree: the flaming flame will not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north will be burned in it.

(48) And all flesh will see that I the LORD {Jehovah} have kindled it: it will not be quenched.

(49) Then I said, Ah Lord GOD {Jehovah}! they say of me, Does he not speak parables?

Chapter 21

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

(2) Son of man, set your face towards Jerusalem, and drop *your word* toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel,

(3) And say to the land of Israel, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I *am* against you, and will draw forth My sword out of its sheath, and will cut off the righteous and the wicked from you.

(4) Since I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore My sword will go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north:

(5) That all flesh may know that I the LORD {Jehovah} have drawn forth My sword out of its sheath: it will not return any more.

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<p>(6) Therefore sigh, son of man, with the breaking of <i>your</i> thighs {deep despair}; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes.</p> <p>(7) And it will be <i>that</i>, when they say to you, Why do you sigh? that you shall answer, Because of the news; because it comes: and every heart will melt, and all hands will be feeble, and every spirit will faint, and all knees will be weak as water: indeed, it comes, and will be brought to pass, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(8) Again the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,</p> <p>(9) Son of man, prophesy, and say, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also polished:</p> <p>(10) It is sharpened to make a great slaughter; it is polished that it may glitter: should we then rejoice? it despises the rod of my son, as every tree.</p> <p>(11) And He has given it to be polished, that it may be handled: this sword is sharpened, and it is polished, to give it into the hand of the killer.</p> <p>(12) Cry and howl, son of man: because it will be upon My people, it <i>will be</i> upon all the princes of Israel: terrors because of the sword will be upon My people: strike therefore upon <i>your</i> thigh.</p> <p>(13) Because <i>it is</i> a trial, and what if <i>the sword</i> despises even the rod? it will be no <i>more</i>, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.</p>	<p>(14) You therefore, son of man, prophesy, and strike <i>your</i> hands together, and let the sword be doubled the third time,^a the sword of those killed: it is the sword of the great <i>men who are</i> killed, which enters into their private chambers.</p> <p>(15) I have set the point of the sword against all their gates, that <i>their</i> hearts may faint, and <i>their</i> ruins be multiplied: ah! <i>it is</i> made bright, <i>it is</i> wrapped up for the slaughter.</p> <p>(16) You go one way or the other, <i>either</i> on the right hand, <i>or</i> on the left, wherever your face is set.</p> <p>(17) I will also strike My hands together, and I will cause My fury to rest: I the LORD {Jehovah} have said <i>it</i>.</p> <p>(18) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me again, saying,</p> <p>(19) Also, you son of man, appoint your two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come: both of them will come forth out of one land: and choose for yourself a place, choose <i>it</i> at the head of the road to the city.</p> <p>(20) Appoint a road, that the sword may come to Rabbath of the Ammonites, and to Judah in Jerusalem the defended.</p> <p>(21) Because the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the road, at the head of the two roads, to use divination: he made <i>his</i> arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver.^b</p>
<p>21:14a – third time – see note on Ezekiel 1 – The third time Nebuchadnezzar destroyed everything including the walls around Jerusalem, the temple, and houses inside Jerusalem</p> <p>21:21b – divination, looked in the liver – God even uses the foolishness of the ungodly to direct them to do what He wants done.</p>	

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(22) At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to appoint captains, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to appoint *battering* rams against the gates, to cast a mount, *and* to build a fort.

(23) And it will be to them as a false divination in their sight, to those who have sworn oaths^c but he will call to remembrance the sin, that they may be taken.

(24) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because you have caused your sin to be remembered, in that your sins are uncovered, so that in all your deeds your sins appear; because, *I say*, that you have come to remembrance, you will be taken with the hand.

(25) And you, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day has come, when sin *will have* an end,

(26) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Remove the diadem {kingly crown}, and take off the crown: this *shall not be* the same: exalt *him who is* low, and bring low *him who is* high.

(27) I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no *more*, until He comes Whose right it is; and I will give it *to Him*.

(28) And you, son of man, prophesy and say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; even say, The sword, the sword *is* drawn: for the slaughter *it is* polished, to consume because of the glittering:

(29) While they see vanity to you, while they divine a lie to you, to bring you upon the necks of *those who are* killed, of the wicked, whose day has come, when their sin *will have* an end.

(30) Shall I cause *it* to return into its sheath? I will judge you in the place where you were created, in the land of your birth.

(31) And I will pour out My indignation upon you, I will blow against you in the fire of My wrath {anger; judgment}, and deliver you into the hands of ungodly men, *who are* skillful to destroy.

(32) You will be for fuel to the fire; your blood will be in the midst of the land; you will be remembered no *more*: because I the LORD {Jehovah} have spoken *it*.

Chapter 22

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

(2) Now, you son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? yes, you shall show her all her abominations.

(3) Then you say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says, The city sheds blood in its midst, that her time may come, and makes idols against herself to defile herself.

21:23c – those of Jerusalem believe Nebuchadnezzar's divinations are false, because they have sworn oaths with the Egyptians for protection – but the Egyptians themselves will flee

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(4) You have become guilty in your blood that you have shed; and have defiled yourself in your idols which you have made; and you have caused your days to draw near, and have come *even* to your years: therefore I have made you a reproach to the heathen {ungodly nations}, and a mocking to all countries.

(5) *Those who are* near, and *those who are* far from you, will mock you, *who are* infamous *and* greatly oppressed.

(6) Indeed, the princes of Israel, everyone were in you to their power to shed blood.

(7) In you they have set light by father and mother: in your midst they have dealt by oppression with the stranger: in you they have oppressed the fatherless and the widow.

(8) You have despised My holy things, and have profaned My sabbaths.

(9) In you there are men who carry tales to shed blood: and in you they eat upon the mountains *before their gods*: in your midst they commit lewdness.

(10) In you they have uncovered their fathers' nakedness:^a in you they have humbled her who was set apart for pollution.^b

(11) And one has committed abomination with his neighbor's wife; and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another in you has humbled his sister, his father's daughter.

(12) In you they have taken gifts to shed blood; you have taken usury {interest}^c and increase, and you have greedily gained of your neighbors by extortion, and have forgotten Me, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(13) Therefore I have stricken My hand at your dishonest gain which you have made, and at your blood which has been in your midst.

(14) Can your heart endure, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I deal with you? I the LORD {Jehovah} have spoken *it*, and will do *it*.

(15) And I will scatter you among the heathen {ungodly nations}, and disperse you in the countries, and will consume your filthiness out of you.

(16) And you shall take your inheritance in yourself in the sight of the heathen {ungodly nations}, and you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(17) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(18) Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross {waste} to Me: all of them *are* brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are *even* the dross {waste} of silver.

(19) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because you have all become dross {waste}, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

22:10a- i.e. had sex with their own mother – see I Cor. 5:1

22:10b – set apart for pollution – i.e. in her monthly period – Lev. 15:20,33; Lev. 18:19; Lev. 20:18

22:12c – usury – interest – see note on Ezek. 18:8

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(20) As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt *it*; so I will gather *you* in My anger and in My fury, and I will leave *you there*, and melt you.

(21) Yes, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of My wrath, and you shall be melted in its midst.

(22) As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall you be melted in its midst; and you shall know that I the LORD {Jehovah} have poured out My fury upon you.

(23) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(24) Son of man, say to her, You *are* the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.

(25) *There* is a conspiracy of her prophets in its midst, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in its midst.

(26) Her priests have violated My law, and have profaned My holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shown *distinction* between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from My sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

(27) Her princes in its midst *are* like wolves devouring the prey, to shed blood, *and* to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.

(28) And her prophets have plastered themselves with whitewash, seeing vanity, and divining lies to them, saying, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says, when the LORD {Jehovah} has not spoken.

(29) The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have oppressed the poor and needy: yes, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

(30) And I sought for a man among them, who should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

(31) Therefore I have poured out My indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath {anger; judgment}: their own ways I have repaid upon their heads, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 23

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

(2) Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother:

(3) And they committed prostitution in Egypt; they committed prostitution in their youth: there their breasts were pressed, and there they bruised the nipples of their virginity.

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(4) And their names *were* Aholah {her tent}^a the elder, and Aholibah {my tent is in her}^b her sister: and they were Mine, and they bore sons and daughters. This is what their names *were*; Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah.

(5) And Aholah {Samaria} played the prostitute when she was Mine; and she lusted after her lovers, on the Assyrians *her* neighbors,

(6) *Who were* clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses.

(7) So she committed her prostitution with them, with all *those who were* the chosen men of Assyria, and with all on whom she lusted: with all their idols she defiled herself.

(8) Neither has she left her prostitution *brought* from Egypt: because in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginity, and poured their immorality upon her.

(9) Therefore I have delivered her into the hands of her lovers, into the hands of the Assyrians, upon whom she lusted.

(10) These uncovered her nakedness: they took her sons and her daughters, and killed her with the sword: and she became famous among women; because they had executed judgment upon her.

(11) And when her sister Aholibah {Jerusalem} saw *this*, she was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her prostitution more than her sister in *her* prostitution.

(12) She lusted after the Assyrians *her* neighbors, captains and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men.

(13) Then I saw that she was defiled, *that* they *took* both one way,

(14) And *that* she increased her prostitution: because when she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with red colors,^c

(15) Belts tied upon their waists, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their birth:

(16) And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she lusted after them, and sent messengers to them into Chaldea.

(17) And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their prostitution, and she was polluted with them, and her mind was alienated from them.

(18) So she uncovered her prostitution, and uncovered her nakedness: then My mind was alienated from her, as My mind was alienated from her sister.

23:4a – Aholah - {אֹהֵלָה} - her tent [idolatrous sanctuary] – represents Samaria {the northern kingdom of Israel} which was destroyed by the Assyrians

23:4b – Aholibah - {אֹהֵלִיבָה} – my tent is in her – represents Jerusalem {the southern kingdom of Judah} which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is about to destroy.

23:14c – vermilion – red colors

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(19) Yet she multiplied her prostitution, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, in which she had played the prostitute in the land of Egypt.

(20) Because she lusted after their concubines, whose flesh *is as* the flesh of donkeys, and whose *blood* issue *is like* the issue of horses.

(21) So you called to remembrance the lewdness of your youth, in bruising your nipples by the Egyptians for the breasts of your youth.

(22) Therefore, O Aholibah {Jerusalem}, this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will raise up your lovers against you, from whom your mind is alienated, and I will bring them against you on every side;

(23) The Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, and Shoa, and Koa, *and* all the Assyrians with them: all of them desirable young men, captains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding upon horses.

(24) And they will come against you with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, *which* will set against you armor and shield and helmet all around: and I will set judgment before them, and they will judge you according to their judgments.

(25) And I will set My jealousy against you, and they will deal furiously with you: they will take away your nose and your ears; and your remnant will fall by the sword: they will take your sons and your daughters; and your remnant will be devoured by the fire.

(26) They will also strip you out of your clothes, and take away your fair jewels.

(27) So I will cause your lewdness to cease from you, and your prostitution *brought* from the land of Egypt: so that you will not lift up your eyes to them, nor remember Egypt any more.

(28) Because this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will deliver you into the hand *of those* whom you hate, into the hand *of those* from whom your mind is alienated:

(29) And they will deal with you hatefully, and will take away all your labor, and will leave you naked and bare: and the nakedness of your prostitution will be uncovered, both your lewdness and your prostitution.

(30) I will do these *things* to you, because you have gone prostituting after the heathen {ungodly nations}, *and* because you are polluted with their idols.

(31) You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore I will give her cup into your hand.

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(32) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; You shall drink of your sister's cup deep and large: you will be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it contains much.

(33) You will be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of your sister Samaria.

(34) You will even drink it and suck *it* out, and you shall break its pieces, and pluck off your own breasts: because I have spoken *it*, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(35) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because you have forgotten Me, and cast Me behind your back, therefore you also bear your lewdness and your prostitutions.

(36) Furthermore the LORD {Jehovah} said to me; Son of man, will you judge Aholah {Samaria} and Aholibah {Jerusalem}? yes, declare to them their abominations;

(37) That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols they have committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bore to Me, to pass for them through *the fire*, to devour *them*.

(38) Furthermore this they have done to Me: they have defiled My sanctuary {temple} in the same day, and have profaned My sabbaths.

(39) Because when they had killed their children for their idols, then they came the same day into My sanctuary to profane it; and, indeed, they have done so in the midst of My house {temple}.

(40) And furthermore, that you have sent for men to come from afar, to whom a messenger *was* sent; and, they came: for whom you washed yourself, painted your eyes, and decked yourself with ornaments,

(41) And sat upon a stately bed, and a table prepared before it, upon which you have set My incense and My oil.

(42) And a voice of a multitude being at ease *was* with her: and with the men of the common sort *were* brought Sabeans from the wilderness, who put bracelets upon their hands, and beautiful crowns upon their heads.

(43) Then I said to *her who was* old in adulteries, Will they now commit prostitution with her, and she *with them*?

(44) Yet they went in to her, as they go in to a woman who plays the prostitute: so they went in to Aholah {Samaria} and to Aholibah {Jerusalem}, the lewd women.

(45) And the righteous men shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women who shed blood; because they *are* adulteresses, and blood is in their hands.

(46) Because this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; I will bring up a company upon them, and will give them to be removed and spoiled.

(47) And the company will stone them with stones, and dispatch them with their swords; they will kill their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.

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(48) So I will cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.

