

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: Ezekiel 1**

¹ In the thirtieth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, as I was among the exiles by the Kebar River, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

² On the fifth day of the month, in the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity,

³ the word of the LORD came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the Kebar River; and the hand of the LORD was on him there.

⁴ As I looked, a windstorm came up out of the north, a huge cloud with lightning flashing, enveloped by a bright light, and in the middle of the fire was what appeared to be gleaming amber.

⁵ In the middle of it was something that looked like four living creatures. This is a description of their appearance: they had a human form.

⁶ Now each one had four faces and four wings.

⁷ Their legs were straight; and the soles of their feet were like a calf's hoof; and they shined like burnished bronze.

⁸ They had human hands under each of their wings on their four sides. Each of the four of them had four faces and four wings.

⁹ Their wings touched one another. They did not turn when they moved, but each went straight forward.

¹⁰ As for the appearance of their faces, they each had the face of a human, the face of a lion on the right side, the face of an ox on the left side, and the face of an eagle.

¹¹ Such were their faces. They each had two wings spread out above them touching each other, and the other two covered their bodies.

¹² They each went straight forward. Wherever the spirit would go, they went too, without turning as they went.

¹³ In the middle of the living creatures was something like blazing coals of fire, like torches. The fire moved back and forth among the living creatures. It was bright and lightning flashed out of the fire.

¹⁴ The living creatures darted back and forth like flashes of lightning.

¹⁵ Now as I looked at the living creatures, I saw one wheel on the ground beside each of the four living creatures.

¹⁶ The appearance of the wheels and their construction was like gleaming beryl. They all looked alike. Their construction was like a wheel within a wheel.

¹⁷ When they moved in any of the four directions they faced, they did not turn as they moved.

¹⁸ The wheel rims were tall and impressive, and the rims of all four were full of eyes all the way around.

¹⁹ When the living creatures moved, the wheels moved beside them. When the living creatures lifted off the ground, the wheels rose too.

²⁰ Wherever the spirit would go, they went also, and the wheels lifted off with them, because the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

²¹ When they moved, the wheels moved; and when they stopped, the wheels stopped; and when they lifted off the earth, the wheels lifted off with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

²² Now over the head of the living creatures there was something that looked like a surface made of shining crystal, stretched out over their heads.

²³ Under the surface their wings were spread, each one toward the other. Each one had two wings covering its body.

²⁴ When they moved, I heard the sound of their wings like the roar of rushing water, like the voice of the Almighty, a sound of an uproar like an army. When they stood, they let their wings down.

²⁵ There was a voice above the surface over their heads; whenever they stood still, they let their wings down.

²⁶ Above the surface that was over their heads was something like a throne, that looked like a blue sapphire. Above what looked like the throne was someone who had the appearance of a human being.

²⁷ I saw like glowing amber, like a fire around him from his waist up. From his waist down I saw what looked like fire, and a bright splendor surrounded him.

²⁸ Like a rainbow on a cloudy day after a rain shower is what the brightness around him looked like. It looked like the glory of the LORD. When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of someone speaking.

DASV: Ezekiel 2

¹ He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet, and I will speak to you."

² When he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet and I heard him talking to me.

³ He told me, "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a nation that is rebellious, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have revolted against me to this very day.

⁴ The descendants are also obstinate and hard-hearted. I am sending you to them and you will tell them, 'This is what the sovereign LORD says.'

⁵ Whether they listen or not – for they are a rebellious house – they will realize that there has been a prophet among them.

⁶ And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them. Do not be afraid of their words, though you are surrounded by thorns and thistles, and you have to live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of their words or be terrified by their looks, for they are a rebellious house.

⁷ You must speak my words to them, whether they will listen or not, for they are rebellious.

⁸ But you, son of man, listen to what I tell you. Do not rebel like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and eat what I am giving you."

⁹ Then I looked and saw a hand was stretched out toward me and in it was a written scroll.

¹⁰ He unrolled it in front of me and it was written on the front and back; and there were written on it laments, mourning and woe.

DASV: Ezekiel 3

¹ He said to me, “Son of man, eat what you find here. Eat this scroll, then go, speak to the house of Israel.”

² So I opened my mouth and he gave me the scroll to eat.

³ Then he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll I am giving to you.” So I ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth.

⁴ Then he told me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel, and tell them my words.

⁵ For you are not sent to a people of an unintelligible speech or a difficult language, but to the house of Israel—

⁶ not to many peoples of an unintelligible speech or a difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you.

⁷ But the house of Israel will not listen to you because they will not even listen to me. For the entire house of Israel is hard-headed and stubborn hearted.

⁸ Look, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and made you as hard-headed as they are.

⁹ I have made your head harder than flint. Do not be afraid of them, or terrified by their looks, for they are a rebellious house.”

¹⁰ Then he said, “Son of man, all my words that I will tell you take to your heart and listen carefully.

¹¹ Go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them, and tell them, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says,’ whether they listen or not.”

¹² Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the sound a loud rumbling as the glory of the LORD rose from its place.

¹³ It was the sound of the wings of the living creatures as they brushed against one another, and the sound of the wheels beside them producing a great rumbling sound.

¹⁴ So the Spirit lifted me up, and took me away. I went with bitterness and fury in my spirit; and the hand of the LORD was firm on me.

¹⁵ Then I came to the exiles at Tel-Aviv, who lived by Kebar River. I just sat there for seven days among them totally overwhelmed.

¹⁶ At the end of seven days, the word of the LORD came to me saying:

¹⁷ “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word at my mouth, give them a warning from me.

¹⁸ If I tell the wicked, ‘You will surely die,’ and you give him no warning, or do not speak out to warn the wicked to turn from his wicked way, to save his life; that wicked person will die in his sin; and I will hold you responsible for his blood.

¹⁹ But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he will die in his sin; but you have saved your own life.

²⁰ If a righteous person turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and I put a stumbling block in front of him, he will die; because you have not warned him, he will

die in his sin, and the righteous deeds which he has done will not be remembered. I will hold you responsible for his blood.

²¹ If, however, you warn the righteous person, so that the righteous person does not sin, he will surely live, because he accepted the warning; and you will have saved your own life.”

²² Then the hand of the LORD was on me; and he said to me, “Get up, go out into the valley, and I will speak with you there.”

²³ So I got up, and went out into the valley and the glory of the LORD stood there, like the glory that I saw by the Kebar River; and I fell on my face.

²⁴ Then the Spirit entered into me, and set me on my feet. He spoke with me and said, “Go, shut yourself up inside your house.

²⁵ But as for you, son of man, they will put ropes on you, and will tie you up, and you will not be able to go out among them.

²⁶ I will make your tongue cleave to the roof of your mouth, so that you will be speechless and unable to rebuke them; for they are a rebellious house.

²⁷ But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you will tell them, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says.’ The one who hears, let him hear; and the one who refuses to listen, let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house.”

DASV: Ezekiel 4

¹ “Now you, son of man, get a brick, and put it in front of you. Inscribe a city on it, Jerusalem.

² Lay siege against it. Build siege works against it and put up a ramp against it. Set up camps against it, and station battering rams around it.

³ Take an iron griddle, and set it up as an iron wall between you and the city. Focus your face on it, for it will be besieged. You yourself are to lay siege against it. This will be a sign to the house of Israel.

⁴ Then lie on your left side, and place the sins of the house of Israel on yourself. You will bear their sin for as many days as you lie on your side.

⁵ For I have assigned you the number of days equal to the number of the years of their sin, 390 days. This is how you will bear the sin of the house of Israel.

⁶ When you have accomplished this, you will lie down on your right side, and you are to bear the sin of the house of Judah. I have assigned to you forty days, one day for each year.

⁷ Set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and with your arm bared, prophesy against it.

⁸ Look, I will lash you down with ropes so that you will not be able to turn from one side to the other, until you have accomplished the days of your siege.

⁹ Get some wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet and spelt; and put them in one container, and make bread from it. During the 390 days that you lie on your side you will eat it.

¹⁰ Your food that you will eat will be rationed out eight ounces a day and you shall eat it at the set times.

¹¹ You should drink water by measure, a pint and a half, drink it at the set times.

¹² Eat the food as you would barley cakes. You are to bake it on a fire using dried human excrement in their sight.”

¹³ The LORD said, “This is how the Israelites will eat their bread, unclean, among the nations into which I will banish them.”

¹⁴ Then I said, “Sovereign LORD! Look, I have never been defiled from my youth up even until now. I have never eaten anything that had died by itself, or was torn by animals. No unclean meat has ever entered my mouth.”

¹⁵ Then he said to me, “Alright, I will let you use cow's manure instead of human excrement on which to prepare your bread.”

¹⁶ Then he told me, “Son of man, I will break the supply of bread in Jerusalem. They will eat bread by ration and with fear. They will drink water by measure and in terror,

¹⁷ because they will lack bread and water. They will look at each other appalled as they waste away because of their punishment.”

DASV: Ezekiel 5

¹ “As for you, son of man, get a sharp sword and use it as a barber's razor. Shave your head and beard with it. Then get a scale and divide the hair.

² Burn a third of it inside the city, when the days of the siege are completed. Take a third of it, and strike it with the sword around the city. Scatter a third of it to the wind, for I will draw out a sword after them.

³ Take from those a few strands, and tie them on the edge of your robe.

⁴ Then take a few of these and cast them into the fire and burn them. From there a fire will spread into all the house of Israel.”

⁵ “This is what the sovereign LORD says: This is Jerusalem; I have set her in the middle of the nations, with countries surrounding her.

⁶ But she has rebelled against my regulations and statutes by becoming more wicked than the nations and the countries that are around her. For they have rejected my regulations and have not followed my statutes.

⁷ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: Because you are more rebellious than the nations that are around you, and have not walked in my statutes or kept my regulations, you have not even lived up to the standards of the nations that are around you.

⁸ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: Look, I, myself am against you. I will execute judgments among you while the nations look on.

⁹ I will do to you that which I have never done before, and will never ever do anything like it again, because of all your abominations.

¹⁰ Therefore fathers will eat their own sons in your midst, and the sons will eat their fathers. I will execute judgments on you; and any of your survivors I will scatter to the winds.

¹¹ Therefore, as I live, says the sovereign LORD, surely, because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your detestable idols and with all your abominations. Therefore I will withdraw; my eye will not spare and I will have no pity.

¹² A third of you will die of the plague and famine among you. A third will fall by the sword around you; and a third I will scatter to all the winds and will draw out a sword after them.

¹³ Then my anger will be finished, and my vented wrath will be appeased. Then they will know that I, the LORD, have spoken in my jealousy, when I have vented my wrath on them.

¹⁴ I will make you desolate, and an object of ridicule among surrounding nations, and in the sight of all who pass by.

¹⁵ So you will be an object of ridicule and insults, a warning and a horror to the surrounding nations, when I execute judgments on you in anger, wrath, and with furious rebukes. I, the LORD, have spoken.

¹⁶ When I will unleash against them the deadly destructive arrows of famine, I will shoot them to destroy you. I will escalate the severity of the famine on you, and will cut off your supply of bread.

¹⁷ I will send famine and wild animals against you, and they will take your children from you. The plague and bloodshed will pass through you; and I will bring the sword against you. I, the LORD, have spoken.”

DASV: Ezekiel 6

¹ Now the word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,
³ and say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the sovereign LORD: This is what the sovereign LORD says to the mountains and hills, to the ravines and valleys: Look, I, myself will bring a sword against you, and I will destroy your high places.

⁴ Your altars will be destroyed, and your incense burners broken; and I will drop your dead right in front of your idols.

⁵ I will cast the corpses of the Israelites in front of their idols; and I will scatter your bones around your altars.

⁶ Wherever you dwell, the towns will be laid waste and the high places destroyed. Your altars will be laid waste and ruined, your idols will be shattered and abolished, your incense altars knocked down, and your works smashed to pieces.

⁷ The slain will fall in your midst, and you will know that I am the LORD.

⁸ Yet will I spare a remnant. A few of you will escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered to other countries.

⁹ Those of you who manage to escape will remember me among the nations where they are carried away captive. They will realize how hurt I was by their adulterous heart that turned away from me, and by their eyes, which went lusting after their idols. They will despise themselves for the evils they have committed in all their abominations.

¹⁰ Then they will know that I am the LORD. It was not an empty threat that I made that I would inflict this disaster on them.

¹¹ This is what the sovereign LORD says: Clap your hands, stamp your feet, and cry out, ‘Alas!’ because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel; for they will fall by the sword, famine and plague.

¹² The one who is far away will die by the plague. The one who is near will fall by the sword. The one who survives and is spared will die by famine. This is how I will vent my wrath on them.

¹³ Then you will know that I am the LORD, when their dead are scattered among their idols around their altars, on every high hill, on all the tops of the mountains, under every green tree, and under every leafy oak, the very places where they offered pleasing aromas to all their idols.

¹⁴ I will stretch out my hand against them, and make the land desolate and waste, from the wilderness to Riblah, everywhere that they live. Then they will know that I am the LORD.”

DASV: Ezekiel 7

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, this is what the sovereign LORD says to the land of Israel, The end! The end has come on the four corners of the land.

³ Now the end is upon you, and I will unleash my anger on you, and will judge you according to your ways; and I will punish you for all your abominations.

⁴ My eye will not pity you, nor will I spare you. But I will repay you for your ways and the consequences of your abominations will be in your midst. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

⁵ This is what the sovereign LORD says: A disaster, an absolutely unique disaster! Look, it is coming.

⁶ An end has come! The end has come! It ends its slumber rousing itself against you. Look, it is coming.

⁷ Your doom has come for you, O inhabitant of the land. The time has come, the day is near, a day of tumult not joyful shouting echoing from the mountains.

⁸ Soon I will pour out my wrath on you, and completely vent my anger against you, and will judge you according to your ways. I will punish you for all your abominations.

⁹ My eye will not pity you, nor will I spare you. But I will repay you for your ways and the consequences of your abominations will be in your midst. Then you will know that I am the LORD, who is striking you.

¹⁰ See, the day! Look, it comes! Your doom has sprung up. The rod has blossomed, pride has bloomed.

¹¹ Violence has grown into a rod of wickedness. None of them will be left, none of their crowd, neither their wealth nor anything of distinction among them.

¹² The time is come, the day draws near. Let not the buyer rejoice, or the seller mourn, for wrath has come on this entire crowd.

¹³ For the seller will not regain what was sold, as long as they are still alive. For the vision about its whole crowd will not be revoked, because of their sins they will not be able to preserve their lives.

¹⁴ They have blown the war trumpet, and have gotten everything ready; but no one goes to the battle, for my wrath is on the entire crowd.

¹⁵ The sword is outside, and the plague and the famine are within. The one who is in the field will die by the sword. The one who is in the city, famine and plague will consume.

¹⁶ But if any survivors do escape, they will be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all moaning each one for his own sin.

¹⁷ All hands will hang limp, and all knees covered with urine.

¹⁸ They will clothe themselves with sackcloth, horror will cover them. Shame will be on all their faces, and all their heads will be shaved bald.

¹⁹ They will throw their silver into the streets, and their gold will be treated as an unclean thing. Their silver and gold will not be able to save them in the day of the LORD's wrath.

They will not satisfy their appetites, nor fill their stomachs. For their wealth was the stumbling block that caused them to sin.

²⁰ As for the beautiful ornaments in which they took pride, that they made into abominable idols and their detestable things, now I have made it an unclean thing for them.

²¹ I will give it into the hands of the foreigners as plunder, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they will defile it.

²² I will turn my face from them, and they will profane my treasured place; and robbers will enter into it and desecrate it.

²³ Make chains, because the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.

²⁴ Therefore I will bring in the worst of the nations, and they will possess their houses. I will put an end to the pride of the strongholds; and their holy places will be profaned.

²⁵ Terror is coming; and they will seek peace, but there will be none.

²⁶ Disaster upon disaster will come, one rumor after another; and they will seek a vision from the prophet; but the instruction will perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders.

²⁷ The king will mourn, and the prince will be clothed with horror, and the hands of the people of the land will tremble. I will do unto them according to their patterns of behavior. I will judge them by their own standards. Then they will know that I am the LORD.”

DASV: Ezekiel 8

¹ On the fifth day of the sixth month of the sixth year, as I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, the hand of the sovereign LORD fell on me there.

² Then I looked, and saw a form that appeared to be a man. From what appeared to be his waist down was fire; and from his waist up looked bright, like glowing amber.

³ He reached out what appeared to be a hand, and grabbed a hold of me by a lock of the hair of my head. Then the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven, and brought me by the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the gate of the inner court that looks toward the north; where the seat of the idol that provokes to jealousy was.

⁴ Then I saw there the glory of the God of Israel, like the vision that I saw in the valley.

⁵ Then he said to me, “Son of man, lift up your eyes now toward the north.” So I lifted up my eyes toward the north, and there north of the gate of the altar was this idol of jealousy in the entrance.

⁶ He said to me, “Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations that the house of Israel is committing here, driving me far from my own sanctuary? But you will see even greater abominations.”

⁷ He brought me to the entrance of the court. Then I looked and saw a hole in the wall.

⁸ He told me, “Son of man, dig into the wall.” When I had dug into the wall, there was an entrance.

⁹ He said to me, “Go in, and see the wicked abominations that they are doing here.”

¹⁰ So I went in and saw there was engraved on the wall every kind of creeping thing, and detestable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel.

¹¹ There stood before them seventy elders of the house of Israel; and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan. Each one had his censer in his hand with a fragrant cloud of incense wafting upward.

¹² Then said he to me, “Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, each one in his room of images? For they say, ‘The LORD doesn't see us; the LORD has forsaken the land.’”

¹³ He told me, “You will see them do even great abominations.”

¹⁴ Then he brought me to the entrance of the north gate of LORD's house. There sat the women weeping for the god Tammuz.

¹⁵ Then he said to me, “Do you see this, son of man? You will see even greater abominations than these.”

¹⁶ He brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house; and there at the entrance of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, with their faces toward the east. They were worshipping the sun toward the east.

¹⁷ Then he said to me, “Do you see this, son of man? Is it a trivial issue to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations here? Should they also have filled the land with violence, and further provoked me to anger? Look at them putting the branch to their nose.

¹⁸ Therefore I will also deal with them in wrath; my eye will not spare or have pity on them. Even though they cry in my ears with a loud voice, yet I will not listen to them.”

DASV: Ezekiel 9

¹ Then he shouted in my ears, “Come here those who have charge over the city, each one with his weapon of destruction in his hand.”

² Six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each one with his smashing weapon in his hand. One in the midst of them was clothed in linen, with a writer's case by his side. They entered and stood beside the brazen altar.

