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1 The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. ² A jealous and avenging God: an avenger is Jehovah: and Jehovah taketh vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth [wrath] for his enemies. Jehovah is slow to anger, great in power, and doth not clear the guilty: Jehovah, — his way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are dust of his feet. ⁴ He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. ⁵ The mountains before him melt, and the hills melt, and the earth is upheaved at his presence, and the world dwelleth therein.

¹* 1.2 w Elw*

⁶ Who|strong="H4310" shall|strong="H4310" stand|strong="H5975" before|strong="H6440" his|strong="H6440" indignation|strong="H2195"? and|strong="H6965" who|strong="H4310" shall|strong="H4310" abide in|strong="H0784" the|strong="H6440" fierceness|strong="H2740" of|strong="H4480" his|strong="H6440" anger|strong="H0639"? His|strong="H6440" fury|strong="H2534" is|strong="H4310" poured|strong="H5413" out|strong="H4480" like|strong="H0639" fire|strong="H0784", and|strong="H6965" the|strong="H6440" rocks|strong="H6697" are|strong="H4310" broken|strong="H5422" asunder by|strong="H0784" him|strong="H6440". ⁷ Jehovah|strong="H3068" is|strong="H3068" good|strong="H2896", a|strong="H3068" stronghold|strong="H4581" in|strong="H3068" the|strong="H3068" day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H3068" trouble|strong="H6869"; and|strong="H3068" he|strong="H3117" knoweth them|strong="H3117" that|strong="H3045" trust in|strong="H3068" him|strong="H3045". ⁸ But|strong="H7291" with|strong="H2822" an overrunning flood|strong="H7858" he|strong="H6213" will|strong="H2822" make|strong="H6213" a|strong="H7291" full|strong="H3617" end|strong="H3617" of|strong="H4725" the|strong="H6213" place|strong="H4725" thereof, and|strong="H4725" darkness|strong="H2822" shall pursue|strong="H7291" his|strong="H7291" enemies|strong="H0341". ⁹ What|strong="H4100" do|strong="H6213" ye imagine against|strong="H0413" Jehovah|strong="H3068"? He|strong="H1931" will|strong="H3068" make|strong="H6213" a|strong="H3068" full|strong="H3617" end|strong="H3617": trouble|strong="H6869" shall|strong="H3068" not|strong="H3808" rise|strong="H6965" up|strong="H6965" the|strong="H0413" second time|strong="H6471". ¹⁰ Though|strong="H3588" they|strong="H3588" be|strong="H3588" tangled|strong="H5440" together [as|strong="H5704"] thorns, and|strong="H0398" be|strong="H3588" as|strong="H5704" drenched|strong="H4390" from|strong="H5704" their|strong="H3588" drink|strong="H5435", they|strong="H3588" shall be|strong="H3588" devoured|strong="H0398" as|strong="H5704" dry|strong="H3002" stubble|strong="H7179", completely. ¹¹ Out|strong="H3318" of|strong="H3068" thee is|strong="H3068" gone|strong="H3318" forth|strong="H3318" one|strong="H4480" that|strong="H4480" imagineth evil|strong="H7451" against|strong="H5921" Jehovah|strong="H3068", a|strong="H4480" wicked|strong="H7451" counsellor. ¹² Thus|strong="H3541" saith Jehovah|strong="H3068": Though|strong="H0518" they|strong="H0518" be|strong="H5750" complete|strong="H8003" in|strong="H3068" number, and|strong="H3068" many|strong="H7227" as|strong="H3068" they|strong="H0518" be|strong="H5750", even|strong="H5750" so|strong="H3651" shall|strong="H3068" they|strong="H0518" be|strong="H5750" cut|strong="H1494" down, and|strong="H3068"

