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# Yehezkel

# (Ezekiel)

## Introduction

Yehezkel (or more properly 'Yehezkel' which means 'God/El will strengthen', but called 'Ezekiel' in older English translations because Greek has no 'y' or 'h') was a priest in Yerushalem (Jerusalem). He was one of the many people who were captured by the Babylonian army and marched off to Bavel before Yerushalem was defeated in 586 B.C. So he lived in Bavel and became a prophet five years after he'd been exiled. His message was directed to the people exiled to Bavel as well as those back in Yerushalem. Yehezkel's account can be divided into six parts: 1. God's calling Yehezkel as a prophet; 2. warnings to the people there about God's coming punishment of them, and of the coming destruction of Yerushalem; 3. God's messages about the punishment of various nations who'd attacked Yisrael; 4. comforting Yisrael when enemies defeated Yerushalem, and a promise of a future, better life; 5. the defeat of all of Yisrael's enemies; 6. Yehezkel's description of a restored temple and of a nation that would return to living there.
Yehezkel demonstrated a lot of faith, and his messages came as visions—many of which he had to act out. Yehezkel explained the importance of a new heart and spirit, and how it's necessary for each person to individually repent from their sins. He reveals Yisrael's hope of a new life. Then as prophet and priest, he greatly looks forward to a new temple with all the rooms that are necessary for the sacred services.

## Main components of this document


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### Literal Version

**1:1** And_he/it_was in_thirty year in_month on_ _day_five of_month and_I was_among_of the_ _exile[s] at the_river_of Kəvār the_heavens they_ _were_opened and_I_saw visions_of god. **2** On_ _day_five of_month it was_the_year (the)_fifth of_ _the_exile_of the_king Yōyākīn/(Jehoiachin). **3** Expressly_(come) the_message_of **YHWH** it_ _came to Yəḥezqʾēl the_son_of Būzī the_ _priest/officer in_land of_the_ones_from_Kasdiy at the_river_of Kəvār and_it_became on/upon/above_him/it there the_hand_of **YHWH**. **4** And_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_ _wind_of storm was_coming from the_north a_ _cloud great and_fire flashing and_brightness to_ _him/it all_around and_was_from_the_middle_of_ _of_it like_the_appearance_of (the)_shining_ _substance from_the_middle_of the_fire. **5** And_ _was_from_the_middle_of_of_it a_likeness_of four living_creatures and_this appearance_of_was_ _their a_likeness_of a_human belonged_to_them. **6** And_four faces belonged_to_one and_four wings belonged_to_one to/for_them. **7** And_feet_ _of_their was_a_foot straight and_the_sole_of their_feet_of_their was_like_the_sole_of the_foot_ _of a_calf and_they_were_sparkling like_the_ _appearance_of bronze burnished. **8** And[11] a_ _human from_under wings_of_their on the_four_ _of sides_of_their and_faces_of_their and_wings_ _of_their belonged_to_the_four_of_of_them. **9** Were_touching each (to) sister_of_its wings_of_ _their not they_turned when_moved_they each to the_side_of his/its_faces/face they_moved. **10** And_the_likeness_of their_faces_of_their was_ _the_face_of a_human and_the_face_of a_lion to the_right_side belonged_to_the_four_of_of_them and_the_face_of an_ox from_the_left_side belonged_to_the_four_of_of_them and_the_face_ _of an_eagle belonged_to_the_four_of_of_them. **11** And_faces_of_their and_wings_of_their were_ _spread_out from_to_above (to)_each two_wings were_touching each and_two_wings were_ _covering ~~DOM~~ bodies_of_their.[12] **12** And_each to

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**Yehezkel's calling to be a prophet[1] · Yahweh reveals himself**

**1:1** When I was thirty years old, on July 5th, as I was living with the other captives by the Kevar Canal, the skies opened[2] and I saw visions from God.

**2** That was the fifth year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive.[3] **3** Yahweh gave me, the priest Yehezkel (Ezekiel) (son of Buzi), this message in the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans) (often known better as Babylonians) by the Kevar Canal, and Yahweh revealed his strength to me there.

**4** Then I looked, and there was a windstorm coming from the north—a huge cloud with lightning flashing inside it and brilliant light inside it and surrounding it, and fire inside the cloud made it look amber coloured. **5** In the middle was what seemed to be four living creatures resembling humans,[4] **6** but each of them had four faces and four wings. **7** Their legs were straight, but they had hooves like calves' hooves that gleamed like polished bronze. **8** They had human hands under their wings on each of their four sides. For each of the four of them, **9** their wings were touching the wings of the next creature, and they didn't turn as they went—rather each one went straight forward.

**10** Each one's front face was like a human face, then they each had a lion's face on the right, a calf's face on the left, and the fourth face was an eagle's face.[5] **11** Their faces were like that, and their wings were spread out above, so that each creature had a pair of wings that touched another creature's wings, and also a pair that covered their bodies. **12** Each went straight forward, so that wherever the spirit directed them to go, they went without turning.

**13** The living creatures resembled burning coals

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**1** **RV 1:1 · Parallel** 1:1–3:27

**2** **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** Rev 19:11.

**3** **RV 1:2 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:10-16; 2Ch 36:9-10.

**4** **RV 1:5 · Cross-ref.** Rev 4:6.

**5** **RV 1:10 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:5,10; 10:4; Eze 10:14; Rev 4:7.

**11** **LV 1:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/דִ֣י/וְ: (x-qere) וְ/יָדַ֣י/וְ: lemma_c/3027 morph_HC/Ncbdc id_26NPq וְ/יָדַ֣י/וְ

**12** **LV 1:11 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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or torches.[6] Bright fire also moved around among the creatures, and there were flashes of lightning. 14 The living creatures moved rapidly swiftly back and forth, and they looked a bit like lightning.

15 Then I looked more closely and saw a wheel on the ground beside each of the living creatures with its four faces.[7] 16 Each of the wheels was the same, and they all shone like chrysolite. Each wheel seemed to have one wheel inside another wheel. 17 When they moved, they didn't have to turn to change direction. 18 The rims of the wheels were awesomely tall, and all four of them were full of eyes around the rim.[8] 19 Whenever the living creatures moved, the wheels moved beside them. When the living creatures went upwards, the wheels also went up. 20 Wherever the spirit would go, they went, and the wheels went up beside them, because the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. 21 Whenever the creatures moved, the wheels also moved, and when the creatures stood still, the wheels stood still. When the creatures went upwards, the wheels went up beside them, because the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

22 Above the living creatures was something like an awesome crystal dome stretched out over their heads.[9] 23 Beneath the dome, each of the creatures' wings stretched out straight and touched another creature's wings. Each one also had a pair to cover their own body with. 24 Then I heard the sound of their wings, which was like the noise of a lot of water. When they moved, it was like the voice of the powerful one—like the sound of a rainstorm or an army. Whenever they stood still, they lowered their wings.[10] 25 Whenever they stopped and lowered their wings, a voice came from under the dome that was above their heads.

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the_side_of his/its_faces/face they_moved to where it_was there_(to) the_spirit to_go they_ _moved not they_turned when_moved_they. 13 And_the_likeness_of the_living_creatures their_appearance was_like_coals_of fire burning like_the_appearance_of (the)_torches it was_ _moving_about between the_living_creatures and_brightness belonged_to_fire and_from the_ _fire lightning was_coming_out. 14 And_the_ _living_creatures they_were_running and_they_ _were_returning like_the_appearance_of (the)_ _lightning. 15 And_I_saw the_living_creatures and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_wheel one on_the_earth beside the_living_creatures for_the_four_of his/its_faces/face. 16 The_appearance_of the_ _wheels and_construction(s)_of_their was_like_ _the_appearance_of chrysolite and_a_likeness one belonged_to_the_four_of_of_them and_ _appearance_of_their and_construction(s)_of_ _their just_as the_wheel it_was in_the_middle of_ _the_wheel. 17 On the_four_of sides_of_their when_moved_they they_moved not they_turned when_moved_they. 18 And_rims_of_their and_ _height to/for_them and_fear to/for_them and_ _rims_of_their were_full eyes all_around to_the_ _four_of_of_them. 19 And_when_ the_living_ _creatures _moved the_wheels they_moved beside_them and_when_ the_living_creatures _ _were_lifted_up from_under the_earth/land the_ _wheels they_were_lifted_up. 20 To where it_was there the_spirit to_go they_moved to_(to) the_ _spirit to_go and_the_wheels they_were_lifted_up close_by_of_them if/because the_spirit_of the_ _living was_in_wheels. 21 When_moved_they they_moved and_when_they_stood_still they_ _stood_still and_when_they_were_lifted_up from_ _under the_earth/land the_wheels they_were_ _lifted_up close_by_of_them if/because the_ _spirit_of the_living was_in_wheels. 22 And_a_ _likeness was_above the_heads_of the_living an_ _expanse like_the_appearance_of (the)_ice (the)_ _awesome spread_out above heads_of_their from_ _to_above. 23 And_under the_firmament wings_ _of_their were_straight each to sister_of_its

6 **RV 1:13 · Cross-ref.** Rev 4:5.

7 **RV 1:15-21 · Cross-ref.** Eze 10:9-13.

8 **RV 1:18 · Cross-ref.** Rev 4:8.

9 **RV 1:22 · Cross-ref.** Rev 4:6.

10 **RV 1:24 · Cross-ref.** Rev 1:4-15; 19:6.

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belonged_to_each two_wings which_covered (to)_
_them belonged_to_each two_wings which_
_covered (to)_them ~~DOM~~ bodies_of_their. 24 And_
_I_heard ~~DOM~~ the_sound_of their_wings_of_their
like_the_sound_of waters many like_the_sound_of
the_almighty when_moved_they the_sound_of a_
_rainstorm like_the_sound_of an_army when_
_they_stood_still they_let_drop wings_of_their.
25 And_ a_sound _he/it_was from_under to_the_
_firmament which was_above head_of_their
when_they_stood_still they_let_drop wings_of_
_their.

26 And_was_from_above to_the_firmament which
was_above head_of_their like_the_appearance_of
a_stone_of sapphire the_likeness_of a_throne
and_on the_likeness_of the_seat a_likeness like_
_the_appearance_of a_human on/upon/above_
_him/it from_to_above. 27 And_I_saw like_the_
_appearance_of a_shining_substance like_the_
_appearance_of fire house_of to/for_her/it was_
_all_around from_the_appearance_of his_hips_of_
_his and_(to)_upwards and_from_the_
_appearance_of his_hips_of_his and_(to)_
_downwards I_saw like_the_appearance_of fire
and_brightness to_him/it all_around. 28 Like_
_the_appearance_of (the)_rainbow which it_is in_
_cloud[s] in/on_day of_(the)_rain so the_
_appearance_of the_brightness all_around that
was_the_appearance_of the_likeness_of the_
_glory_of **YHWH** and_I_saw_it and_I_fell on face_
_of_my and_I_heard the_voice one_who_spoke.