³ Then the glory of the God of Israel rose from the cherub, where it was by the threshold of the temple. He called to the one clothed in linen, who had the writer's case by his side.

⁴ And LORD said to him, “Go through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the people who grieve and groan over all the abominations that are done in it.”

⁵ To the others he said in my hearing, “Go through the city after him, and kill; do not let your eye spare or have pity.

⁶ Wipe out the old men, the young men and girls, and little children and women; but do not touch anyone who has the mark. Begin at my sanctuary.” Then they began with the old men who were in front of the temple.

⁷ Then he said unto them, “Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain. Go out.” So they went out slaughtering throughout the city.

⁸ While they were killing, and I was left alone, I fell upon my face, and cried, “Ah sovereign LORD! Will you destroy all the remnant of Israel when you pour out of your wrath upon Jerusalem?”

⁹ Then he told me, “The guilt of the house of Israel and Judah is very great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of injustice, for they claim, ‘The LORD has abandoned the land, and the LORD does not see.’

¹⁰ So as for me, my eye will not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will repay them bringing back their deeds upon their heads.”

¹¹ Then the man clothed in linen, who had the writing case by his side, reported the matter, saying, “I have done as you have told me to do.”

DASV: Ezekiel 10

¹ Then I looked, and in the expanse that was over the head of the cherubim there appeared something like a sapphire stone, shaped like a throne.

² He spoke to the man clothed in linen, “Go between the whirling wheels beneath the cherubim. Fill both your hands with burning coals from between the cherubim, and scatter them over the city.” And he went while I watched.

³ Now the cherubim were standing on the right side of the temple, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.

⁴ Then the glory of the LORD went up over the cherub over the threshold of the temple. The temple was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of LORD's glory.

⁵ The sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even as far as the outer court, like the voice of God Almighty when he speaks.

⁶ Then he commanded the man clothed in linen, “Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim.” So he went in and stood beside a wheel.

⁷ Then a cherub stretched out his hand from between the cherubim toward the fire that was between the cherubim, and took of it and put it into the hands of the one who was clothed in linen, who took it and went out.

⁸ And there appeared under the cherubim's wings the form of a human hand.

⁹ Then I looked, and saw four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and another wheel beside another cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was like sparkling beryl.

¹⁰ And as for their appearance, all four looked alike, as a wheel within another wheel.

¹¹ When they moved, they went in any of four directions without turning as they went, but wherever the head looked they moved without turning as they went.

¹² Their whole body, their backs, their hands, their wings, and the wheels that all four of them had were full of eyes all around.

¹³ As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing, “the whirling wheels.”

¹⁴ Each of them had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub; the second, face the face of a man; the third face the face of a lion; and the fourth, the face of an eagle.

¹⁵ Then the cherubim took off upward. These were the living creatures that I saw by the Kebar river.

¹⁶ When the cherubim moved, the wheels moved alongside them; and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to take off from the earth, the wheels stayed beside them.

¹⁷ When they stood still, the wheels stood still; and when they took off, the wheels also took off with them, for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

¹⁸ Now the glory of the LORD went out over the threshold of the temple, and stopped over the cherubim.

¹⁹ Then the cherubim lifted their wings, and took off from the earth in my sight, when they went out and the wheels were beside them. They stopped at the entrance of the east gate of the LORD's temple; and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them.

²⁰ These were the living creatures that I saw underneath the God of Israel by the Kebar river; and I recognized that they were cherubim.

²¹ Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings; and under their wings was what looked like human hands.

²² As for the likeness of their faces, they were the same faces that I had seen by the Kebar river. Each of them moved straight forward.

DASV: Ezekiel 11

¹ The Spirit lifted me up, and brought me to the east gate of the LORD's temple, which faces east. At the door of the gate were twenty-five men; and I saw in the midst of them Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, officials of the people.

² He said to me, "Son of man, these are the men who plot evil and give wicked counsel in this city.

³ They say, 'The time is not near to build houses. This city is the pot, and we are the meat.'

⁴ Therefore prophesy against them, son of man."

⁵ Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and he said to me, "Tell them, this is what the LORD says: This is what you have said, O house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind.

⁶ You have murdered many in this city, and have filled its streets with corpses.

⁷ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: Your slain whom you have tossed in the midst of the city, they are the flesh, and this city is the pot; but you will be dragged out of the midst of it.

⁸ You have feared the sword; so I will bring the sword upon you, says the sovereign LORD.

⁹ I will bring you out of the midst of it, and deliver you into the hands of foreigners, who will execute judgments on you.

¹⁰ You will fall by the sword; I will judge you at the border of Israel; then you will know that I am the LORD.

¹¹ This city will not be your pot, neither will you be the meat in the midst of it; I will judge you at the border of Israel.

¹² Then you will know that I am the LORD: for you have not walked in my statutes, neither have you kept my regulations, but rather you have acted according to the regulations of the nations that are around you."

¹³ When I was prophesying, Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then I fell down on my face, and cried out with a loud voice, "Ah sovereign LORD! Will you totally destroy the remnant of Israel?"

¹⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to me:

¹⁵ "Son of man, your brothers, your relatives and all the house of Israel, all of them, are those to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, 'They are far away from the LORD; to us is this land given for a possession.'

¹⁶ Therefore say, This is what the sovereign LORD says: 'Even though I have removed them far off to be among the nations, and scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary for them for a little while in the countries where they are exiled.'

¹⁷ Therefore say, This is what the sovereign LORD says: 'I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.'

¹⁸ When they return there, they will remove all its detestable things and all its abominations.

¹⁹ Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them; and I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh.

²⁰ Then they will walk in my statutes, and keep my regulations, and do them. Then they will be my people, and I will be their God.

²¹ But as for those whose hearts are devoted to their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring back what they have done on their own heads, says the sovereign LORD.”

²² Then the cherubim lifted up their wings, and the wheels were beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them.

²³ Then the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stopped on the mountain to the east of the city.

²⁴ The Spirit lifted me up, and brought me in the vision by the Spirit of God to the exiles in Chaldea. So the vision that I had seen left me.

²⁵ Then I reported to the exiles all the things that the LORD had shown me.

DASV: Ezekiel 12

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, you are dwelling in the midst of the rebellious house, who have eyes to see, and see not, who have ears to hear, and hear not, for they are a rebellious house.

³ Therefore, son of man, pack your bags for exile, and in broad daylight in their sight move from your place into exile in their sight. Perhaps they will consider, even though they are a rebellious house.

⁴ Bring out your bags by day in their sight, as baggage packed for exile; then while they are watching leave, as those who leave into exile.

⁵ Dig through the wall in their sight and carry your bags out through the hole.

⁶ In their sight carry it on your shoulder and carry it out in the dark. Cover your face so that you do not see the land, for I have made you a sign to the house of Israel.”

⁷ So I did just as I was told. I brought out my bags by day, as bags packed for exile, and that evening I dug through the wall with my own hands; I brought it out in the dark, and carried it on my shoulder in their sight.

⁸ Then in the morning the word of the LORD came to me,

⁹ “Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, asked you, ‘What are you doing?’

¹⁰ Tell them, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: This oracle concerns the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel who are in it.’

¹¹ Say, ‘I am your sign: just as I have done, so it will be done to them. They will go into exile, into captivity.’

¹² And the prince that is among them will carry his belongings on his shoulder in the dark, and leave. They will dig through the wall to carry it out through the hole. He will cover his face, so that he won’t see the land with his eyes.

¹³ I will spread my net over him, and he will be taken in my snare. I will bring him to Babylon, to the land of the Chaldeans; yet he will not see it, and he will die there.

¹⁴ I will scatter to every wind all that are around about him—his aids and all his troops; and I will draw out the sword after them.

¹⁵ Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I disperse them among the nations, and scatter them among the foreign countries.

¹⁶ But I will let a few of them escape from the sword, famine and pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the nations where they are going; then they will know that I am the LORD.”

¹⁷ Then the word of the LORD came to me:

¹⁸ “Son of man, eat your bread with trembling, and drink your water with anxious shaking.

¹⁹ Tell the people of the land, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with

fearfulness, and drink their water in dismay, because their land will be stripped of everything in it, as a result of the violence of all those who live there.

²⁰ The inhabited towns will be laid waste, and the land will become desolate; then you will know that I am the LORD.”

²¹ Then the word of LORD came to me:

²² “Son of man, what is this proverb that you have in the land of Israel, ‘The days are far off, and every vision fails’?

²³ Tell them therefore, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: I will make this proverb to cease, and they will no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but tell them, ‘The days are near, and every vision will be fulfilled.’

²⁴ For there will be no more false visions nor flattering divinations within the house of Israel.

²⁵ For I am the LORD; I will speak, and the word that I speak will happen. There will be no more delay. For in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word, and will perform it, says the sovereign LORD.”

²⁶ The word of the LORD came to me:

²⁷ “Son of man, the house of Israel is saying, ‘The vision that he sees is for many days in the future, and he prophesied of times that are far off.’

²⁸ Therefore tell them, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: None of my words will be delayed any longer, but the word which I speak will be performed, says the sovereign LORD.’”

DASV: Ezekiel 13

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy. Tell those who prophesy out of their own imagination, ‘Hear the word of the LORD:

³ This is what the sovereign LORD says, Woe to the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!

⁴ Your prophets are like jackals scavenging through the ruins, O Israel.

⁵ You have not gone up into the breaches in the wall, nor repaired the wall for the house of Israel, to stand in the battle on the day of the LORD.

⁶ They have seen false visions and lying divinations. They say, “The LORD says;” but the LORD has not sent them, yet they expect that bogus word to be fulfilled.

⁷ Have you not seen a false vision and spoken a lying divination, when you say, “The LORD says;” although I have not spoken?

⁸ “Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: Because you have spoken falsehood, and envisioned lies, therefore I am against you, says the sovereign LORD.

⁹ My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and speak lying divinations. They will not be in the council of my people, neither will they be written in the register of the house of Israel, nor will they enter into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the sovereign LORD.

¹⁰ Because they have seduced my people, saying, ‘Peace,’ when there is no peace; and when someone slaps up a wall, they coat it with whitewash.

¹¹ Tell those who coat it with whitewash, that it will fall. There will be a torrential downpour; and great hailstones will fall; and a strong wind will knock it down.

¹² When the wall falls, will you not be asked, “Where is the whitewash you plastered it with?”

¹³ “Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: I will let loose a storm in my wrath; and there will be a torrential downpour in mine anger with great hailstones in wrath to destroy it.

¹⁴ So I will break down the wall that you plastered with whitewash, and knock it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be exposed. When it falls you will be crushed beneath it. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

¹⁵ Thus I will vent my wrath on the wall, and on those who have plastered it with whitewash; and I will say to you, ‘The wall is gone along with those who whitewashed it,

¹⁶ those prophets of Israel that prophesied concerning Jerusalem, and who have envisioned peace for her, when there was no peace, says the sovereign LORD.’”

¹⁷ “Now you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own imagination; and prophesy against them,

¹⁸ Say, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: Woe to the women that sew bands on their wrists, and make veils for the head of all sizes, who hunt human lives! Will you hunt down the lives of my people, and save your own lives alive?’

¹⁹ You have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and for crumbs of bread. You have slain the lives of those who should not die, and save the lives of those who should not live, by your lying to my people who hearken to lies.

²⁰ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: I am against your wristbands by which you ensnare the lives of my people like birds. I will tear them from your arms and I will let their lives go, even the lives that you hunt like birds.

²¹ I will rip off your veils, and deliver my people from your hands; they will no longer fall as prey into your hands. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

²² Because you have discouraged the righteous with lies, whom I have not made sad; and you have encouraged the hands of the wicked, that he should not turn from his wicked way and save their lives.

²³ Therefore you will no longer see false visions, or practice divinations. I will deliver my people out of your hand. Then you will know that I am the LORD.’”

DASV: Ezekiel 14

¹ Then certain of the elders of Israel came to me, and sat before me.

² The word of the LORD came to me:

³ “Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their hearts, and put their iniquity as a stumbling block before their faces. Should I allow them to request anything from me?

⁴ Therefore speak to them, and tell them, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: Every one of the house of Israel that takes his idols into his heart, and puts their iniquity as a stumbling block before his face, and then comes to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him therein according to the multitude of his idols.

⁵ So that I may capture the hearts of the house of Israel, I will do this because they are all estranged from me on account of their idols.’

⁶ Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: Repent, and turn from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.’

⁷ For every one of the house of Israel, or the stranger who lives in Israel, who separates himself from me, and takes his idols into his heart, and puts their iniquity as a stumbling block before his face, and comes to the prophet to inquire of me for himself; I the LORD will answer him myself.

⁸ I will set my face against that one, and will make him an example and a proverbial byword. I will cut him off from the midst of my people. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

⁹ If the prophet is fooled into speaking a prophetic word, I, the LORD, have fooled that prophet. I will stretch out my hand against him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.

¹⁰ They will each bear their punishment; the punishment of the one who inquires will be the same as the punishment of the prophet,

¹¹ so that the house of Israel may no longer go astray from me, nor defile themselves any more with all their transgressions. So they may be my people, and I may be their God, says the sovereign LORD.”

¹² The word of the LORD came to me:

¹³ “Son of man, when a land sins against me by being unfaithful, and I stretch out my hand against it, and break its staff of bread, and send famine upon it, and cut off from both people and animals;

¹⁴ even though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would save only their own lives by their righteousness, says the sovereign LORD.

¹⁵ If I send wild animals to pass through the land and they ravage it, and make it desolate, so that no one may pass through because of the wild animals;

¹⁶ even though these three men were in it, as I live, says the sovereign LORD, they would save neither sons nor daughters; only they themselves would be saved, but the land would become desolate.

¹⁷ Or if I bring a sword against that land, and say, ‘Sword, go through the land;’ so that I cut off both people and animals from it

¹⁸ even though these three men were in it, as I live, says the sovereign LORD, they would save neither sons nor daughters, but only they themselves would be saved.

¹⁹ Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my wrath upon it with bloodshed, to cut off both people and animals from it;

²⁰ even though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, says the sovereign LORD, they would save neither son nor daughter; they would save only their own lives by their righteousness.

²¹ For thus says the sovereign LORD: How much worse will it be when I send my four severe judgments against Jerusalem--the sword, the famine, evil beasts, and pestilence,--to cut off both people and animals from it!

²² Yet, there will be a remnant that will be left behind, both sons and daughters who will come out to you, and you will see their way and their doings; and you will be comforted concerning the catastrophe that I brought against Jerusalem, for all that I have brought upon it.

²³ They will comfort you, when you see their way and their doings; and you will know that I have not done all that I have done in it without a reason, says the sovereign LORD.”

DASV: Ezekiel 15

¹ Then the word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, is the wood of a vine better than that of any tree—even a branch from any of the trees of the forest?

³ Is its wood taken to make anything? Does one make even a peg from it to hang something on it?

⁴ Of course not. It is thrown into the fire for fuel; when the fire has devoured both ends of it, and it is burned in the middle, even then is it useful for anything?

⁵ Look, when it was whole, it was useless, how much less when the fire has consumed it and it is charred, can it be useful for anything?

⁶ Therefore, this is what the sovereign LORD says: As the grapevine among the trees of the forest, which I have thrown into the fire for fuel, so will I throw the inhabitants of Jerusalem into the fire.

⁷ I will set my face against them; although they may escape from the fire, but the fire will still devour them. Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I set my face against them.

⁸ I will make the land desolate, because they have been unfaithful, says the sovereign LORD.”

DASV: Ezekiel 16

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, confront Jerusalem about her abominations;

³ and say, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says to Jerusalem: Your birth and your nativity were in the land of the Canaanites; your father was an Amorite, and your mother was a Hittite.

⁴ As for your birth, on the day you were born your umbilical cord was not cut, neither were you washed in water to clean you up; you were not rubbed with salt, or wrapped in blankets.

⁵ No eye had pity on you, to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you; but you were dumped in an open field, for you were detested on the day that you were born.

⁶ When I passed by you, and saw you thrashing around in your own blood, I said to you as you lay in your own blood, “Live.” Yes, I said to you as you lay in your own blood, “Live.”

⁷ I made you to grow like a plant in the field. You grew tall and matured like a perfect jewel; your breasts developed, and your hair grew; yet you were naked and bare.

⁸ Now when I passed by you, and looked at you, I saw you were of age for love; and I spread my cloak over you, and covered your nakedness. I pledged myself to you, and entered into a marriage covenant with you, says the sovereign LORD, and you became mine.

⁹ Then I bathed you with water; I thoroughly washed away your blood from you, and I anointed you with oil.

¹⁰ I clothed you with embroidered cloth and fine leather sandals, and I wrapped you with fine linen and covered you with silk.

¹¹ I adorned you with jewelry, and put bracelets upon your hands, and a chain around your neck.

¹² I put a ring in your nose, and ear-rings in your ears, and a beautiful tiara on your head.

¹³ You were adorned with gold and silver; and your garment was made of fine linen, silk, and embroidered work. You ate choice flour, honey, and olive oil. You were stunningly beautiful, and you rose to a position of royalty.

¹⁴ Your fame spread among the nations because of your beauty; for it was perfect because of the splendor I had clothed you with, says the sovereign LORD.

¹⁵ But you trusted in your own beauty, and played the whore because of your fame. You lavished your sexual favors on everyone who passed by, your beauty became his.

¹⁶ You took some of your garments, and made for yourself high places decorated with all sorts of colors, and on them you played the prostitute. Nothing like it has ever been nor ever should be.

¹⁷ You also took your exquisite jewelry of my gold and silver, which I had given you, and made images of men for yourself, and engaged in prostitution with them.

¹⁸ You used your embroidered garments to cover them, and set my oil and incense before them.

¹⁹ My bread also which I gave you, choice flour, olive oil, and honey, by which I fed you, you set it before them for a sweet aroma. So that's what happened, says the sovereign LORD.

²⁰ Then you took your sons and daughters, whom you had borne to me, and these you sacrificed to be consumed by idols. Were your whoredoms not bad enough?

²¹ You slaughtered my children, and offered them up by sacrificing them to idols.

²² And in all your abominations and your prostitutions you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, and thrashing around in your own blood.

²³ after all your wickedness. Woe! Woe to you! Says the sovereign LORD,

²⁴ you built yourself a shrine, and have made a high place in every public square.

²⁵ You built your high place at the head of every street, and have made your beauty an abomination, you spread your legs to everyone who passed by, and multiplied your whoring.

²⁶ You have committed prostitution with the Egyptians, your lustful neighbors, and have multiplied your promiscuity to provoke me to anger.

²⁷ Therefore, I have stretched out my hand against you, and have reduced your food, and delivered you to the will of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, and even they were ashamed of your lewd behavior.

