

bour, and to his brother, What hath the Lord answered? and what hath the Lord spoken?

**36** And the burden of the Lord shall be mentioned no more, for every man's word shall be his burden: for you have perverted the words of the living God, of the Lord of hosts our God.

**37** Thus shalt thou say to the prophet: What hath the Lord answered thee? and what hath the Lord spoken?

**38** But if you shall say: The burden of the Lord: therefore thus saith the Lord: Because you have said this word: The burden of the Lord: and I have sent to you, saying: Say not, The burden of the Lord:

**39** Therefore behold I will take you away carrying you, and will forsake you, and the city which I gave to you, and to your fathers, out of my presence.

**40** And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame which shall never be forgotten.

## Chapter 24

The Lord shewed me: and behold two baskets full of figs, set before the temple of the Lord: after that Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon had carried away Jechonias the son of Joakim the king of Juda, and his chief men, and the craftsmen, and engravers of Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

**2** One basket had very good figs, like the figs of the first season: and the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten, because they were bad.

**3** And the Lord said to me: What seest thou, Jeremias? And I said: Figs, the good figs, very good: and the bad figs, very bad, which cannot be eaten because they are bad.

**4** And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

**5** Thus saith the Lord the God of Israel: Like these good figs, so will I regard the captives of Juda, whom I have sent forth out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans, for their good.

**6** And I will set my eyes upon them to be pacified, and I will bring them again into this land: and I will build them up, and not pull them down: and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.

**7** And I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: because they shall return to me with their whole heart.

**8** And as the very bad figs, that cannot be eaten, because they are bad: thus saith the Lord: So will I give Sedecias the king of Juda, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that have remained in this city, and that dwell in the land of Egypt.

**9** And I will deliver them up to vexation, and affliction, to all the kingdoms of the earth: to be a reproach, and a byword, and a proverb, and to be a curse in all places, to which I have cast them out.

**10** And I will send among them the sword, and the famine, and the pestilence: till they be consumed out of the land which I gave to them, and their fathers.

## Chapter 25

The word that came to Jeremias concerning all the people of Juda, in the fourth year of Joakim the son of Josias king of Juda, (the same is the first year of Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon,)

**2** Which Jeremias the prophet spoke to all the people of Juda, and to all the inhabitants

of Jerusalem, saying:

**3** From the thirteenth year of Josias the son of Ammon king of Juda until this day: this is the three and twentieth year, the word of the Lord hath come to me, and I have spoken to you, rising before day, and speaking, and you have not hearkened.

**4** And the Lord hath sent to you all his servants the prophets, rising early, and sending, and you have not hearkened, nor inclined your ears to hear.

**5** When he said: Return ye, every one from his evil way, and from your wicked devices, and you shall dwell in the land which the Lord hath given to you, and your fathers for ever and ever.

**6** And go not after strange gods to serve them, and adore them: nor provoke me to wrath by the works of your hands, and I will not afflict you.

**7** And you have not heard me, saith the Lord, that you might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands, to your own hurt.

**8** Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts: Because you have not heard my words:

**9** Behold I will send, and take all the kindreds of the north, saith the Lord, and Nabuchodonosor the king of Babylon my servant: and I will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all the nations that are round about it: and I will destroy them, and make them an astonishment and a hissing, and perpetual desolations.

**10** And I will take away from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the mill and the light of the lamp.

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

**12** And when the seventy years shall be expired, I will punish the king of Babylon, and

that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans: and I will make it perpetual desolations.

**13** And I will bring upon that land all my words, that I have spoken against it, all that is written in this book, all that Jeremias hath prophesied against all nations:

**14** For they have served them, whereas they were many nations, and great kings: and I will repay them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their hands.

**15** For thus saith the Lord of hosts the God of Israel: Take the cup of wine of this fury at my hand: and thou shalt make all the nations to drink thereof, into which I shall send thee.

**16** And they shall drink, and be troubled, and be mad because of the sword, which I shall send among them.

**17** And I took the cup at the hand of the Lord, and I presented it to all the nations to drink of it, to which the Lord sent me:

**18** To wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Juda, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof: to make them a desolation, and an astonishment, and a hissing, and a curse, as it is at this day.

**19** Pharao the king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people,

**20** And all in general: all the kings of the land of Ausitis, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ascalon, and Gaza, and Accaron, and the remnant of Azotus.

**21** And Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon.

**22** And all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Sidon: and the kings of the land of the islands that are beyond the sea.

**23** And Dedan, and Thema, and Buz, and all that have their hair cut round.

**24** And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the west, that dwell in the desert.

**25** And all the kings of Zambri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes:

**26** And all the kings of the north far and near, every one against his brother: and all the kingdoms of the earth, which are upon the face thereof: and the king of Sesac shall drink after them.

**27** And thou shalt say to them: Thus saith the Lord of hosts the God of Israel: Drink ye, and be drunken, and vomit: and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword, which I shall send among you.

**28** And if they refuse to take the cup at thy hand to drink, thou shalt say to them: Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Drinking you shall drink:

**29** For behold I begin to bring evil on the city wherein my name is called upon: and shall you be as innocent and escape free? you shall not escape free: for I will call for the sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the Lord of hosts.

**30** And thou shalt prophesy unto them all these words, and thou shalt say to them: I The Lord shall roar from on high, and shall utter his voice from his holy habitation: roaring he shall roar upon the place of his beauty: the shout as it were of them that tread grapes shall be given out against all the inhabitants of the earth.

**31** The noise is come even to the ends of the earth: for the Lord entereth into judgment with the nations: he entereth into judgment with all flesh; the wicked I have delivered up to the sword, saith the Lord.

**32** Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Behold evil shall go forth from nation to nation: and a great whirlwind shall go forth from the ends of the earth.

**33** And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even to the other end thereof: they shall not be lamented, and

they shall not be gathered up, nor buried: they shall lie as dung upon the face of the earth.

**34** Howl, ye shepherds, and cry: and sprinkle yourselves with ashes, ye leaders of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and your dispersion are accomplished, and you shall fall like precious vessels.

**35** And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the leaders of the flock to save themselves.

**36** A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and a howling of the principal of the flock: because the Lord hath wasted their pastures.

**37** And the fields of peace have been silent because of the fierce anger of the Lord.

**38** He hath forsaken his covert as the lion, for the land is laid waste because of the wrath of the dove, and because of the fierce anger of the Lord.

## Chapter 26

In the beginning of the reign of Joakim the son of Josias king of Juda, came this word from the Lord, saying:

**2** Thus saith the Lord: stand in the court of the house of the Lord, and speak to all the cities of Juda, out of which they come, to adore in the house of the Lord, all the words which I have commanded thee to speak unto them: leave not out one word.

**3** If so be they will hearken and be converted every one from his evil way; that I may repent me of the evil that I think to do unto them for the wickedness of their doings.

**4** And thou shalt say to them: Thus saith the Lord: If you will not hearken to me to walk in my law, which I have given you:

**5** To give ear to the words of my servants the