he|strong = "H0518" shall|strong = "H3068" pass|strong = "H5674"
 away|strong = "H5750"; and|strong = "H3068" though|strong = "H0518"
 I|strong = "H0518" have|strong = "H3068" afflicted|strong = "H3541" thee,
 I|strong = "H0518" will|strong = "H3068" afflict|strong = "H6031" thee
 no|strong = "H3808" more|strong = "H5750". ¹³ And|strong = "H7665"
 now|strong = "H6258" will I|strong = "H6258" break|strong = "H7665"
 his|strong = "H5921" yoke|strong = "H4132" from|strong = "H5921"
 off|strong = "H5921" thee, and|strong = "H7665" will burst|strong = "H5423"
 thy bonds|strong = "H4147" asunder. ¹⁴ And|strong = "H3068"
 Jehovah|strong = "H3068" hath given|strong = "H6680"
 commandment|strong = "H6680" concerning|strong = "H5921" thee,
 that|strong = "H3588" no|strong = "H3808" more|strong = "H5750"
 of|strong = "H1004" thy name|strong = "H8034" be|strong = "H5750"
 sown|strong = "H2232": out|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H5921" house|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H1004" thy ²
 god|strong = "H0430" will|strong = "H3068" I|strong = "H3588"
 cut|strong = "H3772" off|strong = "H3772" the|strong = "H5921"
 graven|strong = "H6459" image|strong = "H6459", and|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H5921" molten image|strong = "H6459": I|strong = "H3588"
 will|strong = "H3068" prepare|strong = "H7760" thy grave|strong = "H6913";
 for|strong = "H3588" thou art vile. ¹⁵ Behold upon the mountains the feet of
 him that bringeth glad tidings, that publisheth peace! Celebrate thy feasts,
 Judah, perform thy vows: for the wicked one shall no more pass through
 thee; he is utterly cut off.

2He|strong = "H3588" that|strong = "H3588" dasheth in|strong = "H5921"
 pieces is|strong = "H2009" come up|strong = "H5921"
 against|strong = "H5921" thy face: keep|strong = "H3254"
 the|strong = "H3605" fortress, watch|strong = "H2009" the|strong = "H3605"
 way|strong = "H3605", make|strong = "H3772" [thy] loins strong, fortify
 [thy] power mightily. ² For|strong = "H5921" Jehovah hath
 brought|strong = "H5927" again|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440" glory
 of|strong = "H1870" Jacob, as|strong = "H5927" the|strong = "H6440" glory
 of|strong = "H1870" Israel; for|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H6440"
 wasters have|strong = "H5921" wasted them|strong = "H5921",
 and|strong = "H6440" marred their|strong = "H5921" vine-branches. ³
 The|strong = "H0853" shield of|strong = "H3068" his|strong = "H3068"
 mighty men|strong = "H3478" is|strong = "H3068" made|strong = "H7725"
 red, the|strong = "H0853" valiant men|strong = "H3478"
 are|strong = "H3478" in|strong = "H3068" scarlet: the|strong = "H0853"
 chariots [glitter] with|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H0853" sheen
 of|strong = "H3068" steel, in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H0853" day
 of|strong = "H3068" his|strong = "H3068" preparation, and|strong = "H3068"
 the|strong = "H0853" spears are|strong = "H3478" brandished. ⁴

²° 1.14 w Elohim|strong = "H0430" w*

The chariots rush madly in the streets, they justle one against another in the broad ways: the appearance of them is like torches, they run like lightnings. ⁵ He bethinketh him of his nobles: they stumble in their march; they make haste to the wall thereof, and the shelter is prepared. ⁶ The gates of the rivers are opened, and the palace melteth away. ⁷ And it is decreed: she shall be uncovered, she shall be led away, and her maids shall moan as with the voice of doves, drumming upon their breasts. ⁸ Nineveh hath been like a pool of water, since the day she existed, yet they flee away. ...Stand! Stand! But none looketh back. ⁹ Plunder the silver, plunder the gold; for there is no end of the splendid store of all precious vessels. ¹⁰ She is waste; and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and writhing pain is in all loins, and all their faces grow pale. ¹¹ Where is the den of the lions, and the feeding-place of the young lions, where the lion, the lioness, [and] the lion's whelp walked, and none made them afraid? ¹² The lion tore in pieces enough for his whelps, and he strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes

