

plants [are] an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard, {4:14} Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices: {4:15} A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.

{4:16} Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, [that] the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.

{5:1} I am come into my garden, my sister, [my] spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.

{5:2} I sleep, but my heart waketh: [it is] the voice of my beloved that knocketh, [saying,] Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, [and] my locks with the drops of the night. {5:3} I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them? {5:4} My beloved put in his hand by the hole [of the door,] and my bowels were moved for him. {5:5} I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped [with] myrrh, and my fingers [with] sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock. {5:6} I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, [and] was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer. {5:7} The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me. {5:8} I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, that ye tell him, that I [am] sick of love.

{5:9} What [is] thy beloved more than [another] beloved, O thou fairest among women? what [is] thy beloved more than [another] beloved, that thou dost so charge us? {5:10} My beloved [is] white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand. {5:11} His head [is as] the most fine gold, his locks [are] bushy, [and] black as a raven. {5:12} His eyes [are] as [the eyes] of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, [and] fitly set. {5:13} His cheeks [are] as a bed of spices, [as] sweet flowers: his lips [like] lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh. {5:14} His hands [are as] gold rings set with the beryl: his belly [is as] bright ivory overlaid [with] sapphires. {5:15} His legs [are as] pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance [is] as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars. {5:16} His mouth [is] most sweet: yea, he [is] altogether lovely. This [is] my beloved, and this [is] my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

{6:1} Whither is thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with thee. {6:2} My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies. {6:3} I [am] my beloved's, and my beloved [is] mine: he feedeth among the lilies.

{6:4} Thou [art] beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem, terrible as [an army] with banners. {6:5} Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me: thy hair [is] as a flock of goats that appear from Gilead. {6:6} Thy teeth [are] as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof every one beareth twins, and [there is] not one barren among them. {6:7} As a piece of a pomegranate [are] thy temples within thy locks. {6:8} There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins

without number. {6:9} My dove, my undefiled is [but] one; she [is] the [only] one of her mother, she [is] the choice [one] of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; [yea,] the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

{6:10} Who [is] she [that] looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, [and] terrible as [an army] with banners? {6:11} I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, [and] to see whether the vine flourished, [and] the pomegranates budded. {6:12} Or ever I was aware, my soul made me [like] the chariots of Amminadib. {6:13} Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the company of two armies.

{7:1} How beautiful are thy feet with shoes, O prince's daughter! the joints of thy thighs [are] like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman. {7:2} Thy navel [is like] a round goblet, [which] wanteth not liquor: thy belly [is like] an heap of wheat set about with lilies. {7:3} Thy two breasts [are] like two young roes [that are] twins. {7:4} Thy neck [is] as a tower of ivory; thine eyes [like] the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim: thy nose [is] as the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus. {7:5} Thine head upon thee [is] like Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king [is] held in the galleries. {7:6} How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights! {7:7} This thy stature is like to a palm tree, and thy breasts to clusters [of grapes.] {7:8} I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples; {7:9} And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goeth [down] sweetly, causing the lips of those that are asleep to speak.

{7:10} I [am] my beloved's, and his desire [is] toward me. {7:11} Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages. {7:12} Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, [whether] the tender grape appear, [and] the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves. {7:13} The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates [are] all manner of pleasant [fruits,] new and old, [which] I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

{8:1} O that thou [wert] as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! [when] I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; yea, I should not be despised. {8:2} I would lead thee, [and] bring thee into my mother's house, [who] would instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate. {8:3} His left hand [should be] under my head, and his right hand should embrace me. {8:4} I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake [my] love, until he please. {8:5} Who [is] this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the apple tree: there thy mother brought thee forth: there she brought thee forth [that] bare thee.

{8:6} Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love [is] strong as death; jealousy [is] cruel as the grave: the coals thereof [are] coals of fire, [which hath a] most vehement flame. {8:7} Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if [a] man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.

{8:8} We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be

spoken for? {8:9} If she [be] a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she [be] a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar. {8:10} I [am] a wall, and my breasts like towers: then was I in his eyes as one that found favour. {8:11} Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; he let out the vineyard unto keepers; every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand [pieces] of silver. {8:12} My vineyard, which [is] mine, [is] before me: thou, O Solomon, [must have] a thousand, and those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred. {8:13} Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice: cause me to hear [it].

