

{50:19} And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead. {50:20} In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and [there shall be] none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

{50:21} Go up against the land of Merathaim, [even] against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod: waste and utterly destroy after them, saith the LORD, and do according to all that I have commanded thee. {50:22} A sound of battle [is] in the land, and of great destruction. {50:23} How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations! {50:24} I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD. {50:25} The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this [is] the work of the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans. {50:26} Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left. {50:27} Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation. {50:28} The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple. {50:29} Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel. {50:30} Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD. {50:31} Behold, I [am] against thee, [O thou] most proud, saith the Lord GOD of hosts: for thy day is come, the time [that] I will visit thee. {50:32} And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.

{50:33} Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The children of Israel and the children of Judah [were] oppressed together: and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go. {50:34} Their Redeemer [is] strong; the LORD of hosts [is] his name: he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

{50:35} A sword [is] upon the Chaldeans, saith the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise [men.] {50:36} A sword [is] upon the liars; and they shall dote: a sword [is] upon her mighty men; and they shall be dismayed. {50:37} A sword [is] upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that [are] in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword [is] upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed. {50:38} A drought [is] upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it [is] the land of graven images, and they are mad upon [their] idols. {50:39} Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell [there,] and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation. {50:40} As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour [cities] thereof, saith the LORD; [so] shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein. {50:41}

Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. {50:42} They shall hold the bow and the lance: they [are] cruel, and will not shew mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, [every one] put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon. {50:43} The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble: anguish took hold of him, [and] pangs as of a woman in travail. {50:44} Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who [is] a chosen [man, that] I may appoint over her? for who [is] like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who [is] that shepherd that will stand before me? {50:45} Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make [their] habitation desolate with them. {50:46} At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

{51:1} Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind; {51:2} And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about. {51:3} Against [him that] bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against [him that] lifteth himself up in his brigandine: and spare ye not her young men; destroy ye utterly all her host. {51:4} Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and [they that are] thrust through in her streets. {51:5} For Israel [hath] not [been] forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel. {51:6} Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this [is] the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence. {51:7} Babylon [hath been] a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. {51:8} Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so she may be healed. {51:9} We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up [even] to the skies. {51:10} The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God. {51:11} Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device [is] against Babylon, to destroy it; because it [is] the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple. {51:12} Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for the LORD hath both devised and done that which he spake against the inhabitants of Babylon. {51:13} O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, [and] the measure of thy covetousness. {51:14} The LORD of hosts hath sworn by himself, [saying,] Surely I will fill thee with men, as with caterpillers; and they shall lift up a shout against thee. {51:15} He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding. {51:16} When he uttereth [his] voice, [there is] a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures. {51:17} Every

man is brutish by [his] knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image [is] falsehood, and [there is] no breath in them. {51:18} They [are] vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. {51:19} The portion of Jacob [is] not like them; for he [is] the former of all things: and [Israel is] the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts is his name. {51:20} Thou [art] my battle axe [and] weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; {51:21} And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider; {51:22} With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid; {51:23} I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers. {51:24} And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the LORD. {51:25} Behold, I [am] against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain. {51:26} And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the LORD. {51:27} Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillers. {51:28} Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion. {51:29} And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant. {51:30} The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in [their] holds: their might hath failed; they became as women: they have burned her dwellingplaces; her bars are broken. {51:31} One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken at [one] end, {51:32} And that the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted. {51:33} For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon [is] like a threshingfloor, [it is] time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come. {51:34} Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out. {51:35} The violence done to me and to my flesh [be] upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say. {51:36} Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry. {51:37} And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling place for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant. {51:38} They shall roar together like lions: they shall yell as lions' whelps. {51:39} In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD. {51:40} I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he goats. {51:41} How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations! {51:42} The sea is come up upon Babylon: she

is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof. {51:43} Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth [any] son of man pass thereby. {51:44} And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall. {51:45} My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD. {51:46} And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; a rumour shall both come [one] year, and after that in [another] year [shall come] a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler. {51:47} Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her. {51:48} Then the heaven and the earth, and all that [is] therein, shall sing for Babylon: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the LORD. {51:49} As Babylon [hath caused] the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth. {51:50} Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind. {51:51} We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORD'S house. {51:52} Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will do judgment upon her graven images: and through all her land the wounded shall groan. {51:53} Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, [yet] from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD. {51:54} A sound of a cry [cometh] from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans: {51:55} Because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered: {51:56} Because the spoiler is come upon her, [even] upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: for the LORD God of recompences shall surely requite. {51:57} And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise [men,] her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name [is] the LORD of hosts. {51:58} Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labour in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary.