2:1 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind
stand on feet_of_your so_that_I_may_speak with_
_you. 2 And_it_came in_me a_spirit when he_
_spoke to_me and_it_made_me_stand_up on feet_
_of_my and_I_heard ~~DOM~~ one_who_spoke to_me.
3 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind I
am_sending you to the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
to nations (the)_rebellious which they_have_
_rebelled against_me they and_ancestors_of_their
they_have_transgressed against_me until the_
_substance_of the_day (the)_this. 4 And_the_
_children are_stern_of face and_hard_of heart I
am_sending you to_them and_you_will_say to_
_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says. 5 And_
_they whether they_will_listen and_if they_will_

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**God's throne**

26 Above the dome over their heads was what looked like a sapphire stone that had been made into a throne, and on the thing like a throne was something that looked like a man.[13] 27 I saw a figure that appeared to have glowing metal with fire in it from his hips upwards, and looking downwards from his hips, I saw the appearance of fire and brightness all around.[14] 28 The bright light surrounding the throne looked like a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day—it was the appearance of the likeness of Yahweh's splendour. When I saw it, I quickly knelt down and bowed my head to the ground, and I heard a voice speaking.

**Yehezkel sent as a prophet to Yisrael**

2:1 He said to me, "Son of humanity, stand up and then I'll speak to you." 2 Then as he spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and stood me up, and I heard him speaking to me. 3 He told me, "Son of humanity, I'm sending you to Yisrael's (Israel's) people—two rebellious nations that have rebelled against me. Both they and their ancestors have been sinning against me right up to this very moment. 4 Their descendants are very stubborn and hardheaded. I'm sending you to them, and you'll tell them that this is what the master Yahweh is saying to them. 5 They might listen or might not.

**13** **RV 1:26 · Cross-ref.** Eze 10:1; Rev 4:2-3.

**14** **RV 1:27 · Cross-ref.** Eze 8:2.

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They're a rebellious bunch, but they'll at least know that a prophet's been among them.

6 And you, son of humanity, don't be afraid of them or their words. Don't be afraid, even though you're among briers and thorns, and although you live with scorpions. Don't fear their words or be dismayed by their faces, since they're a rebellious bunch. 7 Pass my messages on to them, whether they listen or not, because they're quite rebellious. 8 But you, son of humanity, listen to what I'm telling you. Don't become rebellious like that rebellious bunch. Open your mouth and eat what I'm about to give you." 9 Then I looked and saw a hand extended out to me, and it was holding a scroll with writing on it.[15] 10 He spread it out in front of me—there was writing on both the front and the back, and it was full of messages about grief, mourning, and sad endings.

3:1 He said to me, "Son of humanity, eat what you've found. Eat this scroll,[16] then go speak to the Israeli people." 2 So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.

3 He told me, "Son of humanity, feed your belly and fill your stomach with this scroll that I've given you." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey.

4 Then he told me, "Son of humanity, go to the people of Yisrael (Israel) and pass my messages on to them, 5 because you aren't being sent to a people group who speak a strange or difficult language, but to the Israeli people— 6 not to many people groups who speak strange or difficult languages whose words you wouldn't be able to understand. I'm sure that if it was them that I sent you to, they would've listened to you. 7 But the Israeli people won't be willing to listen to you, because they're not willing to listen to me. All the Israeli people are hardheaded and hardhearted. 8 Listen, I'll enable you to be as stubborn and tough as they are. 9 I'll make you hard like a diamond—harder than flint. Don't be scared by them or discouraged by the looks they give you, because they're rebellious people."

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_refrain if/because are_a_house_of rebellion they and_they_will_know if/because_that a_prophet he_has_been among_them. 6 And_you(ms) Oh_ _son_of humankind do_not be_afraid from_them and_from_words/messages_of_their do_not be_ _afraid if/because nettles and_briers are_with_ _you and_near/to scorpions you are_sitting from_ _words/messages_of_their do_not be_afraid and_ _from_faces_of_their do_not be_dismayed if/because are_a_house_of rebellion they. 7 And_ _you_will_speak ~~DOM~~ words/messages_of_my to_ _them whether they_will_listen and_if they_will_ _refrain if/because are_rebellious they. 8 And_ _you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind hear ~~DOM~~ that_ _which I am_speaking to_you do_not be rebellious like_the_house_of (the)_rebellion open mouth_of_your and_eat ~~DOM~~ that_which I am_ _giving to_you. 9 And_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_hand was_stretched_out to_me and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE in_him/it a_scroll_of a_ _document. 10 And_he_spread_out it to/for_my_ _face/front and_she was_written face and_back and_was_written to_her/it lamentations and_ _moaning and_wailing.

3:1 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind ~~DOM~~ that_which you_find eat eat ~~DOM~~ the_scroll (the)_this and_go speak to the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 2 And_I_opened ~~DOM~~ mouth_of_ _my and_he_caused_me_to_eat ~~DOM~~ the_scroll (the)_this. 3 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind belly_of_your may_you_cause_to_eat and_your(pl)_inward_of_parts may_you_fill ~~DOM~~ the_scroll (the)_this which I am_giving to_you and_I_ate_it and_it_became in_mouth_of_my like_ _honey to_sweet. 4 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_ _son_of humankind go go to the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_speak with_ _words/messages_of_my to_them. 5 If/because not to a_people deep_of language and_heavy_of language you are_being_sent to the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 6 Not to peoples many deep_of language and_heavy_of language whom not you_ _will_understand words/messages_of_their if not to_them I_had_sent_you they they_will_listen to_ _you. 7 And_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not they_will_be_willing to_listen to_you if/because not_they are_willing to_listen to_me if/because all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_hard_of

15 **RV 2:9-10 · Cross-ref.** Rev 5:1.

16 **RV 3:1-3 · Cross-ref.** Rev 10:9-10.

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forehead and_stern_of heart they. 8 HERE I_make ~~DOM~~ face_of_your hard corresponding_to_of faces_of_their and_~~DOM~~ forehead_of_your hard corresponding_to_of forehead_of_their. 9 Like_ _diamond hard more_than_flint I_make forehead_ _of_your not you_must_fear them and_not you_ _must_be_dismayed from_their_face/front if/because are_a_house_of rebellion they. 10 And_ _he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind ~~DOM~~ all_ _of words/messages_of_my which I_will_speak to_you take in_heart_of_your and_with_ears_of_ _your hear. 11 And_go go to the_exile[s] to the_ _children_of your_people_of_your and_you_will_ _speak to_them and_you_will_say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says whether they_will_ _listen and_if they_will_refrain. 12 And_it_lifted_ _me_up a_spirit and_I_heard behind_me a_sound_ _of rumbling great the_glory_of **YHWH** be_ _blessed from_place_of_its. 13 And_the_sound_of the_wings_of the_living_creatures touching_ _closely each (to) sister_of_its and_the_sound_of the_wheels close_by_of_them and_a_sound_of rumbling great. 14 And_spirit it_lifted_me_up and_it_took_me and_I_went bitter in_the_rage_of my_breath/wind/spirit and_the_hand_of **YHWH** on_me it_was_strong. 15 And_I_came to the_ _exile[s] Tēl Abib who_were_dwelling to the_ _river_of Kəvār and[18] they were_dwelling there and there seven_of days appalled among_them. 16 And_he/it_was from_the_end_of seven_of days and_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 17 Oh_son_of humankind a_watchman I_ _appoint_you for_the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_you_will_hear from_mouth_of_my a_ _message and_you_will_warn them from_me. 18 When_say_I to_(the)_person surely_(die) you_ _will_die and_not you_have_warned_him and_not you_have_spoken to_warn a_wicked_person from_way_of_his (the)_wicked to_preserve_him_ _alive that wicked_person for_iniquity_of_his he_ _will_die and_blood_of_his from_hand_of_your I_ _will_require. 19 And_you(ms) if/because you_ _have_warned a_wicked_person and_not he_has_ _turned_away from_wickedness_of_his and_from_ _way_of_his (the)_wicked he for_iniquity_of_his he_will_die and_you(ms) ~~DOM~~ life_of_your you_

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10 He also told me, "Son of humanity, listen very carefully to what I say, and keep thinking about it. 11 Then go to any of your people who were brought here as captives, and tell them, 'This is what the master Yahweh says,' whether they'll listen or not."

12 Then the spirit lifted me up, and I heard rumbling like a large earthquake behind me. (May Yahweh's honour in his place be blessed.) 13 It was the sound of the living creatures' wings as they touched one another, and the sound of the wheels that were with them, and the sound of a large earthquake. 14 Then the spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went with bitterness and rage in my spirit, because Yahweh's hand was pressing down firmly on me. 15 Then I went to the captives at Tel-Aviv who lived along the Kevar Canal, and I stayed among them there for seven days, overwhelmed in amazement.

16 After those seven days were over, Yahweh gave me this message:[17] 17 "Son of humanity, I've made you a guard over the Israeli people, so listen to this message of mine and give them my warning. 18 When I tell the wicked, 'You'll certainly die' and you don't warn them about that or give them a warning about their evil actions so they might live—the wicked will die for their sin, but I'll hold you responsible for their death. 19 But if you do warn the wicked, and they don't turn from their wickedness or from their wicked actions, then they'll die for their sin, but you will have saved your own life.

20 If a godly person turns from their righteousness and behaves unjustly, and I put a stumbling block in front of that person, they'll die. Because you didn't warn them, they'll die in their sin, and I won't consider the righteous things they did, but I'll hold you responsible for their death. 21 But if you warn the godly person to stop sinning so that they no longer sin, that person will surely live, since they were warned, and you will have saved your own life."

**17 RV 3:16 · Note** This formula occurs around fifty times in Yehezkel's account.

**18 LV 3:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: רשא/ו: (x-qere) בְּשֵׁאָ֣ו: lemma_c/3427 n_1.1 morph_HC/Vqw1cs id_26H82 בְּשֵׁאָ֣ו

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**Yehezkel's calling**

22 Then Yahweh's hand was on me there, and he told me, "Get ready and go out into the plain, and I'll speak with you there."
23 I got up and went out into the plain where Yahweh's glory was staying, like the glory I'd seen beside the Kevar Canal, so I fell to my knees and bowed low to the ground. 24 Then the spirit entered me and stood me up on my feet, and spoke with me, telling me: Go and shut yourself up in your house. 25 Son of humanity, people will tie you up with ropes so that you'll be unable to go outside. 26 Then I'll make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth, so you'll become mute, and although they're rebellious people, you won't be able to tell them off. 27 But when I speak to you, I'll open your mouth so you'll be able to tell them, 'This is what the master Yahweh says.' The ones who will hear will hear, but the ones who won't listen won't listen, because they're rebellious people.

**Messages about Yerushalem's destruction[20] · Yehezkel models Yerushalem's invasion**

4:1 But you, son of humanity, get yourself a brick and place it in front of you and carve Yerushalem (Jerusalem) City on it.
2 Then lay siege against it, and build forts against it. Build an assault ramp up

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_have_delivered. 20 And_when_ a_righteous_ _person _turns_away from_righteousness_of_his and_he_will_do injustice and_I_will_put a_ _stumbling_block before_him he he_will_die if/because not you_warned_him for_sin_of_his he_will_die and_not they_will_be_remembered righteousness(es)_of_his[19] which he_did and_ _blood_of_his from_hand_of_your I_will_require. 21 And_you(ms) if/because you_have_warned_ _him a_righteous_person to_not a_righteous_ _person to_sin and_he not he_has_sinned certainly_(live) he_will_live if/because he_has_ _been_warned and_you(ms) ~~DOM~~ life_of_your you_ _have_delivered.