] {8:14} Make haste, my beloved, and be thou like to a roe or to a

The Book of the Prophet Isaiah

{1:1} The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, [and] Hezekiah, kings of Judah. {1:2} Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. {1:3} The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: [but] Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. {1:4} Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

{1:5} Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. {1:6} From the sole of the foot even unto the head [there is] no soundness in it; [but] wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. {1:7} Your country [is] desolate, your cities [are] burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and [it is] desolate, as overthrown by strangers. {1:8} And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. {1:9} Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, [and] we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

{1:10} Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. {1:11} To what purpose [is] the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. {1:12} When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? {1:13} Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; [it is] iniquity, even the solemn meeting. {1:14} Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear [them]. {1:15} And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

{1:16} Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; {1:17} Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. {1:18} Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. {1:19} If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: {1:20} But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken [it].

{1:21} How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. {1:22} Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water: {1:23} Thy princes [are] rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them. {1:24} Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty

One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:

{1:25} And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin: {1:26} And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city. {1:27} Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

{1:28} And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners [shall be] together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed. {1:29} For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen. {1:30} For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water. {1:31} And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench [them].

{2:1} The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. {2:2} And it shall come to pass in the last days, [that] the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. {2:3} And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. {2:4} And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. {2:5} O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

{2:6} Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and [are] soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers. {2:7} Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither [is there any] end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither [is there any] end of their chariots: {2:8} Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made: {2:9} And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not.

{2:10} Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty. {2:11} The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. {2:12} For the day of the LORD of hosts [shall be] upon every [one that is] proud and lofty, and upon every [one that is] lifted up; and he shall be brought low: {2:13} And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, [that are] high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan, {2:14} And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills [that are] lifted up, {2:15} And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall, {2:16} And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures. {2:17} And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. {2:18} And the idols he shall utterly abolish. {2:19} And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to

shake terribly the earth. {2:20} In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made [each one] for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; {2:21} To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. {2:22} Cease ye from man, whose breath [is] in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

{3:1} For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water, {3:2} The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient, {3:3} The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator. {3:4} And I will give children [to be] their princes, and babes shall rule over them. {3:5} And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable. {3:6} When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, [saying,] Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and [let] this ruin [be] under thy hand: {3:7} In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house [is] neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people. {3:8} For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings [are] against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

{3:9} The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide [it] not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves. {3:10} Say ye to the righteous, that [it shall be] well [with him:] for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. {3:11} Woe unto the wicked! [it shall be] ill [with him:] for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

{3:12} [As for] my people, children [are] their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause [thee] to err, and destroy the way of thy paths. {3:13} The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people. {3:14} The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor [is] in your houses. {3:15} What mean ye [that] ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the LORD GOD of hosts.

{3:16} Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing [as] they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: {3:17} Therefore the LORD will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts. {3:18} In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of [their] tinkling ornaments [about their feet,] and [their] cauls, and [their] round tires like the moon, {3:19} The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers, {3:20} The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, {3:21} The rings, and nose jewels, {3:22} The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins, {3:23} The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails. {3:24} And it shall come to pass, [that] instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; [and] burning instead of beauty. {3:25} Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in

the war. {3:26} And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she [being] desolate shall sit upon the ground.

{4:1} And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach. {4:2} In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth [shall be] excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. {4:3} And it shall come to pass, [that he that is] left in Zion, and [he that] remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, [even] every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: {4:4} When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. {4:5} And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory [shall be] a defence. {4:6} And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

{5:1} Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: {5:2} And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. {5:3} And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. {5:4} What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? {5:5} And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; [and] break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down: {5:6} And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. {5:7} For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts [is] the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

{5:8} Woe unto them that join house to house, [that] lay field to field, till [there be] no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth! {5:9} In mine ears [said] the LORD of hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, [even] great and fair, without inhabitant. {5:10} Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of an homer shall yield an ephah.

{5:11} Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, [that] they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, [till] wine inflame them! {5:12} And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.

