Exodus 2:23-3:5

And in those days after a length of time, the king of Egypt died, and the children of Israel groaned because of their tasks, and cried out, and their cry rose up to God because of their tasks. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraam, and Isaac, and Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and became known to them.

And Moses was tending the flock of Jothor, his father-in-law, the priest of Madian; and he led the sheep near to the desert, and came to the mount of Choreb. And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in flaming fire in the midst of the bush, and he saw that the bush burning with fire—but the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, “I will turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not consumed.”

Now when the Lord saw him turn aside to look, the Lord called him from the midsts of the bush, saying, “Moses! Moses!” And he said, “What is it?” And he said, “Do not come near here. Take your sandals off of your feet! For the place where you stand is holy ground.”

Exodus 15:22-16:1a

Then Moses brought the children of Israel from the Red Sea, and led them into the wilderness of Sur. And they went three days in the desert, and found no water to drink. And they came to Merra, and could not drink the waters of Merra, for they were bitter. Therefore he named that place, ‘Bitterness.’ And the people murmured against Moses, saying, “What will we drink?” So Moses cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. He established a statutes and an ordinance there for them. He proved him there, and said, “If you will diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God, and do what is pleasing in His sight, and will listen to His commands, and keep all His ordinances, I will not bring any of the diseases upon you which I have brought upon the Egyptians, for I am the Lord your God Who heals you.”

And they came to Ælim, and there were twelve fountains of water there, and seventy palm-trees; so they encamped there by the waters.

And they departed from Ælim, and the entire congregation of the children of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Ælim and Sinai.

Exodus 30:17-30

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Make a bronze washbasin, and a bronze base for it, for washing; and you will put it between the tent of witness and the altar, and you will pour water into it, and Aaron and his sons will wash their hands and their feet with water from it. Whenever they go into the tent of witness, they will wash themselves with water, so they do not die, whenever they come near to the altar to serve and to offer the whole burnt-offerings to the Lord. They will wash their hands and feet with water, whenever they they go into the tent of witness; they will wash themselves with water, so they do not die; and it will be a perpetual ordinance for them, for him and his generations after him.”

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Take also sweet spices, the flower of choice myrrh, five hundred shekels worth; and fragrant cinnamon, half of this, two hundred and fifty shekels, and two hundred and fifty shekels of sweet-smelling calamus, and five hundred shekels of cassia, [according to the shekel] of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil. And you will make it a holy anointing oil, an aromatic ointment *according* to the art of the perfumer. It will be a holy anointing oil. And you will anoint the tent of witness with it, and the ark of the tent of witness, and all its utensils, and the lampstand and all its utensils, and the altar of incense, and the altar of whole burnt-offerings and all its utensils, and the table and all its utensils, and the washbasin and its base. And you will sanctify them, and they will be most holy: everyone who touches them shall be holy {consecrated}. And you will anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them to serve Me as priests.

Jonas 1

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonas the son of Amathi, saying, “Arise, and go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach in it; for the cry of its wickedness has come up to me.” But Jonas rose up to flee to Tharsis from the presence of the Lord. So he went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tharsis, and he paid his fare, and went on board to sail with them to Tharsis, away from the presence of the Lord.

But the Lord raised up a wind on the sea, and there was a great storm on the sea, and the ship was in danger of breaking up. And the mariners were afraid and cried out, each one to his god. And they cast out the cargo of the ship into the sea, to be lightened of if. But Jonas had gone below into the hold of the ship, and was asleep, and snoring. And the captain came to him, and said to him, “Why are you snoring? Get up and call upon your God, that God may deliver us, so we do not perish.”

And each man said to his neighbour, “Come, let us cast lots and find out for on whose account this calamity is upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonas. And they said to him, “Tell us, why is this calamity upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? And from what country and people are you?” And he said to them, “I am a servant of the Lord, and I worship the Lord, God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry *land*.” Then the men feared greatly, and said to him, “What is this *that* you have done?” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.

And they said to him, “What should we do to you, so that the sea will calm itself for us?” For the sea continued to be tempestuous, and the waves rose up even higher. And Jonas said to them, “Pick me up, and throw me into the sea, and the sea will become calm to you, for I know that this great tempest is upon you because of me.” And the men tried hard to return to land, and were not able, for the sea rose and grew even more tempestuous against them. And they cried out to the Lord, and said, “No way, O Lord, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life, and do not bring righteous blood upon us, for You, O Lord, hast done as You have willed.” So they took Jonas, and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. And the men feared the Lord very greatly, and offered a sacrifice to the Lord, and vowed vows. Now the Lord had commanded a great sea creature to swallow Jonas, and Jonas was in the belly of the sea creature three days and three nights.