22 And_it_became on_me there the_hand_of **YHWH** and_he/it_said to_me arise go_out to the_ _plain and_there I_will_speak with_you. 23 And_I_ _arose and_I_went_out to the_plain and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE there the_glory_of **YHWH** was_ _standing like_glory which I_had_seen at the_ _river_of Kəvār and_I_fell on face_of_my. 24 And_ _it_came in_me a_spirit and_it_made_me_stand_ _up on feet_of_my and_he/it_spoke ~~DOM~~_me and_ _he/it_said to_me go shut_yourself_up in_the_ _middle your_house_of_your. 25 And_you(ms) Oh_ _son_of humankind THERE people_will_put on_ _you ropes and_they_will_bind_you (is)_in_them and_not you_will_go_out among_them. 26 And_ _tongue_of_your I_will_make_stick to palate_of_ _your and_you_will_be_dumb and_not you_will_ _become to/for_them (into)_a_person who_ _reproves if/because are_a_house_of rebellion they. 27 And_when_speak_I with_you I_will_open ~~DOM~~ mouth_of_your and_you_will_say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says the_one_who_ _hears let_him_hear and_the_person_who_ _refrains let_him_refrain if/because are_a_house_ _of rebellion they.

4:1 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind take to/for_yourself(m) a_brick and_you(ms)_will_give it to_your_face and_you_will_inscribe on/upon_ _it(f) a_city ~~DOM~~ Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 2 And_ _you(ms)_will_give on/upon_it(f) a_siege and_ _you_will_build on/upon_it(f) a_siege-work and_ _you_will_pour_out on/upon_it(f) a_mound and_ _you(ms)_will_give on/upon_it(f) armies and_set

**19 LV 3:20 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

**20 RV 4:1 · Parallel** 4:1–24:27

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on/upon_it(f) battering-rams all_around. 3 And_
_you(ms) take to/for_yourself(m) a_baking_tray_
_of iron and_you(ms)_will_give it a_wall_of iron
between_you(ms) and_between the_city and_
_you_will_direct ĐOM face_of_your to_her/it and_
_it_will_be in_(the)_siege and_you_will_lay_siege
on/upon_it(f) will_be_a_sign it for_the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 4 And_you(ms) lie_down on side_
_of_your (the)_left and_you_will_put ĐOM the_
_iniquity_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
on/upon/above_him/it the_number_of the_days
which you_will_lie on/upon/above_him/it you_
_will_bear ĐOM iniquity_of_their. 5 And_I I_have_
_assigned to/for_yourself(m) ĐOM the_years_of
their_iniquity_of_their to_the_number_of days
three hundreds and_ninety day[s] and_you_will_
_bear the_iniquity_of the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 6 And_you_will_complete ĐOM
these and_you_will_lie_down on side_of_your
the[2122] a_second_time and_you_will_bear ĐOM
the_iniquity_of the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah)
forty day[s] a_day for_year a_day for_year I_have_
_assigned_it to/for_you(fs). 7 And_near/to the_
_siege_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) you_will_
_direct face_of_your and_arm_of_your will_be_
_bared and_you_will_prophesy on_it. 8 And_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE I_will_put on_you ropes and_
_not you_will_turn_yourself from_side_of_your to
side_of_your until you_have_completed the_days_
_of your_siege_of_your. 9 And_you(ms) take
to/for_yourself(m) wheat(s) and_barley(s) and_
_bean[s] and_lentils and_millet and_spelt(s) and_
_you(ms)_will_give them in_a_vessel one and_
_you_will_make them to/for_yourself(m) into_
_bread the_number_of the_days which you will_
_be_lying on side_of_your three hundreds and_
_ninety day[s] you_will_eat_it. 10 And_food_of_
_your which you_will_eat_it by_weight will_be_
_twenty shekel[s] to_day from_time to time you_
_will_eat_it. 11 And_water by_measure you_will_
_drink (the)_sixth of_(the)_hin from_time to time
you_will_drink_it. 12 And_a_bread_cake_of
barley(s) you(ms)_will_eat_it(f) and_she in_the_
_dung(s)_of the_excrement_of the_humankind
you_will_bake_it to_eyes_of_their. 13 And_ **YHWH**
_he/it_said thus the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
they_will_eat ĐOM bread_of_their unclean among_

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against it and make camps around it. Place battering rams all around it. 3 After that, get yourself an iron pan and use it as an iron wall between yourself and your representation of the city, and keep looking in that direction, because it'll be under siege and you're to put the siege against it. That will be a sign to the Israeli people.

4 Then lie on your left side and put the sin of the Israeli people on it. You'll carry their sin for the number of days you lie down as a sign against them. 5 I myself am assigning to you one day to represent each year of their punishment: 390 days lying on your left side. In that way, you'll carry the Israeli people's sin. 6 When that period is over, then lie down a second time on your right side, because you'll carry the sin of Yehudah's (Judah's) people for forty days. I'm assigning one day to you for each year.

7 Keep looking towards Yerushalem, which is under siege, and with your arm bared like a warrior, prophesy against it. 8 Listen, I'll have you tied with ropes so you won't be able to turn from one side to the other until the days representing the years of your siege are over.

9 Take wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt for yourself, and put them into a single container, and make bread for yourself according to the number of days you'll lie on your side—yes, you'll eat it for 390 days. 10 You'll measure 250g by weight to eat each day, and you'll eat it during the day at set times. 11 Then you'll measure out half a litre of water to drink each day, and you'll drink it at set times. 12 You'll cook and eat that bread as barley cakes, but burn sun-dried human excrement to bake it over while they're watching.

13 Yahweh says that that means that the bread that the Israeli people will eat there among the other nations that I'll banish them to will be ceremonially unclean. 14 But I protested, "Oh no, master Yahweh. I've never broken our dietary laws. Ever since I was young, and right up till now, I've never eaten either anything that died or anything

**21 LV 4:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: יְנִימִי/ה: (x-qere) יְנָמִי/ה: lemma_d/3233 n_1.1.0 morph_HTd/Aamsa id_26KvW יְנָמִי/ה

**22 LV 4:6 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

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killed by animals, and foul meat has never entered my mouth."

15 So Yahweh answered me, "Listen, I'll give you cow manure instead of human excrement, so you can bake your bread over that."

16 Then he told me, "Son of humanity, listen. I'm breaking the cycle of food supply in Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and they'll eat bread while anxiously rationing it, and drink water while fearfully rationing it, 17 because they'll lack both food and water, and everyone will be appalled by their neighbours' actions, and they'll waste away because they disobeyed God.

**Yehezkel's Yerushalem model**

5:1 Then you, son of humanity, take a sharp sword as a barber's razor for yourself, and use it to shave your head and beard, then get some scales so you can weigh your hair and divide it equally into three piles. 2 Burn a third of it in the middle of the city when the days representing the siege have finished, and take the second pile of hair and hit it with the sword all around the city. Then scatter the final third to the wind, and I'll draw out a sword to chase after the people. 3 But take a few hairs from them and tie them into the folds of your robe. 4 Then take a bit more of the hair and throw it into the middle of the fire to be burnt up—from there a fire will spread out to all the Israeli people."

5 My master Yahweh says, "That brick model is Yerushalem (Jerusalem) where I've placed her in the middle of the nations, and where I've surrounded her with other countries. 6 But due to her wickedness, she's rejected my decrees more than other nations have, and avoided my regulations more than the countries that surround her. Her people have rejected my judgements and haven't followed my regulations." 7 Therefore my master Yahweh says this, "Because you're more troublesome than the nations that surround you, and

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_nations where I_will_banish_them there.
14 And_I_said alas my_master **YHWH** HERE self_
_of_my not has_been_made_unclean and_a_
_carcass and_a_torn_animal not I_have_eaten
since_youth(s)_of_my and_unto now and_not it_
_has_gone in_mouth_of_my the_flesh_of unclean_
_meat. 15 And_he/it_said to_me see I_give to/for_
_yourself(m) ᴅᴏᴍ the_dung(s)_of[23] of_(the)_cattle
in_place_of the_dung(s)_of the_humankind and_
_you_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ bread_of_your on_them.
16 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind
HERE_I am_about_to_break the_staff_of bread in_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_they_will_eat
bread by_weight and_in_anxiety and_water by_
_measure and_in_horror they_will_drink. 17 So_
_that they_may_lack bread and_water and_they_
_will_be_appalled everyone and_brother_of_his
and_they_will_rot_away in_iniquity_of_their.

5:1 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind take
to/for_yourself(m) a_sword sharp (the)_razor_of
(the)_barbers you_will_take_it (for)_yourself and_
_you_will_make_it_pass over head_of_your and_
_over beard_of_your and_you_will_take to/for_
_yourself(m) balances_of weight and_you_will_
_divide_them. 2 A_third_part in_fire you_will_
_burn in_the_middle the_city just_ the_days_of
the_siege _as_are_completed and_you_will_take
ᴅᴏᴍ (the)_third_part you_will_strike_it with_
_sword around_of_it and_(the)_third_part you_
_will_disperse to_wind and_a_sword I_will_draw
after_them. 3 And_you_will_take from_there a_
_few in_number and_you_will_confine them in_
_skirts_of_your. 4 And_some_of_them again you_
_will_take and_you_will_throw them into the_
_middle_of the_fire and_you_will_burn ᴅᴏᴍ_them
in_fire from_him/it a_fire it_will_go_out to all_of
the_house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). 5 Thus my_master
**YHWH** he_says this is_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
in_the_middle the_nations I_have_set_it and_are_
_around_of_it lands. 6 And_it_has_rebelled_
_against ᴅᴏᴍ judgements_of_my to_wickedness
more_than the_nations and_ᴅᴏᴍ regulations_of_
_my more_than the_lands which are_around_of_it
if/because (in)_judgements_of_my they_have_
_rejected and_regulations_of_my not they_have_
_walked in_them. 7 For_so/thus/hence thus he_
_says my_master **YHWH** because tumult_of_
_your(pl) is_more_than the_nations which are_

**23 LV 4:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יעופצ**: (x-qere) **יְעִיפְּצ**: lemma_6832 morph_HNcmpc id_267vQ **יְעִיפְּצ**