(49) And they will repay your lewdness upon you, and you will bear the sins of your idols: and you will know that I *am* the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 24

(1) Again in the ninth year {of Zedekiah} {3537 A.H./C-505 B.C.}, in the tenth month {Tebeth [Dec.-Jan.]}, on the tenth *day* of the month {10/10/3537 A.H.}, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(2) Son of man, write the name of the day, *even* of this very day: the king of Babylon *has* set himself against Jerusalem this very day.^a

(3) And speak a parable to the rebellious house, and say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Set on a pot, set *it* on, and also pour water into it:

(4) Gather its pieces into it, *even* every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill *it* with the choice bones.

(5) Take the choice of the flock, and burn also the bones under it, *and* cause it to boil well, and let them boil its bones in it.

(6) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose scum *is* in it, and whose scum has not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it.

(7) Because her blood is in her midst; she set it upon the top of a rock; she did not pour it upon the ground, to cover it with dust;

(8) That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance; I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered.

(9) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Woe to the bloody city! I will even make the pile for fire great.

(10) Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned.

(11) Then set it empty upon its coals, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and *that* the filthiness of it may be molten in it, *that* its scum may be consumed.

(12) She has wearied *herself* with lies, and her great scum did not go forth out of her: her scum *shall be* in the fire.

24:2a – Beginning of siege of Jerusalem - {10/10/3537 A.H.}
 - 9th year of Zedekiah – 539 days before destruction of the temple in Jerusalem [3537 A.H./C-505 B.C.] – Jer. 39:1
 - See Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History
 II Ki. 25:1-4,8; Jer. 39:1-2; Jer. 52:2-7; Ezek. 4:5 – See Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days.
 See also The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com

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(13) In your filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged you, and you were not purged, you will not be purged from your filthiness any more, until I have caused My fury to rest upon you.

(14) I the LORD {Jehovah} have spoken *it*: it will come to pass, and I will do *it*; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to your ways, and according to your deeds, they will judge you, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(15) Also the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(16) Son of man, indeed, I take away from you the desire of your eyes {your wife}^b with a stroke: yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, neither shall your tears run down.

(17) Refrain from crying, make no mourning for the dead, bind the turban of your head upon you, and put on your shoes upon your feet, and do not cover *your* lips, and do not eat the bread of men.

(18) So I spoke to the people in the morning: and at evening my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

(19) And the people said to me, Will you not tell us what these *things mean* to us, that you do?

(20) Then I answered them, The word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(21) Speak to the house of Israel, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will profane My sanctuary {temple}, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pities; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left will fall by the sword.

(22) And you will do as I have done: you will not cover *your* lips, nor eat the bread of men.

(23) And your turbans *will be* upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet: you will not mourn nor weep; but you will waste away for your sins, and mourn towards one another.

(24) So Ezekiel is to you a sign: according to all that he has done you will do: and when this comes, you will know that I *am* the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(25) Also, you son of man, *shall it not be* in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that upon which they set their minds, their sons and their daughters,

(26) *That* he who escapes in that day will come to you, to cause *you* to hear *it* with *your own* ears?

(27) In that day your mouth will be opened to him who is escaped, and you will speak, and no longer be dumb: and you will be a sign to them; and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

24:16b – desire of Ezekiel's eyes – his wife {Ezek. 24:18}

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Chapter 25

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

(2) Son of man, set your face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them;

(3) And say to the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord GOD {Jehovah}; This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because you said, Aha, against My sanctuary {temple}, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity;

(4) Therefore, indeed, I will deliver you to the men of the east for a possession, and they will set their palaces in you, and make their homes in you: they will eat your fruit, and they will drink your milk.

(5) And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the Ammonites a couching place for flocks: and you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(6) Because this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because you have clapped *your* hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in heart with all your spite against the land of Israel;

(7) Therefore, indeed, I will stretch out My hand upon you, and will deliver you for a spoil to the heathen {ungodly nations}; and I will cut you off from the people, and I will cause you to perish out of the countries: I will destroy you; and you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(8) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because of what Moab and Seir say, Look, the house of Judah is like all the heathen {ungodly nations};

(9) Therefore, indeed, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities *which are* on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim,

(10) To the men of the east with the Ammonites, and will give them in possession, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations.

(11) And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(12) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because Edom has dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them;

(13) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; I will also stretch out My hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and those of Dedan will fall by the sword.

(14) And I will lay My vengeance upon Edom by the hand of My people Israel: and they will do in Edom according to My anger and according to My fury; and they will know My vengeance, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

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(15) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a spiteful heart, to destroy *it* because of the old hatred;

(16) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will stretch out My hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethims, and destroy the remnant of the sea coast.

(17) And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}, when I lay My vengeance upon them.

Chapter 26

(1) And it came to pass in the eleventh year {of Zedekiah} {3539 A.H./C-503 B.C.}, on the first *day* of the month,^a *that* the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(2) Son of man, because Tyrus has said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken *who was* the gates of the people: she has turned to me: I shall be replenished, *now* she is laid waste:

(3) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I *am* against you, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes his waves to come up.

(4) And they will destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.

(5) It will be *a place for* the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: because I have spoken *it*, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}: and it will become a spoil to the nations.

(6) And her daughters which *are* in the field will be killed by the sword; and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(7) Because this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people.

(8) He will kill with the sword your daughters in the field: and he will make a fort against you, and cast a mount against you, and lift up the armor against you.

(9) And he will set engines of war against your walls, and with his axes he will break down your towers.

(10) Because of the abundance of his horses their dust will cover you: your walls will shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he enters into your gates, as men enter into a city in which a breach is made.

(11) With the hooves of his horses he will tread down all your streets: he will kill your people by the sword, and your strong garrisons will go down to the ground.

26:1a –11th year of Jehoiachin's captivity - the year of Jerusalem and the temple's destruction [3539 A.H./C-503 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) And they will make a spoil of your riches, and make a prey of your merchandise: and they will break down your walls, and destroy your pleasant houses: and they will lay your stones and your timber and your dust in the midst of the water.

(13) And I will cause the noise of your songs to cease; and the sound of your harps shall be heard no more.

(14) And I will make you like the top of a rock: you will be *a place* to spread nets upon; you shall be built no more: because I the LORD {Jehovah} have spoken *it*, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(15) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says to Tyrus; Shall not the islands shake at the sound of your fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in your midst?

(16) Then all the princes of the sea will come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and put off their embroidered clothes: they will clothe themselves with trembling; they will sit upon the ground, and will tremble at *every* moment, and be astonished at you.

(17) And they will mourn for you, and say to you, How you are destroyed, *who was* lived in by seafaring men, the renowned city, which was strong in the sea, she and those who live in her, who cause their terror *to be* on all who haunt it!

(18) Now the islands will tremble in the day of your fall; yes, the islands that *are* in the sea shall be troubled at your departure.

(19) Because this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; When I shall make you a desolate city, like the cities that are not lived in; when I shall bring up the deep upon you, and great waters will cover you;

(20) When I shall bring you down with them who descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set you in the lower parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with those who go down to the pit, that you not be lived in; and I shall set glory in the land of the living;

(21) I will make you a terror, and you *will be* no *more*: though you are sought for, yet you will never be found again, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 27

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

(2) Now, you son of man, take up a cry for Tyrus;

(3) And say to Tyrus, O you who are situated at the entry of the sea, *who are* a merchant of the people for many islands, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; O Tyrus, you have said, I *am* of perfect beauty.

(4) Your borders *are* in the midst of the seas, your builders have perfected your beauty.

(5) They have made all your *ship* boards of fir trees of Senir: they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for you.

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<p>(6) <i>Of the oaks of Bashan they have made your oars; the company of the Ashurites have made your benches of ivory, brought out of the isles of Chittim.</i></p> <p>(7) <i>Fine linen with embroidered work from Egypt was that which you spread forth to be your sail; blue and purple from the islands of Elishah was that which covered you.</i></p> <p>(8) <i>Those who lived in Zidon and Arvad were your mariners: your wise men, O Tyrus, that were in you, were your pilots.</i></p> <p>(9) <i>The elders of Gebal and its wise men were in you your caulkers: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in you to occupy your merchandise.</i></p> <p>(10) <i>Those of Persia^a and of Lud {Ethiopia}^b and of Phut {Libya}^c were in your army, your men of war: they hanged the shield and helmet in you; they set forth your beauty.</i></p> <p>(11) <i>The men of Arvad with your army were upon your walls all around, and the Gammadims were in your towers: they hung their shields upon your walls all around; they have made your beauty perfect.</i></p>	<p>(12) <i>Tarshish^d was your merchant because of the multitude of all kind of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in your fairs.</i></p> <p>(13) <i>Javan, Tubal {parts of Russia}, and Meshech,^e they were your merchants: they traded the persons of men {slave traders}^f and vessels of brass in your market.</i></p> <p>(14) <i>Those of the house of Togarmah {Turkey, parts of Iran and Iraq}^g traded in your goods {merchandise} with horses and horsemen and mules.</i></p> <p>(15) <i>The men of Dedan {Saudi Arabia}^h were your merchants; many islands were the merchandise of your hand: they brought you for a present horns of ivory and ebony.</i></p> <p>(16) <i>Syria was your merchant because of the multitude of the wares of your making: they came to your markets with emeralds, purple, and embroidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and agate.</i></p> <p>(17) <i>Judah, and the land of Israel, were your merchants: they traded in your market wheat of Minnith, and Pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm.</i></p>
<p>27:10a - Persia -- includes all or part of the following nations: Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan</p> <p>27:10b -- Lud - Ethiopia -- modern Sudan and Ethiopia</p> <p>27:10c - Phut -- Libya - see notes on nations at Ezek. 38</p> <p>27:12d - Tarshish - see list of nations in Ezek. 38</p> <p>27:13e - Gog, Magog, Rosh, Meshech, Tubal all refer to areas within Russia. Rosh -- may be root name of Russia; Meshech -- believed to be the city of Moscow see note on Ezek. 38:1</p> <p>27:13f -- traded the persons of men -- slave traders</p> <p>27:14g -Torgarmah -- Turkey, parts of Iran and Iraq</p> <p>27:15h - Dedan - Saudi Arabia</p>	

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(18) Damascus *was* your merchant in the multitude of the wares of your making, because of the multitude of all riches; in the wine of Helbon, and white wool.

(19) Dan also and Javan going back and forth occupied in your fairs: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were in your market.

(20) Dedan *was* your merchant in precious clothes for chariots.

(21) Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they traded with you in lambs, and rams, and goats: in these *they were* your merchants.

(22) The merchants of Sheba and Raamah, they *were* your merchants: they traded in your markets with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold.

(23) Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur, *and* Chilmad, *were* your merchants.

(24) These *were* your merchants in all sorts of *things*, in blue clothes, and embroidered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar, among your merchandise.

(25) The ships of Tarshish sang of you in your market: and you were replenished, and made very glorious in the midst of the seas.

(26) Your rowers have brought you into great waters: the east wind has broken you in the midst of the seas.

(27) Your riches, and your fairs, your merchandise, your mariners, and your pilots, your caulkers, and the occupiers of your merchandise, and all your men of war, who *are* in you, and in all your company which is in your midst, shall fall into the midst of the seas in the day of your ruin.

(28) The suburbs will shake at the sound of the cry of your pilots.

(29) And all who handle the oar, the mariners, *and* all the pilots of the sea, will come down from their ships, they will stand upon the land;

(30) And will cause their voice to be heard against you, and will cry bitterly, and will cast up dust upon their heads, they will wallow themselves in the ashes:

(31) And they will make themselves completely bald because of you, and clothe themselves with sackcloth, and they will weep for you with bitterness of heart *and* bitter wailing.

(32) And in their wailing they will take up a cry for you, and cry over you, *saying*, What *city is* like Tyrus, like the destroyed in the midst of the sea?

(33) When your wares went forth out of the seas, you filled many people; you enriched the kings of the earth with the multitude of your riches and of your merchandise.

(34) In the time *when* you will be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters your merchandise and all your company in your midst will fall.

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<p>(35) All those who live in the islands will be astonished at you, and their kings will be greatly afraid, they will be troubled in <i>their</i> appearance.</p> <p>(36) The merchants among the people will hiss at you; you will be a terror, and <i>will be</i> no more.</p> <p>Chapter 28</p> <p>(1) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} came again to me, saying,</p> <p>(2) Son of man, say to the prince of Tyrus, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because your heart <i>is</i> lifted up, and you have said, I <i>am</i> a God, I sit <i>in</i> the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet you <i>are</i> a man, and not God, though you set your heart as the heart of God:</p> <p>(3) Indeed, you <i>are</i> wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from you:</p> <p>(4) With your wisdom and with your understanding you have obtained for yourself riches, and have obtained gold and silver into your treasures:</p> <p>(5) By your great wisdom <i>and</i> by your traffic you have increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches:</p> <p>(6) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because you have set your heart as the heart of God;</p> <p>(7) Therefore, indeed, I will bring strangers upon you, the terrible of the nations: and they will draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they will defile your brightness.</p>	<p>(8) They will bring you down to the pit, and you will die the deaths of <i>those who are</i> killed in the midst of the seas.</p> <p>(9) Will you yet say before him who kills you, I <i>am</i> God? but you <i>will be</i> a man, and no God, in the hand of him who kills you.</p> <p>(10) You will die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: because I have spoken <i>it</i>, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(11) Furthermore the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,</p> <p>(12) Son of man, take up a cry upon the king of Tyrus,^a and say to him, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; You seal up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.</p> <p>(13) You have been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone <i>was</i> your covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of your tambourines and of your pipes were prepared in you in the day that you were created.</p> <p>(14) You <i>are</i> the anointed cherub who covers; and I have set you so: you were upon the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.</p> <p>(15) You <i>were</i> perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until sin was found in you.^b</p>
<p>28:12a – see note on king of Tyrus on Is. 14:12 – an illusion to Satan 28:15b – see Is. 14:12</p>	

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(16) By the multitude of your merchandise they have filled your midst with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

(17) Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, you have corrupted your wisdom because of your brightness: I will cast you to the ground, I will lay you before kings, that they may view you.