Jonas 2

And Jonas prayed to the Lord, his God, out of the belly of the sea creature, and said,

“I cried out to the Lord my God in my affliction,

and he heard me,

my cry, out of the belly of Hades,

You heard my voice.

You cast me into the depths of the heart of the sea,

and the floods surrounded me;

all Your billows and Your waves passed over me.

And I said, ‘I have been driven away from Your sight;

Will I again look toward Your holy temple?’

Water is poured over me as far as my life;

the deepest abyss surrounded me,

my head sank into the crevices of the mountains;

I descended into the earth,

whose bars are everlasting barriers;

yet let my life ascend from corruption, O Lord my God.

When my life was failing me, I remembered the Lord;

so may my prayer come to You, into Your holy temple.

They that follow vanities and lies have forsaken their own mercy.

But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of praise and confession;

all that I have vowed I will offer to You, the Lord of *my* deliverance.”

And the sea creature was commanded by the Lord, and it cast Jonas out upon the dry *land*.

Jonas 3:1-4:11

And the word of the Lord came to Jonas a second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach in it according to the message which I previously spoke to you.” And Jonas arose, and went to Nineveh, as the Lord had said. Now Nineveh was a very great city to God, of about three days’ journey. And Jonas began to enter into the city, going about a day’s journey, and he proclaimed and said, “Three more days, and Nineveh will be overthrown!”

And the men of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. And the word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and removed his robe, and put on sackcloth, and sat on ashes. And proclamation was made, and it was commanded in Nineveh by the king and his nobles, saying, “Let not men, cattle, oxen, and sheep, taste *anything*, or feed, or drink water.” So men and cattle were clothed with sackcloth, and they cried fervently to God; and they each turned from their evil ways, and from the iniquity of their hands, saying, “Who knows if God will repent, and turn from his fierce anger, and we will not perish?” And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil ways; and God repented of the evil which He had said He would do to them; and He did not do *it*.

But Jonas was very deeply grieved, and he was confounded. So he prayed to the Lord, and said, “O Lord, were these not my words when I was yet in my land? That is why I saw the need to fled to Tharsis; because I knew that You are merciful and compassionate, long-suffering, and abundant in mercy, and willing to repent at calamities. And now, O Sovereign, Lord, take my life from me, for *it is* better for me to die than to live.”

And the Lord said to Jonas, “Art you exceedingly grieved?” And Jonas went out from the city, and sat down opposite the city, and made a tent for himself there, and he sat under its shade, until he might see what would happen to the city. And the Lord God commanded a gourd, and it came up over the head of Jonas, to be a shade over his head, to shade him from his discomforts. Jonas rejoiced with great joy because of the gourd. But early the next morning, God commanded a worm, and it smote the gourd, and it withered up. And it came to pass, at the rising of the sun, that God commanded a burning east wind; and the sun beat down on the head of Jonas, and he became disheartened, and despaired of his life, and said, “*It is* better for me to die than to live.”

And God said to Jonas, “Art you very much grieved over the gourd?” And he said, “I am very much grieved, even to death.” And the Lord said, “You had consideration for the gourd, for which you had not suffered, and had not made to grow, which came up during the night, and perished before *the next* night, but shall not I spare Nineveh, the great city, in which dwell more than one hundred and twenty thousand human beings, who do not know their right hand from their left hand; and much livestock?

Habakkuk 3:2-19

O Lord, I have heard Your report, and was afraid

I considered Your works, and was astonished.

You will be known in the midst of the two living creatures;

You will be acknowledged when the years draw near;

You will be manifested when the time comes;

You will remember mercy when my soul is troubled in wrath.

God will come from Teman,

and the Holy One from a shady, densely wooded mountain. *(Pause.)*

His excellence has covered the heavens,

and the earth is full of his praise.

And his brightness will be like light;

horns are in His hands,

and He has established a strong love of his strength.

A report will go forth before Him,

and He will go forth, with His feet in sandals.

He stopped, and the earth trembled;

He looked, and the nations melted away;

the mountains were violently shattered;

the everlasting hills melted at His eternal going forth.

The encampments of the Ethiopians will be dismayed,

also the tents of the land of Madiam.