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_around_of_you(pl) in_regulations_of_my not you(pl)_have_walked and_DOM judgements_of_my not you(pl)_have_observed and_according_to_ _the_judgements_of the_nations which are_ _around_of_you(pl) not you(pl)_have_done. 8 For_ _so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_on_you also I and_I_will_bring_about in_the_midst_of_of_you judgements to_the_eyes_ _of the_nations. 9 And_I_will_bring_about in_you DOM that_which not I_have_brought_about and_ _DOM that_which not I_will_do like_it again because_of all_of abominations_of_your. 10 For_ _so/thus/hence parents they_will_eat children in_the_midst_of_of_you and_children they_will_ _eat parents_of_their and_I_will_bring_about on_ _you judgements and_I_will_disperse DOM all_of you_of_the_rest to/from_all/each/any/every wind. 11 For_so/thus/hence by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if not because DOM sanctuary_of_my you_have_made_ _unclean in_all things_of_your_detestable and_ _on/over_all abominations_of_your and_also I I_ _will_shave_you and_not eye_of_my it_will_look_ _with_compassion and_also I not I_will_show_ _pity. 12 (The)_third_part_of_of_you by_ _pestilence they_will_die and_by_famine they_ _will_come_to_an_end in_the_midst_of_of_you and_(the)_third_part by_sword they_will_fall around_of_you and_(the)_third_part to/from_ _all/each/any/every wind I_will_disperse and_a_ _sword I_will_draw after_them. 13 And_ anger_of_ _my _it_will_be_complete and_I_will_give_rest_to rage_of_my on_them and_I_will_gain_relief and_ _they_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_have_ _spoken in_jealousy_of_my when_complete_I rage_of_my on_them. 14 And_I_will_make_you into_a_ruin and_into_a_reproach among_nations which are_around_of_you to_the_eyes_of every_ _of one_who_passes_by. 15 And_it_will_be a_ _reproach and_a_taunt a_warning and_a_horror to_nations which are_around_of_you when_I_ _bring_about on_you judgements in_anger and_ _in_rage and_with_rebukes_of rage I **YHWH** I_ _have_spoken. 16 When_shoot_I DOM the_arrows_ _of (the)_famine (the)_harmful (is)_in_them which they_will_be for_destruction which I_will_ _shoot them to_destroy_you(pl) and_famine I_ _will_increase on_you(pl) and_I_will_break

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haven't followed my statutes or obeyed my regulations, or even acted according to the surrounding nations' regulations," 8 therefore my master Yahweh says this, "Listen, I myself will work against you. I'll execute judgements among you for the other nations to see. 9 Because of your detestable actions, I'll do things to you that I've never done before, and which I'll never do again: 10 Fathers will eat children among you,[24] and sons will eat their fathers, since I'll execute judgement on you and scatter all of you who are left in every direction."

11 This is my master Yahweh's declaration: As surely as I live, it's certainly because you've defiled my sanctuary with all your hateful things, and with all the disgusting things you've done, that I myself will reduce you in number—I won't have pity on you, and I won't spare you. 12 A third of you will die from deadly diseases, plus they'll be consumed by a famine that comes to you. A third will die by violence in the area surrounding you. Then I'll scatter a third in every direction, and draw out a sword to chase after them as well.

13 Then my rage will be over, and I'll end my fury at them. I'll be satisfied, and they'll know that I, Yahweh, have spoken in my rage and I've completed my furious punishment of them. 14 I'll make you into a city of ruins so that those from other nations will mock you as they pass by. 15 So Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will become something for other people to condemn and to mock—a warning and a horror to the nations that surround you. I'll execute judgements against you in rage and fury, and with an angry rebuke. I, Yahweh have declared that. 16 I'll send out harsh arrows of famine against you that'll become my way of destroying you, because I'll make the famine more severe and destroy your food supply. 17 I'll send a famine and disasters against you so you'll be childless. Plague and bloodshed will pass through you, and I'll bring a sword against you.[25] I, Yahweh, have declared that.

**24 RV 5:10 · Cross-ref.** Lam 4:10.

**25 RV 5:17 · Cross-ref.** Rev 6:8.

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**Yahweh's judgement on false gods**

6:1 Yahweh gave me this message: 2 "Son of humanity, look towards Yisrael's (Israel's) mountains and prophesy to them. 3 Say, 'Mountains of Yisrael, listen to this message from the master Yahweh. My master Yahweh says this to the mountains and to the hills, to the streambeds, and to the valleys: Listen, I'm bringing a sword against you all, and I'll destroy your hilltop shrines. 4 Then your altars will become desolate and your pillars will be destroyed, and I'll throw your dead people down in front of their idols. 5 I'll lay the dead bodies of Yisrael's people right there in front of their idols, and scatter your bones around your altars. 6 Everywhere you people live, cities will be turned to rubble and the hilltop shrines ruined, so that your altars will be broken down and left idle. Then they'll be broken and disappear, your pillars will be cut down, and everything you people have built will be wiped away. 7 The dead will fall down right there among you, and you'll know that I am Yahweh.

8 " 'But I'll preserve a remnant among you, and there'll be some who escape the sword among the nations, when you're scattered throughout the countries. 9 Then those who escape will think about me among the nations where they'll be held captive. They'll remember that I was grieved by their promiscuous heart that turned away from me, and by their eyes that lusted after their idols. Then the loathing for the wickedness that they've committed with all their disgusting activities will show on their faces, 10 and they'll know that I am Yahweh. It was for a reason that I said I'd bring this evil onto them.' "

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to/for_you(pl) staff_of bread. 17 And_I_will_send on_you(pl) famine and_animal[s] wild and_they_ _will_make_you_childless and_pestilence and_ _blood it_will_pass on/over_you(fs) and_sword I_ _will_bring on_you I **YHWH** I_have_spoken.

6:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_ _me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_ _your against the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_prophesy against_them. 3 And_you_will_say Oh_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) hear the_ _message_of my_master **YHWH** thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_mountains and_hills to_ _ravines and[26] HERE_I I am_about_to_bring on_ _you(pl) a_sword and_I_will_destroy places_of_ _your(pl)_high. 4 And_ altars_of_your(pl) _they_ _will_be_made_desolate and_ altars_of_your(pl)_ _incense _they_will_be_shattered and_I_will_ _make_fall your_slain_of_ones to_(the)_face_ _of/in_front_of/before idols_of_your(pl). 5 And_I_ _will_put ~~DOM~~ the_corpses_of the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before idols_of_their and_I_will_disperse ~~DOM~~ bones_of_your(pl) around_of altars_of_your(pl). 6 In_all_of places_of_your(pl)_dwelling the_cities they_will_be_waste and_the_high_places they_ _will_be_desolate so_that they_may_be_waste and_they_may_be_held_guilty altars_of_your(pl) and_they_will_be_shattered and_they_will_cease idols_of_your(pl) and_ altars_of_your(pl)_incense _they_will_be_cut_down and_ products_of_ _your(pl) _they_will_be_wiped_out. 7 And_ the_ _slain _he_will_fall among_you(pl) and_you(pl)_ _will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. 8 And_I_ _will_leave_over when_belong to/for_you(pl) escapees_of the_sword among_nations when_ _you_are_dispersed among_lands. 9 And_ escapees_of_your(pl) _they_will_remember me among_nations where they_have_been_taken_ _captive there which/who I_was_crushed ~~DOM~~ heart_of_their which_plays_the_prostitute which it_has_turned_aside from_with_me and_~~DOM~~ eyes_of_their which_play_the_prostitute after idols_of_their and_they_will_feel_loathing at_ _faces_of_their because_of the_wicked_things which they_have_done to_all/each/any/every abominations_of_their. 10 And_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** not to in_vain I_ _spoke for_doing to/for_them the_calamity (the)_

**26 LV 6:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: תיאג/ל/ו: (x-qere) תוֹיָאֵג/לֵ/וּ: lemma_c/l/1516 n_0.1.1 morph_HC/Rd/Ncbpa id_26jJB תוֹיָאֵג/לֵ/וּ

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_this.

11 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says strike with_ _palm_of_your and_stamp with_foot_of_your and_say alas because_of all_of the_abominations_ _of the_wicked_deeds_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who by_sword by_famine and_by_ _pestilence they_will_fall. 12 The_distant_person by_pestilence he_will_die and_the_near_person by_sword he_will_fall and_the_one_who_remains and_the_one_who_is_preserved by_famine he_ _will_die and_I_will_complete rage_of_my on_ _them. 13 And_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_ their_slain_of_ones _are in_ _the_middle idols_of_their around_of altars_of_ _their to every_of hill high on_all_of the_tops_of the_mountains and_under every_of tree luxuriant and_under every_of terebinth leafy the_place_of (of)_where they_gave there an_ _odour_of soothing to_all/each/any/every idols_ _of_their. 14 And_I_will_stretch_out ĐǾM hand_of_ _my on_them and_I_will_make ĐǾM the_ _earth/land a_desolation and_a_waste more_ _than_the_wilderness_of (to)_Dəvəlāh in_all_of places_of_their_dwelling and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

7:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_ _me to_say. 2 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) an_end the_end it_has_come on the_four[27] the_corners_of the_earth/land. 3 Now the_end is_on_you and_I_will_send_forth anger_ _of_my on/over_you(fs) and_I_will_judge_you according_to_of_your_ways and_I_will_requite to_you ĐǾM all_of abominations_of_your. 4 And_ _not eye_of_my it_will_look_with_compassion on_you and_not I_will_show_pity if/because ways_of_your to_you I_will_requite and_ _abominations_of_your among_you they_will_be and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_ _**YHWH**. 5 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says calamity one calamity THERE it_is_coming. 6 An_ _end it_has_come the_end it_has_come it_has_ _awakened against_you THERE it_is_coming. 7 (The)_doom it_has_come to_you Oh_inhabitant_ _of the_earth/land the_time it_has_come is_near the_day confusion and_not a_shout_of_joy mountains. 8 Now from_near_future I_will_pour_ _out rage_of_my on_you and_I_will_complete

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**Yahweh's punishment of the Israelis**

11 My master Yahweh says this: "Clap your hands and stamp your feet. Say, 'Oh dear,' because of all the disgustingly evil things done by the Israeli people, because now they'll fall by sword, famine, and deadly diseases. 12 Those who are far from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will die from deadly diseases, and those who are near will fall by the sword. Those who remain and survive will die by famine. That's the way that I'll put my fury against them into action. 13 Then you'll know that I am Yahweh, when their dead lie among their idols, around their altars, on every high hill—on all the mountain peaks, and under every flourishing tree and thick oak—the places where they burnt incense to all their idols. 14 I'll strike the land with my hand and make it bare and deserted from the wilderness to Develah, throughout all the places where they live. Then they'll know that I am Yahweh."

**Yisrael's end is coming**

7:1 Yahweh gave me this message: 2 "You, son of humanity, the master Yahweh says this to the country of Yisrael (Israel).

" 'An end. An end has come to the four borders of the country.

3 Now your end has come, because I'm sending out my rage onto you, and I'll judge you according to your behaviour,

then I'll bring all your disgusting habits back onto you. 4 I won't pity you, and I won't spare you. Instead, I'll bring your ways back onto you,

and your disgusting actions will come back on you so you'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

5 My master Yahweh says this:

"Disaster. A unique disaster. Listen, it's coming. 6 An end of an era is definitely coming. The end has woken up and is starting to work against you—yes it's coming. 7 Your doom is coming to you who inhabit the land. The time has come. The

27 **LV 7:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תעברא**: (x-qere) **עָבְרָא**: lemma_702 n_0.0 morph_HAcfsa id_262GL **עָבְרָא**

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day of destruction is near, and the mountains will no longer be cheerful.