{51:59} The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And [this] Seraiah was a quiet prince. {51:60} So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, [even] all these words that are written against Babylon. {51:61} And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words; {51:62} Then shalt thou say, O LORD, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever. {51:63} And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, [that] thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates: {51:64} And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far [are] the words of Jeremiah.

{52:1} Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

And his mother's name [was] Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. {52:2} And he did [that which was] evil in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. {52:3} For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

{52:4} And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, [that] Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about. {52:5} So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. {52:6} And in the fourth month, in the ninth [day] of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. {52:7} Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which [was] by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans [were] by the city round about:) and they went by the way of the plain.

{52:8} But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. {52:9} Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgment upon him. {52:10} And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah. {52:11} Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

{52:12} Now in the fifth month, in the tenth [day] of the month, which [was] the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, [which] served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem, {52:13} And burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great [men,] burned he with fire: {52:14} And all the army of the Chaldeans, that [were] with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round about. {52:15} Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive [certain] of the poor of the people, and the residue of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude. {52:16} But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left [certain] of the poor of the land for vinedressers and for husbandmen. {52:17} Also the pillars of brass that [were] in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that [was] in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans brake, and carried all the brass of them to Babylon. {52:18} The caldrons also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. {52:19} And the basons, and the firepans, and the bowls, and the caldrons, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the cups; [that] which [was] of gold [in] gold, and [that] which [was] of silver [in] silver, took the captain of the guard away. {52:20} The two pillars, one sea, and twelve brasen bulls that [were] under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of the LORD: the brass of all these vessels was without weight. {52:21} And [concerning] the pillars, the height of one pillar [was] eighteen cubits; and a fillet of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof [was] four fingers: [it was] hollow. {52:22} And a chapter of brass [was] upon it; and the height of one chapter [was] five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the chapters round about, all of brass.

The second pillar also and the pomegranates [were] like unto these. {52:23} And there were ninety and six pomegranates on a side; [and] all the pomegranates upon the network [were] an hundred round about.

{52:24} And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door: {52:25} He took also out of the city an eunuch, which had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of them that were near the king's person, which were found in the city; and the principal scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city. {52:26} So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. {52:27} And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land. {52:28} This is the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand Jews and three and twenty: {52:29} In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two persons: {52:30} In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons [were] four thousand and six hundred.

{52:31} And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth [day] of the month, [that] Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the [first] year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison, {52:32} And spake kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that [were] with him in Babylon, {52:33} And changed his prison garments: and he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life. {52:34} And [for] his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his

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{1:1} How doth the city sit solitary, [that was] full of people [how] is she become as a widow she [that was] great among the nations, [and] princess among the provinces, [how] is she become tributary {1:2} She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears [are] on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort [her:] all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies. {1:3} Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits. {1:4} The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she [is] in bitterness. {1:5} Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; for the LORD hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her children are gone into captivity before the enemy. {1:6} And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts [that] find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer. {1:7} Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her: the adversaries saw her, [and] did mock at her sabbaths. {1:8} Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is removed: all that honoured her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward. {1:9} Her filthiness [is] in her skirts; she remembereth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified [himself.] {1:10} The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things: for she hath seen [that] the heathen entered into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command [that] they should not enter into thy congregation. {1:11} All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat to relieve the soul: see, O LORD, and consider; for I am become vile.