²⁸ You played the whore also with the Assyrians, because you were insatiable; even after you had played the prostitute with them, you still were not satisfied.

²⁹ You have multiplied your whoredom with the land of merchants, Chaldea; and yet even then you were not satisfied.

³⁰ How sick is your heart, says the sovereign LORD, seeing you do all these things, the work of a shameless prostitute,

³¹ building your shrines at the head of every street, and making your high places in every square, and have not even been like a whore, because you scorn being paid.

³² A wife that commits adultery! You prefer strangers instead of your husband!

³³ All prostitutes get gifts; but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and bribe them to come to you from everywhere for your sexual favors.

³⁴ So you are different from other women in your prostitution for no one solicits you. You pay and no payment is given to you, so you are different.

³⁵ Wherefore, O prostitute, hear the word of the LORD!

³⁶ This is what the sovereign LORD says: Because your lust was poured out, and your nakedness uncovered through your promiscuity with your lovers; and because of all the idols of your abominations, and because of the blood of your children that you sacrificed to them,

³⁷ therefore, I will gather all your lovers with whom you have had pleasure, and all them you have loved, with all those who you hated; I will gather them against you on every

side, and they will expose your nakedness in front of them, so that they may all see your nakedness.

³⁸ I will judge you as women that commit adultery and shed blood are judged; and I will cover you with blood in wrath and jealousy.

³⁹ I will also give you into their hands, and they will throw down your shrines and break down your high places; and they will strip you of your clothes, and take your beautiful jewelry; and they will leave you naked and bare.

⁴⁰ They will also gather a mob against you, and they will stone you, and hack you into pieces with their swords.

⁴¹ They will burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women. I will force you to stop playing the harlot, and you will no longer make payments to your lovers.

⁴² So will I cause my rage toward you to rest, and my jealousy will turn from you, and I will be calm, and will be angry no more.

⁴³ Because you have not remembered the days of your youth, but have enraged me in all these things; therefore, I also will bring what you have done back upon your head, says the sovereign LORD. Have you not committed this lewdness on top of all your abominations?

⁴⁴ Everyone that uses proverbs will quote this proverb about you, saying, "Like mother, like daughter."

⁴⁵ You are the daughter of your mother, who loathed her husband and her children; and you are the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and their children. Your mother was a Hittite, and your father an Amorite.

⁴⁶ Your older sister is Samaria, who lived north of you with her daughters; and your younger sister, that lives to your south is Sodom with her daughters.

⁴⁷ Yet you have not only walked in their ways and copied their abominations but in a short time you have become more corrupt than they in all your ways.

⁴⁸ As I live, says the sovereign LORD, your sister Sodom and her daughters have not done as you and your daughters have done.

⁴⁹ Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excessive food, and prosperous ease; but she did not strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

⁵⁰ They were haughty, and committed abominations before me. Therefore I removed them as I saw fit.

⁵¹ Samaria never committed half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they ever did. You have made your sisters appear righteous by all the abominations you have done.

⁵² Bear your own shame, in that you have been the justification of your sisters; because your sins that you have committed are even more abominable than theirs. They are more righteous than you are. Be ashamed, and bear your shame, for you have justified your sisters.

⁵³ But I will restore the fortunes of Sodom and her daughters, and the fortunes of Samaria and her daughters, and the fortunes of your captives along with theirs;

⁵⁴ then you may bear your own disgrace, and be ashamed because of all that you have done, becoming a comfort to them.

⁵⁵ For your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, will return to their former state; and Samaria and her daughters will return to their former state; and you and your daughters will return to your former state.

⁵⁶ For your sister Sodom was a contemptuous byword in your mouth in the day of your pride,

⁵⁷ before your wickedness was exposed. Now you are the object of mockery from the daughters of Aram and all her neighbors and the daughters of the Philistines--those all around you who despise you.

⁵⁸ You bear the penalty of your lewdness and abominations, says the LORD.

⁵⁹ For this is what the sovereign LORD says: I will also deal with you according to what you have done, you who have despised your vow by breaking the covenant.

⁶⁰ Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.

⁶¹ Then you will remember your ways, and be ashamed, when you receive your sisters, your elder and younger sisters. I will give them to you for daughters, even though this was not part of my covenant with you.

⁶² I will establish my covenant with you; then you will know that I am the LORD.

⁶³ You will remember and be confounded, and never open your mouth again, because of your shame, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done, says the sovereign LORD.”

DASV: Ezekiel 17

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, pose a riddle, and tell a parable to the house of Israel;

³ Tell them: This is what the sovereign LORD says: A great eagle with great wings and long pinions, with full plumage of many colors, came to Lebanon and took the top of the cedar.

⁴ He trimmed off the topmost branch and carried it to a land of trade; he set it in a city of merchants.

⁵ He took a seedling from the land, and planted it in fertile soil. He placed it beside plenty of water; he set it like a willow.

⁶ It sprouted and became a low spreading vine. Its branches turned toward the eagle, and its roots grew deep. So it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and put out leafy twigs.

⁷ There was also another great eagle with great wings and full plumage. Now this vine sent its roots toward him, and shot forth its branches toward him, from the soil bed where it was planted, for him to water it.

⁸ It was planted in a good soil by abundant water, that it might produce branches, and that it might bear fruit and might be a magnificent vine.

⁹ Tell them, This is what the sovereign LORD says: Will it flourish? Will he not pull up its roots, and cut off its fruit, that it may wither and all its budding leaves shrivel? No strong arm or large army will be needed to pull it up by the roots.

¹⁰ When it is transplanted, will it thrive? When the east wind strikes it will it not totally wither? It will wither in the soil bed where it grew.”

¹¹ Then the word of the LORD came to me:

¹² “Tell the rebellious house: Don’t you know what these things mean? Tell them: The king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and took its king and its princes, and brought them back with him to Babylon.

¹³ He took the offspring of the royal family, and made a covenant with him, putting him under an oath. He also exiled the leaders of the land,

¹⁴ so that the kingdom might be weakened, and not able to raise itself up, but only by keeping its treaty might it stand.

¹⁵ But he rebelled against Babylon by sending ambassadors to Egypt, that they might give him horses and a large army. Will he succeed? Can one that does such things escape? Can he break the covenant and yet escape?

¹⁶ As I live, says the sovereign LORD, surely in the place where the king lives who made him king of Israel, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he broke, he will die there in Babylon.

¹⁷ Pharaoh with his mighty army and great legions will not help him in the war, when they cast up ramps and siege towers to kill many lives.

¹⁸ For he has despised the oath by breaking the covenant. Because he gave his hand in a promise and yet has done all these things, he will not escape.

¹⁹ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: As I live, surely I will bring back on his own head my oath that he has despised, and my covenant that he has broken.

²⁰ I will spread my net over him, and he will be captured in my snare. I will bring him to Babylon, and will judge him there for his treachery that he has committed against me.

²¹ All his choice troops will fall by the sword, and they that survive will be scattered to every wind. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken.”

²² This is what the sovereign LORD says: “I will also take the sprig from the top of the cedar, and will plant it. I will prune off from the topmost of its tender young twigs and I will plant it upon a high and lofty mountain.

²³ I will plant it on the mountain heights of Israel. It will bring forth twigs, bear fruit, and be a magnificent cedar. Under it will dwell every kind of bird; they will live in the shade of its branches.

²⁴ All the trees of the field will know that I, the LORD, have brought down the high tree, and have exalted the low tree. I have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish. I, the LORD, have spoken and will do it.”

DASV: Ezekiel 18

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “What do you mean by quoting this proverb concerning the land of Israel:

‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’

³ As I live, says the sovereign LORD, you will not quote this proverb in Israel.

⁴ All lives are mine; the life of the father, as well as the life of the son is mine. The one who sins, is the one who will die.

⁵ But if a person is just,

and does that which is just and right,

⁶ if he has not eaten idolatrous sacrifices on the mountains,
nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel,
nor defiled his neighbor's wife,
or slept with a woman during her menstrual period,

⁷ and has not oppressed anyone,

but has restored to the debtor what he has put up as security,

has taken nothing by robbery,

has given his bread to the hungry,

and has clothed the naked;

⁸ does not charge interest on loans,

or take any profit,

but withholds his hand from wrong,

adjudicates true justice between contending people,

⁹ has walked in my statutes,

and has kept my regulations to deal fairly.

That person is righteous,

he will surely live, says the sovereign LORD.

¹⁰ If such a man fathers a violent son, one who sheds blood, and one who does any of these things,

¹¹ whose father had not done any of these things,

Yet he eats idolatrous sacrifices on the mountains,

and defiles his neighbor's wife,

¹² has oppressed the poor and needy,

has committed robbery,

has not paid back what he has taken in pledge,

and has lifted up his eyes to the idols,

has committed abominations,

¹³ has lent money charging interest.

Will such a person live?

He will not live!

The one who has done all these abominations;

he shall surely die;
 he will be responsible for his own death.

¹⁴ Now, if he fathers a son, that sees all his father's sins, which he has done, and fears, and does not do like that;

¹⁵ who has not eaten idolatrous sacrifices on the mountains,
 nor has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel,
 or defiled his neighbor's wife,

¹⁶ does not oppress anyone,
 has not taken security for a loan,
 does not commit robbery,
 but has given his bread to the hungry,
 and has clothed the naked;

¹⁷ who withholds his hand from wrong,
 has not lent money for interest,
 has executed my regulations,
 and walked in my statutes;

he will not die for the sin of his father. He will surely live.

¹⁸ As for his father, because he practiced extortion, robbed his brother, and did that which is not good among his people, he will die in his iniquity.

¹⁹ Yet you claim, 'Why does the son not suffer for the sin of the father?' When the son has done that which is just and right, and has kept all my statutes, and has done them, he shall surely live.

²⁰ The person who sins, is the one who will die. The son will not suffer for the sin of the father, nor will the father suffer for the sin of the son. The righteousness of the righteous will be rewarded to him, and the wickedness of the wicked will be repaid to him.

²¹ But if the wicked turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keeps all my statutes, and does that which is just and right, he will surely live, he shall not die.

²² None of the transgressions that he has committed will be remembered against him. By his righteousness that he has done, he shall live.

²³ Do I get any pleasure in the death of the wicked? says the sovereign LORD. Wouldn't I rather that he should turn from his way and live?

²⁴ But when the righteous turns away from his righteousness, and commits sin, and does the same abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he has done will be remembered. Because of his treachery which he is guilty of and in his sin that he has committed, he will die for them.

²⁵ Yet you allege, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' Now listen, house of Israel: Is my way unjust? Rather is it not your ways that are unjust?

²⁶ When the righteous turn away from his righteousness, and commits sin, he will die for it; because of the sin that he has done will he die.

²⁷ But when the wicked turns away from his wickedness that he has committed, and does that which is just and right, he shall save his life.

²⁸ Because he has reflected and turned away from all his transgressions that he has committed, he will surely live, he will not die.

²⁹ Yet the house of Israel claims, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, are not my ways just? Are not your ways unjust?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, says the sovereign LORD. Repent and turn from all your sins; so sin will not bring about your ruin.

³¹ Cast away from you all your transgressions you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?

³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies, says the sovereign LORD. Repent and then you will live.

DASV: Ezekiel 19

¹ As for you, take up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,

² and say:

What was your mother?

A lioness among lions!

She lay down among young lions

where she reared her cubs.

³ She reared one of her cubs,

and he became a young lion.

He learned to tear prey;

he even devoured humans.

⁴ The nations heard about him;

he was caught in their pit;

and they brought him with hooks

to the land of Egypt.

⁵ Now when she saw that hope was lost,

then she took another of her cubs,

and made him a young lion.

⁶ He prowled among the lions;

he became a young lion,

and he learned to tear prey

and even devoured humans.

⁷ He demolished their strongholds,

and laid waste their towns.

The land and all who were in it trembled

at the sound of his roaring.

⁸ Then the nations attacked him

from all the surrounding regions;

and they spread their net over him;

he was taken in their pit.

⁹ They dragged him into a cage with hooks,

and brought him to the king of Babylon.

They brought him into prison,

that his voice should no more be heard

upon the mountains of Israel.

¹⁰ Your mother was like a vine in a vineyard,

planted by the waters.

It was fruitful and full of branches

as a result of the abundance of water.

¹¹ Its branches were strong,

fit for a ruler's scepter,

and its height towered over the dense foliage,
and it stood above the others
with its numerous branches.

¹² But it was plucked up in fury,
it was cast down to the ground,
and the east wind dried up its fruit.

Its strong branches were broken off and withered;
the fire consumed them.

¹³ Now it is replanted in a wilderness,
in a dry and thirsty land.

¹⁴ Fire has gone out from the stock of its branches,
it has devoured its fruit,
There is no strong branch left
to be a ruler's scepter.

This is a lament song, and shall be used for lamentation.”

DASV: Ezekiel 20

¹ In the seventh year, on the tenth day of the fifth month, certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me.

² Then the word of the LORD came to me:

³ “Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and tell them, This is what the sovereign LORD says: Is it to inquire of me that you have come? As I live, says the sovereign LORD, I will not be inquired of by you.

⁴ Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge them? Make them acknowledge the abominations of their fathers;

⁵ and tell them, This is what the sovereign LORD says: On the day when I chose Israel, and swore to the descendants of the house of Jacob, and made myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I swore to them, saying, I am the LORD your God.

⁶ On that day I swore to them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, which is the loveliest of all lands.

⁷ And I told them, ‘Each of you cast away the abominations of his eyes, and not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.’

⁸ But they rebelled against me, and would not listen to me; they did not each cast away the abominations of their eyes, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I threatened I would pour out my wrath on them, to vent my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

⁹ But I acted for the sake of my name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations among whom they lived, in whose sight I made myself known to them in bringing them out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁰ So I brought them go out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.

¹¹ I gave them my statutes, and showed them my regulations, by which if a person does them, he will live.

¹² Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, so that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them.

¹³ But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness; they did not walk in my statutes, and they rejected my regulations, which if a person keeps, he will live by them; and my Sabbaths they absolutely desecrated. Then I said I would pour out my wrath on them in the wilderness to consume them.

¹⁴ But I acted for the sake of my name, so that it would not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out.

¹⁵ Moreover I swore to them in the wilderness that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, a land flowing with milk and honey, which is the loveliest of all lands,

¹⁶ because they rejected my regulations, and not walked in my statutes, and profaned my Sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols.

¹⁷ Nevertheless my eye spared them, and I did not destroy them or make an end of them in the wilderness.

¹⁸ Then I said to their children in the wilderness, Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their regulations, nor defile yourselves with their idols.

¹⁹ I am the LORD your God. Walk in my statutes, and keep my regulations, and do them.

²⁰ Keep my Sabbaths holy; and they will be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.

²¹ But the children rebelled against me; they did not walk in my statutes, nor did they keep my regulations to do them, which if a person does, they will live by them. Instead they profaned my Sabbaths. So I said I would pour out my wrath upon them, to vent my anger against them in the wilderness.

²² But I withheld my hand, and responded for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them forth.

²³ Moreover I swore to them in the wilderness that I would scatter them among the nations, and disperse them through the countries;

²⁴ because they had not obeyed my regulations, but rejected my statutes, and had profaned my Sabbaths, and their eyes were focused on their fathers' idols.

²⁵ Moreover I also gave them statutes that were not good, and regulations by which they could not live.

²⁶ I allowed them to defile themselves with their own gifts, in that they sacrificed their firstborn, that I might devastate them, so that they might know that I am the LORD.

²⁷ Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel, and tell them, This is what the sovereign LORD says: In this also your fathers have blasphemed me, in that they have been unfaithful to me.

²⁸ For when I had brought them into the land, which I swore to give to them, then they saw every high hill, and every leafy tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented offerings that provoked me; there they also wafted up their sweet incense, and they poured out there their drink-offerings.

²⁹ Then I said to them, 'What is this high place you go to?' So the name thereof is called Bamah [high place] to this day.

³⁰ Therefore say to the house of Israel, This is what the sovereign LORD says: Do you defile yourselves in the same way your fathers did and play the prostitute after their abominations?

³¹ When you offer your gifts, and forcibly sacrifice your sons in the fire, you defile yourselves with all your idols to this day. Should I allow you to inquire, O house of Israel? As I live, says the sovereign LORD, I will not be inquired by you.

³² What you are planning will never happen, in that you say, 'We will be like the nations, like the clans of the countries, who serve idols of wood and stone.'

³³ As I live, says the sovereign LORD, surely with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, I will be king over you.

³⁴ I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries wherein you have been scattered, with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out.

³⁵ I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face.

³⁶ Just as I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you, says the sovereign LORD.

³⁷ I will cause you to pass under the scrutiny of the shepherd's rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;

³⁸ I will purge out the rebels from among you, and those who rebel against me; I will bring them forth out of the land where they reside, but they will not enter into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

³⁹ As for you, O house of Israel, this is what the sovereign LORD says: Go, serve your idols every one of you, if you will not listen to me. But you will not profane my holy name with your gifts and your idols.

⁴⁰ For on my holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, says the sovereign LORD, there all the house of Israel will serve me, all of them in the land. There I will accept them, and there I will require your offerings, and your choicest gifts, with all your holy things.

⁴¹ As a sweet aroma I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries wherein you have been scattered; and I will be seen as holy among you in the sight of the nations.

⁴² You will know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the country that I swore to give to your fathers.

⁴³ There you will remember your ways, and all your deeds by which you have defiled yourselves. You will despise yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that you have committed.

⁴⁴ Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have dealt with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways, or according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, says the sovereign LORD."

⁴⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me:

⁴⁶ "Son of man, set your face toward the south, and speak out against the south, and prophesy against the scrub brush of the Negev.

⁴⁷ Tell the forest of the Negev, Hear the word of the LORD: This is what the sovereign LORD says, I will kindle a fire in you, and it will devour every green tree and every dry tree in you. The flaming fire will not be extinguished, and all surface from the south to the north will be scorched by it.

⁴⁸ All flesh will see that I, the LORD, have kindled it; it will not be extinguished."

⁴⁹ Then I said, "Sovereign LORD! They say of me, 'Does he not speak in riddles?'"

DASV: Ezekiel 21

¹ Then the word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and speak against the sanctuaries, and prophesy against the land of Israel.

³ Say to the land of Israel, ‘This is what the LORD says: Behold, I am against you, and will draw my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from you both the righteous and the wicked.

⁴ Because I will cut off from you both the righteous and the wicked, therefore my sword will go out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north,

⁵ and all flesh will know that I, the LORD, have drawn my sword out of its sheath; it shall not be put back into its sheath again.’

⁶ Groan, therefore, son of man; with broken heart and bitterness, groan before their eyes.