(18) You have defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your sins, by the sin of your traffic; therefore I will bring forth a fire from your midst, it will devour you, and I will bring you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all those who see you.

(19) All those who know you among the people will be astonished at you: you will be a terror, and you *will* never *be* any more.

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

(21) Son of man, set your face against Zidon, and prophesy against it,

(22) And say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I *am* against you, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in your midst: and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}, when I have executed judgments in her, and be sanctified in her.

(23) Because I will send into her disease, and blood into her streets; and the wounded will be judged in her midst by the sword upon her on every side; and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(24) And there will be no more a pricking brier to the house of Israel, nor *any* grieving thorn of all *who are* around them, who despised them; and they will know that I *am* the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(25) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; When I have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen {ungodly nations}, then they will live in their land that I have given to My servant Jacob.

(26) And they will live safely in it, and will build houses, and plant vineyards; yes, they will live with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those who despise them all around them; and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} their God.

Chapter 29

(1) In the tenth year {of Zedekiah} {3538 A.H./C-504 B.C.}, in the tenth *month* {Tebeth [Dec.-Jan.]}, on the twelfth *day* of the month {10/12/3538 A.H.},^a the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(2) Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt:

29:1a - tenth month - Tebeth (December-January) 10th year of Jehoiachin's captivity – one year before Jerusalem and the temple are destroyed [3538 A.H./C-504 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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(3) Speak, and say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I *am* against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lies in the midst of his rivers, who has said, My river is my own, and I have made *it* for myself.

(4) But I will put hooks in your jaws, and I will cause the fish of your rivers to stick to your scales, and I will bring you up out of the midst of your rivers, and all the fish of your rivers will stick to your scales.

(5) And I will leave you *thrown* into the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers: you will fall upon the open fields; you will not be brought together, nor gathered: I have given you for food to the beasts of the field and to the birds of the heaven.

(6) And all those who live in Egypt will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.

(7) When they took hold of you by your hand, you broke, and tore all their shoulder: and when they leaned upon you, you broke, and caused all their thighs to be at a stand.

(8) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will bring a sword upon you, and cut off man and beast out of you.

(9) And the land of Egypt will be desolate and waste; and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}: because he has said, The river is mine, and I have made *it*.

(10) Therefore, indeed, I *am* against you, and against your rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt completely waste *and* desolate, from the tower of Syene even to the border of Ethiopia.

(11) No foot of man will pass through it, nor foot of beast will pass through it, neither will anyone live in it forty years.

(12) And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries *that are* desolate, and her cities among the cities *that are* laid waste will be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

(13) Yet this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the people where they were scattered:

(14) And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return *into* the land of Pathros, into the land of their homes; and they will be a base kingdom there.

(15) It will be the basest of the kingdoms; neither will it exalt itself any more above the nations: because I will diminish them, that they will no more rule over the nations.

(16) And it will no longer be the confidence of the house of Israel, which brings *their* sin to remembrance, when they look after them: but they will know that I *am* the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

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(17) And it came to pass in the twenty-seventh year {of Jehoiachin's captivity} {3555 A.H./C-487 B.C.}, in the first *month* {Nisan [Mar.-Apr.]},^b on the first *day* of the month {1/1/3555 A.H.}, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(18) Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head *was* made bald, and every shoulder *was* stripped: yet he had no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it:

(19) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and he will take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it will be the wages for his army.

(20) I have given him the land of Egypt *for* his labor for which he served against it, because they did it for Me, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(21) In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give you the opening of the mouth in their midst; and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 30

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

(2) Son of man, prophesy and say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Howl, Woe is the day!

(3) Because the day *is* near, even the day of the LORD {Jehovah}^a *is* near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen {ungodly nations}.

(4) And the sword will come upon Egypt, and great pain will be in Ethiopia, when those who are killed fall in Egypt, and they will take away her multitude, and her foundations will be broken down.

(5) Ethiopia, and Libya, and Lydia, and all the mingled people, and Chub, and the men of the land that is in league {alliance}, will fall with them by the sword.

(6) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; Those also who uphold Egypt will fall; and the pride of her power will come down: from the tower of Syene they will fall in it by the sword, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(7) And they will be desolate in the midst of the countries *that are* desolate, and her cities will be in the midst of the cities *that are* wasted.

(8) And they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and *when* all her helpers are destroyed.

(9) In that day messengers will go forth from Me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid, and great pain will come upon them, as in the day of Egypt: because, indeed, it comes.

29:17b - first month - Nisan (March-April) 27th year of Jehoiachin's captivity [3555 A.H./C-487 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

30:3a - the day of the Lord - Armageddon - see note on I Cor. 1:8

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(10) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; I will also cause the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

(11) He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, will be brought to destroy the land: and they will draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with those killed.

(12) And I will make the rivers dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the land waste, and all who are in it, by the hand of strangers: I the LORD {Jehovah} have spoken *it*.

(13) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause *their* images to cease out of Noph; and there will be no more a prince of the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt.

(14) And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set fire in Zoan, and will execute judgments in No.

(15) And I will pour My fury upon Sin, the strength of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No.

(16) And I will set fire in Egypt: Sin will have great pain, and No will be torn asunder, and Noph *will have* distresses daily.

(17) The young men of Aven and of Pi-beseth will fall by the sword: and these *cities* will go into captivity.

(18) At Tehaphnehes also the day will be darkened, when I break there the yokes of Egypt: and the pomp of her strength will cease in her: as for her, a cloud will cover her, and her daughters will go into captivity.

(19) So I will execute judgments in Egypt: and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(20) And it came to pass in the eleventh year {of Jehoiachin's captivity} {3539 A.H./C-503 B.C.}, in the first *month* {Nisan [Mar.-Apr.]},^a on the seventh *day* of the month {1/7/3539 A.H.}, *that* the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(21) Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, indeed, it will not be bound up to be healed, to put a roller to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword.

(22) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I *am* against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.

(23) And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

(24) And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put My sword in his hand: but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he will groan before him with the groans of a deadly wounded *man*.

30:20a - first month - Nisan (March-April) Note: the eleventh year of Jehoiachin's captivity is the year Nebuchadnezzar's armies destroyed Jerusalem and the temple [3539 A.H./C-503 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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(25) But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh will fall down; and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}, when I put My sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.

(26) And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them among the countries; and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 31

(1) And it came to pass in the eleventh year {of Jehoiachin's captivity} {3539 A.H./C-503 B.C.}, in the third *month* {Sivan [May-Jun.]}, on the first *day* of the month {3/1/3539 A.H.},^a *that* the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(2) Son of man, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; To whom are you like in your greatness?

(3) Indeed, the Assyrian *was* a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of a high stature; and his top was among the thick branches.

(4) The waters made him great, the deep set him up on high with her rivers running all around his plants, and sent out her little rivers to all the trees of the field.

(5) Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his branches were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when he shot forth.

(6) All the birds of heaven made their nests in his branches, and under his branches all the beasts of the field brought forth their young, and under his shadow all great nations lived.

(7) So he was fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches: because his root was by great waters.

(8) The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his branches, and the chestnut trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like him in his beauty.

(9) I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that *were* in the garden of God, envied him.

(10) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because you have lifted up yourself in height, and he has shot up his top among the thick branches, and his heart is lifted up in his height;

(11) I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen {ungodly nations}; he will surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness.

(12) And strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his branches are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth have gone down from his shadow, and have left him.

(13) Upon his ruin all the birds of the heaven will remain, and all the beasts of the field will be upon his branches:

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<p>(14) To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves because of their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick branches, neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water: because they are all delivered to death, to the furthestmost parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with those who go down to the pit.</p> <p>(15) This is what Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained its floods, and the great waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him.</p> <p>(16) I caused the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with those who descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all who drink water, shall be comforted in the lowermost parts of the earth.</p> <p>(17) They also went down into hell with him to <i>those who are</i> killed with the sword; and <i>those who were</i> his arm, <i>who</i> lived under his shadow in the midst of the heathen {ungodly nations}.</p>	<p>(18) To whom are you like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the lowermost parts of the earth: you will lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with <i>those who are</i> killed by the sword. This <i>is</i> Pharaoh and all his multitude, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>Chapter 32</p> <p>(1) And it came to pass in the twelfth year {of Jehoiachin's captivity} {3540 A.H./C-502 B.C.},^a in the twelfth month {Adar [Feb.-Mar.]}, on the first <i>day</i> of the month {12/1/3540 A.H.}, <i>that</i> the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,</p> <p>(2) Son of man, take up a cry for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him, You are like a young lion of the nations, and you <i>are</i> as a whale in the seas: and you came forth with your rivers, and troubled the waters with your feet, and fouled their rivers.</p> <p>(3) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; I will therefore spread out My net over you with a company of many people; and they shall bring you up in My net.</p> <p>(4) Then I will leave you upon the land, I will cast you forth upon the open field, and will cause all the birds of the heaven to remain upon you, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with you.</p>
<p>32:1a - 12th year of Jehoiachin's captivity [3540 A.H./C-502 B.C.] - about 1 year 8 months after the destruction of the temple - see <u>Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History</u> - See <u>Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days</u>. See also <u>The Jewish Calendar</u> at <u>www.TheWordNotes.com</u></p>	

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(5) And I will lay your flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with your height.

(6) I will also water with your blood the land in which you swim, *even* to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of you.

(7) And when I put you out, I will cover the heaven, and make its stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

(8) All the bright lights of heaven I will make dark over you, and set darkness upon your land, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(9) I will also torment the hearts of many people, when I bring your destruction among the nations, into the countries which you have not known.

(10) Yes, I will make many people amazed at you, and their kings will be horribly afraid for you, when I brandish My sword before them; and they will tremble at *every* moment, every man for his own life, in the day of your fall.

(11) Because this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; The sword of the king of Babylon will come upon you.

(12) By the swords of the mighty I will cause your multitude to fall, the terrible of the nations, all of them: and they will spoil the pomp of Egypt, and all its multitude will be destroyed.

(13) I will destroy also all its beasts from beside the great waters; neither will the foot of man trouble them anymore, nor the hooves of beasts trouble them.

(14) Then I will make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to run like oil, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(15) When I make the land of Egypt desolate, and the country will be destitute of that with which it was full, when I strike all of those who live in it, then they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(16) This is the cry with which they will mourn her: the daughters of the nations will mourn her: they will mourn for her, *even* for Egypt, and for all her multitude, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(17) It came to pass also in the twelfth year {of Jehoiachin's captivity} {3540 A.H./C-502 B.C.},^b on the fifteenth *day* of the month {12/15/3540 A.H.}, *that* the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(18) Son of man, cry loudly for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, *even* her, and the daughters of the famous nations, to the lowermost parts of the earth, with those who go down into the pit.

(19) Whom do you surpass in beauty? go down, and be laid with the uncircumcised.

(20) They will fall in the midst of *those who are* killed by the sword: she is delivered to the sword: draw her and all her multitudes.

(21) The strong among the mighty will speak to him out of the midst of hell with those who help him: they have gone down, they lie uncircumcised, killed by the sword.

32:17b - 12th year of Jehoiachin's captivity [3540 A.H./C-502 B.C.]

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(22) Asshur *is* there and all her company: his graves *are* all around him: all of those killed, fallen by the sword:

(23) Whose graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is all around her grave: all of those killed, fallen by the sword, which caused terror in the land of the living.

(24) There *is* Elam and all her multitude all around her grave, all of those killed, fallen by the sword, who have gone down uncircumcised into the lowermost parts of the earth, which caused their terror in the land of the living; yet they have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit.

(25) They have set her a bed in the midst of those killed with all her multitude: her graves *are* all around him: all of them uncircumcised, killed by the sword: though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet they have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of *those who are* killed.

(26) There *is* Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude: her graves *are* all around him: all of them uncircumcised, killed by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living.

(27) And they will not lie with the mighty *who are* fallen of the uncircumcised, who have gone down to hell with their weapons of war: and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their sins will be upon their bones, though *they were* the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

(28) Yes, you will be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and will lie with *those who are* killed with the sword.

(29) There *is* Edom, her kings, and all her princes, who with their might are laid by *those who were* killed by the sword: they will lie with the uncircumcised, and with those who go down to the pit.

(30) There *are* the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, who have gone down with those killed; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with *those who are* killed by the sword, and bear their shame with those who go down to the pit.

(31) Pharaoh will see them, and will be comforted over all his multitude, *even* Pharaoh and all his army killed by the sword, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(32) Because I have caused My terror in the land of the living: and he will be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with *those who are* killed with the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his multitude, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

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Chapter 33

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

(2) Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman:

(3) If when he sees the sword come upon the land, he blows the trumpet, and warns the people;

(4) Then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet, and does not take warning; if the sword comes, and takes him away, his blood will be upon his own head.

(5) He heard the sound of the trumpet, and did not take warning; his blood will be upon him. But he who takes warning will deliver his soul.

(6) But if the watchman sees the sword come, and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned; if the sword comes, and takes *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his sin; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.