Were You angry, O Lord, with the rivers?

or *was* Your wrath against the rivers,

or was Your fury against the sea?

that You will mount Your horses,

and Your chariots of salvation?

“You will bend your bow against scepters,” says the Lord. *(Pause.)*

The land of rivers will be torn asunder.

The nations will see You and be in travail,

*as You* scatter the moving waters.

The deep gave forth its voice,

and raised its form on high.

The sun rose, and the moon stood still in its course;

Your arrows will go forth at the light,

with the flashing of Your gleaming weapons.

Thou will bring low the land with threatening,

and You will bring down the nations in wrath.

You went forth for the salvation of Your people,

to save Your anointed ones.

You brought death on the heads of the lawless;

You fettered *their* necks. *(Pause.)*

You beheaded rulers in frenzy,

they will tremble at this.

They will open their bridles, like as a poor man eating in secret.

And You caused Your horses to run into the sea,

churning up much water.

I watched, and my belly was terrified

by the sound of the prayer of my lips,

and trembling entered into my bones,

and my frame [of mind] was troubled.

I will rest in the day of tribulation

to going up to the people of my sojourning.

For *though* the fig tree will bear no fruit,

and there will be no produce on the vines;

the labour of the olive tree will fail,

and the fields will yield no food;

[though] the sheep have fled the pasture,

and there are no oxen in the cribs;

yet I will exult in the Lord,

I will rejoice in God my Saviour.

The Lord God is my strength,

and He will establish my feet to the end.

He sets my feet upon high places,

that I may be victorious in his song.

Zechariah 8:7-19

“This is what the Lord Almighty says, ‘Behold, I *will* save my people from the land of the east, and from the land of the west country. And I will bring them in, and make *them* dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. And they will be to Me a people, and I will be to them a God, in truth and in righteousness.’

This is what the Lord Almighty says, ‘Let your hands be strong, *you who* hear in these days these words from the mouth of the prophets, from the day that the house of the Lord Almighty was founded, and from the time that the temple was built. For before those days the wages of men could not be profitable, and there could be no wages for cattle, and because of affliction, there could be no peace to those going out and those coming in, and I will send forth all people, each against his neighbour. But now I *will* not do to the remnant of this people as in the former days,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘Rather, I will demonstrate peace, the vine will yield its fruit, and the land will yield its produce, and the heaven will give its dew, and I will give all these things as an inheritance to the remnant of my people. And it will come to pass, as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Juda and house of Israel, so will I save you, and you will be a blessing; be of good courage, and strengthen your hands.’

For this is what Lord Almighty says, ‘As I took purposed to afflict you when your fathers provoked me to wrath,’ says the Lord Almighty, ‘and I did not repent, so now in these days I have prepared and taken purposed to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Juda; be of good courage. These *are* the things you will do: speak the truth, everyone to his neighbour, and render judgment in your gates that makes for peace, and let none of you devise evil in his heart against his neighbour, and do not love a false oath; for I hate all these things,’ says the Lord Almighty.”

And the word of the Lord Almighty came to me, saying, “This is what the Lord Almighty says, ‘The fourth-month fast, and the fifth-month fast, and the seventh-month fast, and the tenth-month fast, shall be to the house of Juda for joy and gladness, and for good feasts. And you will rejoice, and you will love truth and peace.’”

Zechariah 14:8-11

And in that day living water will come forth out of Jerusalem, half of it toward the eastern sea, and half of it toward the western sea; and it will be so in both summer and spring. And the Lord will be king over all the earth, in that day there will be one Lord, and His Name one Name, encircling all the earth, even the wilderness from Gabe unto Remmon, south of Jerusalem. But Rama will remain in its place; from Benjamin’s Gate to the place of the First Gate; to the Gate of the Corners, and to the Tower of Hananeel, as far as the king’s winepresses, they will dwell in the city, and there will be no more anathema {curse}, and Jerusalem will dwell securely.

Isaiah 1:2-18

Hear, O heaven, and listen, O earth, for the Lord has spoken:

“I have begotten and brought up children,

but they rejected me.

The ox knows its owner,

and the donkey its master’s crib,

but Israel does not know Me,

and the people have not understood me.”

Ah sinful nation,

a people full of sins,

an evil offspring,

lawless children,

you have forsaken the Lord,

and provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger!

Why should ye be beaten *any*more

as you continue in lawlessness?

the whole head is pained,

and the whole heart sad.