⁷ When they ask you, ‘Why are you groaning?’ You will answer, ‘Because of the news that has come. Every heart will melt, and all hands will be feeble, and every spirit will faint and all knees will be wet with urine.’ It is coming, and it will be done, says the sovereign LORD.”

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to me:

⁹ “Son of man, prophesy and say, This is what the LORD says:

A sword, a sword,
it is sharpened and polished.

¹⁰ It is sharpened for slaughter;
it is polished that it may flash like lightning.

Should we then rejoice in the scepter of my son? The sword despises every such piece of wood.

¹¹ It is given to be polished,
that it may be taken in hand;
the sword is sharpened, yes, it is polished,
to be given into the hand of the slayer.

¹² Cry out and wail, son of man;
for it is against my people,
it is against all the princes of Israel.

They are delivered over to the sword
along with my people.

Therefore beat your thigh.

¹³ For a trial is coming; and even the scepter that the sword despises is no more, says the sovereign LORD.

¹⁴ So then you, son of man, prophesy,
and clap your hands together.

Let the sword be brandished twice
and then a third time.

It is the sword for slaughter.

- It is the sword of the great slaughter surrounding them.
- ¹⁵ I have set the threatening sword
against all their gates,
that their hearts may melt and many stumble.
Ah! It is made to flash,
it is polished for slaughter.
- ¹⁶ Slash to the right!
Cut to the left,
wherever your edge is directed.
- ¹⁷ I will also clap my hands together,
and I will cause my wrath to cease.
I, the LORD, have spoken.”
- ¹⁸ The word of the LORD came to me:
- ¹⁹ “Son of man, mark out two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come;
both of them will come out of one land. Mark out a signpost, mark it out at the beginning
of the way to the city.
- ²⁰ Mark out a way for the sword to come against Rabbah of the Ammonites, and the other
against Judah and fortified Jerusalem.
- ²¹ For the king of Babylon stands at the fork in the road, at the head of the two ways, to
use divination: he shakes the arrows, he consults the teraphim idols, he inspects the
animal livers.
- ²² In his right hand was the divination indicating Jerusalem, to set battering rams, to call
for the slaughter, to shout out the battle cry, to set up the battering rams against the gates,
to cast up ramps, to build the siege towers.
- ²³ But it will seem like a false divination to them, who have sworn oaths to the
Babylonians; but he brings their violations to remembrance, that they may be seized.
- ²⁴ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: Because you have reminded me of
your guilt by your uncovered transgressions, revealing your sins in all your actions;
because you are come to remembrance, you will be taken by force.
- ²⁵ And you, O corrupt and wicked prince of Israel, whose day has come, in the time of the
final punishment,
- ²⁶ this is what the sovereign LORD says: Remove the turban, and take off the crown. This
will not be the same anymore. Exalt that which is low, and bring down that which is high.
- ²⁷ A ruin, a ruin, an absolute ruin. It will be no more until he comes to whom it belongs;
then I will give it to him.
- ²⁸ As for you, son of man, prophesy, and say, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says
concerning the Ammonites and their insults, say:
A sword, a sword is drawn,
for the slaughter,
it is polished to devour,

- that it may flash like lightning;
²⁹ while they see for you false visions,
while they divine lies for you,
to lay the sword on the necks
of the wicked who are mortally wounded,
whose time is come,
the time of the final punishment.
- ³⁰ Return it to its sheath.
In the place where you were created,
in the land of your birth,
there I will judge you.
- ³¹ I will pour out my wrath on you;
I will blow on you with the fire of my fury;
and I will deliver you into the hand of brutish men,
those skilled in destruction.
- ³² You will be fuel for the fire;
your blood will be shed in the midst of the land;
you will not be remembered:
for I, the LORD, have spoken.”

DASV: Ezekiel 22

¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came to me:

² “Now son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Then confront her with all her abominations.

³ You shall say: ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: O city that sheds blood in the midst of her, that brings her doom, and that makes idols to defile herself!

⁴ You have become guilty by the blood that you have shed, and defiled by your idols that you have made; you have brought your day to a close, and are come to the end of your years. Therefore I have made you an object of ridicule before the nations, and mocking to all the countries.

⁵ Those who are near, and those who are far from you, will mock you, you infamous one, full of tumult.

⁶ The princes of Israel living in you have used their power to shed blood.

⁷ In you, father and mother are treated with contempt, they have oppressed the foreigner. In you they have wronged the fatherless and the widow.

⁸ You have despised my holy things and have profaned my Sabbaths.

⁹ In you the slanderous are determined to shed blood; in you are those who have eaten at the shrines on the mountains, who have committed obscene acts.

¹⁰ In you are those who have uncovered their fathers' nakedness; in you are those who have had sex with women who were menstruating.

¹¹ One has committed abomination with his neighbor's wife; and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another in you has abused his sister, his father's daughter.

¹² In you are those who have taken bribes to shed blood; you have taken interest and usury, and you have extorted gain from your neighbors, and have forgotten me, says the sovereign LORD.

¹³ I clap my hands against your dishonest gain which you have made, and at the blood that has been shed in your midst.

¹⁴ Can your courage endure, or can your hands be strong in the days when I will deal with you? I, the LORD, have spoken it, and I will do it!

¹⁵ I will scatter you among the nations, and disperse you through the countries; and I will consume your filthiness out of you.

¹⁶ Then you will be profaned in yourself in the sight of the nations; then you will know that I am the LORD.’”

¹⁷ The word of LORD came to me:

¹⁸ “Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to me; all of them are brass, tin, iron and lead left in the furnace. They are the dross of silver.

¹⁹ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: Because you have all become dross, therefore, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

²⁰ Just as they gather silver, brass, iron, lead and tin into a furnace to blow the fire on it to melt it, so I will gather you in my anger and in my wrath, and I will put you in there and melt you.

²¹ I will gather you and blow on you with the fire of my wrath, and you will be melted inside it.

²² As silver is melted in a furnace, so you will be melted in it; and you will know that I, the LORD, have poured out my wrath on you.”

²³ The word of the LORD came to me:

²⁴ “Son of man, say to her, ‘You are a land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of my fury.

²⁵ There is a conspiracy among her princes like a roaring lion tearing its prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows within her.

²⁶ Her priests have done violence to my law and profaned my holy things; they have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they instructed men to discern between the unclean and the clean, and have paid no attention to my Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them.

²⁷ Her officials in her midst are like wolves ripping prey. They shed blood and destroy souls that they may acquire dishonest gain.

²⁸ Her prophets have covered it with whitewash for them by seeing false visions, and divining lies for them, saying, “This is what the sovereign LORD says,” when the LORD has not spoken.

²⁹ The people of the land have committed extortion and robbery; they have oppressed the poor and needy, and have deprived the foreigner of justice.

³⁰ I sought for a person among them, who would build up the wall, and stand in the gap before me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found none.

³¹ Therefore have I poured out my wrath on them; I have consumed them with the fire of my fury; I have repaid their own way on their heads, says the sovereign LORD.””

DASV: Ezekiel 23

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother.

³ They became prostitutes in Egypt; they played the harlot in their youth; there their breasts were fondled, and their virgin bosom caressed.

⁴ Their names were Oholah the elder, and her sister Oholibah. They became mine, and they bore sons and daughters. As for their names, Samaria is Oholah, and Jerusalem is Oholibah.

⁵ Oholah played the whore when she was mine; and she lusted after her lovers the Assyrians, warriors

⁶ who were clothed with blue, governors and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding on horses.

⁷ She had sex with them, the choicest men of Assyria all of them; and defiled herself with whomever she lusted--with all their idols.

⁸ She had not forsaken her whorings since her days in Egypt; for even in her youth they lay with her, and they fondled her virgin breasts; and they poured out their lust on her.

⁹ Therefore I delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, for whom she lusted.

¹⁰ These uncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters; and they slew her with the sword. She became a proverbial byword among women, for they executed judgment on her.

¹¹ Her sister Oholibah saw this, yet was she more corrupt in her lusting than she, and in her prostitutions she was worse than her sister had been.

¹² She lusted after the Assyrians, governors and rulers, warriors, clothed with armor, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men.

¹³ I saw that she was defiled; they both had taken the same path.

¹⁴ But she increased her prostitutions for she saw men portrayed on the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed in brilliant red,

¹⁵ wearing belts on their waists, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them looking like princes, after the likeness of the Babylonians in Chaldea, the land of their nativity.

¹⁶ As soon as she saw them she lusted after them, and sent messengers to them in Chaldea.

¹⁷ So the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their lust, and she was defiled by them, then she was appalled at them.

¹⁸ When she openly prostituted herself and uncovered her nakedness, then I became disgusted with her, just like as I had been disgusted with her sister.

¹⁹ Yet she multiplied her immorality, remembering the days of her youth, where she had played the prostitute in the land of Egypt.

²⁰ She lusted after her paramours, whose genitals were as large as a donkey's, and whose semen emission was as much as horses.

²¹ This is how you remembered the lewdness of your youth, with the Egyptians fondling of your bosom and caressing your young breasts.

²² Therefore, O Oholibah, this is what the sovereign LORD says: I will raise up your lovers against you, from whom you are disgusted, and I will bring them against you on every side:

²³ the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, Shoa, Koa, and all the Assyrians with them; desirable young men, governors and rulers all of them, princes and nobles, all of them riding on horses.

²⁴ They will come against you with weapons, chariots, and wagons, and with a large army; they will set themselves against you with large and small shields and with helmets; and I will commit the judgment to them, and they shall judge you according to their codes.

²⁵ And I will set my jealous anger against you, and they will deal with you in fury. They will cut off your nose and your ears, and your survivors will fall by the sword. They will take your sons and daughters; and your survivors will be devoured by fire.

²⁶ They will also strip you of your clothes, and take away your fair jewelry.

²⁷ So I will put an end to your lewdness, and your promiscuity from the land of Egypt. You will not lift up your eyes to them, nor remember Egypt anymore.

²⁸ For this is what the sovereign LORD says: I will deliver you into the hand of those whom you hate, into the hand of those with whom you are disgusted.

²⁹ They will deal with you in hatred, and take away everything you have worked for, and will leave you naked and bare; and the nakedness of prostitution will be uncovered, both your lewdness and your whoring

³⁰ These things will be done to you, because you have played the prostitute with the nations, and because you are defiled by their idols.

³¹ You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore will I give her cup into your hand.

³² This is what the sovereign LORD says:

You will drink from your sister's cup,
which is deep and wide;
you will be laughed at and mocked.
It holds a lot.

³³ You will be filled with drunkenness and sorrow,
with the cup of horror and desolation,
which was the same as your sister Samaria.

³⁴ You will drink it and drain it down,
and you will gnaw its shards,
and will tear your breasts;

for I have spoken it, says the sovereign LORD.

³⁵ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: Because you have forgotten me, and turned your back on me, therefore you must bear the consequences of your lewdness and prostitution.”

³⁶ The LORD said to me: “Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? Then declare to them their abominations.

³⁷ For they have committed adultery, and blood is on their hands; with their idols they have committed adultery; and they have also sacrificed their sons, whom they bore to me, to be consumed as food for idols.

³⁸ Moreover this is what they have done to me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my Sabbaths.

³⁹ For when they had slaughtered their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it. This is what they have done right in the middle of my house.

⁴⁰ They even sent for men to come from afar, to whom a messenger was sent, and they came. For you washed yourself, painted your eyes, and decked yourself with ornaments for them.

⁴¹ You sat upon a luxurious couch, with a table spread before it, on it you set my incense and my olive oil.

⁴² The sound of a cacophonous crowd surrounded her; with men of a common sort brought in drunk from the wilderness. They put bracelets on the hands of them both, and beautiful crowns upon their heads.

⁴³ Then said I of her who was worn out by adulteries, ‘Now let them commit harlotry with her.’

⁴⁴ They went in to her, as one has sex with a prostitute. So they went in to Oholah and to Oholibah, lewd women.

⁴⁵ But the righteous will judge them with the sentence for adultery and bloodshed; because they are adulteresses, and they have blood on their hands.

⁴⁶ For this is what the sovereign LORD says: I will bring up an army against them, and will give them to be terrorized and plundered.

⁴⁷ The army will stone them and hack them with their swords; they will slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.

⁴⁸ So I will put an end to the lewdness from the land, that all women may be taught not to copy your promiscuous example.

⁴⁹ Then they will repay you for your lewdness, and you will bear the penalty of your idols; and you will know that I am the sovereign LORD.”

DASV: Ezekiel 24

¹ In the ninth year, on the tenth day of the tenth month, the word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, write down the name of this day, this exact day. The king of Babylon has laid siege against Jerusalem this very day.

³ Utter a parable to this rebellious house, and tell them, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says,

“Put on the pot, set it on,
pour water into it also.

⁴ Put pieces of meat into it,
all good pieces, the thigh and the shoulder;
fill it with the choice bones.

⁵ Take the choicest sheep of the flock,
and also pile wood under it for the bones;
bring it to a boil;
let its bones boil well.

⁶ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says:

Woe to the bloody city,
to the kettle whose rust is therein
that has not been cleaned out!

Take it out piece by piece randomly.

⁷ For her bloodshed is in the midst of her;
she put it upon the bare rock;
she did not even pour it on the ground
to cover it with dust.

⁸ To stir my wrath to come in order to take vengeance,
I have put her blood on the bare rock,
so that it would not be covered.

⁹ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says:

Woe to the bloody city!
I also will make a great wood pile.

¹⁰ Heap on the wood,
make the fire hot,
boil the meat well,
make the broth thick,
and let the bones be burned up.

¹¹ Put the empty pot on the coals,
so that it may become hot,
and its copper may glow,
and its uncleanness may be melted in it,

that its rust may be consumed.

¹² My efforts have been useless;
its thick rust has not been burned out,
not even by fire.

¹³ Your filthiness is lewdness, because I have attempted to cleanse you but you would not become clean. You will not be cleansed from your filthiness any more, until I have expended my wrath on you.

¹⁴ I, the LORD have spoken. I will do it. I will not hold back, nor will I spare, neither will I relent. I will judge you according to your ways, and according to your deeds, says the sovereign LORD.”

¹⁵ The word of the LORD came to me:

¹⁶ “Son of man, with a single blow I will take away from you the desire of your eyes. Yet you will neither mourn or weep, or shed any tears.

¹⁷ Sigh, but not out loud, make no mourning for the dead; bind your turban on, and put your sandals on your feet, and do not cover your lips, or eat the bread of consolers.”

¹⁸ So I spoke to the people in the morning; and that evening my wife died. The next morning I did as I was commanded.

¹⁹ Then the people said to me, “Will you not tell us what these things mean to us, that you are acting like this?”

²⁰ Then I said to them, “The word of the LORD came to me:

²¹ ‘Speak to the house of Israel, This is what the sovereign LORD says: I will desecrate my sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes, and the hearts delight. Your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind will fall by the sword.

²² Then you shall do as I have done. You will not cover your lips, or eat the bread of consolers.

²³ Your turbans will be on your heads, and your sandals on your feet. You will not mourn or weep, but you will waste away in your iniquities and groan one to another.

²⁴ So Ezekiel will be a sign to you; according to everything he has done you will do. When this happens, then you will know that I am the sovereign LORD.

²⁵ And you, son of man, on the day when I take from them their stronghold, their joy and glory, the desire of their eyes, and their heart’s desire, as well as their sons and their daughters,

²⁶ on that day, one who escapes will come to you, so you can hear it with your own ears.

²⁷ On that day your mouth will be opened with the one who has escaped, and you will speak, and no longer be mute. So you will be a sign to them; then they will know that I am the LORD.”

DASV: Ezekiel 25

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, set your face toward the Ammonites, and prophesy against them:

³ Tell the Ammonites, ‘Hear the word of the sovereign LORD: This is what the sovereign LORD says, Because you said, “Aha!” against my sanctuary, when it was desecrated, and against the land of Israel, when it was desolated; and against the house of Judah, when they went into exile,

⁴ therefore, I will deliver you over to the people of the East for a possession. They will set their encampments among you, and make their dwellings among you. They will eat your fruit and drink your milk.

⁵ I will make Rabbah a pasture for camels, and Ammon a fold for sheep. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

⁶ For this is what the sovereign LORD says: Because you clapped your hands, and stamped your feet, and rejoiced with all the malice of your soul against the land of Israel,

⁷ therefore, I have stretched out my hand against you, and will deliver you for plunder to the nations. I will cut you off from the peoples, and I will cause you to perish out of the countries; I will destroy you. Then you will know that I am the LORD.’”

⁸ “This is what the sovereign LORD says: ‘Because Moab and Seir has claimed, “The house of Judah is like all the other nations,”

⁹ therefore, I will open the flank of Moab from the towns which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country: Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim.

¹⁰ I will give Moab as well as Ammon to the people of the east for a possession, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations.

¹¹ I will execute judgments on Moab. Then they will know that I am the LORD.’”

¹² “This is what the sovereign LORD says: ‘Because Edom has taken revenge against the house of Judah, and has greatly offended, and avenged himself upon them,

¹³ This is what the sovereign LORD says, I will stretch out my hand against Edom, and will cut off both man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman even to Dedan, they will fall by the sword.

¹⁴ I will lay my vengeance on Edom by the hand of my people Israel; and they will do in Edom according to my anger and according to my wrath. Then they will know my vengeance, says the sovereign LORD.’”

¹⁵ “This is what the sovereign LORD says: ‘Because the Philistines have dealt in vengeance, and have taken revenge with malice of soul to destroy with perpetual enmity,

¹⁶ therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says, I will stretch out my hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Kerethites, and destroy the remnant of the seacoast.

¹⁷ I will execute great vengeance on them with wrathful rebukes. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I lay my vengeance on them.’”

DASV: Ezekiel 26

¹ In the eleventh year, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, ‘Aha, she is broken who was the gateway to the peoples; its doors have swung open; I will prosper now that she is laid waste.’

³ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: I am against you, O Tyre, and will bring many nations up against you, just as the sea crashes its waves.

⁴ They will destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers. I will scrape her dust from her, and make her a bare rock.

⁵ She will be a place for the spreading of nets surrounded by the sea. For I have spoken, says the sovereign LORD. She will become plunder for the nations,

⁶ and her daughters who are in the field will be slain by the sword. Then they will know that I am the LORD.”

⁷ “For this is what the sovereign LORD says: I will bring against Tyre Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, king of kings from the north, with horses, chariots, horsemen, and a huge army.

⁸ He will slay your daughters in the field with the sword. Then he will make a siege wall against you, and build up a ramp against you, and raise up a roof of shields against you.

⁹ He will set his battering rams against your walls, and with his sledgehammers break down your towers.

