

that Rasin king of Syria and Phacee the son of Romelia king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem, to fight against it: but they could not prevail over it.

**2** And they told the house of David, saying: Syria hath rested upon Ephraim, and his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the woods are moved with the wind.

**3** And the Lord said to Isaias: Go forth to meet Achaz, thou and Jasub thy son that is left, to the conduit of the upper pool in the way of the fuller's field.

**4** And thou shalt say to him: See thou be quiet: fear not, and let not thy heart be afraid of the two tails of these firebrands, smoking with the wrath of the fury of Rasin king of Syria, and of the son of Romelia.

**5** Because Syria hath taken counsel against thee, unto the evil of Ephraim and the son of Romelia, saying:

**6** Let us go up to Juda, and rouse it up, and draw it away to us, and make the son of Tabeel king in the midst thereof.

**7** Thus saith the Lord God: It shall not stand, and this shall not be.

**8** But the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rasin: and within three-score and five years, Ephraim shall cease to be a people:

**9** And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is the son of Romelia. If you will not believe, you shall not continue.

**10** And the Lord spoke again to Achaz, saying:

**11** Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God, either unto the depth of hell, or unto the height above.

**12** And Achaz said: I will not ask, and I will not tempt the Lord.

**13** And he said: Hear ye therefore, O house of David: Is it a small thing for you to be grievous to men, that you are grievous to my God also?

**14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

**15** He shall eat butter and honey, that he may know to refuse the evil, and to choose the good.

**16** For before the child know to refuse the evil and to choose the good, the land which thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of the face of her two kings.

**17** The Lord shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon the house of thy father, days that have not come since the time of the separation of Ephraim from Juda with the king of the Assyrians.

**18** And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall hiss for the fly, that is in the uttermost parts of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.

**19** And they shall come, and shall all of them rest in the torrents of the valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all places set with shrubs, and in all hollow places.

**20** In that day the Lord shall shave with a razor that is hired by them that are beyond the river, by the king of the Assyrians, the head and the hairs of the feet, and the whole beard.

**21** And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep.

**22** And for the abundance of milk he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that shall be left in the midst of the land.

**23** And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place where there were a thousand vines, at a thousand pieces of silver, shall become thorns and briers.

**24** With arrows and with bows they shall go in thither: for briers and thorns shall be in all the land.

**25** And as for the hills that shall be raked with a rake, the fear of thorns and briers shall

not come thither, but they shall be for the ox to feed on, and the lesser cattle to tread upon.

## Chapter 8

And the Lord said to me: Take thee a great book, and write in it with a man's pen. Take away the spoils with speed, quickly take the prey.

**2** And I took unto me faithful witnesses, Urias the priest, and Zacharias the son of Barachias.

**3** And I went to the prophetess, and she conceived, and bore a son. And the Lord said to me: Call his name, Hasten to take away the spoils: Make hast to take away the prey.

**4** For before the child know to call his father and his mother, the strength of Damascus, and the spoils of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of the Assyrians.

**5** And the Lord spoke to me again, saying:

**6** Forasmuch as this people hath cast away the waters of Siloe, that go with silence, and hath rather taken Rasin, and the son of Romelia:

**7** Therefore behold the Lord will bring upon them the waters of the river strong and many, the king of the Assyrians, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and shall overflow all his banks.

**8** And shall pass through Juda, overflowing, and going over shall reach even to the neck. And the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy, land, O Emmanuel.

**9** Gather yourselves together, O ye people, and be overcome, and give ear, all ye lands afar off: strengthen yourselves, and be overcome, gird yourselves, and be overcome.

**10** Take counsel together, and it shall be defeated: speak a word, and it shall not be done: because God is with us.

**11** For thus saith the Lord to me: As he hath

taught me, with a strong arm, that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying:

**12** Say ye not: A conspiracy: for all that this people speaketh, is a conspiracy: neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

**13** Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself: and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

**14** And he shall be a sanctification to you. But for a stone of stumbling, and for a rock of offence to the two houses of Israel, for a snare and a ruin to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

**15** And very many of them shall stumble and fall, and shall be broken in pieces, and shall be snared, and taken.

**16** Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.

**17** And I will wait for the Lord, who hath hid his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

**18** Behold I and my children, whom the Lord hath given me for a sign, and for a wonder in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwelleth in mount Sion.

**19** And when they shall say to you: Seek of pythons, and of diviners, who mutter in their enchantments: should not the people seek of their God, for the living of the dead?

**20** To the law rather, and to the testimony. And if they speak not according to this word, they shall not have the morning light.

**21** And they shall pass by it, they shall fall, and be hungry: and when they shall be hungry, they will be angry, and curse their king, and their God, and look upwards.

**22** And they shall look to the earth, and behold trouble and darkness, weakness and distress, and a mist following them, and they cannot fly away from their distress.

## Chapter 9

At the first time the land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephtali was lightly touched: and at the last the way of the sea beyond the Jordan of the Galilee of the Gentiles was heavily loaded.

**2** The people that walked in darkness, have seen a great light: to them that dwelt in the region of the shadow of death, light is risen.

**3** Thou hast multiplied the nation, and hast not increased the joy. They shall rejoice before thee, as they that rejoice in the harvest, as conquerors rejoice after taking a prey, when they divide the spoils.

**4** For the yoke of their burden, and the rod of their shoulder, and the sceptre of their oppressor thou hast overcome, as in the day of Madian.

**5** For every violent taking of spoils, with tumult, and garment mingled with blood, shall be burnt, and be fuel for the fire.

**6** For a CHILD IS BORN to us, and a son is given to us, and the government is upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, God the Mighty, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of Peace.

**7** His empire shall be multiplied, and there shall be no end of peace: he shall sit upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom; to establish it and strengthen it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth and for ever: the zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

**8** The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel.

**9** And all the people of Ephraim shall know, and the inhabitants of Samaria that say in the pride and haughtiness of their heart:

**10** The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with square stones: they have cut down the sycamores, but we will change them for cedars.

**11** And the Lord shall set up the enemies of

Rasin over him, and shall bring on his enemies in a crowd:

**12** The Syrians from the east, and, the Philistines from the west: and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his indignation is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

**13** And the people are not returned to him who hath struck them, and have not sought after the Lord of hosts.

**14** And the Lord shall destroy out of Israel the head and the tail, him that bendeth down, and him that holdeth back, in one day.

**15** The aged and honourable, he is the head: and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.

**16** And they that call this people blessed, shall cause them to err: and they that are called blessed, shall be thrown down, headlong.

**17** Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men: neither shall he have mercy on their fatherless, and widows: for every one is a hypocrite and wicked, and every mouth hath spoken folly. For all this his indignation is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

**18** For wickedness is kindled as a fire, it shall devour the brier and the thorn: and shall kindle in the thicket of the forest, and it shall be wrapped up in smoke ascending on high.

**19** By the wrath of the Lord of hosts the land is troubled, and the people shall be as fuel for the fire: no man shall spare his brother.

**20** And he shall turn to the right hand, and shall be hungry: and shall eat on the left hand, and shall not be filled: every one shall eat the flesh of his own arm: Manasses Ephraim, and Ephraim Manasses, and they together shall be against Juda.

**21** After all these things his indignation is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.