8 "Now before long I'll pour out my fury against you and expend my rage on you when I judge you according to what you do and bring all your disgusting actions back on you, 9 because I won't be compassionate and I won't spare you. Whatever you've done in the past, I'll do to you now, and your disgusting actions will bounce back on you so you'll know that it's me, Yahweh, who's punishing you. 10 Look here, the day—yes, it's coming. Doom has gone out. The wooden stick has blossomed. Arrogance has budded. 11 Violence has grown up into a wooden stick of wickedness, but none of them (even though there's many of them), and none of their wealth, and none of their importance will continue.

12 "The time is coming—the day has come close. Don't let a buyer be happy or a seller be sad, because my anger is directed at the entire large group. 13 No, the seller won't return to the land he sold as long as they both live, because the vision concerning the entire group won't be reversed, and because of their disobedience, none of them will be able to save themselves. 14 They've blown the trumpet and gotten everything ready, but there's no one marching to battle, since my anger is on the entire large group.

15 "The sword is on the outside, and deadly diseases and famine are inside the building. People who are in the countryside will die by the sword, while famine and deadly diseases will consume those in the city. 16 But some survivors will escape from among them, and will go up into the hills. Like the doves that live in the valleys, all of them will moan—each person for their own disobedience. 17 They won't be able to use their trembling hands, and their knees will feel like liquid. 18 They'll wear sackcloth, but will be covered in terror. Their faces will display their shame, and they'll shave their heads as a sign of sorrow. 19 They'll throw their silver into the streets, and their gold will be like rubbish. Their silver and gold won't be able to rescue them in the day of Yahweh's rage. Their lives won't be saved, and their hunger won't be satisfied, because their dis-

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anger_of_my on/over_you(fs) and_I_will_judge_ _you according_to_of_your_ways and_I_will_ _requite to_you ~~DOM~~ all_of abominations_of_your. 9 And_not eye_of_my it_will_look_with_ _compassion and_not I_will_show_pity according_to_of_your_ways to_you I_will_requite and_abominations_of_your among_you they_will_ _be and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** am_striking. 10 THERE the_day THERE it_ _is_coming (the)_doom it_has_gone_forth the_rod it_has_blossomed (the)_presumption it_has_ _budded. 11 (The)_violence it_has_arisen to_a_ _rod_of wickedness not from_them and_not any_ _of_their_multitude and_not any_of_their_noise and_not distinction is_among_them. 12 The_time it_has_come the_day it_has_arrived the_one_ _who_buys not let_him_rejoice and_the_one_ _who_sells not let_him_mourn if/because anger is_against all_of multitude_of_its. 13 If/because the_one_who_sells to the_thing_sold not he_will_ _return and_still is_in_life life_of_their if/because a_vision is_concerning all_of multitude_of_its not it_will_turn_back and_anyone in_iniquity_of_his life_of_his not they_will_strengthen_themselves. 14 They_have_given_a_blast on_trumpet and_to_ _prepare (the)_everything and_there_is_not one_ _who_goes to_battle if/because anger_of_my is_ _against all_of multitude_of_its. 15 The_ _drought//sword/knife is_on_outside and_(the)_ _pestilence and_(the)_famine are_from_inside the_one_who in_the_field by_sword he_will_die and_which is_in_city famine and_pestilence it_ _will_consume_him. 16 And_ escapees_of_their _ _they_will_escape and_they_will_be to the_ _mountains like_the_doves_of the_valleys of_ _them_of_all will_be_moaning everyone for_his_ _own_of_iniquity. 17 All_of the_hands they_will_ _drop and_all knees they_will_go water. 18 And_ _they_will_gird_themselves sackcloth(s) and_ shuddering _it_will_cover them and_near/to every_of face shame and_on/over_all heads_of_ _their baldness. 19 Silver_of_their in_streets they_will_throw and_gold_of_their (into)_an_ _impure_thing it_will_become silver_of_their and_gold_of_their not it_will_be_able to_deliver_ _them in/on_day of_the_fury_of of_**YHWH** appetite_of_their not they_will_satisfy and_their_ _inward_of_parts not they_will_fill if/because the_stumbling_block_of their_iniquity_of_their it_has_become. 20 And_the_beauty_of its_ _ornament[s]_of_his into_pride he_has_made_it

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and_the_images_of their_abominations_of_their things_of_their_detestable they_have_made in_ _him/it therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_will_ _make_it to/for_them into_an_impure_thing. 21 And_I_will_give_him/it in_the_hand_of the_ _strangers to_spoil and_to_the_wicked_people_of the_earth/land to_plunder and[28]. 22 And_I_will_ _turn face_of_my from_them and_they_will_ _profane ᴅᴏᴍ my_treasured_of_place and_they_ _will_go in_it robbers and_they_will_profane_it. 23 Make the_chain if/because the_earth/land it_ _is_full judgement_of blood(s) and_the_city it_is_ _full violence. 24 And_I_will_bring the_evil_of nations and_they_will_take_possession_of ᴅᴏᴍ houses_of_their and_I_will_put_an_end_to the_ _pride_of mighty_ones and_ sanctuaries_of_their _they_will_be_profaned. 25 Anguish it_has_come and_they_will_seek peace and_there_will_not_be. 26 Disaster to disaster it_will_come and_report to report it_will_be and_they_will_seek a_vision from_a_prophet and_instruction it_will_be_lost from_the_priest and_counsel from_elders. 27 The_king he_will_mourn and_the_prince he_ _will_wear desolation and_the_hands_of the_ _people_of the_earth/land they_will_be_terrified from_way_of_their I_will_deal with_them and_ _by_judgements_of_their I_will_judge_them and_ _they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

8:1 And_he/it_was in_year (the)_sixth in_month on_day_five of_month I was_sitting in_house_of_ _my and_the_elders_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) were_ _sitting before_me and_it_fell on_me there the_ _hand_of my_master **YHWH**. 2 And_I_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_likeness like_the_ _appearance_of fire was_from_the_appearance_of his_hips_of_his and_(to)_downwards fire and_ _was_from_hips_of_his and_(to)_upwards like_ _the_appearance_of brightness like_the_ _appearance_of (to)_the_shining_substance. 3 And_he_stretched_out the_form_of a_hand and_ _he_took_me by_the_hair_of my_head and_ a_ _spirit _it_carried ᴅᴏᴍ_me between the_ _earth/land and_between the_heavens and_it_

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obedience has become a stumbling block. 20 In their pride they took his beautiful jewelled ornaments and made them into their idolatrous figures and detestable things. Therefore, I'm going to defile those things. 21 I'll hand those things over to strangers and to the earth's wicked people as plunder, and they'll defile them. 22 Then I'll put my hand over my eyes when they defile my cherished place—bandits will enter it and defile it.

23 "Make a chain, because the country is filled with judgement for murder, and now the city is full of violence. 24 I'll bring the most wicked foreigners here, and they'll take over the people's houses, and I'll bring the pride of the powerful people to an end, because their sacred places will be defiled. 25 Anguish will be the order of the day, and they'll wish for peace, but there won't be any. 26 Disaster will follow disaster and there'll be rumour after rumour. Then they'll be wanting a vision from the prophet, but the priest will no longer teach God's instructions, and advice from the elders will be useless. 27 The king will mourn and the prince will be overcome by despair, while the hands of the country's people will tremble in fear. I'll do that to them just like they did to others. I'll judge them by their own standards until they know that I am Yahweh."

**Yahweh's second revelation to Yehezkel[29] · Yerushalem's disgusting idol worship**

8:1 Then in the middle of the sixth year,[30] as I sat in my house, and Yehudah's (Judah's) elders sat in front of me, my master Yahweh's hands fell on me there again. 2 I looked, and wow—there was something that looked a bit like a man. From his hips downward there appeared to be fire, and from his hips upward there appeared to be something shining like glowing metal.[31] 3 Then he reached out something in the shape of a hand and took me by my hair—the Spirit lifted me up between earth and

**28** **LV 7:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/לֵלֵח/ו: (x-qere) ו'וה/וְלֵלֵח/ו': lemma_c/2490 c n_0 morph_HC/Vpq3cp/Sp3ms id_26W6k וה/וְלֵלֵח/ו

**29** **RV 8:1 · Parallel** 8:1–10:22

**30** **RV 8:1 · Note** About fourteen months later—around mid-September 592 B.C.

**31** **RV 8:2 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:27.

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the heavens, and in visions from God, he took me to Yerushalem (Jerusalem), to the entrance of the inner northern gate, where the idol was that made Yahweh very jealous.

4 Then wow, the brilliant light of Yisrael's (Israel's) god was there, just like the vision that I'd seen on the plain.[32] 5 Then he told me, "Son of humanity, look towards the north." So I looked towards the north, and to the north of the gate leading to the altar—there in the entrance—was the idol that caused the jealousy.

6 So he told me, "Son of humanity, do you see what they're doing? Those are horribly disgusting things that the Israeli people are doing here to drive me far from my own sanctuary. But you'll see even more disgusting things soon."

7 Then he took me to the courtyard doorway, and I looked, and there was a hole in the wall. 8 He told me, "Son of humanity, dig into this wall." So I dug into the wall, and discovered a doorway.

9 Then he told me, "Go and see the disgustingly wicked things that they're doing there." 10 So I went through and looked, and oh dear, there were shapes of every creeping thing and detestable creature. Pictures of all the Israeli people's idols were carved into the wall all around. 11 Seventy elders from the Israeli people were there, and Shafan's son Ya'azanyah was standing in the middle of them. They were standing in front of the images, and each man was holding his incense burner so that the smell of the cloud of incense went up. 12 Then he asked me, "Son of humanity, do you see what the Israeli elders are doing in the dark? Each one does this in his idol's hidden room, because they say, 'Yahweh doesn't even notice us. Yahweh's abandoned this country.' "

13 Then he told me, "Turn again and see the other terribly disgusting things that they're doing," 14 and he took me to the gate at the northern entrance of Yahweh's temple, and oh dear—there were some women sitting there mourning for the Babylonian Tamuz deity. 15 Then he said to me,

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_brought ~~DOM~~_me to_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) in_visions_of god to the_opening_of the_gate_of the_inner_court which_faces northward_to where was_there the_location_of the_image_of (the)_jealousy which_provokes_to_jealousy. 4 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_there the_glory_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) like_appearance which I_had_seen on_plain. 5 And_he/it_said to_ _me Oh_son_of humankind lift_up please eyes_of_ _your the_direction_of northward_to and_I_ _lifted_up eyes_of_my the_direction_of northward_to and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE from_the_ _north of_the_gate_of of_the_altar the_image_of (the)_jealousy the_this was_in_entrance. 6 And_ _he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind seeing are_you mmm[33] doing abominations great which the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_doing here to_ _be_far from_under sanctuary_of_my and_again you_will_return you_will_see abominations great. 7 And_he/it_brought ~~DOM~~_me to the_entrance_of the_court and_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_hole one was_in_wall. 8 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_ _of humankind dig please in_wall and_I_dug in_ _wall and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE an_opening one. 9 And_he/it_said to_me go and_see ~~DOM~~ the_ _abominations (the)_wicked which they are_ _doing here. 10 And_I_went and_I_saw and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE every_of form_of creeping_ _thing and_animal detestable_thing and_all the_ _idols_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_ _carved on the_wall all_around all_around. 11 And_seventy man of_the_elders_of of_the_ _house_of of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Jaazaniah the_ _son_of Shaphan was_standing among_them were_standing before_them and_everyone censer_of_his in_his/its_hand and_the_fragrance_ _of the_cloud_of (the)_incense was_going_up. 12 And_he/it_said to_me have_you_seen Oh_son_ _of humankind that_which the_elders_of the_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_doing in_darkness everyone in_the_rooms_of his_carved_image_of_ _his if/because they_are_saying not **YHWH** is_ _seeing us **YHWH** he_has_abandoned ~~DOM~~ the_ _earth/land. 13 And_he/it_said to_me again you_ _will_return you_will_see abominations great which they are_doing. 14 And_he/it_brought ~~DOM~~_me to the_entrance_of the_gate_of the_