¹⁰ There will be so many horses that they will cover you with dust. Your walls will shake at the noise of the horsemen, wagons and chariots. He will enter into your gates, as men usually enter into a city where the walls have been breached.

¹¹ With the hoofs of his horses he will tread down all your streets; he will slay your people with the sword; and the pillars of your strength will tumble down to the ground.

¹² They will plunder your riches, and loot your merchandise. They will break down your walls, and destroy your pleasant houses. They will throw your stones, timber, and dust into the water.

¹³ I will silence the sound of your songs; and the sound of your harps will be heard no more.

¹⁴ I will make you a bare rock; you will be a place for the spreading nets. You will not be rebuilt, for I the LORD have spoken it, says the sovereign LORD.”

¹⁵ “This is what the sovereign LORD says to Tyre: Will not the coastlands shake at the sound of your fall, when the wounded groan, when the slaughter is made in your midst?

¹⁶ Then all the princes of the sea will come down from their thrones, and lay aside their robes, strip off their embroidered garments. They will clothe themselves with trembling, they will sit on the ground and tremble continually and be aghast over you.

¹⁷ They shall take up a lamentation over you, and say to you,

‘How are you destroyed,
who was inhabited by seafaring men,

O renowned city,
that was so strong in the sea,
she and her inhabitants who caused their terror
to be on all who lived there!
¹⁸ Now the coastlands will tremble
on the day of your fall.
The islands that are in the sea
will be dismayed at your passing.'

¹⁹ For this is what the sovereign LORD says: When I will make you a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I bring up the deep over you, and the great waters will cover you,

²⁰ then will I bring you down with those who descend into the pit, to the people of long ago. I will make you dwell beneath the earth, among the primeval ruins, with those who go down to the pit. You will not be inhabited or stand in the land of the living.

²¹ I will make you a terror, and you will be no more; though you be sought for, yet you will never be found again, says the sovereign LORD."

DASV: Ezekiel 27

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “You, son of man, take up a lamentation over Tyre.

³ Declare to Tyre, O you that are located at the entrance of the sea, merchant of the peoples of many coasts, this is what the sovereign LORD says:

You, O Tyre, have said,

I am perfect in beauty.

⁴ Your borders are in the heart of the seas;

your builders have perfected your beauty.

⁵ They have made all your planks

of fir trees from Senir;

they have taken a cedar from Lebanon

to make a mast for you.

⁶ From the oaks of Bashan

they have made your oars;

they have made your deck

of pines from the coasts of Cyprus

inlaid with ivory.

⁷ Your sail was of fine embroidered linen from Egypt,

that it might serve as your banner;

blue and purple from the coastlands of Elishah

was your awning.

⁸ The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad

were your rowers;

your skilled men, O Tyre,

were in you as your pilots.

⁹ The elders of Gebal and its craftsmen

were in you caulking the seams;

all the ships of the sea with their mariners

were in you to trade for your merchandise.

¹⁰ Persia, Lud and Put were in your army,

your men of war.

they hung their shields and helmets in you;

they displayed your splendor.

¹¹ The men of Arvad and Helech

were all around on your walls,

and men of Gamad

were stationed in your towers;

they hung their shields all around on your walls;

they perfected your beauty.

¹² Tarshish was one of your traders because of your great wealth; silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded for your wares.

¹³ Greece, Tubal, and Meshech, they were your customers; they traded slaves and vessels of bronze for your merchandise.

¹⁴ Beth Togarmah traded their horses, war-horses and mules for your goods.

¹⁵ The men of Dedan were your customers. Many coastlands were your exclusive markets; they brought you payment in tusks of ivory and ebony wood.

¹⁶ Syria did business with you because of the abundance of your goods; they traded turquoise, purple, embroidered work, fine linen, coral and rubies for your wares.

¹⁷ Judah and the land of Israel traded with you. They traded wheat from Minnith, millet, honey, olive oil, and balm for your merchandise.

¹⁸ Damascus was your merchant for your abundant goods because of your great wealth, with the wine from Helbon, and wool from Zahar.

¹⁹ Greeks from Uzal traded for your wares. Wrought iron, cassia, and calamus were traded for your merchandise.

²⁰ Dedan was your customer trading in saddle blankets for riding.

²¹ Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they were your customers dealing in lambs, rams, and goats, doing business with you.

²² The merchants of Sheba and Raamah, traded with you with all kinds of spices, precious stones, and gold they traded for your wares.

²³ Haran, Canneh and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur and Chilmad, were your customers.

²⁴ These were your customers supplying choice garments, in clothes of blue and embroidered work, and in multicolored carpets bound with cords and tied tightly; these were among your imports.

²⁵ The ships of Tarshish transported your goods.

You were filled
and weighed down with cargo
in the heart of the seas.

²⁶ Your rowers have brought you
into the high seas.

The east wind has shipwrecked you
in the heart of the seas.

²⁷ Your riches, wares, your merchandise,
your mariners and your pilots,
your caulkers, your traders in your merchandise,
and all your men of war that are in you,
with all your company which is in you,
will fall into the depth of the seas
in the day of your ruin.

²⁸ At the sound of the cry of your pilots
the surrounding sea will surge.

²⁹ All the oarsmen,

will abandon ship;
the mariners and all the pilots of the sea;
will stand on the shore,
30 and will cry aloud over you,
and will cry bitterly.
They will throw dust on their heads,
they will wallow in the ashes.
31 They will shave themselves bald for you,
and put on sackcloth,
and they will weep for you
in anguish of soul with bitter mourning.
32 As they wail,
they will take up a lament for you,
and lament over you:
Who is there like Tyre,
like her who was now silent
in the midst of the sea?
33 When your wares went forth out from the seas,
you satisfied many peoples;
you enriched the kings of the earth
with the abundance of your riches
and your merchandise.
34 Now you are broken up by the seas
in the depths of the waters,
your merchandise and all your crew
have sunk along with you.
35 All the inhabitants of the coastlands
are aghast at you,
and their kings are horribly afraid;
their faces are contorted.
36 The merchants among the peoples hiss at you;
you have come to a terrible end
and you will be no more.”

DASV: Ezekiel 28

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, tell the prince of Tyre, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says:

Because your heart is proud,
and you said, “I am a god,

I sit in the seat of god,
in the heart of the seas;”

yet you are a man, and not a god,
though you think of yourself like a god.

³ Certainly you are wiser than Daniel;

there is no secret that is hidden from you;

⁴ surely by your wisdom and by your understanding
you have amassed riches,

and have put gold and silver
into your treasuries.

⁵ Indeed by your incredible wisdom in your trading
you have increased your riches.

However your heart has become proud
because of your wealth.

⁶ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says:

Because you think of yourself like a god,

⁷ therefore, I will bring foreigners against you,
the most terrifying of nations.

They will draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom,
and they will defile your splendor.

⁸ They will bring you down to the pit;
and you will die the death of those slain
in the heart of the seas.

⁹ Will you still claim, “I am a god,”
before the one who slays you,
even though you are a man, and not a god,
in the hands of those who wound you?

¹⁰ You will die the death of the uncircumcised
by the hand of foreigners;

for I have spoken, says the sovereign LORD.”

¹¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

¹² “Son of man, take up a lament for the king of Tyre, and say to him, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says:

You were a pattern of perfection,
full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 You were in Eden, the garden of God;
every precious stone adorned your clothing,
the ruby, topaz, emerald, chrysolite,
onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and beryl,
and settings and engravings of gold,
on the day that you were created they were prepared.
14 You were anointed as the guardian cherub.
I ordained you, so you were on the holy mountain of God;
you have walked among the fiery stones.
15 You were blameless in your ways
from the day that you were created,
until evil was found in you.
16 By the abundance of your trade
you were filled with violence,
and you have sinned;
so I cast you as a defiled thing from the mountain of God;
and I expelled you, O guardian cherub,
from the midst of the stones of fire.
17 Your heart was arrogant because of your beauty;
you have corrupted your wisdom
on account of your splendor.
I threw you to the ground;
I have exposed you before kings,
that they may gape on you.
18 By the multitude of your iniquities,
through the unrighteousness of your trade,
you have desecrated your sanctuaries.
So I have brought forth fire within you;
it has consumed you,
and I have turned you into ashes on the earth
in the sight of all those who saw you.
19 All those who know you among the peoples
are appalled at you;
you have come to a terrible end,
and you will be no more.”

20 The word of the LORD came to me:

21 “Son of man, set your face toward Sidon, and prophesy against it,

22 say, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says:

I am against you, O Sidon;
and I will be glorified in your midst;
and they will know that I am the LORD,
when I execute judgments on her,

and manifest my holiness in her.
²³ For I will send pestilence into her,
and bloodshed into her streets;
and the slain will fall in the midst of her,
with the sword against her on every side.
Then they will know that I am the LORD.

²⁴ No longer will the house of Israel be pricked by briars or tearing thorns from any that surround them, that had contempt for them. Then they will know that I am the sovereign LORD.

²⁵ This is what the sovereign LORD says: When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, I will manifest my holiness among them in the sight of the nations, then they will live in their own land which I gave to my servant Jacob.

²⁶ They will live there securely. They will build houses, plant vineyards, and will live in security, when I have executed judgments on all those around them that treat them with contempt. Then they will know that I am the LORD their God.”

DASV: Ezekiel 29

¹ In the tenth year, on the twelfth day of the tenth month, the word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt;

³ speak, and say, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says:

I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt,
the great monster that lies in the midst of his streams,
that has said, “The Nile is mine,
and I have made it for myself.”

⁴ I will put hooks in your jaws,
and I will cause the fish of your rivers to stick to your scales;
and I will drag you up out of your streams,
with all the fish of your rivers which stick to your scales.

⁵ I will toss you away into the wilderness,
you and all the fish of your streams;
you will fall on the open field;
you will not be picked up or buried;
I have made you as food for the animals of the earth
and for the birds of the sky.

⁶ Then all the inhabitants of Egypt will know that I am the LORD, because you have been a worthless reed to the house of Israel.

⁷ When they leaned on you with their hands, you splintered, and pierced into their shoulders; and when they leaned on you, you broke, and made their legs wobbly.

⁸ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: I will bring a sword against you, and will cut off men and animals from you.

⁹ The land of Egypt will be a desolate wasteland. Then they will know that I am the LORD. Because he has said, “The Nile is mine, I have made it.”

¹⁰ Therefore, I am against you, and against your streams, and I will make the land of Egypt an utter waste and desolate, from Migdol to Syene, even to the border of Ethiopia.

¹¹ No human or animal foot will pass through it, nor will it be inhabited for forty years.

¹² I will make the land of Egypt a desolation among the desolate countries; and her cities among the cities that are laid waste will be a desolate for forty years. I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them throughout the countries.

¹³ For this is what the sovereign LORD says: At the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the peoples where they have been scattered.

¹⁴ I will restore the fortunes of Egypt, and will bring them back to the land of Pathros, to the land of their origin; and they will be an unimportant kingdom.

¹⁵ It will be the most insignificant of kingdoms; and never again will it exalt itself above the nations. I will make them so small that they will never again rule over the nations.

¹⁶ It will be never again be the relied on by the house of Israel, but it will be a reminder of their sin when they turned to them for help. Then they will know that I am the sovereign LORD.”

¹⁷ In the twenty-seventh year, in the first day of the first month, the word of the LORD came to me:

¹⁸ “Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made his army work hard against Tyre: every head was rubbed bald, and every shoulder chafed raw; yet neither he nor his army got any wages from Tyre, for the work he put into it.

¹⁹ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. He will carry off her abundance, take her plunder, and capture her loot; as wages for his army.

²⁰ I have given him the land of Egypt as his reward for which he worked, because they labored for me, says the sovereign LORD.

²¹ In that day I will cause the glory of the house of Israel to sprout, and I will give you the respect to open your the mouth among them. Then they will know that I am the LORD.”

DASV: Ezekiel 30

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, prophesy, and say, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says:
Wail, “Alas for the day!”

³ For the day is near,
the day of the LORD is near;
it will be a day of clouds,
a doomsday for the nations.

⁴ A sword will come against Egypt,
and anguish will be in Ethiopia,
when the slain fall in Egypt.
They will carry off her abundance,
and her foundations will be broken down.

⁵ Ethiopia, Put, Lud, and all Arabia, Libya, and the people of allied territories will fall with them by the sword.”

⁶ “This is what the LORD says:

‘They who support Egypt will fall;
and the pride of her power will crumble.

From Migdol to Syene
they will fall in her by the sword,
says the sovereign LORD.

⁷ They will be desolate among the desolate countries;
and her cities will lie among ruined cities.

⁸ Then they will know at I am the LORD,
when I have set fire to Egypt,
and all her allies are destroyed.

⁹ On that day messengers will go out before me in ships to make the unsuspecting Ethiopians afraid; and panic will take hold of them, as in the day of Egypt’s demise. Look, for it is coming.”

¹⁰ “This what the sovereign LORD says:

‘I will also put an end to the abundance of Egypt,
by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

¹¹ He and his people with him, the most ruthless of the nations,
will be brought in to destroy the land.

They will draw their swords against Egypt,
and cover the ground with corpses.

¹² I will dry up the streams,
and will sell the land into the hand of evil men;
I will make the land desolate,
and everything that is in it,

by the hand of foreigners.
I, the LORD, have spoken.”

¹³ “This is what the sovereign LORD says:

‘I will destroy the idols,
and I will put an end to the images at Memphis;
and there will be no more a prince from the land of Egypt;
so I will spread fear in the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ I will make Pathros desolate,
and will set fire to Zoan,
and will execute judgments on Thebes.

¹⁵ I will pour my wrath on Pelusium,
the stronghold of Egypt;
and I will cut off the hordes of Thebes.

¹⁶ I will set fire to Egypt:
Pelusium will suffer great agony,
Thebes will be broken down;
and Memphis will daily face adversaries.
¹⁷ The young men of On and Pi-beseth will fall by the sword;
and these cities will go into captivity.

¹⁸ At Tehaphnehes the day will become dark,
when I break there the yoke of Egypt.
Her proud power will cease within her.

A cloud will cover her,
and her daughters will go into captivity.

¹⁹ So I will execute judgments on Egypt.
Then they will know that I am the LORD.”

²⁰ In the eleventh year, on the seventh day of the first month, the word of the LORD came to me:

²¹ “Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and it has not been bandaged up for healing, or wrapped up, so that it would be strong enough to hold a sword.

²² Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, both the strong arm and the one which was broken; and I will force the sword to fall out of his hand.

²³ I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them throughout the countries.

²⁴ I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand, but I will break the arms of Pharaoh, and he will groan before him with the moans of one mortally wounded.

²⁵ I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon; but the arms of Pharaoh will hang limp. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he stretches it out against the land of Egypt.

²⁶ I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them throughout the countries. Then they will know that I am the LORD.’”

DASV: Ezekiel 31

¹ In the eleventh year, on the first day of the third month, the word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt and his hordes:

‘Who is like you in your greatness?

³ Consider Assyria, like a cedar in Lebanon,
with fair branches and forest-like shade,
and of towering height,
with its top among the clouds.

⁴ The waters nourished it,
the deep waters made it grow,
streams flowed around where it was planted;
and it sent out its channels to all the trees of the field.

⁵ Therefore it towered over all the trees of the field;
and its boughs multiplied,
and its branches grew long

from the abundant waters at its roots.

⁶ All the birds of the air made their nests in its branches;
and under its branches all the animals of the field
gave birth to their young;
and all the great nations lived under its shade.

⁷ Thus was it beautiful in its greatness,
in the length of its branches;
for its roots went down into abundant waters.

⁸ The cedars in the garden of God could not match it;
the fir trees cannot equal its boughs,
nor the plane tree its branches;
no tree in the garden of God could compare with its beauty.

⁹ I made it beautiful by many of its branches,
so that it was the envy of all the trees of Eden,
in the garden of God.

¹⁰ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: Because you are towering in stature,
and has set its top among the clouds, and its heart became proud of its height,

¹¹ I will give it over to the hand of the mighty one of the nations; he will surely deal with
it; as its wickedness deserves. I have thrown it down.

¹² Foreigners, the most terrifying of the nations, have cut it down and have left it. On the
mountains and in all the valleys its branches have fallen, and its boughs are broken in all
the ravines of the land. All the peoples of the earth have withdrawn from its shade, and
have abandoned it.

¹³ On its fallen trunk all the birds of the air will dwell, and all the animals of the field will
lodge among its downed branches.

¹⁴ Because of this none of all the trees by the waters will be arrogant about their height, neither set their top among the clouds, nor any of their well-watered mighty ones reach such a height. For all of them are delivered to death, to the earth beneath, among mere mortals, with those who go down to the pit.”

¹⁵ “This is what the sovereign LORD says: ‘In the day when it went down to Sheol, I covered the deep springs with mourning, I stopped its rivers; and restrained the great waters. I clothed Lebanon in gloom for it, and all the trees of the field withered for it.

¹⁶ I made the nations to shake at the sound of its fall, when I threw it down to Sheol with those who descend into the pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the earth beneath.

¹⁷ They also went down into Sheol with it, to those who are slain by the sword; yes, those who were within its reach, all the nations who lived under its shade.

¹⁸ Who is like you in glory and greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the earth beneath; you will lie among the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword. This is what is going to happen to Pharaoh and all his horde, says the sovereign LORD.”

DASV: Ezekiel 32

¹ In the twelfth year, on the first day of the twelfth month the word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, take up a lament over Pharaoh king of Egypt, and tell him,
 ‘You were like a young lion of the nations:
 and you are like a monster in the seas;
 you thrash around in your streams,
 and stir the waters with your feet,
 and muddy your rivers.’

³ This is what the sovereign LORD says:

‘I will throw out my net over you
 with a company of many peoples;
 and they will haul you up in my net.
⁴ I will discard you on the ground,
 I will toss you onto an open field,
 and will let all the birds of the air settle on you,
 and I will let the animals of the whole earth
 stuff themselves with you.
⁵ I will scatter your flesh on the mountains,
 and fill the valleys with your carcass.
⁶ I will soak the land with your flowing blood
 up to the mountains;
 and the ravines will be full of you.
⁷ When I extinguish you,
 I will cover the heavens,
 and make its stars dark;
 I will cover the sun with a cloud,
 and the moon will not give its light.
⁸ All the bright lights of heaven
 I will darken over you,
 and cover your land with darkness,’ says the sovereign LORD.
⁹ ‘I will disturb the hearts of many peoples,
 when I bring about your destruction among the nations,
 into the countries that you have not known.
¹⁰ I will make many peoples be shocked at your fate,
 and their kings will tremble in horror because of you,
 when I brandish my sword before them,
 they will tremble continually,
 each one for his own life,
 on the day of your downfall.’