{1:12} [Is it] nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted [me] in the day of his fierce anger. {1:13} From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaieth against them: he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back: he hath made me desolate [and] faint all the day. {1:14} The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand: they are wreathed, [and] come up upon my neck: he hath made my strength to fall, the Lord hath delivered me into [their] hands, [from whom] I am not able to rise up. {1:15} The Lord hath trodden under foot all my mighty [men] in the midst of me: he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men: the Lord hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, [as] in a winepress. {1:16} For these [things] I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed. {1:17} Zion spreadeth forth her hands, [and there is] none to comfort her: the LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob, [that] his adversaries [should be] round about him: Jerusalem is as a menstruous woman among them.

{1:18} The LORD is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow: my virgins and my young men are gone into

captivity. {1:19} I called for my lovers, [but] they deceived me: my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve their souls. {1:20} Behold, O LORD; for I [am] in distress: my bowels are troubled; mine heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: abroad the sword bereaveth, at home [there is] as death. {1:21} They have heard that I sigh: [there is] none to comfort me: all mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done [it:] thou wilt bring the day [that] thou hast called, and they shall be like unto me. {1:22} Let all their wickedness come before thee; and do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions: for my sighs [are] many, and my heart [is] faint.

{2:1} How hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, [and] cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger! {2:2} The Lord hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied: he hath thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Judah; he hath brought [them] down to the ground: he hath polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof. {2:3} He hath cut off in [his] fierce anger all the horn of Israel: he hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, and he burned against Jacob like a flaming fire, [which] devoureth round about. {2:4} He hath bent his bow like an enemy: he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew all [that were] pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: he poured out his fury like fire. {2:5} The Lord was as an enemy: he hath swallowed up Israel, he hath swallowed up all her palaces: he hath destroyed his strong holds, and hath increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation. {2:6} And he hath violently taken away his tabernacle, as [if it were of] a garden: he hath destroyed his places of the assembly: the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest. {2:7} The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn feast. {2:8} The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying: therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together. {2:9} Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes [are] among the Gentiles: the law [is] no [more:] her prophets also find no vision from the LORD. {2:10} The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, [and] keep silence: they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground. {2:11} Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city. {2:12} They say to their mothers, Where [is] corn and wine? when they swooned as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into their mothers' bosom. {2:13} What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach is great like the sea: who can heal thee? {2:14} Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment. {2:15} All that pass by clap [their]

hands at thee; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, [saying, Is] this the city that [men] call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth? {2:16} All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, We have swallowed [her] up: certainly this [is] the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen [it.] {2:17} The LORD hath done [that] which he had devised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old: he hath thrown down, and hath not pitied: and he hath caused [thine] enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries. {2:18} Their heart cried unto the Lord, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night: give thyself no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease. {2:19} Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street.

{2:20} Behold, O LORD, and consider to whom thou hast done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, [and] children of a span long? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord? {2:21} The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets: my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword; thou hast slain [them] in the day of thine anger; thou hast killed, [and] not pitied. {2:22} Thou hast called as in a solemn day my terrors round about, so that in the day of the LORD'S anger none escaped nor remained: those that I have swaddled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.

{3:1} I [am] the man [that] hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath. {3:2} He hath led me, and brought [me into] darkness, but not [into] light. {3:3} Surely against me is he turned; he turneth his hand [against me] all the day. {3:4} My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken my bones. {3:5} He hath builded against me, and compassed [me] with gall and travail. {3:6} He hath set me in dark places, as [they that be] dead of old. {3:7} He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out: he hath made my chain heavy. {3:8} Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer. {3:9} He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked. {3:10} He [was] unto me [as] a bear lying in wait, [and as] a lion in secret places. {3:11} He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces: he hath made me desolate. {3:12} He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow. {3:13} He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins. {3:14} I was a derision to all my people; [and] their song all the day. {3:15} He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood. {3:16} He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes. {3:17} And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgot prosperity. {3:18} And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD: {3:19} Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. {3:20} My soul hath [them] still in remembrance, and is humbled in me. {3:21} This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