**32** **RV 8:4 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:28.

**33** **LV 8:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: מה/מ: (x-qere) 'הֵמָּ': lemma_4100 morph_HTi id_26vua 'הֵמָּה': lemma_1992 morph_HPp3mp id_26v3n הֵמָּה

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_house_of **YHWH** which was_to to_the_north and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE there the_women were_ _sitting they_were_bewailing ~~DOM~~ (the)_Tammūz. 15 And_he/it_said to_me have_you_seen Oh_son_ _of humankind again you_will_return you_will_ _see abominations great from_these. 16 And_ _he/it_brought ~~DOM~~_me to the_court_of the_ _house_of **YHWH** (the)_inner and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE were_at_the_entrance_of the_ _temple_of **YHWH** between the_porch and_ _between the_altar about_twenty and_five person[s] backs_of_their were_to the_temple_of **YHWH** and_faces_of_their were_eastward and_ _they were_bowing_down eastward_toward to_ _sun. 17 And_he/it_said to_me have_you_seen Oh_son_of humankind is_it_too_trifling for_the_ _house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) for_doing ~~DOM~~ the_ _abominations which they_have_done here that/for/because/then/when they_have_filled ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land violence and_they_have_ _returned to_provoke_me_to_anger and_THERE_ _they are_sending ~~DOM~~ the_vine_branch to nose_ _of_their. 18 And_also I I_will_act in_rage not eye_ _of_my it_will_look_with_compassion and_not I_ _will_show_pity and_they_will_call_out in_ears_ _of_my a_voice great and_not I_will_hear them.

9:1 And_he/it_called in_ears_of_my a_voice great to_say the_punishments_of the_city they_have_ _drawn_near and_everyone the_weapon_of his_ _destruction_of_his in_his/its_hand. 2 And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE six men were_coming from_ _the_direction_of the_gate_of (the)_upper which is_turned northward_to and_everyone the_ _weapon_of his_shattering_of_his in_his/its_hand and_a_man one among_them was_clothed linen(s) and_(the)_writing-case_of (the)_scribe was_at_hips_of_his and_they_came and_they_ _stood beside the_altar_of (the)_bronze. 3 And_ _the_glory_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_was_ _taken_up from_under the_cherub which it_had_ _been on/upon/above_him/it to the_threshold_ _of the_house and_he/it_called to the_man clothed the_linen(s) whom the_writing-case_of (the)_scribe was_at_hips_of_his. 4 And_ **YHWH** _ _he/it_said him[35] pass in_the_middle the_city in_ _the_middle of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _you_will_mark a_mark on the_foreheads_of the_ _people who_are_groaning and_who_are_

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"Son of humanity, do you see that? Turn again, and you'll see even more disgusting things than those."

16 Then he took me into the inner courtyard of Yahweh's house, and oh no—at the entrance of Yahweh's temple between the porch and the altar, there were about twenty-five men with their backs toward the temple and their faces toward the east where they were worshipping the sun.

17 He asked me, "Son of humanity, do you see that? Is it insignificant that Yehudah's (Judah's) people do those disgusting things that they're doing here? They've filled the land with violence and keep provoking me to anger and mocking me. 18 So I will also do something to them—I won't have compassion and I won't spare them. Even if they cry loudly in my ears, I won't hear them."

**Yehezkel is shown Yerushalem's coming punishment**

9:1 Then I heard Yahweh call out with a loud voice, saying, "Guards, come up to the city, and each one is to bring his destructive weapon." 2 Then wow, six men came out from the pathway from the upper gate that faces north, each carrying his weapon of slaughter. There was a man among them dressed in linen with writing equipment at his side. Then they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

3 Then the bright light representing Yisrael's (Israel's) god went from the winged creature, where it had been, up to the threshold of the temple. Yahweh called to the man dressed in linen who had the writing equipment at his side. 4 Yahweh told him, "Go through the middle of Yerushalem (Jerusalem) City, and make a mark on the foreheads of those who complain and despair about all the disgusting things being done there in the mid-

35 **LV 9:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וְ/לֹא**: (x-qere) **וְ/לֹא֣**: lemma_413 n_1.2 morph_HR/Sp3ms id_26kPm **וְ/לֹא֣**

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dle of the city."[34]

5 Then he spoke to the others within my hearing, "Go through the city after him and kill. Don't let yourselves have compassion, and don't show any pity. 6 Slaughter all the old men, young adults, little children, and women, but don't approach anyone who has the mark on their head. Begin at my sacred place." So they began with the elders who were in front of the temple.

7 Yahweh told them, "Defile the temple, and fill its courtyards with the corpses. Now go." So they went out and started attacking the city.

8 As they were attacking it, I found myself alone, and I fell to my knees with my head bowed down to the ground, and cried out, and said, "Ah, master Yahweh, will you destroy the entire remnant of Yisrael by pouring out your rage on Yerushalem?"

9 "The disobedience of the people of Yisrael and Yehudah (Judah) has been extremely bad," he answered. "The land is full of blood, and the city full of perversions, since they say, 'Yahweh has forgotten this country,' and 'Yahweh won't take any notice.' 10 So then, I won't show compassion, and I won't spare them, rather I'll bring it all on their heads."

11 Then wow, the man dressed in linen who had the writing equipment by his side came back to report, saying, "I've done everything you commanded."

**God's splendour leaves the temple**

10:1 As I looked toward the dome that was over the heads of the winged creatures, something appeared above them that looked like a sapphire

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_groaning on all_of the_abominations which_are_ _done in_the_midst_of_of_it. 5 And_to_these he_ _said in_ears_of_my pass in_city after_him and_ _strike not[36] let_it_look_with_compassion mmm[37] and_do_not show_pity. 6 Old_man young_ _man and_virgin and_little_one[s] and_women you(pl)_will_kill to_destruction and_to any_of person whom on/upon/above_him/it the_mark do_not draw_near and_from_sanctuary_of_my you(pl)_will_begin and_they_began with_men (the)_old who to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before the_house. 7 And_he/it_said to_them make_unclean ~~DOM~~ the_house and_fill ~~DOM~~ the_ _courts those_slain go_forth and_they_went_ _forth and_they_struck in_city. 8 And_he/it_was just_as_they_were_striking and_was_ I _ _remaining and_I_fell on face_of_my and_I_cried_ _out and_I_said alas my_master **YHWH** about_ are_you _to_destroy ~~DOM~~ all_of the_remnant_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_you_pour_out ~~DOM~~ rage_of_ _your on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 9 And_he/it_ _said to_me the_iniquity_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_Yəhūdāh/(Yihudah) is_great with_muchness muchness and_ the_earth/land _ _she/it_was_filled blood(s) and_the_city it_is_full perverseness if/because they_have_said **YHWH** he_has_abandoned ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land and_not **YHWH** is_seeing. 10 And_also I not eye_of_my it_ _will_look_with_compassion and_not I_will_ _show_pity conduct_of_their on_their_own_of_ _head I_will_requite. 11 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_man (the)_clothed_of the_linen(s) which/who the_writing-case was_at_hips_of_his was_bringing_back a_message to_say I_have_done mmm[3839] you_commanded_me.

10:1 And_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_to the_ _firmament which was_above the_head_of the_ _cherubims like_a_stone_of sapphire like_the_ _appearance_of the_likeness_of a_throne it_ _appeared above_them. 2 And_he/it_said to the_

34 **RV 9:4 · Cross-ref.** Rev 7:1-8; 9:4; 14:1.

36 **LV 9:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **לע**: (x-qere) **'לֹא'**: lemma_408 morph_HTn id_262XE **לֹא**

37 **LV 9:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: **סכ/יניע**: (x-qere) **'סֶכְ/נִיעַ'**: lemma_5869 a n_0.0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp2mp id_26hLv **סֶכְ/נִיעַ**

38 **LV 9:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: **רשא/כ**: (x-qere) **'לְכְ/כִ'**: lemma_k/3605 n_0.0 morph_HR/Ncmsa id_265hm **לְכְ/כִ'**: lemma_834 a morph_HTr id_26a8a **רֶשֶׁא**

39 **LV 9:11 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

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_man (the)_clothed of_the_linen(s) and_he/it_
_said go to between (to)_wheel to under (to)_
_cherub and_fill of_your_two's_hands_of_the_
_hollow coals_of fire from_between (to)_
_cherubim and_sprinkle_them on the_city and_
_he_went to_eyes_of_my. 3 And_the_cherubim
were_standing from_the_right_side_of house
when_went_he the_man and_the_cloud it_filled
DOM the_court (the)_inner. 4 And_ the_glory_of
**YHWH** _it_rose from_under the_cherub to the_
_threshold_of the_house and_ the_house _it_was_
_filled DOM the_cloud and_the_court it_was_full
DOM the_brightness_of the_glory_of **YHWH**.
5 And_the_sound_of the_wings_of the_cherubim
it_was_heard to the_court (the)_outer like_the_
_sound_of god_of almighty when_speaks_he.
6 And_he/it_was when_commanded_he DOM the_
_man (the)_clothed_of the_linen(s) to_say take
fire from_between (to)_wheel from_between (to)_
_cherubim and_he_went and_he_stood beside
the_wheel. 7 And_ the_cherub _he_stretched_out
DOM his/its_hand from_between (to)_cherubim
into the_fire which was_between the_cherubims
and_he_lifted_up_some and_he/it_gave into the_
_hollow_of_the_hands_of the_man_clothed_of
the_linen(s) and_he/it_took and_he/it_went_out.
8 And_it_was_seen to_cherubim the_form_of the_
_hand_of a_human under wings_of_their. 9 And_
_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE four wheels were_
_beside the_cherubim a_wheel one beside the_
_cherub one and_a_wheel one beside the_cherub
one and_appearance of_the_wheels was_like_the_
_appearance_of a_stone_of chrysolite. 10 And_
_appearance_of_their a_likeness one belonged_
_to_the_four_of_of_them just_as it_was the_wheel
in_the_middle of_the_wheel. 11 When_moved_
_they to the_four_of sides_of_their they_moved
not they_turned when_moved_they if/because
the_place which the_head it_turned after_it they_
_moved not they_turned when_moved_they.
12 And_all body_of_their and_backs_of_their and_
_hands_of_their and_wings_of_their and_the_
_wheels were_full eyes all_around belonged_to_
_the_four_of_of_them wheels_of_their. 13 To_
_wheels to/for_them the_wheel it_was_called in_

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stone that had been made into a throne.[40] 2 Then
Yahweh spoke to the man dressed in linen and
said, "Go between the wheels underneath the
winged creatures, and fill both your hands with
fiery coals from between the winged creatures and
scatter them over the city."[41]

Then the man went in as I watched. 3 The
winged creatures stood on the right side of the
temple when the man went in, and a cloud filled
the inner courtyard. 4 Yahweh's brilliant light rose
up from the winged creature and stood over the
threshold of the temple. It filled the temple with
the cloud, and the courtyard was full of the
brightness of Yahweh's splendour. 5 The sound of
the creatures' wings could be heard as far as the
outer courtyard, like the voice of the powerful God
when he speaks.