¹¹ For this is what the sovereign LORD says:
 ‘The sword of the king of Babylon
 will come against you.
¹² By the swords of the mighty
 I will cause your hordes to fall;
 they are all the most terrifying
 among the nations.
 They will destroy the pride of Egypt,
 and all its hordes will perish.
¹³ I will destroy also all its cattle
 from beside abundant waters;
 and no human foot will trouble them anymore,
 nor will the hoofs of cattle disturb them.
¹⁴ Then I will make their waters clear,
 and cause their streams to run like oil,’ says the sovereign LORD.
¹⁵ ‘When I make the land of Egypt desolate
 and a land stripped of everything that fills it,
 when I smite all those who live there,
 then they will know that I am the LORD.’

¹⁶ This is the lament they will recite. The daughters of the nations will recite it over Egypt, and over all her hordes, they will recite it, says the sovereign LORD.”

¹⁷ In the twelfth year, on the fifteenth day of the month, the word of LORD came to me:
¹⁸ “Son of man, wail for the hordes of Egypt, and send them down with the daughters of the mighty nations, to the underworld, with those who go down into the pit.

¹⁹ ‘Whom do you surpass in beauty? Go down, and be laid with the uncircumcised.’

²⁰ They shall fall among those who are slain by the sword. The sword is drawn; haul her away and all her hordes.

²¹ The mighty warriors will speak to her out of the midst of Sheol along with her allies, ‘They have come down, they lie still among the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.’

²² Asshur is there and all her company; her graves surround her; all of them slain, killed by the sword.

²³ Their graves are set in the recesses of the pit, and her company surrounds her grave; all of them slain, killed by the sword, those who once spread terror in the land of the living.

²⁴ There is Elam and all her hordes surrounding her grave; all of them slain, killed by the sword, who are gone down uncircumcised into the underworld, who spread their terror in the land of the living, and have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit.

²⁵ They have made a bed for her in the midst of the slain with all her hordes; her graves surround her; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for their terror was spread in

the land of the living, and they have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit: he is buried among the slain.

²⁶ There is Meshech and Tubal, and all their multitude; their graves surround them; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for they spread their terror in the land of the living.

²⁷ They will not lie with the mighty that are fallen of the uncircumcised, that are gone down to Sheol with their weapons of war, and have laid their swords under their heads, and their shields are upon their bones; for these mighty spread terror in the land of the living.

²⁸ But you will be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and you will lie with those who are slain by the sword.

²⁹ There is Edom, her kings and all her princes, who in their might are laid with those who are slain by the sword. They lie with the uncircumcised, with those who go down to the pit.

³⁰ There are all the princes of the north, and all the Sidonians, who have gone down with the slain; in spite of the terror which they spread by their might, they are put to shame. They lie uncircumcised with those who are slain by the sword, and bear their shame with those who go down to the pit.

³¹ Pharaoh will see them, and will be comforted over all his hordes slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his hordes,' says the sovereign LORD.

³² 'or I have put his terror on the land of the living; yet he will be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his hordes,' says the sovereign LORD."

DASV: Ezekiel 33

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, speak to your people, and tell them, ‘When I bring the sword against a land, and the people of the land take one of their men, and make him their watchman,
³ when he sees the sword coming against the land, he blows the trumpet, and warns the people,

⁴ then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet, and does not heed the warning, if the sword comes, and takes him away, his blood will be on his own head.

⁵ He heard the sound of the trumpet, and did not heed the warning; so his blood will be on him; but if he had taken warning, he would have saved his life.

⁶ But if the watchman sees the sword coming, and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes, and takes away anybody; he is taken away in his iniquity, but I will hold the watchman accountable for his blood.

⁷ So you, son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear the word of my mouth, and give them warning from me.

⁸ When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked one, you will surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way; that wicked person will die in his iniquity, but I will hold you accountable for his blood.

⁹ But if you warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he does not turn from his way; he will die in his iniquity, but you have saved yourself.’

¹⁰ Now you, son of man, tell the house of Israel: ‘This is what you said, “Our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?”’

¹¹ Tell them, ‘As I live, says the sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but desire that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways. Why should you die, O house of Israel?’

¹² And you, son of man, tell your people, ‘The righteousness of the righteous will not deliver him at the time when he sins; and as for the wickedness of the wicked, it will not cause him to fall if he turns from his wickedness. The righteous will not live because of his former righteousness when he sins.

¹³ When I say to the righteous, that he will surely live; if he trusts in his righteousness, and commits iniquity, none of his former righteous deeds will be remembered; but in his iniquity that he has committed he will die.

¹⁴ Again, when I say to the wicked, “You will surely die,” if he turns from his sin, and does that which is just and right;

¹⁵ if the wicked restores what was taken in pledge, returns what he has stolen, walks in the statutes that give life, committing no iniquity; he will surely live, he will not die.

¹⁶ None of his sins that he has committed will be remembered against him. He does that which is just and right; he will surely live.

¹⁷ Yet your people claim, “The way of the Lord is not fair.” When it is their way that is not just.

¹⁸ When the righteous turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, he will die for it.

¹⁹ When the wicked turns from his wickedness, and does that which is just and right, he will live because of it.

²⁰ Yet you claim, “The way of the Lord is not fair.” O house of Israel, I will judge each of you after your ways.”

²¹ In the twelfth year of our captivity, on the fifth day of the tenth month, one who had escaped out of Jerusalem came to me, saying, “The city has fallen.”

²² Now the hand of the LORD had been upon me in the evening, before the one who escaped came; and he had opened my mouth, before he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no longer mute.

²³ The word of the LORD came to me:

²⁴ “Son of man, those who inhabit these ruins in the land of Israel are saying, ‘Abraham was just one person, and he possessed the land. But we are many, the land was given to us for an inheritance.’

²⁵ So tell them, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: You eat meat with blood in it, lift up your eyes to your idols, and shed blood. Should you really possess the land?’

²⁶ You rely on your sword, you commit abominations, and each one of you defiles his neighbor's wife. Should you really possess the land?’

²⁷ Tell them this, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: As I live, surely those who are in the waste places will fall by the sword; and those in the open field I will give to the wild animals to be eaten. Those who are in the strongholds and caves will die from disease.

²⁸ I will make the land desolate and waste; and the pride of her power will cease. The mountains of Israel will be desolate, so that none will pass through.

²⁹ Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have made the land desolate and waste, because of all their abominations that they have committed.

³⁰ As for you, son of man, your people talk about you by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and say to one another, “Come, hear the word that comes from the LORD.”

³¹ They come to you as crowds come, and they sit before you as my people. They hear your words, but do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goes after their own gain.

³² You are to them just like one with a love song sung by one with a beautiful voice, or a talented musician; for they hear your words, but they do not do them.

³³ When this happens, and it will, then they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

DASV: Ezekiel 34

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and tell them--to the shepherds, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the sheep?’

³ You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep.

⁴ The weak you have not strengthened, healed the sick, or bound up the injured. You have not brought back those that strayed away, or sought the lost; but with domination and cruelty you ruled over them.

⁵ So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and they became food for any wild animal, when they were scattered.

⁶ My sheep wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over the face of the whole earth; yet there was no one searching or seeking for them.

⁷ Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

⁸ As surely as I live, says the sovereign LORD, my sheep have become prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, because there was no shepherd, and my shepherds did not search for my sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed my sheep.

⁹ Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

¹⁰ This is what the sovereign LORD says: I am against the shepherds; and will hold them responsible for what happened to my sheep under their care, for they stopped feeding the sheep. No longer will the shepherds feed themselves; but I will deliver my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

¹¹ For this is what the sovereign LORD says: I myself, will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he finds his sheep that are scattered, so I will seek out my sheep; and I will deliver them out of all places to which they have been scattered on a cloudy and dark day.

¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel by the brooks, and in all the inhabited places of the land.

¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture; and the mountain heights of Israel will be their pasture. There they will lie down in lush pasture; and on verdant pasture they will feed on the mountains of Israel.

¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will cause them to lie down, says the sovereign LORD.

¹⁶ I will seek the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak. But those who are fat and the strong I will destroy; I will feed them with justice.

¹⁷ And as for you, O my flock, this is what the sovereign LORD says. I will judge between one sheep and another, between the rams and the goats.

¹⁸ Is it not enough for you to have fed yourselves on the good pasture, but must you trample down with your feet the rest of your pasture? Is it not enough to have drunk of the clear waters yourselves, but must you muddy the rest of the water with your feet?

¹⁹ Must my sheep eat what you have trampled with your feet and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the thin sheep.

²¹ Because you pushed with your side and with your shoulder, and butted all the weak with your horns, until you have scattered them abroad,

²² I will rescue my flock, and they will no more be prey. I will judge between one sheep and another.

²³ I will set up one shepherd over them, and he will feed them, even my servant David; he will feed them, and he will be their shepherd.

²⁴ I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

²⁵ I will make a covenant of peace with them, and will cause wild animals to disappear out of the land. Then they will dwell securely in the wilderness and even sleep in the woods.

²⁶ I will make them and the places around my hill a blessing. I will send showers down in their season; there will be showers of blessing.

²⁷ The trees of the field will yield their fruit, and the earth will yield its increase. They will be secure in their land; then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those who enslaved them.

²⁸ They will no longer be prey for the nations, neither will wild animals devour them; but they will dwell securely, and no one will make them afraid.

²⁹ I will prepare for them a land famous for its crops, and they will no longer be consumed with famine in the land, or bear the insults of the nations any more.

³⁰ Then they will know that I, the LORD their God am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, says the sovereign LORD.

³¹ You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture. You are my people, and I am your God, says the sovereign LORD.”

DASV: Ezekiel 35

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir, and prophesy against it.

³ Say to it, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: I am against you, Mount Seir, and I will stretch out my hand against you, and I will make you a desolate ruin.

⁴ Your cities I will lay waste, and you will be desolate. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

⁵ Because you have had a perpetual hatred, and have given over the people of Israel to the power of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of their final punishment,

⁶ therefore, as surely as I live, says the sovereign LORD, I will prepare you for bloodshed, and bloodshed will pursue you. Since you have not hated bloodshed, therefore bloodshed will pursue you.

⁷ So I will make Mount Seir a desolate ruin; and I will cut off from it even travellers who pass through and come back.

⁸ I will fill its mountains with its slain; in your hills and in your valleys and in all your ravines will fall those slain by the sword.

⁹ I will make you a perpetual desolation, and your cities will not be inhabited. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

¹⁰ Because you have said, “These two nations and these two countries will be mine, and we will possess it;” although the LORD was there.

¹¹ Therefore, as surely as I live, says the sovereign LORD, I will deal with you according to your anger and according to your jealousy by which you have demonstrated your hatred against them. I will make myself known among them when I judge you.

¹² Then you will know that I, the LORD, have heard all your insults that you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, “They are desolate, they have been given to us to devour.”

¹³ You have magnified yourselves against me with your mouth, and have multiplied your words against me; I have heard everything.

¹⁴ This is what the sovereign LORD says: When the whole earth rejoices, I will make you desolate.

¹⁵ As you have rejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so I will do to you. You will be desolate, O Mount Seir, and all Edom, absolutely all of it.’ Then they will know that I am the LORD.”

DASV: Ezekiel 36

¹ “Now you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, ‘O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD.

² This is what the sovereign LORD says: Because the enemy has said against you, “Aha! The ancient high places are our possession.”

³ Therefore prophesy, and say, This is what the sovereign LORD says: Because they made you desolate, and crushed you on every side, so that you might be a possession for the rest of the nations, and you are taken up by the lips of gossips, and the slander of the people.

⁴ Therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the sovereign LORD: This is what the sovereign LORD says to the mountains and hills, to the ravines and valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the abandoned towns, which have become prey and a derision to the rest of the surrounding nations;

⁵ therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: surely in the fire of my jealousy I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, that have taken my land for themselves as a possession with wholehearted joy and with absolute contempt, to plunder its pastures.

⁶ Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and hills, to the ravines and the valleys, This is what the sovereign LORD says: I have spoken in my jealousy and in my wrath, because you have borne the insults of the nations.

⁷ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: I have sworn that the nations that are around you will suffer their own insults.

⁸ But you, O mountains of Israel, will sprout your branches, and bear your fruit for my people Israel; for they will soon return.

⁹ For look, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you will be plowed and sown.

¹⁰ I will increase your population, all the house of Israel, even all of it. The towns will be repopulated, and the ruins rebuilt.

¹¹ I will increase both people and animals upon you. They will increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as you were in former times, and will make it better for you than ever before. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

¹² I will cause people to walk upon you, even my people Israel; and they will possess you, and you will be their inheritance. You will no longer bereave them of their children.

¹³ This is what the sovereign LORD says: Because they tell you, “You are a devourer of people, and have bereaved your nation of children,”

¹⁴ therefore you will no longer devour people, or bereave your nation of children any more, says the sovereign LORD.

¹⁵ No longer will I allow you to hear the insults of the nations, no longer will you suffer the shame of the peoples, and no longer will you cause your nation to stumble, says the sovereign LORD.”

¹⁶ The word of the LORD came to me:

¹⁷ “Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their acts and deeds. Their behavior before me was as the uncleanness of a woman in her menstrual period.

¹⁸ So I poured out my wrath on them for the blood that they had poured out on the land, and because they had defiled it with their idols.

¹⁹ I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their acts and doings I judged them.

²⁰ But when they came to the nations, wherever they went, they profaned my holy name; in that people said of them, “These are the people of the LORD, yet they are exiled out of his land.”

²¹ But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, wherever they went.

²² Therefore tell the house of Israel, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: I did not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations, wherever you went.

²³ I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in the midst of them. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD, says the sovereign LORD, when I am sanctified in you right before their eyes.

²⁴ For I will take you from the nations, and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own land.

²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean from all your filth, and from all your idols, I will cleanse you.

²⁶ I will give you a new heart, and put a new spirit within you. I will remove the stony heart from your body, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

²⁷ I will put my Spirit within you, so that you walk in my statutes, and keep my regulations.

²⁸ Then you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; and you will be my people, and I will be your God.

²⁹ I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain, and will multiply it, and will not bring famine on you.

³⁰ I will multiply the fruit of the trees and the produce of the fields, so that you will no longer suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations.

³¹ Then you will remember your evil conduct, and your doings that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your sins and abominations.

³² It is not for your sake that I am doing it, says the sovereign LORD, be aware of that. Be ashamed and embarrassed by your ways, O house of Israel.

³³ This is what the sovereign LORD says: On the day that I cleanse you from all your sins, I will cause the towns to be repopulated, and the ruins to be rebuilt.

³⁴ Then the land that was desolate will be plowed, instead of being a desolation in the sight of all who pass by.

³⁵ They will say, “This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate and ruined towns are fortified and inhabited.”

³⁶ Then the nations that are left surrounding you will know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places, and planted that which was desolate. I, the LORD, have spoken it, and I will do it.

³⁷ This is what the sovereign LORD says: Let the house of Israel ask me for this to do it for them. I will increase their people like a flock.

³⁸ Like a flock for sacrifice, or the flock of Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so will the ruined cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the LORD.”

DASV: Ezekiel 37

¹ The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.

² He led me all around them. There were very many on the valley floor and they were very dry.

³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I answered, "O sovereign LORD you know."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and tell them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

⁵ This is what the sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will cause breath to enter into you, and you will live.

⁶ I will lay tendons on you, and will bring flesh on you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. As I prophesied, there was a noise, a rattling and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

⁸ I looked and there were tendons on them, and flesh formed, and skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he told me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and tell the breath, 'This is what the sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.'"

¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up on their feet, a great army.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are totally cut off.'

¹² Therefore prophesy, and tell them, 'This is what the sovereign LORD says: I will open your graves, and bring you up out of your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back into the land of Israel.

¹³ Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, and brought you up out of your graves, O my people.

¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live, and I will put you in your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and done it, says the LORD.'"

¹⁵ The word of the LORD came to me:

¹⁶ "As for you, son of man, take a stick, and write on it, 'For Judah, and for the Israelites associated with it.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and all the house of Israel associated with it.'

¹⁷ Join them into one stick, so that they may become one in your hand.

¹⁸ When your people ask you, "Will you not show us what you mean by these things?"

¹⁹ Tell them, 'This is what the sovereign LORD says: I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel associated with it; and I will put them with it the stick of Judah, and make them one stick. They will be one stick in my hand.

²⁰ The sticks you wrote on will be in your hand before their eyes.

²¹ Tell them, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: I will take the Israelites from among the nations where they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them back into their own land.

²² Then I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king over them all. They will no more be two nations, nor will they be divided into two kingdoms any more.

²³ They will no longer defile themselves with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their rebellions. I will save them out of all their unfaithfulness in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. So they will be my people, and I will be their God.

²⁴ My servant David will be king over them; and they will all have one shepherd. They will also walk in my regulations, and observe my statutes, and do them.

²⁵ They will live in the land that I have given to Jacob my servant, in which your forefathers dwelt. They will live there, they, and their children, and their children's children forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever.

²⁶ I will make a covenant of peace with them, it will be an everlasting covenant with them. I will settle them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them forever.

²⁷ My dwelling also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be my people.

²⁸ Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary will be in their midst forever.”

DASV: Ezekiel 38

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. Prophesy against him

³ and say, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

⁴ I will turn you around, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great company with various shields and all of them wielding swords.

⁵ Persia, Ethiopia and Put with them, all of them with shields and helmets.

⁶ Gomer and all his troops; Beth Togarmah in the remote regions of the north with all his troops; along with many others with you.

⁷ Be ready and prepare yourself, you, and all your companies that are assembled around you, and be a guard for them.

⁸ After many days you will be called to arms; in the latter years you will come to a land restored from war, gathered from many peoples, on the mountains of Israel, which have been a continual waste. Its people were brought out from the peoples, and all of them will live securely.

⁹ You will approach like a coming a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land, you, and all your hordes, and many peoples with you.’

¹⁰ This is what the sovereign LORD says: ‘On that day, thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil plan.

¹¹ You will say, “I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will invade those who are at rest, that live securely, all of them living without walls, bars or gates

¹² to take spoil and plunder; to turn my hand against the waste places that are now inhabited, and the people who are gathered out of the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live in the center of the earth.

¹³ Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish, with all its leaders will ask you, “Have you come to take the spoil? Have you assembled your army to take plunder, to carry off silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to seize great spoil?”

¹⁴ Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and tell Gog, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: On that day when my people Israel are living securely, then you will rouse yourself.

¹⁵ You will come from your place out of the remote regions of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding horses, a great company and a mighty army.

¹⁶ You will come up against my people Israel, as a cloud covering the land. In the latter days, I will bring you against my land, so that the nations may know me, when I display my holiness in you, O Gog, before their eyes.”