(7) So you, O son of man, I have set you as a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear the word at My mouth, and warn them from Me.

(8) When I say to the wicked, O wicked *man*, you shall surely die; if you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* will die in his sin; but his blood will I require at your hand.

(9) Nevertheless, if you warn the wicked of his ways to turn from them; if he does not turn from his ways, he will die in his sin; but you have delivered your soul.

(10) Therefore, O son of man, speak to the house of Israel; This is what you are to speak, saying, If our evil deeds and our sins *are* upon us, and we waste away in them, how should we then live?

(11) Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn, turn from your evil ways; because why will you die, O house of Israel?

(12) Therefore, son of man, say to the children of your people, The righteousness of the righteous will not deliver him in the day of his sin: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he will not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; neither will the righteous be able to live for his *righteousness* in the day that he sins.

(13) When I say to the righteous, *that* he will surely live; if he trusts in his own righteousness, and commits sin, all his righteousness will not be remembered; but because of his sin that he has committed, he will die for it.

(14) Again, when I say to the wicked, You shall surely die; if he turns from his sin, and does that which is lawful and right;

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| <p>(15) <i>If</i> the wicked restores the pledge, returns what he has robbed, walks in the laws of life, without committing sin; he will surely live, he will not die.</p> <p>(16) None of his sins that he has committed will be mentioned to him: he has done that which is lawful and right; he will surely live.</p> <p>(17) Yet the children of your people say, The way of the Lord is not fair: but as for them, their ways are not fair.</p> <p>(18) When the righteous turns from his righteousness, and commits sin, he will even die because of it.</p> <p>(19) But if the wicked turns from his wickedness, and does that which is lawful and right, he will live because of it.</p> <p>(20) Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not fair. O you house of Israel, I will judge you everyone according to his deeds.</p> <p>(21) And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity {3540 A.H./C-502 B.C.},^a in the tenth <i>month</i> {Tebeth [Dec.-Jan.]}, on the fifth <i>day</i> of the month {10/5/3540 A.H.}, <i>that</i> one who had escaped out of Jerusalem came to me, saying, The city is stricken.^b</p> <p>(22) Now the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was upon me in the evening, before he who had escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no longer dumb.</p> <p>(23) Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,</p> | <p>(24) Son of man, those who live in the wastes of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we <i>are</i> many; the land is given us for inheritance.</p> <p>(25) Therefore say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; You eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes towards your idols, and shed blood: and shall you possess the land?</p> <p>(26) You stand upon your sword, you work abomination, and everyone of you defiles his neighbor's wife: and shall you possess the land?</p> <p>(27) You say this to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; As I live, surely those who <i>are</i> in the wastes will fall by the sword, and he who <i>is</i> in the open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who <i>are</i> in the forts and in the caves will die by the disease.</p> <p>(28) Because I will lay the land most desolate, and pomp of her strength will cease; and the mountains of Israel will be desolate, that none will pass through.</p> <p>(29) Then they will know that I <i>am</i> the LORD {Jehovah}, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.</p> <p>(30) Also, you son of man, the children of your people still are talking against you by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, everyone to his brother, saying, I ask you to come and hear what the word is that comes forth from the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> |
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33:21a - "our captivity" - see note on Ezek. 1:1 - 12th year of Jehoiachin's captivity [3540 A.H./C-502 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

33:21b - II Ki. 25:1-4,8; Jer. 39:1-2; Jer. 52:2-7

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(31) And they come to you as the people come, and they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they will not do them: because with their mouth they show much love, *but* their heart goes after their covetousness.

(32) And, indeed, you *are* to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: because they hear your words, but they do not do them.

(33) And when this comes to pass, (look, it will come,) then they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Chapter 34

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

(2) Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says to the shepherds; Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

(3) You eat the fat, and you clothe yourselves with the wool, you kill those who are fed: *but* you do not feed the flock.

(4) The diseased you have not strengthened, neither have you healed those who were sick, neither have you bound up *those who were* broken, neither have you brought again that which was driven away, neither have you sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty you have ruled them.

(5) And they were scattered, because *there is* no shepherd: and they became food to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

(6) My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yes, My flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and no one searched or sought *after them*.

(7) Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah};

(8) As I live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food to every beast of the field, because *there was* no shepherd, neither did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and did not feed My flock;

(9) Therefore, O you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah};

(10) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I *am* against the shepherds; and I will require My flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves anymore; because I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

(11) Because this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I, *even* I, will both search My sheep, and seek them out.

(12) As a shepherd seeks out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep *that are* scattered; so I will seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

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(13) And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the places of the country where people live.

(14) I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel their fold will be: there they will lie in a good fold, and *in* a green pasture they will feed upon the mountains of Israel.

(15) I will feed My flock, and I will cause them to lie down, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(16) I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up *that which was* broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

(17) And *as for* you, O My flock, this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the male goats.

(18) *Does it seem* a small thing to you to have eaten up the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the remainder of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but you must foul the remainder with your feet?

(19) And *as for* My flock, they eat that which you have trodden with your feet; and they drink that which you have fouled with your feet.

(20) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says to them; Indeed, I, *even* I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.

(21) Because you have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, until you have scattered them abroad;

(22) Therefore I will save My flock, and they will no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle.

(23) And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he will feed them, *even* My servant David; he will feed them, and he will be their shepherd.

(24) And I the LORD {Jehovah} will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I the LORD {Jehovah} have spoken *it*.

(25) And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they will live safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

(26) And I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause the showers to come down in their season; there will be showers of blessing.

(27) And the tree of the field will yield her fruit, and the earth will yield her increase, and they will be safe in their land, and will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those who served themselves by them.

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(28) And they will no more be a prey to the heathen {ungodly nations}, neither will the beasts of the land devour them; but they will live safely, and no one will make *them* afraid.

(29) And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they will no more be consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen {ungodly nations} anymore.

(30) So they shall know that I the LORD {Jehovah} their God *am* with them, and *that* they, *even* the house of Israel, *are* My people, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(31) And you My flock, the flock of My pasture, *are* men, *and* I *am* your God, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 35

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

(2) Son of man, set your face against mount Seir, and prophesy against it,

(3) And say to it, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, O mount Seir, I *am* against you, and I will stretch out My hand against you, and I will make you most desolate.

(4) I will lay your cities waste, and you will be desolate, and you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(5) Because you have had a perpetual hatred, and have shed *the blood of* the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time *that their sin had* an end:

(6) Therefore, *as* I live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, I will prepare you for blood, and blood will pursue you: since you have not hated blood, even blood will pursue you.

(7) So I will I make mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it he who goes out and he who returns.

(8) And I will fill his mountains with his dead *men*: in your hills, and in your valleys, and in all your rivers, they shall fall who are killed with the sword.

(9) I will make you a perpetual desolation, and your cities will not return: and you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(10) Because you have said, These two nations and these two countries will be mine, and we will possess it; even though the LORD {Jehovah} was there:

(11) Therefore, *as* I live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, I will even do according to your anger, and according to your envy which you have used out of your hatred against them; and I will make Myself known among them, when I have judged you.

(12) And you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}, *and that* I have heard all your blasphemies which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given to us to consume.

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(13) So with your own mouth you have boasted against Me, and have multiplied your words against Me: I have heard *them*.

(14) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; When the whole earth rejoices, I will make you desolate.

(15) As you rejoiced at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so I will do to you: you will be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Idumea {Edom}, *even* all of it: and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 36

(1) Also, you son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}:

(2) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because the enemy has said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are ours in possession:

(3) Therefore prophesy and say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because they have made *you* desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that you might be a possession to the remainder of the heathen {ungodly nations}, and you are taken up in the lips of gossips, and *are* slandered by the people:

(4) Therefore, you mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD {Jehovah}; This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision to the remainder of the heathen {ungodly nations} that *are* all around;

(5) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Surely in the fire of My jealousy I have spoken against the remainder of the heathen {ungodly nations}, and against all Idumea {Edom}, who have appointed My land into their possession with the joy of all *their* heart, with spiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey.

(6) Prophecy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My fury, because you have borne the shame of the heathen {ungodly nations}:

(7) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; I have lifted up My hand, Surely the heathen {ungodly nations} who *are* around you, they will bear their shame.

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(8) But you, O mountains of Israel, you will shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to My people of Israel; because they are at hand to come.

(9) Because, indeed, I *am* for you, and I will turn to you, and you will be tilled and sown:

(10) And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, *even* all of it: and the cities will be lived in, and the wastes will be built:

(11) And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they will increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better *to you* than at your beginnings: and you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(12) Yes, I will cause men to walk upon you, *even* My people Israel; and they will possess you, and you will be their inheritance, and you will no more from this time forth bereave them *of men*.

(13) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because they say to you, Your *land* devours up men, and has bereaved your nations;

(14) Therefore you will devour men no more, neither bereave your nations any more, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(15) Neither will I cause *men* to hear in you the shame of the heathen {ungodly nations} anymore, neither will you bear the reproach of the people anymore, neither will you cause your nations to fall anymore, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

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

(17) Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their deeds: their way was before Me as the uncleanness of a woman in her period.^a

(18) Therefore I poured My fury upon them because of the blood that they had shed upon the land, and because of their idols *with which* they had polluted it:

(19) And I scattered them among the heathen {ungodly nations}, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their ways and according to their deeds I judged them.

(20) And when they entered to the heathen {ungodly nations}, wherever they went, they profaned My holy Name, when they said to them, These *are* the people of the LORD {Jehovah}, and have gone forth out of His land.

(21) But I had pity for My holy Name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen {ungodly nations}, wherever they went.

(22) Therefore say to the house of Israel, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; I do not do *this* for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for My holy Name's sake, which you have profaned among the heathen {ungodly nations}, wherever you went.

36:17a – see note on Ezek. 22:10b – Lev. 15:20,33; Lev. 18:19; Lev. 20:18

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(23) And I will sanctify My great Name, which was profaned among the heathen {ungodly nations}, which you have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen {ungodly nations} will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, when I am sanctified in you before their eyes.

(24) Because I will take you from among the heathen {ungodly nations}, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

(25) Then I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you will be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, I will cleanse you.

(26) I will also give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your body, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

(27) And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My laws, and you will keep My judgments, and do *them*.

(28) And you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; and you will be My people, and I will be your God.

(29) I will also save you from all your uncleanness: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

(30) And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that you will receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen {ungodly nations}.

(31) Then you will remember your own evil ways, and your deeds that *were* not good, and will despise yourselves in your own sight because of your sins and because of your abominations.

(32) I do not do this for your sakes, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, Let it be known to you: be ashamed and confounded because of your own ways, O house of Israel.

(33) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; In the day when I have cleansed you from all your sins I will also cause *you* to live in the cities, and the wastelands will be built.

(34) And the desolate land will be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all who passed by.

(35) And they will say, This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities *have become* fenced, *and* are lived in.

(36) Then the heathen {ungodly nations} who are left all around you will know that I the LORD {Jehovah} build the ruined *places*, *and* plant that which was desolate: I the LORD {Jehovah} have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*.

(37) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; I will yet *because of* this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

(38) As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so the waste cities will be filled with flocks of men: and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

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(1) The hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was upon me, and carried me out in the Spirit of the LORD {Jehovah}, and set me down in the midst of the valley which *was* full of bones,

(2) And caused me to pass by them all around: and, indeed, *there were* very many in the open valley; and, *they were* very dry.

(3) And He said to me, Son of man, *can these bones live?* And I answered, O Lord GOD {Jehovah}, You know.

(4) Again He said to me, *Prophesy upon these bones, and say to them, O you dry bones, hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.*

(5) *This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says to these bones; Indeed, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live:*

(6) *And I will lay inner-organs upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD {Jehovah}.*

(7) So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and indeed a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

(8) And while I looked, the inner-organs and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no breath in them.

(9) Then He said to me, *Prophesy to the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these dead, that they may live.*

(10) So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

(11) Then He said to me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: Indeed, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off because of our parts.

(12) Therefore prophesy and say to them, *This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, My people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.*

(13) *And you will know that I am the LORD {Jehovah}, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up out of your graves,*

(14) *And will put My Spirit in you, and you will live, and I will place you in your own land: then you will know that I the LORD {Jehovah} have spoken it, and performed it,* says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(15) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} came again to me, saying,

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(16) Furthermore, son of man, take for yourself one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and *for* all the house of Israel his companions:

(17) And join them one to another into one stick; and they will become one in your hand.

(18) And when the children of your people will speak to you, saying, Will you not show us what you *mean* by this?

(19) Say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, *even* with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand.

(20) And the sticks upon which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.

(21) And say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen {ungodly nations}, wherever they have gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

(22) And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king to them all: and they will no longer be two nations, neither will they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

(23) Neither will they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their sins: but I will save them out of all the places where they live, in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so they will be My people, and I will be their God.

(24) And David My servant *will be* king over them; and they will all have one shepherd: they will also walk in My judgments, and observe My laws, and do them.

(25) And they will live in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, in which your forefathers have lived; and they will live there, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children forever: and My servant David *will be* their prince forever.

(26) Furthermore I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary {temple} in the midst of them forevermore.

(27) My tabernacle also will be with them: yes, I will be their God, and they will be My people.

(28) And the heathen {ungodly nations} will know that I the LORD {Jehovah} sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in the midst of them forevermore.