{5:13} Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because [they have] no knowledge: and their honourable men [are] famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. {5:14} Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. {5:15} And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall

be humbled: {5:16} But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness. {5:17} Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat. {5:18} Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope: {5:19} That say, Let him make speed, [and] hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know [it]!

{5:20} Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! {5:21} Woe unto [them that are] wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! {5:22} Woe unto [them that are] mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: {5:23} Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! {5:24} Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, [so] their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. {5:25} Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcases [were] torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand [is] stretched out still.

{5:26} And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly: {5:27} None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken: {5:28} Whose arrows [are] sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind: {5:29} Their roaring [shall be] like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry [it] away safe, and none shall deliver [it.] {5:30} And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if [one] look unto the land, behold darkness [and] sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

{6:1} In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. {6:2} Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. {6:3} And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, [is] the LORD of hosts: the whole earth [is] full of his glory. {6:4} And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

{6:5} Then said I, Woe [is] me! for I am undone; because I [am] a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. {6:6} Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, [which] he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: {6:7} And he laid [it] upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. {6:8} Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here [am] I; send me.

{6:9} And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive

not. {6:10} Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. {6:11} Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, {6:12} And the LORD have removed men far away, and [there be] a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

{6:13} But yet in it [shall be] a tenth, and [it] shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast [their leaves: so] the holy seed [shall be] the substance thereof.

{7:1} And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, [that] Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it. {7:2} And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind. {7:3} Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shear-jashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field; {7:4} And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. {7:5} Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying, {7:6} Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, [even] the son of Tabeal: {7:7} Thus saith the Lord GOD, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass. {7:8} For the head of Syria [is] Damascus, and the head of Damascus [is] Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people. {7:9} And the head of Ephraim [is] Samaria, and the head of Samaria [is] Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

{7:10} Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, {7:11} Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. {7:12} But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. {7:13} And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; [Is it] a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? {7:14} Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. {7:15} Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good. {7:16} For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

{7:17} The LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; [even] the king of Assyria. {7:18} And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the LORD shall hiss for the fly that [is] in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that [is] in the land of Assyria. {7:19} And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes. {7:20} In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, [namely,] by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard. {7:21} And it shall come to

pass in that day, [that] a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep; {7:22} And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk [that] they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land. {7:23} And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, it shall [even] be for briers and thorns. {7:24} With arrows and with bows shall [men] come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns. {7:25} And [on] all hills that shall be digged with the mattock, there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns: but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of lesser cattle.

{8:1} Moreover the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Maher-shalal-hash-baz. {8:2} And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah. {8:3} And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz. {8:4} For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

{8:5} The LORD spake also unto me again, saying, {8:6} Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; {8:7} Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, [even] the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks: {8:8} And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach [even] to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.

{8:9} Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. {8:10} Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God [is] with us.

{8:11} For the LORD spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, {8:12} Say ye not, A confederacy, to all [them to] whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. {8:13} Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and [let] him [be] your fear, and [let] him [be] your dread. {8:14} And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. {8:15} And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. {8:16} Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. {8:17} And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. {8:18} Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me [are] for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

{8:19} And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? {8:20} To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them. {8:21} And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to

pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward. {8:22} And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and [they shall be] driven to darkness.

{9:1} Nevertheless the dimness [shall] not [be] such as [was] in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict [her by] the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. {9:2} The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. {9:3} Thou hast multiplied the nation, [and] not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, [and] as [men] rejoice when they divide the spoil. {9:4} For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. {9:5} For every battle of the warrior [is] with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but [this] shall be with burning [and] fuel of fire. {9:6} For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. {9:7} Of the increase of [his] government and peace [there shall be] no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

{9:8} The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. {9:9} And all the people shall know, [even] Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart, {9:10} The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycomores are cut down, but we will change [them into] cedars. {9:11} Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and join his enemies together; {9:12} The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand [is] stretched out still.

{9:13} For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts. {9:14} Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day. {9:15} The ancient and honourable, he [is] the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he [is] the tail. {9:16} For the leaders of this people cause [them] to err; and [they that are] led of them [are] destroyed. {9:17} Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for every one is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand [is] stretched out still.

{9:18} For wickedness burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up [like] the lifting up of smoke. {9:19} Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother. {9:20} And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm: {9:21} Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: [and] they together [shall be] against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand [is] stretched out still.