with|strong = "H1980" prey, and|strong = "H1980" his|strong = "H0834" dens
with|strong = "H1980" ravin. ¹³ Behold, I|strong = "H1767" am against thee,
saith Jehovah of|strong = "H4390" hosts: and|strong = "H0738"
I|strong = "H1767" will burn her|strong = "H4390" chariots into smoke;
and|strong = "H0738" the|strong = "H4390" sword shall devour thy young
lions|strong = "H0738", and|strong = "H0738" I|strong = "H1767" will cut off
thy prey|strong = "H2964" from|strong = "H4390" the|strong = "H4390"
earth; and|strong = "H0738" the|strong = "H4390" voice of|strong = "H4390"
thy messengers|strong = "H4390" shall no more be heard.

3Woe|strong = "H1945" to|strong = "H1945" the|strong = "H3605"
bloody|strong = "H1818" city|strong = "H5892"! It|strong = "H3808"
is|strong = "H3605" all|strong = "H3605" full|strong = "H3605"
of|strong = "H3605" lies|strong = "H3585" [and|strong = "H1818"] violence;
the|strong = "H3605" prey|strong = "H2964" departeth not|strong = "H3808".
² The|strong = "H6963" crack of|strong = "H6963" the|strong = "H6963"
whip|strong = "H7752", and|strong = "H6963" the|strong = "H6963"
noise|strong = "H6963" of|strong = "H6963" the|strong = "H6963"
rattling|strong = "H7494" of|strong = "H6963" the|strong = "H6963"
wheels|strong = "H0212", and|strong = "H6963" of|strong = "H6963"
the|strong = "H6963" prancing horses|strong = "H5483",
and|strong = "H6963" of|strong = "H6963" the|strong = "H6963"
bounding|strong = "H7540" chariots|strong = "H4818"! ³
The|strong = "H5927" horseman springing up|strong = "H5927",
and|strong = "H2719" the|strong = "H5927" glitter of|strong = "H7230"
the|strong = "H5927" sword|strong = "H2719", and|strong = "H2719"
the|strong = "H5927" flash|strong = "H1300" of|strong = "H7230"
the|strong = "H5927" spear|strong = "H2595", and|strong = "H2719"
a|strong = "H5927" multitude|strong = "H7230" of|strong = "H7230"
slain|strong = "H2491", and|strong = "H2719" a|strong = "H5927"
mass|strong = "H7230" of|strong = "H7230" carcasses, and|strong = "H2719"
no|strong = "H0369" end|strong = "H7097" of|strong = "H7230"
corpses|strong = "H6297": they|strong = "H0369" stumble|strong = "H3782"
over|strong = "H3782" their|strong = "H0369" corpses|strong = "H6297". ⁴
— Because|strong = "H7230" of|strong = "H4940" the|strong = "H2181"
multitude|strong = "H7230" of|strong = "H4940" the|strong = "H2181"
fornications of|strong = "H4940" the|strong = "H2181" well-favoured
harlot|strong = "H2181", mistress|strong = "H1172" of|strong = "H4940"
sorceries|strong = "H3785", that|strong = "H1471" selleth
nations|strong = "H1471" through her fornications, and|strong = "H1471"
families|strong = "H4940" through her sorceries|strong = "H3785", ⁵
behold|strong = "H2005", I|strong = "H2005" am|strong = "H3068"
against|strong = "H5921" thee, saith Jehovah|strong = "H3068"
of|strong = "H3068" hosts|strong = "H6635"; and|strong = "H3068"
I|strong = "H2005" will|strong = "H3068" uncover|strong = "H1540" thy