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<p>Chapter 38</p> <p>(1) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,</p> <p>(2) Son of man, set your face against Gog {Russia}, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal,^a and prophesy against him,</p> <p>(3) And say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I <i>am</i> against you, O Gog {Russia}, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:</p> <p>(4) And I will turn you back, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you forth, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armor, even a great company with armor and shields, all of them handling swords:</p> <p>(5) Persia,^b Ethiopia,^c and Libya^d with them; all of them with shield and helmet:</p> <p>(6) Gomer {Germany}^e, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah {Turkey, Iran, Iraq }^f of the north quarters, and all his bands: <i>and</i> many people with you.</p> <p>(7) You be prepared, and prepare for yourself, you, and all your company who are assembled to you, and be a guard for them.</p>	<p>(8) After many days you shall be visited: in the latter years you will come into the land <i>that is</i> brought back from the sword, <i>and is</i> gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they will live safely all of them.</p> <p>(9) You will ascend and come like a storm, you will be like a cloud to cover the land, you, and all your bands, and many people with you.</p> <p>(10) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; It will also come to pass, <i>that</i> at the same time things will come into your mind, and you will think an evil thought:</p> <p>(11) And you will say, I will go up to the land of un-walled villages; I will go to those who are at rest, who live safely, all of them living without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,</p> <p>(12) To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn your hand upon the desolate places <i>that are now</i> lived in, and upon the people <i>who are</i> gathered out of the nations, who have obtained cattle and goods, who live in the midst of the land.</p>
<p>38:2a- Gog, Magog, Rosh, Meshech, Tubal all refer to areas within Russia. Rosh -- may be root name of Russia; Meshech -- believed to be the city of Moscow. Note: this invasion is not the same as the one at the end of the Revelation. See: "<u>Comparison of Gog and Magog's Invasions in Ezekiel and the Revelation</u>" at www.TheWordNotes.com</p> <p>38:5b- Persia -- includes all or part of the following nations: Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan</p> <p>38:5c- Ethiopia -- modern Sudan and Ethiopia</p> <p>38:5d- Put -- Libya</p> <p>38:6e- Gomer - East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia</p> <p>38:6f- Beth-Togarmah -- Turkey, parts of Iran and Iraq</p>	

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<p>(13) Sheba, and Dedan {Saudi Arabia}^g, and the merchants of Tarshish,^h with all their young lions,ⁱ will say to you, Have you come to take a spoil? Have you gathered your company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?</p> <p>(14) Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog {Russia}, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; In that day when My people of Israel live safely, will you not know <i>it</i>?</p> <p>(15) And you will come from your place out of the north parts, you, and many people with you, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:</p> <p>(16) And you will come up against My people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring you against My land, that the heathen {ungodly nations} may know Me, when I am sanctified in you, O Gog {Russia}, before their eyes.</p> <p>(17) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; <i>Are</i> you he of whom I have spoken in old time by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days <i>many</i> years that I would bring you against them?</p>	<p>(18) And it will come to pass at the same time when Gog {Russia} comes against the land of Israel, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, <i>that</i> My fury will come up in My face.</p> <p>(19) Because in My jealousy <i>and</i> in the fire of My wrath {anger; judgment} I have spoken, Surely in that day there will be a great shaking in the land of Israel;</p> <p>(20) So that the fish of the sea, and the birds of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all crawling things that crawl upon the earth, and all the men who <i>are</i> upon the face of the earth, will shake at My presence, and the mountains will be thrown down, and the steep places will fall, and every wall will fall to the ground.</p> <p>(21) And I will call for a sword against him throughout all My mountains, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}: every man's sword shall be against his brother.</p> <p>(22) And I will plead against him with disease and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people who <i>are</i> with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone {molten sulfur}.^j</p> <p>(23) So I will magnify Myself, and sanctify Myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they will know that I <i>am</i> the LORD {Jehovah}.</p>
<p><u>Nations watching but doing nothing</u> (EZEK. 38:13)</p> <p>38:13g - Dedan - Saudi Arabia</p> <p>38:13h - Sheba & Tarshish - West coast of Europe -- including England, Spain, and others</p> <p>38:13i - young lions - literally-- lion cubs- <u>offspring</u> or <u>descendants</u> of England, Spain, and other western European nations [some translate as "villages" of Tarshish] Note: it is not England and Spain or western Europe, but descendants from those areas [Americas??]</p> <p>38:22j – brimstone – sulfur – possibly volcanic eruption. Sulfur is also a component of gun powder and other explosives</p>	

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Chapter 39

(1) Therefore, son of man, prophesy against Gog {Russia}, and say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I *am* against you, O Gog {Russia}, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:^a

(2) And I will turn you back, and leave only the sixth part of you, and will cause you to come up from the northern parts, and will bring you upon the mountains of Israel:

(3) And I will strike your bow from your left hand, and will cause your arrows to fall from your right hand.

(4) You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you, and all your bands, and the people who *are* with you: I will give you to the ravenous birds of every sort, and *to* the beasts of the field to be devoured.

(5) You shall fall upon the open field: because I have spoken *it*, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(6) And I will send a fire^b on Magog {Russia}, and among those who live carelessly in the islands^c and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(7) So I will make My holy Name known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not *let them* pollute My holy Name any more: and the heathen {ungodly nations} will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}, the Holy One in Israel.

(8) Indeed, it has come, and it is done, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}; this is the day of which I have spoken.

(9) And those who live in the cities of Israel will go forth, and will set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the armor, the bows and the arrows, and the clubs, and the spears, and they will burn them with fire seven years:

(10) So that they will take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *any* out of the forests; because they will burn the weapons with fire: and they will spoil those who spoiled them, and rob those who robbed them, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(11) And it will come to pass in that day, *that* I will give Gog {Russia} a place of burial in Israel, the valley of the travelers on the east of the sea: and it will stop the *noses* of those who pass by: and there they will bury Gog {Russia} and all his multitude: and they will call *it* The valley of Hamon-gog {the multitudes of Gog [Russia]}.^d

(12) And seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order that they may cleanse the land.

(13) Yes, all the people of the land will bury *them*; and that day will be for them a day of renown that I will be glorified, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

39:1a - Ps. 83

39:6b - send - Note: when God "sends" it usually is by a human agent – God "sent" Nebuchadnezzar to destroy Israel – a nuclear exchange between the US and Russia is a possibility

39:6c – “carelessly in the isles” – we are not told in scripture where the “isles” are, but could be a possible reference to the Americas.

39:11d - Hamon-gog {הַמִּגְוֹג}- "the multitudes of Gog"

– east of sea {Mediterranean Sea; Dead Sea; or Sea of Galilee uncertain}

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(14) And they will separate out men of full-time employment, passing through the land to bury with the travelers those who remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months they will search.

(15) And those *who* pass through the land, when *they* see *any* human bone, will set up a sign by it, until the grave-diggers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog {the multitudes of Gog [Russia]}.

(16) And also the name of the city *will be* Hamonah {the multitude}.^e So they shall cleanse the land.

(17) And, you son of man, this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Speak to every feathered bird, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to My sacrifice that I sacrifice for you, *even* a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh, and drink blood.

(18) You will eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bulls, all of them fattened calves of Bashan.

(19) And you will eat fat until you are full, and drink blood until you are drunk, of My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

(20) So you will be filled at My table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(21) And I will set My glory among the heathen {ungodly nations}, and all the heathen {ungodly nations} will see My judgment that I have executed, and My hand that I have laid upon them.

(22) So the house of Israel will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} their God from that day and forward.

(23) And the heathen {ungodly nations} shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity because of their sin: because they sinned against Me, therefore I hid My face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so they all fell by the sword.

(24) According to their uncleanness and according to their sins I have done to them, and hid My face from them.

(25) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Now I will bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for My holy Name;

(26) After they have borne their shame, and all their sins by which they have sinned against Me, when they lived safely in their land, and no one made *them* afraid.

(27) When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;

(28) Then they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} their God, Who caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen {ungodly nations}: but I have gathered them to their own land, and have left none of them there anymore.

39:16e - Hamonah {הַמִּוֶּנֶת}- "the multitude"

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(29) Neither will I hide My face any more from them: because I have poured out My Spirit upon the house of Israel, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 40

(1) In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity {3553 A.H./C-489 B.C.}, in the beginning of the year, on the tenth *day* of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was destroyed,^a on that very day the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was upon me, and brought me there.

(2) In the visions of God He brought me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which the frame of a city *was* on the south.

(3) And He brought me there, and, *there was* a man, whose appearance *was* like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.

(4) And the man said to me, Son of man, see with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and set your heart upon all that I shall show you; you *have been* brought here for the purpose that I might show *these things* to you: declare all that you see to the house of Israel.

(5) And I saw a wall around on the outside of the house {temple},^b and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits *long* by the cubit and a handwidth^c {about 11 ft.; 3.4 m.}: so he measured the width of the building, one reed {about 11 ft.; 3.4 m.}; and the height, one reed {about 11 ft.; 3.4 m.}.

(6) Then he came to the gate which faces towards the east, and went up its stairs, and measured the threshold of the gate, *which was* one reed^c wide {about 11 ft.; 3.4 m.}; and the other threshold *of the gate, which was* one reed wide {about 11 ft.; 3.4 m.}.

(7) And *every* little chamber *was* one reed long {about 11 ft.; 3.4 m.}, and one reed wide {about 11 ft.; 3.4 m.}; and between the little chambers *were* five cubits^d {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.}; and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate inside *was* one reed {about 11 ft.; 3.4 m.}.

40:1a - 25th year of Ezekiel's {and Jehoiachin's} captivity was the 14th year after the city of Jerusalem was destroyed. This means that the city {and the temple} was destroyed 19 years after the first captivity {that of Daniel and his friends} and the 11th year of Ezekiel's captivity. [3553 A.H./C-489 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)
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 See also [The Jewish Calendar](#) at www.TheWordNotes.com
 See also: -- "[Use of Numbers in Scripture](#)" at www.TheWordNotes.com

40:5b - house – temple

40:5c&6c -- reed -- 6 long cubits -- about 11 feet or 3.4 meters.

This long "cubit" [22"] {cubit plus a handbreadth [18"+4"]} is also referred to in Ezek. 41:8 as a "great cubit"

40:7d - 5 cubits - about 7.5 ft or 2.3 meter

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<p>(8) He measured also the porch of the gate inside, one reed {about 11 ft.; 3.4 m.}.</p> <p>(9) Then he measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits^e {about 12 ft.; 3.6 m.}; and its posts, two cubits^f {about 3 ft.; 0.9 m.}; and the porch of the gate <i>was</i> inside.</p> <p>(10) And the little chambers of the gate eastward <i>were</i> three on this side, and three on the opposite side; the three <i>were</i> of the same measure: and the posts had one measure on this side and on the opposite side.</p> <p>(11) And he measured the width of the entrance of the gate, ten cubits^f {about 15 ft.; 4.5 m.}; <i>and</i> the length of the gate, thirteen cubits^g {about 20 ft.; 6 m.}.</p> <p>(12) The space in front of the little chambers <i>was</i> one cubit^h {about 1.5 ft.; 0.46 m.} <i>on this side</i>, and the space <i>was</i> one cubit {about 1.5 ft. 0.46 m.} on the opposite side: and the little chambers <i>were</i> six cubitsⁱ {about 9 ft.; 2.8 m.} on this side, and six cubits {about 9 ft.; 2.8 m.} on that side.</p> <p>(13) He measured then the gate from the roof of <i>one</i> little chamber to the roof of another: the width <i>was</i> twenty-five cubits^j {about 38 ft.; 11.5 m.}, door to door.</p>	<p>(14) He made also posts of sixty cubits^k {about 90 ft.; 27.4 m.}, even to the post of the court around the gate.</p> <p>(15) And from the face of the gate of the entrance to the face of the porch of the inner gate <i>were</i> fifty cubits^l {about 75 ft.; 22.9 m.}.</p> <p>(16) And <i>there were</i> narrow windows to the little chambers, and to their posts within the gate all around, and likewise to the porches: and inside windows <i>were</i> all around: and upon <i>each</i> post <i>were</i> palm trees.</p> <p>(17) Then he brought me into the outer court, and, <i>there were</i> chambers, and a pavement was made around the court: thirty chambers <i>were</i> upon the pavement.</p> <p>(18) And the pavement by the side of the gates opposite the length of the gates <i>was</i> the lower pavement.</p> <p>(19) Then he measured the width from the forefront of the lower gate to the forefront of the inner court outside, one hundred cubits^m {about 150 ft.; 45.7 m.} eastward and northward.</p> <p>(20) And the gate of the outward court that faced towards the north, he measured its length, and its width.</p>
<p>40:9e - 2 cubits - about 3 ft or about 0.9 meter - see Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</p> <p>40:11f - 10 cubits - about 15 ft or 4.5 meters</p> <p>40:11g - 13 cubits - about 20 ft or 6 meters</p> <p>40:12h - 1 cubit - about 1.5 ft or 0.46 meters</p> <p>40:12i - 6 cubits - about 9 ft or 2.75 meters</p> <p>40:13j - 25 cubits - about 38 ft or 11.5 meters</p> <p>40:14k - 60 cubits - about 90 ft or 27.4 meters</p> <p>40:15l - 50 cubits - about 75 ft or 22.9 meters - see Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</p> <p>40:19m - 100 cubits - about 150 ft or 45.7 meters - see Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</p>	

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(21) And its little chambers *were* three on this side and three on the opposite side; and its posts and its porches were the same measure as the first gate: its length *was* fifty cubits {about 75 ft.; 22.9 m.}, and its width twenty-five cubits {about 38 ft.; 11.5 m.}.