6 When Yahweh had commanded the man
dressed in linen, "Take fire from between the
wheels that are between the winged creatures,"
the man went in and stood beside a wheel. 7 A
winged creature reached out his hand between
the winged creatures to the fire that was among
them, and lifted it up and placed it into the hands
of the one dressed in linen. The man took it and
went back out.

8 I noticed that the winged creatures had some-
thing like a human hand under their wings, 9 then
I looked, and wow, four wheels were beside the
winged creatures—one wheel beside each
one—and the wheels seemed like shining chryso-
lite.[42] 10 They all appeared to be the same, like
having a wheel within a wheel. 11 When they
moved, they went in any of their four directions,
without turning as they went, because whatever
direction the head faced, they went in that direc-
tion without turning as they went. 12 Their whole
body (including their backs, their hands, and their
wings) was covered with eyes, and there were eyes
all around the four wheels, covering them as
well.[43] 13 I heard someone call them 'the whirling

**40 RV 10:1 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:26; Rev 4:2.

**41 RV 10:2 · Cross-ref.** Rev 8:5.

**42 RV 10:9-13 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:15-21.

**43 RV 10:12 · Cross-ref.** Rev 4:8.

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wheels'.
14 Each one had four faces: the first face was a winged creature's face, the second was a human face, the third was a lion's face, and the fourth was an eagle's face.[44] 15 Then the living creatures (they were the same ones I'd seen by the Kevar Canal) rose up in the air. 16 Whenever the winged creatures moved, the wheels would go beside them, and whenever the winged creatures lifted up their wings to take off from the earth, the wheels didn't turn—they still stayed beside them. 17 When the winged creatures stood still, the wheels stood still, and when they went up, the wheels went up with them, because the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
18 Then Yahweh's brilliant light moved out over the temple threshold and stayed over the winged creatures. 19 The winged creatures lifted up their wings and rose from the ground in my sight when they travelled, and the wheels did the same beside them. They stood at the eastern entrance to Yahweh's residence, and the brilliant light of Yisrael's (Israel's) god came onto them from above.
20 Those were the living creatures that I'd seen below Yisrael's god by the Kevar Canal, so I knew that they were winged creatures.
21 They each had four faces and four wings, and had something like human hands under their wings, 22 and their faces resembled the faces that I'd seen in the vision at the Kevar Canal, and each of them went straight ahead.

**Yahweh's punishment for Yerushalem**

11:1 Then the spirit lifted me up and brought me to the eastern gate of Yahweh's temple, facing east, and wow, in the doorway of the gate there were twenty-five men. Among them I saw Azur's son Ya'azanyah and Benayah's son Pelatyah, who were leaders of the people.
2 Yahweh told me, "Son of humanity, these are the men who plan to do evil things and who make wicked plans in this city. 3 They're saying, 'This isn't yet the time to build houses. This city is like a

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_ears_of_my. 14 And_four faces belonged_to_one the_face_of the_one was_the_face_of the_cherub and_the_face_of the_second was_the_face_of a_ _human and_the_third_face was_the_face_of a_ _lion and_the_fourth_face was_the_face_of an_ _eagle. 15 And_ the_cherubim _they_rose that the_living which I_had_seen at_the_river_of Kəvār. 16 And_when_ the_cherubim _moved the_ _wheels they_moved beside_them and_when_ the_cherubim _lifted_up ÐOM wings_of_their to_ _rise from_under the_earth/land not the_wheels also they they_turned from_beside_them.
17 When_they_stood_still they_stood_still and_ _when_rose_they they_rose with_them if/because the_spirit_of the_living was_in_them.
18 And_ the_glory_of **YHWH** _he/it_went_out from_under the_threshold_of the_house and_it_ _stood_still above the_cherubim. 19 And_ the_ _cherubim _they_lifted_up ÐOM wings_of_their and_they_rose from the_earth/land to_eyes_of_ _my when_they_went_out and_the_wheels were_ _close_by_of_them and_it_stood_still the_ _entrance_of the_gate_of the_house_of **YHWH** (the)_eastern and_the_glory_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_above_them from_to_above.
20 That the_living which I_had_seen under the_ _god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) at_the_river_of Kəvār and_I_knew if/because_that were_cherubim they.
21 Four four faces belonged_to_one and_four wings belonged_to_one and_the_likeness_of the_ _hands_of a_human were_under wings_of_their.
22 And_the_likeness_of their_faces_of_their they were_the_faces which I_had_seen at the_river_of Kəvār their_appearance and_them each to the_ _side_of his/its_faces/face they_moved.

11:1 And_ a_spirit _it_lifted_up ÐOM_me and_it_ _brought ÐOM_me to the_gate_of the_house_of **YHWH** (the)_eastern which_faces eastward_to and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE were_at_the_entrance_of the_gate twenty and_five man and_I_saw among_ _them ÐOM Jaazaniah the_son_of ʿAzzūr and_ÐOM Pəlaṭʸāh the_son_of Bənāʸāh the_leaders_of the_ _people. 2 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind these are_the_people who_plan wickedness and_who_counsel counsel_of evil in_ _city (the)_this. 3 Who_say not is_in_the_near_ _future to_build houses it is_the_pot and_we are_ _the_meat. 4 For_so/thus/hence prophesy on_ _them prophesy Oh_son_of humankind. 5 And_it_

**44 RV 10:14 · Cross-ref.** Eze 1:10; Rev 4:7.

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_fell on_me the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_he/it_said to_me say thus **YHWH** he_says thus you(pl)_ _have_said Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_ _thoughts_of your_spirit_of_your(pl) I I_know_it. 6 You(pl)_have_multiplied your_slain_of_ones in_ _city (the)_this and_you(pl)_have_filled streets_ _of_its the_slain. 7 For_so/thus/hence thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says your_slain_of_ones which you(pl)_have_put in_the_midst_of_of_it they are_ _the_meat and_she is_the_pot and_you(pl) he_ _will_bring_out from_the_midst_of_of_it. 8 A_ _sword you(pl)_have_feared and_a_sword I_will_ _bring on_you(pl) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. 9 And_I_will_bring_out you(pl) from_the_ _midst_of_of_it and_I_will_give you(pl) in_the_ _hand_of strangers and_I_will_bring_about on_ _you(pl) judgements. 10 By_sword you(pl)_will_ _fall on the_territory_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_will_ _judge you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_ _that I am_**YHWH**. 11 It not it_will_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_pot and_you(pl) you(pl)_ _will_become in_the_midst_of_of_it to/for_ _flesh/body to the_border_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_ _will_judge you(pl). 12 And_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** whom in_ _regulations_of_my not you(pl)_have_walked and_judgements_of_my not you(pl)_have_done and_according_to_the_judgements_of the_ _nations which are_around_of_you(pl) you(pl)_ _have_done. 13 And_he/it_was just_as_I_ _prophesied and_Pəlaṭʸāh the_son_of Bənāʸāh he_ _died and_I_fell on face_of_my and_I_cried_out a_ _voice great and_I_said alas my_master **YHWH** complete_destruction you_are making with the_ _remnant_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

14 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 15 Oh_son_of humankind brothers_of_ _your brothers_of_your the_people_of your_ _redemption_of_your and_all the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) of_it_of_all are_those_whom they_said to/for_them the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) be_distant from_under **YHWH** to/for_us it the_earth/land it_has_been_ _given to_a_possession. 16 For_so/thus/hence say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says if/because I_ _have_removed_them_far_away among_nations and_because/when I_have_scattered_them among_lands and_I_have_become to/for_them (into)_a_sanctuary a_little in_lands where they_ _have_gone there. 17 For_so/thus/hence say thus

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cooking pot, and we're the meat.' 4 So, prophesy against them, son of humanity, start prophesying."

5 Then Yahweh's spirit came on me and told me to say: This is what Yahweh says, "That's what you Israeli people are saying, because I know what goes through your mind. 6 You've killed many people in this city, and filled its streets with them.

7 Therefore the master Yahweh says: The people you've killed, whose bodies you've laid in the middle of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), are the meat, and this city is the pot. But you people are going to be brought out from the centre of this city. 8 You've feared the sword, so I'm bringing the sword against you. That's my master Yahweh's declaration. 9 I'll bring you out from the city, and put you into the hands of foreigners, because I'll bring judgement against you people. 10 You'll be killed by the sword. I'll judge you within Yisrael's (Israel's) borders so that you people will know that I am Yahweh. 11 This city won't be your cooking pot, nor will you be the meat inside it. I'll judge you people within Yisrael's borders. 12 Then you'll know that I am Yahweh, the one whose instructions you haven't obeyed and whose regulations you haven't followed. Instead, you people have imitated the wicked customs of the nations that surround you."

13 Then as I was prophesying, Benayah's son Pelatyah died. So I fell to my knees with my face bowed low to the ground and cried out with a loud voice, "Oh no, my master Yahweh, will you completely eliminate the Israeli people?"

**Yahweh's promise to the exiles**

14 Then Yahweh gave me this message: 15 "Your brothers, son of humanity, your brothers and all the Israeli people who were exiled—the ones living in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) say about them all, 'They're far away from Yahweh. *This land* was given to us as ours to own.'

16 So tell them, 'My master Yahweh says this: 'Although I've removed them far away to other nations, and though I've scattered them among those lands, I myself have been a place of security for them for a little while in the lands where they were taken.'

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17 So explain to them, 'My master Yahweh says this: 'I'll gather you from the people groups, and assemble you from the lands where you were scattered, and I'll give you back the country of Yisrael (Israel).' 18 Then they'll go there and remove every detestable and disgusting thing from there, 19 and I'll give them one heart, and I'll put a new spirit in them. I'll take the rock-hard heart out of them and give them a tender heart,[45] 20 so that they'll follow my instructions and obey my regulations. Then they'll be my people, and I'll be their god. 21 But to those who would rather happily choose their detestable and disgusting ways, I'll make their actions bounce back onto their own heads. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

**God's glory leaves Yerushalem**

22 Then the winged creatures lifted up their wings and the wheels that were beside them, and the brilliant light of Yisrael's (Israel's) god was up high over them.[46] 23 Then it went up from the centre of the city and sat above the mountain to the east of the city. 24 The spirit lifted me up and brought me into the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans) to the exiles, in the vision from God's spirit, and the vision that I'd been seeing left me, 25 and I told the exiles everything Yahweh had shown me.

**Portraying the future exile**

12:1 Then Yahweh gave me this message: 2 "Son of humanity, you live among a rebellious people group who have eyes to see, yet they don't see, and who have ears to hear, but don't listen,[47] because they're a rebellious people group.