From the feet to the head,

there is no soundness in them;

sores, and bruises, and festering wounds*,*

there is no bandage to apply,

nor oil, nor salve.

Your land is desolate;

your cities are burned with fire;

strangers devour your land it in your presence,

and it is made desolate,

overthrown by foreign peoples.

The daughter of Sion will be forsaken

like a tent in a vineyard,

like a garden-watcher’s hut in a cucumber field,

like a besieged city.

And if the Lord of Hosts

had not left us offspring,

we would have become like Sodom,

and been made like Gomorrah.

Hear the word of the Lord,

You rulers of Sodom!

Pay attention to the law of God,

you people of Gomorra!

“What is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?”

says the Lord;

“I am full of whole burnt offerings of rams,

and I do not want the fat of lambs,

or the blood of bulls and goats.

not even when you come to appear before me.

For who required these things at your hands?

You will tread in my court no more.

If you bring fine flour, *it is* futile;

incense is an abomination to me.

I cannot bear your new moons, and your sabbaths,

and the great day. My soul hates

fasting, and holy days,

as well as your new moons, and your feasts.

You have become loathsome to Me;

I will no longer forgive your sins.

When you stretch out your hands to Me,

I will turn My eyes away from you,

even if you make many petitions,

I will not listen to you,

for your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; become clean;

remove your evil deeds from your souls

before My eyes;

cease from your evil deeds;

learn to do good;

seek judgement;

redeem the wronged;

defend for the orphan,

and obtain justice for the widow.

Come, let us reason together,”

says the Lord:

“although your sins are like crimson,

I will make them white like snow,

and although they are like scarlet,

I will make *them* white like wool.

Isaiah 1:16-26

“Wash yourselves; become clean; remove the evil deeds from your souls before My eyes; cease from your evil deeds; learn to do good; seek judgement, redeem the wronged; defend for the orphan, and obtain justice for the widow. Come, let us reason together,” says the Lord: “although your sins are like crimson, I will make them white like snow, and although they are like scarlet, I will make *them* white like wool. And if you are willing, and listen to me, you will eat the good things of the land. But if you are not willing and do not listen to me, a sword will devour you,” for the mouth of the Lord has spoken these things.

How the faithful city Zion has become a prostitute! It was full of justice; the righteous lodged in it, but now murderers do! Your silver is worthless; your taverns mix wine with water. Your rulers are disobedient, companions of thieves, loving bribes, and seeking after rewards; they do not defend the orphans, or pay attention to the cause of widows. Therefore, says the Master, the Lord of hosts, “Woe to the mighty *ones* of Israel, for My wrath against mine adversaries will not cease, and I will execute judgement on My enemies. And I will put my hand upon you, and purge you completely. I will destroy the disobedient, and will remove all the lawless from you; I will humble all the arrogant. I will establish your judges as before, and your counsellors as at the beginning. Afterward, you will be called the city of righteousness, Zion, the faithful mother-city.

Isaiah 9:1-2

*Do this first,* and do it quickly, O country of Zabulon, land of Nephthalim by the sea, and the rest *dwelling along* the seacoast, and *the land* beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Nations. O you people who walk in darkness, behold a great light! You who dwell in the country of the shadow of death, a light will shine upon you!

Isaiah 35:1-10

Be glad, O thirsty desert! Let the desert be glad, and blossom like a lily! The deserts of Jordan will blossom and rejoice. the glory of Lebanon and the honour of Carmel has been given to it; and My people will see the glory of the Lord, and the majesty of God. Be strong, you weak hands and feeble knees. Comfort one another, you fainthearted. Be strong, do not fear. Behold, our God renders judgement, and He will render *it*; He will come and save us.

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will hear. Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the stammerers will speak clearly; for water has burst forth in the desert, and a channel *of water* in a thirsty land. And the dry land shall become marshlands, and there will be a spring of water in the thirsty land. The joy of birds will be there, a habitation of reeds and marshland.

A pure way will be there, and it will be called a holy way; and the unclean will not pass through there, and there will be no unclean way there; but the dispersed will walk on it, and they will not go astray. There will be no lion there, nor will any evil beast go upon it, or be found there at all; but the redeemed will walk in it, and those gathered by the Lord will return, and come to Zion with joy, and everlasting joy *will be* over their heads; for on their heads *will be* praise and great joy, and gladness will take hold of them—sorrow and pain, and groaning have fled away.