{3:22} [It is of] the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. {3:23} [They are] new every morning: great [is] thy faithfulness. {3:24} The LORD [is] my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. {3:25} The LORD [is] good unto them that wait for him, to the soul [that] seeketh him. {3:26} [It is] good that [a man] should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. {3:27} [It is] good for a man that he

bear the yoke in his youth. {3:28} He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him. {3:29} He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope. {3:30} He giveth [his] cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach. {3:31} For the Lord will not cast off for ever: {3:32} But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. {3:33} For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men. {3:34} To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth, {3:35} To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the most High, {3:36} To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord approveth not. {3:37} Who [is] he [that] saith, and it cometh to pass, [when] the Lord commandeth [it] not? {3:38} Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good? {3:39} Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins? {3:40} Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD. {3:41} Let us lift up our heart with [our] hands unto God in the heavens. {3:42} We have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned. {3:43} Thou hast covered with anger, and persecuted us: thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied. {3:44} Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that [our] prayer should not pass through. {3:45} Thou hast made us [as] the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people. {3:46} All our enemies have opened their mouths against us. {3:47} Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction. {3:48} Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people. {3:49} Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission, {3:50} Till the LORD look down, and behold from heaven. {3:51} Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city. {3:52} Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause. {3:53} They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me. {3:54} Waters flowed over mine head; [then] I said, I am cut off. {3:55} I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low dungeon. {3:56} Thou hast heard my voice: hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry. {3:57} Thou drewest near in the day [that] I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not. {3:58} O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life. {3:59} O LORD, thou hast seen my wrong: judge thou my cause. {3:60} Thou hast seen all their vengeance [and] all their imaginations against me. {3:61} Thou hast heard their reproach, O LORD, [and] all their imaginations against me; {3:62} The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day. {3:63} Behold their sitting down, and their rising up; I [am] their musick.

{3:64} Render unto them a recompence, O LORD, according to the work of their hands. {3:65} Give them sorrow of heart, thy curse unto them. {3:66} Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the LORD.

{4:1} How is the gold become dim! [how] is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street. {4:2} The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter! {4:3} Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people [is become] cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness. {4:4} The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, [and] no man breaketh [it] unto them. {4:5} They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills. {4:6} For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the

sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her. {4:7} Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing [was] of sapphire: {4:8} Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick. {4:9} [They that be] slain with the sword are better than [they that be] slain with hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for [want of] the fruits of the field. {4:10} The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people. {4:11} The LORD hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof. {4:12} The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem.

{4:13} For the sins of her prophets, [and] the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her, {4:14} They have wandered [as] blind [men] in the streets, they have polluted themselves with blood, so that men could not touch their garments. {4:15} They cried unto them, Depart ye; [it is] unclean; depart, depart, touch not: when they fled away and wandered, they said among the heathen, They shall no more sojourn [there.] {4:16} The anger of the LORD hath divided them; he will no more regard them: they respected not the persons of the priests, they favoured not the elders. {4:17} As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation [that] could not save [us.] {4:18} They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come. {4:19} Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the heaven: they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness. {4:20} The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen.

{4:21} Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz; the cup also shall pass through unto thee: thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.

{4:22} The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry thee away into captivity: he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will discover thy sins.

{5:1} Remember, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach. {5:2} Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens. {5:3} We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers [are] as widows. {5:4} We have drunken our water for money; our wood is sold unto us. {5:5} Our necks [are] under persecution: we labour, [and] have no rest. {5:6} We have given the hand [to] the Egyptians, [and to] the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread. {5:7} Our fathers have sinned, [and are] not; and we have borne their iniquities. {5:8} Servants have ruled over us: [there is] none that doth deliver [us] out of their hand. {5:9} We gat our bread with [the peril of] our lives because of the sword of the wilderness. {5:10} Our skin was black like an oven because of the terrible famine. {5:11} They ravished the women in Zion, [and] the maids in the cities of Judah. {5:12} Princes are hanged up by their hand: the faces of elders were not honoured. {5:13} They took the young men to grind, and the children fell under the wood. {5:14} The elders have ceased from the gate, the

young men from their musick. {5:15} The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning. {5:16} The crown is fallen [from] our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned! {5:17} For this our heart is faint; for these [things] our eyes are dim. {5:18} Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it. {5:19} Thou, O LORD, remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation. {5:20} Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, [and] forsake us so long time? {5:21} Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old. {5:22} But thou hast utterly rejected us; thou art very wroth