skirts|strong = "H7757" upon|strong = "H5921" thy face|strong = "H6440",
and|strong = "H3068" I|strong = "H2005" will|strong = "H3068" shew
the|strong = "H6440" nations|strong = "H1471" thy
nakedness|strong = "H4626", and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H6440"
kingdoms|strong = "H4467" thy shame|strong = "H7036". ⁶
And|strong = "H8251" I|strong = "H7760" will cast|strong = "H7993"
abominable|strong = "H8251" filth|strong = "H8251" upon|strong = "H5921"
thee, and|strong = "H8251" make|strong = "H7760" thee vile,
and|strong = "H8251" will set|strong = "H7760" thee as|strong = "H7760"
a|strong = "H7760" gazing stock. ⁷ And|strong = "H7200"
it|strong = "H7200" shall|strong = "H4310" come|strong = "H1961"
to|strong = "H0559" pass|strong = "H1961", [that|strong = "H3605"]
all|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H0559" that|strong = "H3605"
see|strong = "H7200" thee shall|strong = "H4310" flee|strong = "H5074"
from|strong = "H4480" thee, and|strong = "H7200" shall|strong = "H4310"
say|strong = "H0559", Nineveh|strong = "H5210" is|strong = "H4310" laid
waste|strong = "H7703"! Who|strong = "H4310" will|strong = "H4310"
bemoan her|strong = "H3605"? whence shall|strong = "H4310"
I|strong = "H7200" seek|strong = "H1245" comforters|strong = "H5162"
for|strong = "H3605" thee? ⁸ Art thou better|strong = "H3190" than
No-Amon, that|strong = "H0834" was|strong = "H0834" situate
among|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H0834" rivers|strong = "H2975",
[that|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834"] the|strong = "H0834"
waters|strong = "H4325" round|strong = "H5439" about|strong = "H5439"
her|strong = "H5439", whose|strong = "H0834" rampart|strong = "H2426"
was|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0834" sea|strong = "H3220",
[and|strong = "H4325"] of|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H0834"
sea|strong = "H3220" was|strong = "H0834" her|strong = "H5439"
wall|strong = "H2346"? ⁹ Ethiopia|strong = "H3568" was|strong = "H0369"
her|strong = "H1961" strength, and|strong = "H4714"
Egypt|strong = "H4714", and|strong = "H4714" it|strong = "H1961"
was|strong = "H0369" infinite; Phut and|strong = "H4714"
the|strong = "H1961" Libyans|strong = "H3864" were|strong = "H1961"
her|strong = "H1961" helpers|strong = "H5833". ¹⁰ She|strong = "H1931"
too|strong = "H1571" was|strong = "H1931" carried|strong = "H1980"
away|strong = "H1980", she|strong = "H1931" went|strong = "H1980"
into|strong = "H1980" captivity|strong = "H7628": her|strong = "H3605"
infants|strong = "H5768" also|strong = "H1571" were|strong = "H1571"
dashed|strong = "H7376" in|strong = "H5921" pieces|strong = "H7376",
at|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" top|strong = "H7218"
of|strong = "H7218" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
streets|strong = "H2351"; and|strong = "H1980" they|strong = "H5921"
cast|strong = "H3032" lots|strong = "H1486" for|strong = "H5921"
her|strong = "H3605" honourable men|strong = "H7218",
and|strong = "H1980" all|strong = "H3605" her|strong = "H3605"
great|strong = "H1419" men|strong = "H7218" were|strong = "H1571"