(22) And their windows, and their porches, and their palm trees, *were* the same measure as the gate that faces towards the east; and there were seven steps going up to it; and its porches *were* in front of them.

(23) And the gate of the inner court *was* over against the gate toward the north, and toward the east; and he measured from gate to gate one hundred cubits {about 150 ft.; 45.7 m.}.

(24) After that he brought me towards the south, and there was a gate towards the south: and he measured its posts and its porches according to these measures.

(25) And *there were* windows in it and in its porches all around, like those windows: the length *was* fifty cubits {about 75 ft.; 22.9 m.}, and the width twenty-five cubits {about 38 ft.; 11.5 m.}.

(26) And *there were* seven steps going up to it, and its porches *were* in front of them: and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on the other side, upon its posts.

(27) And *there was* a gate in the inner court towards the south: and he measured from gate to gate towards the south one hundred cubits {about 150 ft.; 45.7 m.}.

(28) And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these measures;

(29) And its little chambers, and its posts, and its porches, according to these measures: and *there were* windows in it and in its porches all around: *it was* fifty cubits long {about 75 ft.; 22.9 m.}, and twenty-five cubits wide {about 38 ft.; 11.5 m.}.

(30) And the porches around it *were* twenty-five cubits long {about 38 ft.; 11.5 m.}, and five cubits wide {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.}.

(31) And its porches *were* facing towards the outer court; and palm trees *were* upon their posts: and there were eight steps going up to it.

(32) And he brought me into the inner court towards the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures.

(33) And its little chambers, and its posts, and its porches, *were* according to these measures: and *there were* windows in them and in its porches all around: *it was* fifty cubits long {about 75 ft.; 22.9 m.}, and twenty-five cubits wide {about 38 ft.; 11.5 m.}.

(34) And its porches *were* towards the outward court; and palm trees *were* upon their posts, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

(35) And he brought me to the north gate, and measured *it* according to these measures;

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<p>(36) Its little chambers, its posts, and its porches, and its windows all around: the length <i>was</i> fifty cubits {about 75 ft.; 22.9 m.}, and the width twenty-five cubits {about 38 ft.; 11.5 m.}.</p> <p>(37) And its posts <i>were</i> towards the outer court; and palm trees <i>were</i> upon their posts, on this side, and on the opposite side: and it <i>had</i> eight steps going up to it.</p> <p>(38) And the chambers and its entries <i>were</i> by the posts of the gates, where they washed the burnt offering.</p> <p>(39) And in the porch of the gate <i>were</i> two tables on this side, and two tables on the opposite side, to kill the burnt offering on and the sin offering and the trespass offering.</p> <p>(40) And at the outside, as one goes up to the entry of the north gate, <i>were</i> two tables; and on the other side, which <i>was</i> at the porch of the gate, <i>were</i> two tables.</p> <p>(41) Four tables <i>were</i> on this side, and four tables on the opposite side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, upon which they killed <i>their sacrifices</i>.</p> <p>(42) And the four tables <i>were</i> of cut stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and a halfⁿ long {about 2.25 ft.; 0.69 m.}, and a cubit and a half wide {about 2.25 ft.; 0.69 m.}, and one cubit high {about 1.5 ft.; 0.46 m.}: upon which also they laid the instruments with which they killed the burnt offering and the sacrifice.</p>	<p>(43) And inside <i>were</i> hooks, one hand wide {about four in.; 0.102 m.}, fastened all around: and upon the tables <i>was</i> the meat of the offering.</p> <p>(44) And outside the inner gate <i>were</i> the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which <i>was</i> at the side of the north gate; and their faces <i>were</i> towards the south: one at the side of the east gate <i>having</i> the face towards the north.</p> <p>(45) And he said to me, <i>This chamber, whose face is towards the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house {temple}.</i></p> <p>(46) <i>And the chamber whose face is towards the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these are the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi, who come near to the LORD {Jehovah} to minister to Him.</i></p> <p>(47) So he measured the court, one hundred cubits long {about 150 ft.; 45.7 m.}, and one hundred cubits wide {about 150 ft.; 45.7 m.}, foursquare; and the altar <i>that was</i> in front of the house {temple}.</p> <p>(48) And he brought me to the porch of the house {temple}, and measured <i>each</i> post of the porch, five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.} on this side, and five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.} on that side: and the width of the gate <i>was</i> three cubits^o {about 4.5 ft.; 1.4 m.} on this side, and three cubits {about 4.5 ft.; 1.4 m.} on that side.</p>
<p>40:42n - 1.5 cubits - about 2.25 ft or 0.69 meters - see Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures 40:48o - 3 cubits - about 4.5 ft or about 1.4 meters</p>	

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(49) The length of the porch *was* twenty cubits^p {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}, and the width eleven cubits^q {about 16.5 ft.; 5 m.}; and *he brought me* by the steps with which they went up to it: and *there were* pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

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(1) Afterward he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits {about 9 ft.; 2.8 m.} wide on the one side, and six cubits wide {about 9 ft.; 2.8 m.} on the other side, *which was* the width of the tabernacle.

(2) And the width of the door *was* ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 4.5 m.}; and the sides of the door *were* five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.} on the one side, and five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.} on the other side: and he measured its length, forty cubits^a {about 60 ft.; 18.3 m.}: and the width, twenty cubits {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}.

(3) Then he went inward, and measured the post of the door, two cubits {about 3 ft.; 0.9 m.}; and the door, six cubits {about 9 ft.; 2.7 m.}; and the width of the door, seven cubits^b {about 10.5 ft.; 3.3 m.}.

(4) So he measured its length, twenty cubits {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}; and the width, twenty cubits {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.}, in front of the temple: and he said to me, *This is the most holy place {Holy of Holies}.*

(5) After he measured the wall of the house, six cubits {about 9 ft.; 2.7 m.}; and the width of *every* side chamber, four cubits^c {about 6 ft.; 1.8 m.}, around the house {temple} on every side.

(6) And there *were* three side chambers, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which *was* of the house {temple} for the side chambers all around, that they might have hold, but they were not attached to the wall of the house.

(7) And *there was* an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side chambers: because the winding about of the house went still upward all around the house: therefore the breadth of the house *was still* upward, and so increased *from* the lowest *chamber* to the highest by the middle.

(8) I saw also the height of the house all around: the foundations of the side chambers *were* a full reed of six great cubits^d {about 11 ft.; 3.4 m.}.

40:49p - 20 cubits - about 30 ft or 9.1 meters

40:49q - 11 cubits - about 16.5 ft or 5 meters

41:2a - 40 cubits - about 60 ft or 18.3 meters

41:3b - 7 cubits - about 10.5 ft or 3.3 meters

- see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

41:5c - 4 cubits - about 6 ft or 1.8 meters

41:8d - 6 great cubits - about 11 ft – see Ezek. 40:5

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(9) The thickness of the wall, which *was* for the side chamber outside, *was* five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.}; and *that* which *was* left *was* the place of the side chambers that *were* inside.

(10) And between the chambers *was* the width of twenty cubits {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.} around the house {temple} on every side.

(11) And the doors of the side chambers *were* towards *the place that was* left, one door towards the north, and another door towards the south: and the width of the place that was left *was* five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.} all around.

(12) Now the building that *was* before the separate place at the end towards the west *was* seventy cubits^e broad {about 105 ft.; 32 m.}; and the wall of the building *was* five cubits {about 7.5 ft.; 2.3 m.} thick all around, and its length ninety cubits^f {about 135 ft.; 41.1 m.}.

(13) So he measured the house, a hundred cubits long {about 150 ft.; 45.7 m.}; and the separate place, and the building, with its walls, a hundred cubits {about 150 ft.; 45.7 m.} long;

(14) Also the width of the face of the house, and of the separate place towards the east, one hundred cubits {about 150 ft.; 45.7 m.}.

(15) And he measured the length of the building opposite the separate place which *was* behind it, and its galleries on the one side and on the other side, one hundred cubits {about 150 ft.; 45.7 m.}, with the inner temple, and the porches of the court;

(16) The door posts, and the narrow windows, and the galleries all around on their three stories, opposite the door, all covered with wood panels, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows *were* covered;

(17) From above the door, even to the inner house, and outside, and by all the wall all around inside and outside, by measure.

(18) And *it was* made with cherubims and palm trees, so that a palm tree *was* between a cherub and a cherub; and *every* cherub had two faces;

(19) So that the face of a man *was* towards the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion towards the palm tree on the other side: *it was* made through all the house all around.

(20) From the ground to above the door *were* cherubims and palm trees made, and *on* the wall of the temple.

(21) The posts of the temple *were* squared, *and* the face of the sanctuary; the appearance *of the one* as the appearance *of the other*.

41:12e - 70 cubits - about 105 ft or 32 meters

41:12f - 90 cubits - about 135 ft or 41.1 meters

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(22) The altar of wood *was* three cubits high {about 4.5 ft.; 1.4 m.}, and its length two cubits {about 3 ft.; 0.9 m.}; and its corners, and its length, and its walls, *were* of wood: and he said to me, *This is the table that is before the LORD {Jehovah}.*

(23) And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

(24) And the doors had two leaves *apiece*, two turning leaves; two *leaves* for the one door, and two leaves for the other *door*.

(25) And *there were* made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubims and palm trees, like *those* made upon the walls; and *there were* thick planks upon the face of the porch outside.

(26) And *there were* narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and *upon* the side chambers of the house, and thick planks.

Chapter 42

(1) Then he brought me forth into the outer court, the way towards the north: and he brought me into the chamber that *was* opposite the separate place, and which *was* in front of the building towards the north.

(2) Before the length of one hundred cubits {about 150 ft.; 45.7 m.} *was* the north door, and the width *was* fifty cubits {about 75 ft.; 22.9 m.}.

(3) Opposite the twenty *cubits* {about 30 ft.; 9.1 m.} which *were* for the inner court, and, opposite the pavement which *was* for the outer court, *was* gallery against gallery in three *stories*.

(4) And before the chambers *was* a walk of ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 4.5 m.} width inward, a way of one cubit {about 1.5 ft.; 0.46 m.}; and their doors towards the north.

(5) Now the upper chambers *were* shorter: because the galleries were higher than these, than the lower, and than the middlemost of the building.

(6) Because they *were* in three *stories*, but did not have pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore *the building* was more straight than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground.

(7) And the wall that *was* outside opposite the chambers, towards the outer court on the forepart of the chambers, its length *was* fifty cubits {about 75 ft.; 22.9 m.}.

(8) Because the length of the chambers that *were* in the outer court *was* fifty cubits {about 75 ft.; 22.9 m.}: and, look, in front of the temple *were* one hundred cubits {about 150 ft.; 45.7 m.}.

(9) And from under these chambers *was* the entry on the east side, as one goes into them from the outer court.

(10) The chambers *were* in the thickness of the wall of the court towards the east, opposite the separate place, and opposite the building.

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(11) And the way before them *was* like the appearance of the chambers which *were* towards the north, as long as they, *and* as broad as they: and all their exits *were* both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.

(12) And according to the doors of the chambers that *were* towards the south *was* a door in the head of the way, *even* the way directly before the wall towards the east, as one enters into them.

(13) Then he said to me, *The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place, they are holy chambers, where the priests who approach the LORD {Jehovah} shall eat the most holy things: there they shall lay the most holy things, and the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; because the place is holy.*

(14) *When the priests enter into it, then they shall not go out of the holy place into the outer court, but there they shall lay their clothes in which they minister; because they are holy; and shall put on other clothes, and shall approach to those things which are for the people.*

(15) Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house {temple}, he brought me forth towards the gate which *faces* towards the east, and measured it all round.

(16) He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds^a {about 5,500 ft. or 1.04 mi.; 1.7 km.}, with the measuring reed all around.

(17) He measured the north side, five hundred reeds {about 5,500 ft. or 1.04 mi.; 1.7 km.}, with the measuring reed all around.

(18) He measured the south side, five hundred reeds {about 5,500 ft. or 1.04 mi.; 1.7 km.}, with the measuring reed.

(19) He turned about to the west side, *and* measured five hundred reeds {about 5,500 ft. or 1.04 mi.; 1.7 km.} with the measuring reed.

(20) He measured it by the four sides: it had a wall all around, five hundred reeds long {about 5,500 ft. or 1.04 mi.; 1.7 km.}, and five hundred wide {about 5,500 ft. or 1.04 mi.; 1.7 km.}, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

Chapter 43

(1) Afterward he brought me to the gate, *even* the gate that faces towards the east:

(2) And, indeed, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and His voice *was* like a noise of many waters: and the earth shone with His glory.

(3) And *it was* according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, *even* according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions *were* like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face.

(4) And the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} came into the house {temple} by the way of the gate which faces towards the east.