¹⁷ “This is what the sovereign LORD says: ‘Are you he of whom I spoke in former days by my servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in that time for years that I would bring you against them?’

¹⁸ On that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel, says the sovereign LORD, my rage will be roused.

¹⁹ For in my jealousy and in the fury of my wrath have I spoken: Surely on that day there will be a great earthquake in the land of Israel.

²⁰ The fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the animals of the field, and all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all people that are on the face of the earth, will quake at my presence. The mountains will be thrown down, and the steep places collapse, and every wall will fall to the ground.

²¹ I will call for a sword against Gog on all my mountains, says the sovereign LORD: every one's sword will be against his brother.

²² With pestilence and with bloodshed I will judge him; and I will rain on him, and on his troops, and on many peoples that are with him. It will be an torrential downpour, with great hailstones, fire and brimstone.

²³ This is how I will magnify myself and sanctify myself. I will make myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD.””

DASV: Ezekiel 39

¹ “As for you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

² I will turn you around and will lead you on. I will bring you from the remote regions of the north and bring you against the mountains of Israel.

³ I will knock your bow out of your left hand, and will make your arrows fall out of your right hand.

⁴ You will fall dead on the mountains of Israel, you, and all your troops, and the peoples who are with you. I will give you to all sorts of birds of prey, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

⁵ You will fall on the open field; for I have spoken,’ says the sovereign LORD.

⁶ ‘I will send a fire on Magog, and on those who live securely in the coastlands. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

⁷ My holy name I will make known in the midst of my people Israel; I will not allow my holy name to be profaned anymore. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

⁸ It is coming, and it will be done,’ says the sovereign LORD. ‘This is the day I have spoken about.’

⁹ ‘Then those who dwell in the towns of Israel will go out, and will use the weapons for fuel and burn them, both the large and small shields, the bows and arrows, and the war clubs and spears, and they will make fires with them for seven years.

¹⁰ They will not need to take wood from the field, or cut down any out of the forests; for they will make fires of the weapons; and they will plunder those who plundered them, and loot those who looted,’ says the sovereign LORD.

¹¹ ‘On that day I will give Gog a place for burial in Israel, in the Valley of Travelers, east of the sea; and it will block those who pass through. There they will bury Gog and all his horde; and they will rename it the Valley of Hamon-Gog [hordes of Gog].

¹² For seven months the house of Israel will bury them, so that they may cleanse the land.

¹³ All the people of the land will bury them; and it will be a holiday on the day that I am glorified,’ says the sovereign LORD.

¹⁴ ‘They will designate men for continual employment, who will search through the land, to bury those who are strewn on the face of the land, to cleanse it. They will search for seven months.

¹⁵ When one who is searching through the land sees a human bone, then he will set up a marker by it, until those burying it have buried it in the valley of Hamon-Gog.

¹⁶ A town named Hamonah [horde] will also be there. So they will cleanse the land.’

¹⁷ As for you, son of man, this is what the sovereign LORD says: Tell every type of bird, and every beast of the field, ‘Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I am making for you, a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, so that you may eat flesh and drink blood.

¹⁸ You will eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth--the rams, lambs, goats, and bulls, all of them fatlings from Bashan.

¹⁹ You will eat fat until you are full, and drink blood until you are drunk, from my sacrificial feast which I have made for you.

²⁰ You will be filled at my table with horses and charioteers, with mighty men and all kinds of soldiers,' says the sovereign LORD.

²¹ I will display my glory among the nations; and all the nations will see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.

²² So the house of Israel will know that I am the LORD their God, from that day forward.

²³ The nations will know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they were unfaithful to me. So I hid my face from them and I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and all of them fell by the sword.

²⁴ According to their uncleanness and their rebellion I did to them, and I hid my face from them.

²⁵ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: 'Now I will bring back the captives of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel. I will be jealous for my holy name.

²⁶ They will bear their shame and all their unfaithfulness by which they have rebelled against me when they will dwell securely in their land, and no one will make them afraid.

²⁷ when I bring them back from the peoples, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I will display my holiness among them in the sight of many nations.

²⁸ Then they will know that I am the LORD their God, because I sent them into exile among the nations, and have gathered them to their own land. I will not leave behind one of them there anymore.

²⁹ I will not hide my face from them any longer; for I have poured out my Spirit upon the house of Israel,' says the sovereign LORD."

DASV: Ezekiel 40

¹ In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, on the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city fell, on the same day, the hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me there.

² In the visions of God he brought me into the land of Israel, and set me down on a very high mountain, on it was a structure like a city to the south.

³ He brought me there where I saw a man whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze, with a linen cord and a measuring stick in his hand. He stood in the gate.

⁴ The man said to me, "Son of man, look with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and set your heart on all that I will show you; for you were brought here so that I may show it to you. Tell everything that you see to the house of Israel."

⁵ I saw a wall on the outside of the temple surrounding it. The measuring stick was 10 ½ feet long. So he measured the thickness of the wall, 10 ½ feet wide and 10 ½ feet high.

⁶ Then he came to the gate which faces east, and went up its steps and he measured the threshold of the gate, 10 ½ feet deep.

⁷ The alcoves were 10 ½ feet long and 10 ½ feet wide; and the space between the alcoves was 8 ¾ feet. The inner gate's threshold by the porch facing the temple was 10 ½ feet.

⁸ He measured also the vestibule of the gate on the inside 10 ½ feet.

⁹ Then he measured the vestibule of the gate, 14 feet across with jambs 3 ½ feet thick. This vestibule of the gate faced inward.

¹⁰ There were three alcoves on this side, and three on the other side of the east gate; the three had the same measurement, and the jambs on both sides had the same measurement.

¹¹ Then he measured the width of the opening of the gate, 17 ½ feet; and the length of the gateway, 22 ¾ feet.

¹² There was a low wall 1 ¾ feet high in front of the alcoves on both sides; the alcoves were 10 ½ feet square.

¹³ Then he measured the gate from the roof of the one alcove to the roof of the other, a width of 43 ¾ feet; from door to door.

¹⁴ He also measured along the dividing walls of the inside of the gateway up to the vestibule at 105 feet.

¹⁵ From the front of the gate at the entrance to the front of the inner gate was 87 ½ feet.

¹⁶ There were closed windows for the alcoves, and toward their jambs within the gate all around about, and likewise the vestibules also had windows all around the inside, and on each jamb were decorative palm trees.

¹⁷ Then he brought me into the outer court; there were rooms and a pavement, all around the court. There were 30 chambers facing the pavement.

¹⁸ The pavement ran along the side of the gates, matching the length of the gates, this was the lower pavement.

¹⁹ Then he measured the width from the front of the lower gate to the front of the inner court, as 175 feet, on the east and the north.

²⁰ Then he measured the length and width of the gate of the outer court facing the north.

²¹ It had three alcoves on each side; and its jambs and vestibule were the same as the first gate; its length was 87 ½ feet, and its width 43 ¾ feet.

²² Its windows and vestibules, and its decorative palm-trees, were the same size as the gate facing the east. Seven steps led up to it; and its vestibule was in front of them.

²³ There was a gate to the inner court over facing the north gate, as on the east; he measured from gate to gate it was 175 feet.

²⁴ Then he led me to the south and to a gate on the south. He measured its jambs and its vestibule which were the same size as the others.

²⁵ There were windows around it and its vestibule, like the windows of the others. It was 87 ½ feet long and 43 ½ feet wide.

²⁶ There were seven steps leading up to it, and its vestibules before them; and its jambs were decorated with palm trees on both sides.

²⁷ And there was a gate to the inner court on the south side and he measured from gate to gate toward the south; it was 175 feet.

²⁸ Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate. Then he measured the south gate which had the same dimensions.

²⁹ Its alcoves, its jambs, and its vestibule were the same size as the others; and there were windows in it and the vestibule all around. It was 87 ½ feet long and 43 ¾ feet wide.

³⁰ There were porches all around about, 43 ¾ feet long and 8 ¾ feet wide.

³¹ Its vestibules faced the outer court; and palm trees decorated its jambs, and the stairway up to it had eight steps.

³² Then he brought me into the inner court on the east side, and he measured the gate; it was the same size as the others.

³³ Its alcoves, jambs, and vestibule, were the same size as the others. There were windows all around it and its vestibule. It was 87 ½ feet long, and 43 ¾ feet wide.

³⁴ Its vestibule faced the outer court; and its jambs were decorated with palm trees on both sides. There were eight steps up its stairway.

³⁵ Then he brought me to the north gate, and he measured it. It had the same measurements as the others.

³⁶ Its alcoves, jambs and vestibules were the same size as the others and there were windows all around. It was 87 ½ feet long and 43 ¾ feet wide.

³⁷ Its jambs faced the outer court; and palm-trees decorated its jambs on both sides. There were eight steps up its stairway.

³⁸ And a chamber with its door by the vestibule of the gates was where they washed the burnt-offerings.

³⁹ In the vestibule of the gate were two tables on each side, on which to slaughter the burnt offering, sin offering and guilt offering.

⁴⁰ On the outside of the vestibule as one goes up to the entrance of the north gate, were two tables; and on the other side of the vestibule of the gate were two tables.

⁴¹ Four tables were on this side of the gate, and four tables on the other; eight tables total, on which the sacrifices were slaughtered.

⁴² There were four tables of cut stone for the burnt offering, 32 inches long and 32 inches wide and 21 inches high. They laid the instruments with which they slaughtered the burnt offering and the sacrifice there.

⁴³ There were hooks, 3 inches long, fastened all around and the flesh for the offerings was laid on the tables.

⁴⁴ On the outside of the inner gate were chambers for the singers in the inner court, one at the side of the north gate facing south and one at the side of the east gate facing north.

⁴⁵ He said to me, “This room facing south, is for the priests who are in charge of the temple.

⁴⁶ The room that faces north is for the priests who are in charge of the altar; these are the descendants of Zadok, who are the descendants of Levi who may come near to the LORD to minister to him.”

⁴⁷ He measured the court, 175 feet long, and 175 feet wide; the altar stood in front of the temple.

⁴⁸ Then he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each of the jambs of the porch, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet on both sides, and the width of the gate was 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet and the walls on both sides were 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ feet long.

⁴⁹ The length of the vestibule was 35 feet and its width was 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ feet; steps led up to it; and there were pillars by the jambs one on each side.

DASV: Ezekiel 41

¹ Then he brought me to the temple sanctuary, and measured the jambs, 10 ½ feet thick on both sides.

² The width of the entrance was 17 ½ feet; and the sides of the entrance were 8 ¾ feet on both sides. He measured its length, 70 feet, and width, 35 feet.

³ Then he went inside and measured each of the jambs of the entrance, 3 ½ feet; and the entrance opening 10 ½ feet, and the sidewalls were 12 ¼ feet long.

⁴ He measured the inner room length at 35 feet, and the width at 35 feet. He said to me, “This is the most holy place.”

⁵ Then he measured the wall of the temple, 10 ½ feet thick; and the width of each side-rooms, 7 feet, around the temple on every side.

⁶ The side rooms were in three stories, one over the other, with thirty on each story. There were ledges into the wall of the temple for the side rooms around it, that they might support them, so they would not be supported by the wall of the temple directly.

⁷ The side rooms surrounding the temple were wider with each successive story; for the structure went up story by story all around the temple so the width of the temple increased as it went up. A stairway went up as one went up from the lowest level to the highest by way of the middle story.

⁸ I saw also that the temple had a raised platform all around, the foundations of the side rooms were a full measuring stick of 10 ½ feet high.

⁹ The thickness of the outer wall, which was for the side rooms, was 8 ¾ feet, leaving an open area between the side rooms of the temple.

¹⁰ And rooms of the court were 35 feet wide all around the temple on every side.

¹¹ There were doors of the side rooms toward the left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south; and the width of the open area was 8 ¾ feet all the way around.

¹² The building that was facing the temple courtyard to the west was 122 ½ feet wide; and the wall of the building was 8 ¾ feet thick all around, and its length was 157 feet.

¹³ Then he measured the temple, 175 feet long and the courtyard of the building and its walls were another 175 feet long.

¹⁴ The width of the front of the temple, and the courtyard on the east was 175 feet.

¹⁵ Then he measured the length of the building facing the courtyard at the back the temple, with its galleries on the one side at 175 feet. The inner part of the outer temple, and the outer vestibule porches;

¹⁶ as well as the thresholds, recessed windows, and the galleries around their three stories, over the threshold, were paneled with wood, and from the floor up to the windows, the windows were covered too,

¹⁷ to the space above the door, even to the inner sanctuary, and on the outside, and on all the walls in the inner sanctuary and outside were also paneled.

¹⁸ It was decorated with cherubim and palm trees; and a palm tree between each cherub. Each cherub had two faces:

¹⁹ a human face toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a lion toward the palm tree on the other side. They were carved on the whole temple all around.

²⁰ From the floor to the area above the door, cherubim and palm trees were carved on the wall of the sanctuary.

²¹ The doorposts of the outer sanctuary were square and similar to the one in front of the sanctuary.

²² The altar was of wood, 5 ¼ feet high, and its length was 3 ½ feet. Its corners, its length, and its walls were made of wood. He said to me, “This is the table that is before the LORD.”

²³ The outer sanctuary and the Most Holy Place had double doors.

²⁴ The doors had two leaves each, two swinging leaves; two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other.

²⁵ On the doors of the outer sanctuary, were carved cherubim and palm trees, like those on the walls, and there was a wooden canopy over the front of the outside porch.

²⁶ There were recessed windows and decorative palm trees on both sides of the porch. The side rooms along the outside walls also had canopies.

DASV: Ezekiel 42

¹ Then he brought me out into the outer court, toward the north, and he brought me into the chamber that was opposite the courtyard, and which was opposite the building on the north.

² Its length was 175 feet with an entrance on the north side, and its width was 87 ½ feet.

³ Across from the 35 feet that belonged to the inner court, and across from the pavement which belonged to the outer court, was gallery facing gallery in the three stories.

⁴ In front of the chambers was a walkway of 17 ½ feet wide, running the whole 175 feet with their doors all facing north.

⁵ Now the upper chambers were narrower; for the galleries took away from these, more than from the lower and the middle rooms in the building.

⁶ For they were in three stories and had no pillars like the pillars of the courts, therefore upper chambers were recessed from the ground more than the lowest and the middle ones.

⁷ The outer wall that was by the side of the chambers, toward the outer court facing the rooms, was 87 ½ feet long.

⁸ For the length of the chambers on the outer court was 87 ½ feet, while those opposite the temple were a 175 feet.

⁹ Under these chambers was the entry on the east side, as one enters them from the outer court.

¹⁰ In the thickness of the wall of the court on the south side, facing the courtyard and opposite the building there were rooms,

¹¹ with a passage before them similar to the room on the north; of the same length and width, with similar exits according to their arrangements and entrances

¹² were the chambers on the south. There was a door at the head of the passage, the passage directly in front of the eastern wall as one enters them.

¹³ Then he said to me, “The north chambers and the south chambers, which face the courtyard are the holy chambers, where the priests who come near to the LORD are to eat the most holy offerings. There they will put the most holy offerings: the grain offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering; for the place is holy.

¹⁴ When the priests enter the holy place, they shall not go out of it into the outer court, until they take off their garments in which they minister; for they are holy; they will put on other garments, then they can go to places that are for the other people.”

¹⁵ When he had finished measuring the inner house, he brought me out by the eastern gate and measured it all around.

¹⁶ He measured the east side with the measuring stick. It was 875 feet.

¹⁷ He measured on the north side 875 feet with the measuring stick.

¹⁸ He measured on the south side 875 feet with the measuring stick.

¹⁹ He turned to the west side, and measured 875 feet with the measuring stick.

²⁰ He measured it on the four sides. It had a wall all around it, 875 feet long and 875 feet wide, to make a separation between what was holy and what was common.

DASV: Ezekiel 43

¹ Then he brought me to the gate, the gate facing the east.

² I saw the glory of the God of Israel come from the east; and the sound was like the rumble of rushing waters; and the earth shone with his glory.

³ The vision was like the vision I saw when he came to destroy the city; and it was like the vision I saw by the Kebar River. I fell upon my face.

⁴ The glory of the LORD came into the temple by the way of the eastern gate.

⁵ The Spirit took me up and brought me into the inner court; and I watched as the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

⁶ I heard one speaking to me from the temple, while a man stood by me.

⁷ He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the Israelites forever. The house of Israel will no more defile my holy name, neither they nor their kings, by their idolatrous prostitution, and by honoring corpses of their kings at their high places.

⁸ When they set their threshold beside my threshold, and their doorposts beside my doorposts, with only a wall between me and them; they have defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed; therefore I have consumed them in my anger.

⁹ Now let them put away their idolatrous prostitution, and the corpses of their kings far from me; and I will dwell among them forever.

¹⁰ As for you, son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel, so that they may be ashamed of their sins; and let them measure out the pattern.

¹¹ When they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the temple, and its floor plan, its exits and the entrances, and its whole structure, and all its regulations and laws. Then write it out in their sight; so that they may observe its entire design, and all its regulations, and do them.

¹² This is the law of the temple: On the top of the mountain, the whole area around it will be most holy. This is the law of the temple.

¹³ These are the dimensions of the altar by cubits (this cubit was a cubit and width of a hand; 21 inches). The gutter will be 21 inches deep and 21 inches wide and its border 9 inches wide around its edge. This will be the height of the altar:

¹⁴ from the bottom on the ground to the lower ledge will be 3 ½ feet, and the width 21 inches; and from the smaller ledge to the larger ledge will be 7 feet, and the width 21 inches.

¹⁵ The altar hearth will be 7 feet, and from the altar hearth protruding upward there will be four horns.

¹⁶ The altar hearth will be 21 feet long by 21 feet wide, a square in its four sides.

¹⁷ The ledge will be 24 ½ feet long by 24 ½ feet wide on its four sides; and the curb around it will be 10 ½ inches; and its gutter 21 inches around it. Its steps will face the east."

¹⁸ Then he said to me, “Son of man, this is what the sovereign LORD says: These are the regulations of the altar in the day they make it to offer burnt offerings on, and to sprinkle blood on it.

¹⁹ You will give to the Levitical priests who are the descendants of Zadok, who come near to me to minister to me, says the sovereign LORD, a young bull for a sin offering.

²⁰ You will take some of its blood, and put it on the four horns of the altar, and on the four corners of the upper ledge, and on the curb around it. This is how you will cleanse it and make atonement for it.

²¹ You will also take the bull of the sin offering, and it will be burnt in the appointed place of the temple, outside the sanctuary.

²² On the second day you will offer a male goat without defect for a sin offering. They will cleanse the altar, just as they cleansed it with the bull.