bound|strong = "H7576" with|strong = "H1980" chains. ¹¹ Thou also|strong = "H1571" shalt be|strong = "H1961" drunken: thou shalt be|strong = "H1961" hid; thou also|strong = "H1571" shalt seek|strong = "H1245" a|strong = "H1961" refuge|strong = "H4581" from|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H1961" enemy|strong = "H0341". ¹² All|strong = "H3605" thy strongholds|strong = "H4013" are|strong = "H6310" [like|strong = "H5973"] fig-trees with|strong = "H5973" the|strong = "H3605" first-ripe figs|strong = "H8384": if|strong = "H0518" they|strong = "H0518" be|strong = "H3605" shaken|strong = "H5128", they|strong = "H0518" even|strong = "H0518" fall|strong = "H5307" into|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" mouth|strong = "H6310" of|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" eater|strong = "H0398". ¹³ Behold|strong = "H2009", thy people|strong = "H5971" in|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H0398" midst|strong = "H7130" of|strong = "H0776" thee are|strong = "H0776" [as|strong = "H0776"] women|strong = "H0802": the|strong = "H0398" gates|strong = "H8179" of|strong = "H0776" thy land|strong = "H0776" are|strong = "H0776" set wide open|strong = "H6605" unto thine enemies|strong = "H0341"; the|strong = "H0398" fire|strong = "H0784" devoureth thy bars|strong = "H1280". ¹⁴ Draw|strong = "H7579" thee water|strong = "H4325" for|strong = "H4325" the|strong = "H0935" siege|strong = "H4692", strengthen|strong = "H2388" thy fortresses|strong = "H4013"; go|strong = "H0935" into|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H0935" clay|strong = "H2916", and|strong = "H0935" tread|strong = "H7429" the|strong = "H0935" mortar, make|strong = "H2388" strong|strong = "H2388" the|strong = "H0935" brick-kiln. ¹⁵ There|strong = "H8033" shall|strong = "H3772" the|strong = "H0398" fire|strong = "H0784" devour|strong = "H0398" thee; the|strong = "H0398" sword|strong = "H2719" shall|strong = "H3772" cut|strong = "H3772" thee off|strong = "H3772"; it|strong = "H0398" shall|strong = "H3772" devour|strong = "H0398" thee like|strong = "H8033" the|strong = "H0398" cankerworm. Make|strong = "H3772" thyself many as|strong = "H0398" the|strong = "H0398" cankerworm, make|strong = "H3772" thyself many as|strong = "H0398" the|strong = "H0398" locust|strong = "H0697". ¹⁶ Thou hast multiplied|strong = "H7235" thy merchants|strong = "H7402" more|strong = "H7235" than|strong = "H7235" the|strong = "H6584" stars|strong = "H3556" of|strong = "H3556" the|strong = "H6584" heavens|strong = "H8064"; the|strong = "H6584" cankerworm spreadeth himself out and|strong = "H8064" flieth away. ¹⁷ Thy chosen|strong = "H3045" men are|strong = "H3117" as|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3117" locusts|strong = "H0697", and|strong = "H3117" thy captains as|strong = "H3117" swarms of|strong = "H3117" grasshoppers|strong = "H1462", which camp|strong = "H2583" in|strong = "H2583" the|strong = "H3117" hedges in|strong = "H2583" the|strong = "H3117" cold|strong = "H7135" day|strong = "H3117": when|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3117" sun|strong = "H8121" ariseth they|strong = "H3117" flee|strong = "H5074" away|strong = "H5074",

and|strong="H3117" their|strong="H3808" place|strong="H4725"
 is|strong="H3117" not|strong="H3808" known|strong="H3045"
 where|strong="H0335" they|strong="H3117" are|strong="H3117". 18
 Thy shepherds|strong="H7462" slumber|strong="H5123", O
 king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Assyria|strong="H0804"; thy
 nobles|strong="H0117" lie|strong="H7931" still; thy
 people|strong="H5971" are|strong="H0369" scattered
 upon|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" mountains|strong="H2022",
 and|strong="H4428" no|strong="H0369" man|strong="H0369" gathereth
 them|strong="H5921". 19 There|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369"
 no|strong="H3808" healing of|strong="H5921" thy breach; thy
 wound|strong="H4347" is|strong="H0369" grievous; all|strong="H3605"
 that|strong="H3588" hear|strong="H8085" the|strong="H3605"
 report|strong="H8088" of|strong="H5921" thee clap|strong="H8628"
 the|strong="H3605" hands|strong="H3709" over|strong="H5921" thee;
 for|strong="H3588" upon|strong="H5921" whom|strong="H4310" hath
 not|strong="H3808" thy wickedness|strong="H7451"
 passed|strong="H5674" continually|strong="H8548"?