42:16a -- 500 reeds (5,500feet/1.04miles/1.7 kilometers) See Note on Ezek. 40:5 - see Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures

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<p>(5) So the Spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, indeed, the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} filled the house {temple}.</p> <p>(6) And I heard <i>Him</i> speaking to me out of the house {temple}; and the man stood by me.</p> <p>(7) And He said to me, Son of man, the place of My throne, and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will live in the midst of the children of Israel forever, and My holy Name, the house of Israel will no more defile, <i>neither</i> they, nor their kings, by their prostitution, nor by the dead bodies of their kings in their high places.</p> <p>(8) In their setting of their threshold by My thresholds, and their post by My posts, and the wall between Me and them, they have even defiled My holy Name by their abominations that they have committed: therefore I have consumed them in My anger.</p> <p>(9) Now let them put away their prostitution, and the dead bodies of their kings, far from Me, and I will live in the midst of them forever.</p> <p>(10) You son of man, show the house {temple} to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their sins: and let them measure the pattern.</p> <p>(11) And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, show them the form of the house {temple}, and its fashion, and its exits, and its entrances, and all its forms, and all its ordinances, and all its forms, and all its laws: and write <i>it</i> in their sight, that they may keep its whole form, and all its ordinances, and do them.</p>	<p>(12) This <i>is</i> the law of the house {temple}; Upon the top of the mountain its whole limit all around <i>shall be</i> most holy. Indeed, this is the law of the house {temple}.</p> <p>(13) And these <i>are</i> the measures of the altar after the cubits: The cubit <i>is</i> a cubit and a handbreadth^a {about 22 in. or 1.8 ft.; 0.6 m.}; even the bottom <i>shall be</i> a cubit {about 22 in. or 1.8 ft.; 0.6 m.}, and the width a cubit {about 22 in. or 1.8 ft.; 0.6 m.}, and its border by its edge all around <i>shall be</i> a span {about 9 in.; 0.23 m.}; and this <i>shall be</i> the higher place of the altar.</p> <p>(14) And from the base <i>upon</i> the ground <i>even</i> to the lower ledge <i>shall be</i> two cubits {about 3 ft.; 0.9 m.}, and the width one cubit {about 1.5 ft.; 0.46 m.}; and from the smaller ledge <i>even</i> to the larger ledge <i>shall be</i> four cubits {about 6 ft.; 1.8 m.}, and the width <i>one</i> cubit {about 1.5 ft.; 0.46 m.}.</p> <p>(15) So the altar <i>shall be</i> four cubits {about 6 ft.; 1.8 m.}; and from the altar and upwards <i>shall be</i> four horns.</p> <p>(16) And the altar <i>shall be</i> twelve cubits long^b {about 18 ft.; 5.5 m.}, twelve wide {about 18 ft.; 5.5 m.}, square in its four squares.</p> <p>(17) And the ledge <i>shall be</i> fourteen cubits^c long {about 21 ft.; 6.5 m.} and fourteen wide {about 21 ft.; 6.5 m.} in its four squares; and the border about it <i>shall be</i> half a cubit {about 9 in.; 0.23 m.}; and its base <i>shall be</i> a cubit {about 1.5 ft.; 0.46 m.}; and its stairs shall face towards the east.</p>
<p>43:16b - 12 cubits - about 18 ft or 5.5 meters 43:17c - 14 cubits - about 21 ft or 6.5 meters - see <u>Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</u></p>	

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(18) And He said to me, Son of man, this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; These *are* the ordinances of the altar in the day when they make it, to offer burnt offerings upon it, and to sprinkle blood upon it.

(19) And you shall give to the priests the Levites who are of the descent of Zadok, who approach Me, to minister to Me, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, a young bull for a sin offering.

(20) And you shall take of its blood, and put *it* on its four horns, and on the four corners of the ledge, and upon the border all around: so shall you cleanse and purge it.

(21) You shall take the bull also of the sin offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house {temple}, outside the sanctuary.

(22) And on the second day you shall offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they cleansed *it* with the bull.

(23) When you have made an end of cleansing *it*, you shall offer a young bull without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.

(24) And you shall offer them before the LORD {Jehovah}, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up *for* a burnt offering to the LORD {Jehovah}.

(25) Seven days you shall prepare every day a goat *for* a sin offering; they shall also prepare a young bull, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.

(26) Seven days they shall purge the altar and purify it; and they shall consecrate themselves.

(27) And when these days are expired, it shall be, *that* upon the eighth day, and forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 44

(1) Then He brought me back the way of the gate of the outer sanctuary which faces towards the east; and it *was* shut.

(2) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said to me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened,^a and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of Israel, has entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

(3) *It is* for the Prince; the Prince, He will sit in it to eat bread before the LORD {Jehovah}; He will enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and will go out by the way of the same.

44:2a - eastern gate is sealed shut - note that presently only the eastern gate is still standing and it was sealed shut around 1541 A.D. after the Turks had taken control of Jerusalem around 1517 A.D. They learned that the Messiah was to come through that gate so they sealed it shut to "prevent" any Messiah from coming through the gate. The eastern gate is also called the "Golden Gate" and "Beautiful Gate" and "Gate of Mercy" and faces eastward towards the Mount of Olives where Jesus will return with His saints on the day of Armageddon and enter into Jerusalem by that gate.

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(4) Then He brought me the way of the north gate before the house {temple}: and I looked, and, indeed, the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} filled the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: and I fell upon my face.

(5) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, Son of man, mark well, and see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the ordinances of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and all its laws; and mark well the entrance of the house {temple}, with every going forth of the sanctuary.

(6) And you shall say to the rebellious, *even* to the house of Israel, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; O you house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations,

(7) In that you have brought *into My sanctuary* strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary {temple}, to pollute it, *even* My house, when you offer My bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken My covenant because of all your abominations.

(8) And you have not kept the charge of My holy things: but you have set keepers of My charge in My sanctuary for yourselves.

(9) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into My sanctuary {temple}, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.

(10) And the Levites who have gone far away from Me, when Israel went astray, who went astray away from Me after their idols; they will even bear their sin.

(11) Yet they will be ministers in My sanctuary {temple}, *having* charge at the gates of the house {temple}, and ministering to the house {temple}: they will kill the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they will stand before them to minister to them.

(12) Because they ministered to them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into sin; therefore I have lifted up My hand against them, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, and they will bear their sin.

(13) And they will not come near to Me, to do the office of a priest to Me, nor to come near to any of My holy things, in the most holy *place*: but they will bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.

(14) But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house {temple}, for all its service, and for all that will be done inside it.

(15) But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they will come near to Me to minister to Me, and they will stand before Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}:

(16) They will enter into My sanctuary {temple}, and they will come near to My table, to minister to Me, and they will keep My charge.

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(17) And it will come to pass, *that* when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they will be clothed with linen clothes; and no wool shall come upon them, while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and inside.

(18) They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen pants upon their waists; they shall not clothe *themselves* with anything that causes sweat.

(19) And when they go forth into the outer court, *even* into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their clothes in which they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other clothes; and they shall not sanctify the people with their clothes.

(20) Neither shall they shave their heads, nor allow their hair to grow long; they shall only cut the hair of their heads.

(21) Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

(22) Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her who is divorced: but they shall take maidens of the descent of the house of Israel, or a widow who had a priest before.

(23) And they shall teach My people *the difference* between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

(24) And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; *and* they shall judge it according to My judgments: and they shall keep My laws and My commandments in all My assemblies; and they shall hallow My sabbaths {Saturdays}.

(25) And they shall not come near to any dead person to defile themselves: except for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister who has had no husband, they may defile themselves.

(26) And after he is cleansed, they shall count to him seven days.

(27) And in the day that he goes into the sanctuary, to the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(28) And it shall be to them for an inheritance: I *am* their inheritance: and you shall give them no possession in Israel: I *am* their possession.

(29) They shall eat the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs.

(30) And the first of all the first-fruits of all *things*, and every sacrifice of all, of every *sort* of your sacrifices, shall be the priest's: you shall also give to the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in your house.

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<p>(31) The priests shall not eat of anything that dies on its own, or is torn, whether it is bird or beast.</p> <p>Chapter 45</p> <p>(1) Furthermore, when you shall divide the land by lot for inheritance, you shall offer a sacrifice to the LORD {Jehovah}, a holy portion of the land: the length <i>shall be</i> the length of twenty-five thousand <i>cubits</i>^a {about 7.1 mi.; 11.4 km.}, and the width <i>shall be</i> ten thousand <i>cubits</i>^b {about 2.8 mi.; 4.5 km.}. This <i>shall be</i> holy in all its borders all around.</p> <p>(2) Of this there shall be for the sanctuary {temple} five hundred <i>cubits</i> {about 750 ft.; 229 m.} <i>in length</i>, with five hundred^c {about 750 ft.; 229 m.} <i>in width</i>, a square; and fifty cubits^d {about 75 ft.; 229 m.} of clear space around it.</p> <p>(3) And of this measure you shall measure the length of twenty-five thousand <i>cubits</i> {about 7.1 mi.; 11.4 km.}, and the width of ten thousand <i>cubits</i> {about 2.8 mi.; 4.5 km.}: and in it shall be the sanctuary <i>and</i> the most holy <i>place</i>.</p> <p>(4) The holy <i>portion</i> of the land shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, who shall come near to minister to the LORD {Jehovah}: and it shall be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary {temple}.</p>	<p>(5) And the twenty-five thousand <i>cubits</i> of length {about 7.1 mi.; 11.4 km.}, and the ten thousand <i>cubits</i> of width {about 2.8 mi.; 4.5 km.}, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, for a possession for twenty chambers.</p> <p>(6) And you shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand <i>cubits</i>^e wide {about 1.4 mi.; 2.3km.}, and twenty-five thousand <i>cubits</i> long {about 7.1 mi.; 11.4 km.}, opposite the sacrifice of the holy <i>portion</i>: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.</p> <p>(7) And a <i>portion shall be</i> for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the sacrifice of the holy <i>portion</i>, and of the possession of the city, before the sacrifice of the holy <i>portion</i>, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward: and the length <i>shall be</i> opposite one of the portions, from the west border to the east border.</p> <p>(8) In the land shall be his possession in Israel: and My princes shall no more oppress My people; and <i>the rest of</i> the land they shall give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.</p> <p>(9) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your exactions from My people, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.</p>
<p>45:1a - 25,000 cubits - about 7.1 miles or 11.4 kilometers 45:1b - 10,000 cubits - about 2.8 miles or 4.5 kilometers 45:2c - 500 cubits - about 750 ft or 229 meters 45:2d - 50 cubits - about 75 ft or 22.9 meters - See Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures 45:6e - 5,000 cubits - about 1.4 miles or 2.25 kilometers</p>	

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<p>(10) You shall have just balances, and a just ephah^f {about 6 gal.; 22.2 L. – dry measure}, and a just bath^g {about 6 gal.; 22.2 L. – liquid measure}.</p> <p>(11) The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure,^h that the bath may contain one tenth of a homerⁱ {about 6 gal.; 22.2 L.}, and the ephah one tenth of a homer {about 6 gal.; 22.2 L.}: its measure shall be after the homer.</p> <p>(12) And the shekel^j {about 0.4 oz.; 11.4 g.} <i>shall be</i> twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your mina^k {about 1.26 lbs.; 571.2 g.}.</p> <p>(13) This is the sacrifice that you shall offer; one-sixth of an ephah of a homer of wheat {about 1 gal.; 3.6 L.}, and you shall give one-sixth of an ephah of a homer of barley {about 1 gal.; 3.6 L.}:</p> <p>(14) Concerning the ordinance of oil, the bath of oil, <i>you shall offer</i> the tenth part of a bath {about 0.5 gal.; 1.8 L.}, <i>which is</i> a homer of ten baths; because ten baths <i>are</i> a homer or a kor.</p>	<p>(15) And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a meat offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make reconciliation for them, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(16) All the people of the land shall give this sacrifice for the prince in Israel.</p> <p>(17) And it shall be the prince's part <i>to give</i> burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths {Saturdays}, in all solemn assemblies of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.</p> <p>(18) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; In the first <i>month</i> {Nisan [Mar./Apr.]},^l in the first <i>day</i> of the month, you shall take a young bull without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary:</p>
<p>45:10f - ephah - dry measure of about 24 quarts or 6 gallons or 3 pecks or 22.2 liters</p> <p>45:10g - bath - liquid measure of about 5.8 gallons or 22 liters or 6.25 bushels - See Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</p> <p>45:11h - i.e. the liquid measure volume and the dry measure volume must be the same.</p> <p>45:11i - homer - about 236 quarts or 220 liters - the ephah is set to 1/10th of a homer</p> <p>45:12j - shekel - about .4 ounces or 11.4 grams in weight - 20 gerahs is set equal to a shekel</p> <p>45:12k - mina - about 1.26 pounds or 571.2 grams - See Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</p> <p>45:18l - first month - Nisan (March-April) - See Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar And Holy Days. See also The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com</p>	

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<p>(19) And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put <i>it</i> upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.</p> <p>(20) And so you shall do the seventh <i>day</i> of the month for everyone who errs, and for <i>him who is simple</i>: so shall you reconcile the house.</p> <p>(21) In the first <i>month</i> {Nisan [Mar.-Apr.]}, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the Passover,^m a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.</p> <p>(22) And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull <i>for</i> a sin offering.</p> <p>(23) And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD {Jehovah}, seven bulls and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily <i>for</i> a sin offering.</p> <p>(24) And he shall prepare a meat offering of an ephah {about 6 gal.; 22.2 L.} for a bull, and an ephah {about 6 gal.; 22.2 L.} for a ram, and an hinⁿ of oil {about 1 gal.; 3.6 L.} for an ephah.</p>	<p>(25) In the seventh <i>month</i> {Tishri [Sept.-Oct.]},^o on the fifteenth day of the month, he shall do the likewise in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meat offering, and according to the oil.</p> <p>Chapter 46</p> <p>(1) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; The gate of the inner court that faces towards the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.</p> <p>(2) And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of <i>that</i> gate from outside, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.</p> <p>(3) Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD {Jehovah} in the sabbaths {Saturdays} and in the new moons.</p>
<p>45:21m – Passover – Lev. 23:5 45:24n - hin - about a gallon or 3.6 liters 45:25o - seventh month - Tishri (September-October) – the 15th day is the Feast Of Tabernacles - Lev. 23:34</p>	

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(4) And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer to the LORD {Jehovah} in the sabbath day *shall be* six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

(5) And the meat offering *shall be* an ephah^a {about 6 gal.; 22.2 L.} for a ram, and the meat offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and a hin^b of oil {about 1 gal.; 3.6 L.} to an ephah.