Isaiah 40:1-5

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people,” says God. “Speak, O priests, to the heart of Jerusalem; comfort her, for her humiliation has been fulfilled, her sin has been done away with, for she has received from the Lord’s hand double *for* her sins.”

The voice of one crying in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the paths of our God. Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be brought low; the crooked *ways* will be made straight, and the rough *places into* plains. The glory of the Lord will appear, and all flesh will see the salvation of God, for the Lord has spoken *it*.”

Isaiah 43:16-44:6

Thus says the Lord, who provides a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty water, who has brought forth chariots and horse, and a mighty multitude. But they have lain down, and will not rise; they are extinguished like a wick that is quenched: “Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. Behold, I *will* do new things, which will now spring forth, and you will know them; and I will make a road in the desert, and rivers in the dry land. The wild animals of the field will praise me, the owls and young ostriches, for I have given water in the wilderness, and rivers in the dry land, to give drink to My chosen race, My people whom I have preserved to declare My excellence.

I have not called you now, O Jacob, nor have I made you weary, O Israel. You have not brought me the sheep of your whole burnt offering, nor have you glorified me with your sacrifices, nor have I wearied you with frankincense, nor have you purchased incense for me with silver, nor have I desired the fat of your sacrifices; but I set before you your sins, and in your iniquities. I, *even* I, am He who blots out your lawlessness, and I will not remember *them* at all. But as for you, remember, and let us judge *together*. You confess your lawless acts first, that you may be made righteous. Your fathers first, and also their rulers, acted lawlessly against Me. And the rulers defiled My holy things, so I gave Jacob to destruction, and Israel to reproach.”

But hear now, O Jacob my servant, and Israel, whom I have chosen. Thus says the Lord God Who made you, and who formed you in the womb, “You will yet be helped; fear not, My servant Jacob; and My beloved Israel, whom I have chosen. For I will give water to the thirsty who walk in a dry land. I will put My Spirit upon your offspring, and My blessings upon your children. They will spring up like grass in the midst of water, and like a willow on by flowing water. One will say, ‘I am God’s,’ and will call himself by the name of Jacob; and another will write, ‘I am God’s,’ and will call himself by the name of Israel.”

Thus says God, the King of Israel, Who delivers him, the God of hosts, “I am the first, and I am after these things; there is no god besides Me.

Baruch 3:36-4:4

This is our God, no other will be compared to Him. He found the whole way of knowledge, and give it to Jacob His servant, and to Israel His beloved. Afterwards, she was seen upon earth, and lived with men.

She is the book of the commandments of God, and the law that endures forever. All they who keep her will live; but those who forsake her will die. Turn, O Jacob, and take hold of her; walk towards the radiance of the presence of her light. Do not give your glory to another, or the things that are of advantage to you to a foreign nation.

O Israel, we are blessed, because what is pleasing to God is known to us.

Ezekiel 36:25-29a

“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be cleansed from all your uncleanness, and I will also cleanse you from all your idols. And I will give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you, and I will take the heart of stone from your flesh, and will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and to keep My judgments, and to do *them*. And you will dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you will be to Me a people, and I will be to you a God. And I will save you from all your uncleanness.”

Ezekiel 47:1-9

And [the Spirit] brought me in by the entrance of the house, and, behold, water flowed from under the atrium by the east, for the front of the house looked towards the east, and the water came down from the right side, from the south to the altar. And He brought me out by the way of the northern gate, and He led me round by the outside way to the gate of the court that looks eastward, and, behold, water flowed down from the right side, in *the direction* in which a man went forth opposite. And *there was* a measuring line in his hand, and he measured a thousand *cubits* with the measure; and he passed through the water; *it was* water of a remission. And *again* he measured a thousand, and he passed through the water, and the water was up to the thighs. And *again* he measured a thousand, and he passed through water up to his loins. And *again* he measured a thousand, and he could not pass through, for *the water* broke into a rushing torrent which *man* cannot pass through. And he said to me, “Son of man, have you seen *this*?”

Then He led me back to the bank of the river. As I returned, behold, on the banks of the river *there were* very many trees on one side and on the other side. And he said to me, “This is the water that flows into Galilee, which is towards; then it goes down to Arabia, and would come as far as the sea, to the outlet of the water; and it will heal the waters. And it will come to pass, *that* every living thing that moving, wherever the river goes, will live. And there will be a great multitude of fish there, because this water will go there, and it will heal *them*, and they will live; everything on which the river comes will live.