²³ When you have finished cleansing it, you will offer a young bull without defect, and a ram from the flock without defect.

²⁴ You will present them before the LORD, and the priests will sprinkle salt on them, and they will offer them up for a burnt offering to the LORD.

²⁵ Seven days you will prepare every day a goat for a sin offering. They will also prepare a young bull, and a ram from the flock, both without defect.

²⁶ Seven days they will make atonement for the altar and purify it. This is how they will consecrate it.

²⁷ When they have completed the days, on the eighth day and after, the priests will make your burnt offerings on the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, says the sovereign LORD.”

DASV: Ezekiel 44

¹ Then he brought me back by the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east; and it was shut.

² The LORD said to me, “This gate will be shut; it will not be opened, and no one will enter through it; for the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered in by it; therefore it will remain shut.

³ Only the prince may sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he will enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and will go out the same way.”

⁴ Then he brought me by the way of the north gate to the front of the temple; and I looked and saw the glory of the LORD filling the temple of the LORD, and I fell on my face.

⁵ The LORD said to me, “Son of man, mark well, and inspect carefully with your eyes, and listen attentively with your ears to everything I tell you concerning all the regulations of the temple of the LORD and all its laws. Mark well the entrance of the temple, with all the exits of the sanctuary.

⁶ Tell the rebellious house of Israel, ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says: O house of Israel, enough of your abominations!

⁷ You brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, into my sanctuary, to defile it, even my temple, when you offered my food, the fat and the blood. They have broken my covenant by all your abominations.

⁸ You have not kept the charge of my holy things; but you have put foreigners in charge in my sanctuary.

⁹ This is what the sovereign LORD says, No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, of all foreigners that live among the Israelites, are to enter my sanctuary.

¹⁰ But the Levites that went far from me, when Israel went astray from me after their idols, they will bear their punishment.

¹¹ Yet they will be ministers in my sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the temple, and ministering in the temple. They will slaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they will stand before them to minister to them.

¹² Because they ministered to them before their idols, and became a stumbling block of sin to the house of Israel; therefore have I lifted up my hand against them, says the sovereign LORD, and they will bear their punishment.

¹³ They will not come near me to execute the office of priest for me, or come near to any of my holy things, or to the things that are most holy; but they will bear their shame, and their abominations that they have committed.

¹⁴ Yet I will appoint them keepers in the charge of the house, for all its service, and for all that will be done in it.

¹⁵ But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of my sanctuary when the Israelites went astray from me, they will come near to me to minister to me; and they will stand before me to offer to me the fat and the blood, says the sovereign LORD.

¹⁶ They will enter into my sanctuary, and they will come near to my table, to minister to me, and they will keep my charge.

¹⁷ When they enter the gates of the inner court, they will be clothed with linen garments; and no wool is to be on them, while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within the temple.

¹⁸ They will have linen turbans on their heads, and will have linen undergarments on their waists. They are not to clothe themselves with anything that makes them sweat.

¹⁹ When they go out to the outer court to the people, they will take off their garments they minister with, and lay them in the holy chambers. They are to put on other garments, so that they do not transfer holiness to the people with their garments.

²⁰ They are not to shave their heads, or allow their locks to grow long; they are only to trim the hair of their heads.

²¹ None of the priests are to drink wine when they enter into the inner court.

²² They are not to marry a widow, or a divorced woman; but they may only marry virgins of the descendants of the house of Israel, or a widow of a priest.

²³ They will teach my people the difference between the holy and the common, and how to distinguish between the unclean and the clean.

²⁴ In a controversy, they will serve as judges; according to my regulations they are to make judgments. They must keep my laws and my statutes for all my appointed feasts; and they must keep my Sabbaths holy.

²⁵ They are not to go near to a dead person to defile themselves; but they may defile themselves for a father, mother, son, daughter, brother, or sister that has no spouse.

²⁶ After he is cleansed, they are to count off for him seven days.

²⁷ On the day he goes into the sanctuary, into the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he will offer his own sin-offering, says the sovereign LORD.

²⁸ They will have no inheritance; I am their inheritance. You shall not give them any possession in Israel; I am their possession.

²⁹ They will eat the grain offering, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering; and every devoted thing in Israel will be theirs.

³⁰ The first of all the first fruits of everything, and every special gift of everything, from all your offerings will be for the priest. You must also give to the priests the first of your dough, so that a blessing may rest on your house.

³¹ The priests are not to eat of anything that dies naturally, or is torn by any bird or wild animal.

DASV: Ezekiel 45

¹ When you divide by lot the land for inheritance, you will offer a portion to the LORD, a holy portion of the land; the length shall be 8 1/3 miles, and 6 2/3 miles wide. It's entire area will be holy.

² Of this there will be a holy place 875 feet by 875 feet square; and 87 1/2 feet open space surrounding it.

³ From this measured region, measure off a district 8 1/3 miles long and 3 1/3 miles wide. In it will be the sanctuary, the Most Holy Place.

⁴ It is a holy portion of the land; it will be for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near to minister to the LORD. It will be a place for their houses and a holy place for the sanctuary.

⁵ A region 8 1/3 miles long and 3 1/3 miles wide will be for the Levites, who minister at the temple, as their possession for towns for them to live in.

⁶ Alongside the sacred area allot a region 8 1/3 miles long and 1 2/3 miles wide. It will be for the whole house of Israel.

⁷ For the prince there will be on both sides of the holy district and the property of the city, alongside the holy allotment and the district of the city, on the adjacent west and east sides. It will be the same length as one of the portions, from the west border to the east border

⁸ of the land. It will be for his possession in Israel. My princes will no more oppress my people but they will allot the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes.”

⁹ “This is what the sovereign LORD says: Enough, O princes of Israel! Remove violence and oppression, and execute justice and righteousness. Stop your evictions of my people, says the sovereign LORD.

¹⁰ You are to have honest scales, and a just ephah dry weight measure, and a just bath liquid measure.

¹¹ The ephah and the bath are to be of standard measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the ephah the tenth part of a homer; its measure should be based on the standard homer.

¹² The shekel should be twenty gerahs. Sixty shekels should be for one mina.

¹³ This is the offering that you should offer: the sixth part of an ephah from a homer of wheat; and you will give the sixth part of an ephah from a homer of barley,

¹⁴ and the fixed portion of olive oil, measured by the standard bath, the tenth of a bath from each kor, a kor is ten baths or one homer (for there are ten baths in a homer),

¹⁵ and one lamb of the flock, out of every two hundred, from the well-watered pastures of Israel. These will be for the grain offerings, burnt offerings, and for peace offerings, to make atonement for them, says the sovereign LORD.

¹⁶ All the people of the land shall give this offering for the prince in Israel.

¹⁷ It will be the prince's job to provide the burnt offerings, grain offerings, and the drink offerings, at the feasts, the new moons, the Sabbaths, and at all the appointed feasts of the

house of Israel. He will provide the sin offering, grain offering, burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel.

¹⁸ This is what the sovereign LORD says: On the first day of the first month, you will take a young bull without defect and cleanse the sanctuary.

¹⁹ The priest will take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it upon the doorposts of the temple, and on the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and on the posts of the gate of the inner court.

²⁰ So you should do it on the seventh day of the month for anyone who sins unintentionally or for sins of ignorance; so you will make atonement for the temple.

²¹ Do this on the fourteenth day of the first month. You are to celebrate the Passover for seven days eating unleavened bread.

²² On that day the prince will provide for himself and all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering.

²³ During the seven days of the feast he is to prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven bulls and seven rams without defect for each of the seven days; and a male goat daily for a sin offering.

²⁴ He will provide a grain offering of an ephah for each bull, and an ephah for each ram, and a gallon of olive oil for each ephah.

²⁵ During the fifteenth day of the seventh month, at the Feast, for the seven days of this feast he will provide the same sin offerings, burnt offerings, grain offerings and olive oil.

DASV: Ezekiel 46

¹ “This is what the sovereign LORD says: The gate of the inner court that faces east will be shut during the six working days; but on the Sabbath day it will be opened, and on the day of the new moon it will be opened.

² The prince will enter by the way of the porch of the gate from outside, and will stand by the post of the gate; and the priests will prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings. He will worship at the threshold of the gate. Then he will go out; but the gate will not be shut until evening.

³ The people of the land will worship at the entrance of that gate before the LORD on the Sabbaths and on the new moons.

⁴ The burnt offering that the prince will offer to the LORD will be on the Sabbath day six lambs and a ram, all without defect.

⁵ The grain offering will be an ephah for the ram, and the grain offering for the lambs as much as he is able to give, and a gallon of olive oil for each ephah.

⁶ On the day of the new moon it will be a young bull, six lambs and a ram all without defect.

⁷ He will provide a grain offering of an ephah for the bull, and an ephah for the ram, and for the lambs as much as he is able, and a gallon of olive oil for each ephah.

⁸ When the prince enters, he will go in by the way of the porch of the gate, and he will go out the same way.

⁹ When the people of the land will come before the LORD during the appointed feasts, whoever enters by the north gate to worship will go out by the south gate. Whoever enters by the south gate will go out by the north gate. He should not return by the gate by which he entered, but should go straight ahead.

¹⁰ The prince, when they enter, will enter with them; and when they go out, he will go out too.”

¹¹ “At the feasts and in the appointed feasts the grain offering will be an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs as much as he is able to give, and a gallon of olive oil for each ephah.

¹² The prince will provide a freewill offering, a burnt offering or peace offerings as a freewill offering to the LORD. The gate facing east will be opened for him. He will prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he does on the Sabbath day. Then he will go out and after he goes out the gate will be shut.

¹³ You are to provide daily a lamb a year old without defect for a burnt offering to the LORD; morning by morning you are to provide it.

¹⁴ You will prepare a grain offering with it morning by morning, one sixth of an ephah, and a third of a gallon of olive oil, to moisten the fine flour; a grain offering to the LORD. This is a perpetual statute.

¹⁵ This is how they will provide the lamb, the grain offering, and the olive oil, morning by morning, for a perpetual burnt offering.”

¹⁶ “This is what the sovereign LORD says: If the prince gives a gift to any of his sons, and it is from his inheritance, it will belong to his sons; it is their property by inheritance.

¹⁷ But if he gives a gift from his inheritance to one of his servants, it will be his until the year of liberty; then it will return to the prince. But his inheritance will be for his sons alone.

¹⁸ The prince should not take any of the people's inheritance, throwing them out of their own property. He will give the inheritance to his sons out of his own possession, that my people not be evicted from their own property.”

¹⁹ Then he brought me through the entrance, at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers for the priests, facing north, and there was a place on the western end.

²⁰ He said to me, “This is the place where the priests are to boil the guilt offering and the sin offering, and where they are to bake the grain offering; so that they not bring them out into the outer court, to transmit holiness to the common people.”

²¹ Then he brought me out into the outer court, and led me to pass the four corners of the court; and in every corner of the court was another court.

²² In the four corners of the court there were courts enclosed, 70 feet long and 52 ½ feet wide; these four corners were the same size.

²³ There was a wall around each of the four courts, and places for boiling offerings were made under the ledges all around.

²⁴ Then said he to me, “These are the kitchens, where the ministers of the house are to boil the sacrifices of the people.”

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¹ Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple. There water flowed out from under the threshold of the temple eastward; (for the temple faced toward the east); and the water came down from under the south side of the temple, from south of the altar.

² Then he brought me out by the way of the north gate, and led me around the outside of the outer gate that faces toward the east. There I saw water flowing out on the south side.

³ When the man went eastward with the measuring line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits [1,750 feet]. Then he led me across the water, which was ankle deep.

⁴ Again he measured another thousand cubits [1,750 feet], and led me through the waters, which was knee deep. He measured another thousand, and led me through the waters, which were waist deep.

⁵ After that he measured another thousand [1,750 feet]; and it was a river that I could not cross; for the waters had risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be crossed on foot.

⁶ He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he brought me back to the bank of the river.

⁷ Now when I returned, I saw on the bank of the river many trees on both sides of the river.

⁸ Then he said to me, "These waters flow toward the eastern region, and will go down into the Arabah; where they will enter the Dead Sea. When it enters the stagnant sea, the water will become fresh.

⁹ Every living creature which swarms, wherever the rivers flows, will live. There will be a multitude of fish; for these waters flow there and the waters of this salty sea will become fresh. Wherever the river flows everything will live.

¹⁰ Fishermen will stand on its shores, from En-gedi even to En-eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. There will be many kinds of fish, like the fish of the Great Sea.

¹¹ But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh. They will remain salty.

¹² On both sides of the river banks, will grow every produce bearing tree, whose leaf will not wither, nor will its fruit fail. It will produce fresh fruit every month, because its waters flow out of the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and its leaves for healing."

¹³ This is what the sovereign LORD says: "This will be the border, by which you will divide the land for inheritance according to the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph will have two portions.

¹⁴ You will divide it equally; for I swore to give it to your forefathers, and this land will be allotted to you for your inheritance.

¹⁵ This will be the border of the land:

On the north side, from the Great Sea, by the way of Hethlon through Lebo-Hamath, and on to Zedad;

¹⁶ Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; as far as Hazer-hatticon, which is by the border of Hauran.

- ¹⁷ The border will run from the sea to Hazar-enon along the northern border of Damascus; and on north with the border of Hamath. This will be the northern boundary.
- ¹⁸ On the east side, between Hauran and Damascus and between Gilead and the land of Israel, will be the Jordan River; from the northern border to the eastern sea down to Tamar. This will be the eastern boundary.
- ¹⁹ On the south side it will run from Tamar as far as the waters of Meribah-kadesh, to the brook of Egypt, to the Great Sea. This will be the southern boundary.
- ²⁰ On the west side will be the Great Sea, from the southern border as far as Lebo Hamath. This will be the western boundary.
- ²¹ So you are to divide this land for yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.
- ²² You are to divide it by lot as an inheritance for yourselves and for the foreigners who live among you, who will bear children among you. They will be to you as the native-born Israelites. They will be allotted an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.
- ²³ In whatever tribe the foreigner lives, there you are to give him his inheritance," says the sovereign LORD.

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¹ “These are the names of the tribes:

From the north end, beside the way of Hethlon to Lebo-Hamath, as far as Hazar-enan at the border of Damascus, to the north beside Hamath, and extending from the east side to the west, Dan, one portion.

² On the border with Dan, from the east side to the west, Asher, one portion.

³ On the border with Asher, from the east side to the west, Naphtali, one portion.

⁴ On the border with Naphtali, from the east side to the west, Manasseh, one portion.

⁵ On the border with Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, Ephraim, one portion.

⁶ On the border with Ephraim, from the east side to the west side, Reuben, one portion.

⁷ On the border with Reuben, from the east side to the west, Judah, one portion.

⁸ On the border of Judah, from the east side to the west, will be the special allotment you will set apart. It will be 25,000 cubits [8 1/3 miles] wide and the same length as one of the tribal portions, from the east side to the west; the sanctuary will be in the middle of it.

⁹ The special allotment you will offer to the LORD will be 25,000 cubits [8 1/3 miles] long and 20,000 cubits [6 2/3 miles] wide.

¹⁰ These will be the special allotments for the priests. It will be 25,000 cubits [8 1/3 miles] long, and on the west side 10,000 [3 1/3 miles] wide, on the east 10,000 [3 1/3 miles] wide, and on the south 25,000 [8 1/3 miles] long; and the sanctuary of the LORD will be in the middle of it.

¹¹ It will be for the priests who are sanctified from the descendants of Zadok, who have kept my charge, who did not go astray when the children of Israel strayed, like the Levites did.

¹² It will be a special allotment from the dividing of the land, a most holy portion, on the border with the Levites.

¹³ Adjacent to the border of the priests, the Levites will have 25,000 cubits [8 1/3 miles] long and 10,000 [3 1/3 miles] wide. The whole length will be 25,000 cubits [8 1/3 miles] long and 20,000 cubits [6 2/3 miles] wide.

¹⁴ They are not to sell it or trade it; they are not to transfer this choice portion of the land; for it is holy to the LORD.

¹⁵ The 5,000 cubit wide [1 2/3 miles] that are left and the 25,000 cubits long [8 1/3 miles] will be for common use, for the city, for houses and for open country. The city will be in the middle of it

¹⁶ and these will be its measurements: the north side 4,500 cubits [1 1/2 miles], the south side 4,500; the east side 4,500; and the west side 4,500.

¹⁷ The city will have open areas: toward the north 250 cubits [437 1/2 feet], toward the south 250; toward the east 250; and toward the west 250.

¹⁸ The remainder of the borders the holy allotment, will be 10,000 [3 1/3 miles] to the eastward, and 10,000 to the west; and it will be alongside the holy allotment. Its produce will provide food for those who labor in the city.

¹⁹ Those who labor in the city from all the tribes of Israel will farm it.

²⁰ The entire allotment will be 25,000 cubits [8 1/3 miles] square. You will offer the holy allotment along with the property of the city.

²¹ What remains on both sides of the holy allotment and of the property of the city will belong to the prince. It will extend 25,000 cubits [8 1/3 miles] from the allotment to the eastern border, and westward 25,000 cubits to the west border paralleling the portions, it will belong to the prince. The holy allotment and the sanctuary of the temple will be in the middle of it.

²² The property of the Levites and of the city will be in the middle of that which belongs to the prince. The portion of the prince will be located between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin.

²³ As for the rest of the tribes: from the east side to the west, Benjamin, one portion.

²⁴ Adjacent to the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west, Simeon, one portion.

²⁵ Adjacent to the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west, Issachar, one portion.

²⁶ Adjacent to the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west, Zebulun, one portion.

²⁷ Adjacent to the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west, Gad, one portion.

²⁸ Adjacent to the border of Gad, at the south side, the border runs from Tamar to the waters of Meribath-kadesh, to the brook of Egypt then to the Great Sea.

²⁹ This is the land that you are to divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their respective portions," says the sovereign LORD.

³⁰ "These are the exits of the city: On the north side 4,500 cubits [1 ½ miles] long,

³¹ the gates of the city will be after the names of the tribes of Israel. Three gates on the north side: one gate for Reuben; one gate for Judah; and one gate for Levi.

³² On the east side 4,500 cubits [1 ½ miles], and three gates: one gate for Joseph; one gate for Benjamin; and one gate for Dan.

³³ On the south side 4,500 cubits [1 ½ miles], and three gates: one gate for Simeon; one gate for Issachar; and one gate for Zebulun.

³⁴ On the west side 4,500 cubits [1 ½ miles], with their three gates: one gate for Gad; one gate for Asher; and one gate for Naphtali.

³⁵ The circumference around the city will be 18,000 cubits [6 miles]. The name of the city from that day on will be, "The LORD is there."