(6) And in the day of the new moon *it shall be* a young bull without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish.

(7) And he shall prepare a meat offering, an ephah {about 6 gal.; 22.2 L.} for a bull, and an ephah {about 6 gal.; 22.2 L.} for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain to, and an hin of oil {about 1 gal.; 3.6 L.} to an ephah.

(8) And when the prince enters, he shall go in by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and he shall go forth by its roadway.

(9) But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD {Jehovah} in the solemn feasts, he who enters in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he who enters by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return through the same gate by which he came in, but shall leave through the opposite *gate*.

(10) And the prince *who is* in their midst, when they go in, shall go in; and when they leave, shall also leave.

(11) And in the feasts and in the solemn assemblies the meat offering shall be an ephah {about 6 gal.; 22.2 L.} to a bull, and an ephah {about 6 gal.; 22.2 L.} to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and an hin of oil {about 1 gal.; 3.6 L.} to an ephah.

(12) Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily to the LORD {Jehovah}, *one* shall then open *for* him the gate that faces towards the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day {Saturday}: then he shall leave; and after he leaves *one* shall shut the gate.

(13) You shall daily prepare a burnt offering to the LORD {Jehovah} *of* a lamb one year old without blemish: you shall prepare it every morning.

(14) And you shall prepare a meat offering for it every morning, one sixth of an ephah^c {about 1 gal.; 3.6 L.}, and the third part of a hin^d of oil {about one third gal.; 1.2 L.}, to temper with the fine flour; a meat offering continually by a perpetual ordinance to the LORD {Jehovah}.

(15) So shall they prepare the lamb, and the meat offering, and the oil, every morning *for* a continual burnt offering.

46:5a – ephah - dry measure of about 24 quarts or 6 gallons or 3 pecks or 22.2 liters

46:5b - hin - about a gallon or 3.6 liters

- See Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures

46:14c – one sixth of an ephah – about a gallon

46:14d – one third of a hin – about one third gallon or 1.2 liters

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<p>(16) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; If the prince gives a gift to any of his sons, its inheritance shall be his sons'; it <i>shall be</i> their possession by inheritance.</p> <p>(17) But if he gives a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his until the year of liberty; afterward it shall return to the prince: but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them.</p> <p>(18) Furthermore the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; <i>but</i> he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession: that My people may not be scattered every man from his possession.</p> <p>(19) Afterward He brought me through the entrance, which <i>was</i> at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which faced towards the north: and, there <i>was</i> a place on the two sides westward.</p> <p>(20) Then He said to me, <i>This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meat offering; that they not carry them out into the outer court, to sanctify the people.</i></p> <p>(21) Then He brought me forth into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, indeed, in every corner of the court <i>there was</i> a court.</p>	<p>(22) In the four corners of the court <i>there were</i> courts joined of forty cubits^e long {about 60 ft.; 18.3 m.} and thirty wide^f {about 45 ft.; 13.7 m.}: these four corners <i>were</i> of one measure.</p> <p>(23) And <i>there was</i> a row of building all around in them, around about them four, and <i>it was</i> made with boiling places under the rows all around.</p> <p>(24) Then He said to me, <i>These are the places of those who boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.</i></p> <p>Chapter 47</p> <p>(1) Afterward He brought me again to the door of the house {temple}; and, indeed, waters came out from under the threshold of the house {temple} eastward: because the forefront of the house <i>stood towards</i> the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south <i>side</i> of the altar.</p> <p>(2) Then He brought me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way outside to the outer gate by the way that faces eastward; and there ran out waters on the right side.</p> <p>(3) And when the man who had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits^a {about 1500 ft.; 457.2 m.}, and he brought me through the waters; the waters <i>were</i> to the ankles.</p>
<p>46:22e – 40 cubits – about 60 ft or 18.3 meters 46:22f – 30 cubits – about 45 ft or about 13.7 meters - See <u>Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</u> 47:3a – 1000 cubits – about 1500 ft or 457.2 meters - see <u>Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</u></p>	

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<p>(4) Again he measured a thousand {about 1500 ft.; 457.2 m.}, and brought me through the waters; the waters <i>were</i> to the knees. Again he measured a thousand {about 1500 ft.; 457.2 m.}, and brought me through; the waters <i>were</i> to the waist.</p> <p>(5) Afterward he measured a thousand {about 1500 ft.; 457.2 m.}; <i>and it was</i> a river that I could not pass over: because the waters had risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.</p> <p>(6) And he said to me, <i>Son of man, have you seen this?</i> Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.</p> <p>(7) Now when I had returned, indeed, at the bank of the river <i>were</i> very many trees on the one side and on the other.</p> <p>(8) Then he said to me, <i>These waters go out towards the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, cause the waters to be healed.</i></p> <p>(9) <i>And it will come to pass, that everything that lives, which moves, wherever the rivers come, will live: and there will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters will come there: because they will be healed; and everything will live wherever the river comes.</i></p>	<p>(10) <i>And it will come to pass, that the fishermen will stand upon it from Engedi {spring of Gedi [a kid goat]}^b even to Eneglaim {spring of Eglaim [two calves]}^c; there will be a <i>place</i> to spread forth nets;^d their fish will be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great {Mediterranean} sea, exceedingly many.</i></p> <p>(11) <i>But its muddy places and its marshes will not be healed; they will be given to salt.</i></p> <p>(12) <i>And by the river upon its bank, on this side and on that side, will grow all trees for food, whose leaf will not fade, neither will its fruit be consumed: it will bring forth new fruit according to its months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine.</i></p> <p>(13) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; <i>This shall be the border, whereby you shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph shall have two portions.</i></p> <p>(14) <i>And you shall inherit it, one as well as another: concerning the which I lifted up My hand to give it to your forefathers: and this land will fall to you for inheritance.</i></p> <p>(15) <i>And this will be the border of the land towards the north side, from the great {Mediterranean} sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad;</i></p>
<p>47:10b – Engedi {גדי} – spring of Gedi [gematria – 17] (a kid goat)</p> <p>47:10c – Eneglaim {עגלים} – spring of Eglaim [gematria = 153] (two calves) – see John 21:11 – John 4:14; 7:38; Zech. 14:8; Rev. 22:1</p> <p>47:10d – fishermen’s nets – See John 21:11 and <u>Use of Numbers In Scripture</u> at www.TheWordNotes.com</p>	

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(16) Hamath, Berothah, Sibram, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazarhatticon, which is by the coast of Hauran.

(17) And the border from the sea will be Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And *this* is the north side.

(18) And the east side you shall measure from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel *by* the Jordan River, from the border to the east sea. And *this* is the east side.

(19) And the south side southward, from Tamar *even* to the waters of strife *in* Kadesh, the river to the great {Mediterranean} sea. And *this* is the south side southward.

(20) The west side also *will be* the great {Mediterranean} sea from the border, until a man comes opposite Namath. This is the west side.

(21) So shall you divide this land to yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.

(22) And it shall come to pass, *that* you shall divide it by lot for an inheritance to you, and to the strangers who live among you, who will bear children among you: and they will be to you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they will have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

(23) And it will come to pass, *that* in the tribe where the stranger lives, there you shall give *him* his inheritance, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

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(1) Now these *are* the names of the tribes. From the north end to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goes to Hamath, Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; because these are his sides east *and* west; a *portion for* Dan.

(2) And by the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, a *portion for* Asher.

(3) And by the border of Asher, from the east side even to the west side, a *portion for* Naphtali.

(4) And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, a *portion for* Manasseh.

(5) And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, a *portion for* Ephraim.

(6) And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even to the west side, a *portion for* Reuben.

(7) And by the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, a *portion for* Judah.

(8) And by the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the offering which you shall offer of twenty-five thousand *reeds*^a *in* width {about 52.1 mi.; 83.8 km.}, and *in* length as one of the *other* parts, from the east side to the west side: and the sanctuary {temple} shall be in its midst.

48:8a - modern translations insert cubits rather than reeds -- using cubits decreases the size of all measurements by a factor of 6.67. -- 25,000 reeds -- 52.1 miles/83.8 km

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(9) The sacrifice that you shall offer to the LORD {Jehovah} *shall be* of twenty-five thousand^b in length {about 52.1 mi.; 83.8 km.}, and of ten thousand in width {about 20.8 mi.; 33.5 km.}.

(10) And for them, *even* for the priests, shall be *this* holy sacrifice; towards the north twenty-five thousand *in length* {about 52.1 mi.; 83.8 km.}, and towards the west ten thousand in width {about 20.8 mi.; 33.5 km.}, and towards the east ten thousand in width {about 20.8 mi.; 33.5 km.}, and towards the south twenty-five thousand in length {about 52.1 mi.; 83.8 km.}; and the sanctuary {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} shall be in its midst.

(11) *It shall be* for the priests who are sanctified of the sons of Zadok; who have kept My charge, who did not go astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray.

(12) And *this* sacrifice of the land that is offered shall be to them a thing most holy by the border of the Levites.

(13) And opposite the border of the priests the Levites *shall have* twenty-five thousand in length {about 52.1 mi.; 83.8 km.}, and ten thousand in width {about 20.8 mi.; 33.5 km.}: all the length *shall be* twenty-five thousand {about 52.1 mi.; 83.8 km.}, and the width ten thousand {about 20.8 mi.; 33.5 km.}.

(14) And they shall not sell of it, neither exchange, nor alienate the first-fruits of the land: because *it is* holy to the LORD {Jehovah}.

(15) And the five thousand {about 10.4 mi.; 16.7 km.}, that are left in the width over against the twenty-five thousand {about 52.1 mi.; 83.8 km.}, shall be a profane *place* for the city, for houses, and for suburbs: and the city shall be in its midst.

(16) And these *shall be* its measurements; the north side four thousand five hundred^c {about 8.5 mi.; 13.7 km.}, and the south side four thousand and five hundred {about 8.5 mi.; 13.7 km.}, and on the east side four thousand and five {about 8.5 mi.; 13.7 km.}, and the west side four thousand and five hundred {about 8.5 mi.; 13.7 km.}.

(17) And the suburbs of the city shall be towards the north two hundred fifty^d {about 2,500 ft.; 762 m.}, and towards the south two hundred fifty {about 2,500 ft.; 762 m.}, and towards the east two hundred fifty {about 2,500 ft.; 762 m.}, and towards the west two hundred fifty {about 2,500 ft.; 762 m.}.

(18) And the remainder in length opposite the sacrifice of the holy *portion shall be* ten thousand eastward {about 20.8 mi.; 33.5 km.}, and ten thousand westward {about 20.8 mi.; 33.5 km.}: and it shall be opposite the sacrifice of the holy *portion*; and its increase shall be for food to those who serve the city.

48:9b - 10,000 reeds -- 20.8 miles/33.5 km

- see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

48:16c - four thousand five hundred *reeds* - about 8.5 miles or 13.7 kilometers

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48:17d - two hundred fifty *reeds* - about 2,500ft or 762 meters

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<p>(19) And those who serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel.</p> <p>(20) All the offering <i>shall be</i> twenty-five thousand {about 52.1 mi.; 83.8 km.} by twenty-five thousand {about 52.1 mi.; 83.8 km.}: you shall offer the holy sacrifice foursquare, with the possession of the city.</p> <p>(21) And the remainder <i>shall be</i> for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy offering, and of the possession of the city, opposite the twenty-five thousand {about 52.1 mi.; 83.8 km.} of the offering towards the east border, and westward opposite the twenty-five thousand {about 52.1 mi.; 83.8 km.} towards the west border, opposite the portions for the prince: and it shall be the holy offering; and the sanctuary of the house {temple} <i>shall be</i> in its midst.</p> <p>(22) Furthermore from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, <i>being</i> in the midst <i>of that</i> which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.</p> <p>(23) As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side to the west side, Benjamin <i>shall have a portion</i>.</p> <p>(24) And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Simeon <i>shall have a portion</i>.</p>	<p>(25) And by the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, Issachar <i>a portion</i>.</p> <p>(26) And by the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, Zebulun <i>a portion</i>.</p> <p>(27) And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, Gad <i>a portion</i>.</p> <p>(28) And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar <i>to</i> the waters of strife <i>in</i> Kadesh, <i>and</i> to the river toward the great {Mediterranean} sea.</p> <p>(29) This <i>is</i> the land which you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these <i>are</i> their portions, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(30) And these <i>are</i> the exits of the city on the north side, four thousand five hundred measures {about 8.5 mi.; 13.7 km.}.</p> <p>(31) And the gates of the city <i>shall be</i> after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.</p> <p>(32) And at the east side four thousand five hundred {about 8.5 mi.; 13.7 km.}: and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.</p>

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<p>(33) And at the south side four thousand five hundred measures {about 8.5 mi.; 13.7 km.}: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun.</p> <p>(34) At the west side four thousand five hundred {about 8.5 mi.; 13.7 km.}, <i>with</i> their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.</p>	<p>(35) <i>It was</i> around eighteen thousand <i>measures</i> {about 34 mi.; 54.7 km.} and the name of the city from that day <i>shall be</i>, The LORD {Jehovah} is there.</p>