3 "Therefore, son of humanity, pack up your stuff ready to go into exile, and each day while they're watching, start going out somewhere, because while they're watching, I'll exile you from your

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my_master **YHWH** he_says and_I_will_gather you(pl) from the_peoples and_I_will_gather you(pl) from the_lands which you(pl)_have_been_ _scattered (is)_in_them and_I_will_give to/for_ _you(pl) ~~DOM~~ the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 18 And_ _they_will_come to_(to) and_they_will_remove ~~DOM~~ all_of_things_of_its_detestable and_~~DOM~~ all_of abominations_of_its from_it. 19 And_I_will_give to/for_them a_heart one and_spirit new I_will_ _put in_your_inner_of_being and_I_will_remove the_heart_of (the)_stone from_flesh_of_their and_I_will_give to/for_them a_heart_of_flesh. 20 So_that in_regulations_of_my they_may_walk and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my they_may_keep and_ _they_will_do ~~DOM~~_them and_they_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_become to/for_them (into)_god. 21 And_near/to the_heart_of their_ _detestable_things_of_their and_abominations_ _of_their heart_of_their is_going conduct_of_ _their on_their_own_of_head I_will_requite the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

22 And_ the_cherubim _they_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ wings_of_their and_the_wheels were_close_by_ _of_them and_the_glory_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_above_them from_to_above. 23 And_ the_glory_of **YHWH** _he/it_ascended from_under the_middle_of the_city and_it_stood_ _still over the_mountain which from_east of_city. 24 And_spirit it_lifted_me_up and_it_brought_me to_Chaldea to the_exile[s] in_vision by_the_ _spirit_of god and_he/it_ascended from_on_me the_vision which I_had_seen. 25 And_I_spoke to the_exile[s] ~~DOM~~ all_of the_words/messages_of **YHWH** which he_had_shown_me.

12:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_ _me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind in_the_ _middle of_the_house_of of_(the)_rebellion you are_dwelling whom eyes to/for_them to_see and_ _not they_see ears to/for_them to_hear and_not they_hear if/because are_a_house_of rebellion they. 3 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind prepare to/for_yourself(m) baggage(s)_of exile and_go_into_exile by_day to_eyes_of_their and_ _you_will_go_into_exile from_place_of_your to a_ _place another to_eyes_of_their perhaps they_ _will_see if/because are_a_house_of rebellion

45 **RV 11:19-20 · Cross-ref.** Eze 36:26-28.

46 **RV 11:22-23 · Cross-ref.** Eze 43:2-5.

47 **RV 12:2 · Cross-ref.** Isa 6:9-10; Jer 5:21; Mrk 8:18.

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they. 4 And_you_will_bring_out baggage(s)_of_
_your like_baggage(s)_of exile by_day to_eyes_of_
_their and_you(ms) you_will_go_out in_evening
to_eyes_of_their like_goings_out_of exile. 5 To_
_eyes_of_their dig to/for_yourself(m) in_wall
and_you_will_bring_out in/on/over_him/it. 6 To_
_eyes_of_their on a_shoulder you_will_lift_it_up
in_darkness you_will_bring_it_out face_of_your
you_will_cover and_not you_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_
_earth/land if/because a_sign I_have_made_you
to_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 7 And_I_did so
just_as I_was_commanded baggage(s)_of_my I_
_brought_out like_baggage(s)_of exile by_day
and_in_evening I_dug to_me in_wall by_hand in_
_darkness I_brought_it_out on a_shoulder I_
_lifted_it_up to_eyes_of_their. 8 And_ the_
_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me in_
_morning to_say. 9 Oh_son_of humankind not
have_they_said to_you the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_house_of (the)_rebellion what
are_you doing. 10 Say to_them thus my_master
**YHWH** he_says is_the_prince the_oracle the_this
in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)[49] and_all the_house_
_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who they are_among_of_them.
11 Say I sign_of_am_your(pl) just_as I_have_done
so it_will_be_done to/for_them in_exile in_
_captivity they_will_go. 12 And_the_prince who
is_among_of_them to a_shoulder he_will_lift_up
in_darkness and_he_will_go_out in_wall they_
_will_dig to_bring_out in_him/it his/its_
_faces/face he_will_cover because that not he_
_will_see to_eye[50] he ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land.
13 And_I_will_spread ~~DOM~~ net_of_my
on/upon/above_him/it and_he_will_be_caught
in_my_hunting_of_net and_I_will_bring ~~DOM~~_
_him/it to_Bāvel the_land_of the_ones_from_
_Kasdiy and_it not he_will_see and_there he_will_
_die. 14 And_all/each/any/every those_who are_
_around_of_him mmm[51] and_all troops_of_his I_
_will_disperse to/from_all/each/any/every wind
and_a_sword I_will_draw after_them. 15 And_
_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**
when_scatter_I them among_nations and_I_will_

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place to another place. Perhaps they'll begin to see, even though they're such rebellious people.
4 Each day while they're watching, bring out your things for an exile, then as they watch in the evening, go out in the way that people do when going into exile. 5 Dig a hole through the city wall where they'll see you do it, and go out through it.
6 While they're watching, lift your things up onto your shoulder, and bring them out in the darkness. Cover your face, because you mustn't see this land, since I've made you into a sign for the Israeli people."

7 So I did just as I was instructed: I brought my things for an exile out in the daytime, and in the evening I dug a hole through the wall by hand. I brought my things out in the dark, and lifted them up onto my shoulder as they watched.

8 The next morning, Yahweh gave me this message: 9 "Son of humanity, haven't those rebellious Israeli people asked you what you're doing? 10 Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'this prophetic action concerns the ruler in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and all the other Israeli people who are there.' 11 Tell them that you're a sign to them, and that everything you've done will happen to them—they'll be captured and taken into exile in another country. 12 Their leader will lift his things up onto his shoulder in the dark, and will go out through the wall. They'll dig through the wall and take their things out. He'll cover his face, so he won't see the place he's leaving. 13 I'll spread my net out over him and he'll be caught in my trap, then I'll take him away to Bavel (Babylon) (the land of the Kasdim (Chaldeans)), but he won't see it, and he'll die there.[48] 14 I'll also scatter all of his assistants in every direction, and I'll send out a sword after his entire army. 15 When I scatter them among the nations and disperse them throughout the lands, then they'll know that I am

**48** **RV 12:13 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 25:7; Jer 52:11.

**49** **LV 12:10 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

**50** **LV 12:12 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

**51** **LV 12:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/רזע: (x-qere) וֹ/רֶזֵע: lemma_5828 n_1.0.0 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_26MUZ וֹ/רֶזֵע

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Yahweh. 16 But I'll spare a few of them from the sword, famine, and deadly diseases, so they'll be able to record all their hardships and ungodly practices in the countries that I take them to, so they'll know that I am Yahweh."

**Portraying the peoples' trembling**

17 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 18 "Son of humanity, eat your food while trembling with fear, and drink your water while shaking anxiously, 19 and tell the people in this country, 'My master Yahweh says this about the inhabitants of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and the country of Yisrael (Israel), "They'll anxiously eat their food and fearfully drink their water, since all the abundance from the land will be devastated because of the violence of all the people who live there. 20 The inhabited cities will become desolate, and the land itself will become a wasteland. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh." ' "

**Just because it never came true before...**

21 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 22 "Son of humanity, what's that saying that you have in Yisrael (Israel)? It goes, 'The days seem to go on and on, yet no prophecy ever comes true.' 23 So tell them, 'This is what the master Yahweh says: I'm going to prove that what they say isn't correct, then they'll never say it again in Yisrael.' Tell them, 'It'll soon be the time when everything that the prophets have predicted will happen, 24 because there'll no longer be any false visions or people-pleasing prophecies within Yisrael. 25 I speak, and I put the words that I speak into action, because I am Yahweh. The matter will no longer be delayed, because I'll speak this message in your lifetimes, you rebellious people, and then I'll carry it out!' That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

26 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 27 "Listen, son of humanity, the Israeli people have said, 'The vision that the prophet sees is for many years from now, and he prophesies about far-off times,' 28 so tell them, 'The master Yahweh says this: 'My words won't be delayed any longer, but

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_disperse them among_lands. 16 And_I_will_ _leave_over from_them people_of number from_ _the_sword from_the_famine and_from_the_ _pestilence so_that they_may_recount ᴅᴏᴍ all_of abominations_of_their among_nations where they_have_gone there and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

17 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 18 Oh_son_of humankind food_of_your in_ _quaking you_will_eat and_water_of_your in_ _trembling and_in_anxiety you_will_drink. 19 And_you_will_say to the_people_of the_ _earth/land thus my_master **YHWH** he_says of_ _the_inhabitants_of of_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) concerning the_land_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) food_of_ _their in_anxiety they_will_eat and_water_of_ _their in_horror they_will_drink so_that land_of_ _its it_may_be_desolate from_fullness_of_its from_the_violence_of all_of the_inhabitants in_it. 20 And_the_cities (the)_inhabited they_will_be_ _waste and_the_earth a_desolation it_will_ _become and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

21 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 22 Oh_son_of humankind what is_the_ _proverb the_this to/for_you(pl) on the_land_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) to_say the_days they_are_long and_ every_of vision _it_perishes. 23 For_ _so/thus/hence say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says I_will_make_to_cease ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _proverb the_this and_not people_will_use_as_a_ _proverb ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it again in_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) if/because (if) speak to_them the_days and_the_ _matter_of every_of vision they_have_drawn_ _near. 24 If/because not it_will_be again any_of vision_of worthlessness and_divination_of flattery in_the_middle of_the_house_of of_ _Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). 25 If/because I **YHWH** I_will_ _speak ᴅᴏᴍ which I_will_speak message and_it_ _will_be_done not it_will_be_postponed again if/because in_days_of_your(pl) Oh_house_of (the)_rebellion I_will_speak a_message and_I_ _will_do_it the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. 26 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 27 Oh_son_of humankind THERE the_ _house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) are_saying the_vision which he is_seeing is_of_days many and_of_times distant he is_prophesying. 28 For_so/thus/hence say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says not it_will_be_postponed again all_of

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words/messages_of_my which I_will_speak a_
_message and_it_will_be_done the_utterance_of
my_master **YHWH**.
**13:1** And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_
_me to_say. **2** Oh_son_of humankind prophesy
against the_prophets_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_are_
_prophesying and_you_will_say to_the_prophets_
_of from_their_own_of_heart hear the_message_
_of **YHWH**. **3** Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says
woe on the_prophets the_fools who are_walking
after spirit_of_their_own and_to_not they_have_
_seen. **4** Like_foxes among_ruins prophets_of_
_your Oh_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_have_been. **5** Not
you(pl)_have_gone_up in_breaches and_you(pl)_
_have_walled_up a_wall on the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_stand in_battle in/on_day
**YHWH**. **6** Those_who_say the_utterance_of
**YHWH** they_have_seen worthlessness and_
_divination_of falsehood and_**YHWH** not he_has_
_sent_them and_they_have_waited to_fulfill a_
_message. **7** Am_not a_vision_of worthlessness
have_you(pl)_seen and_divination_of falsehood
have_you(pl)_said and_you(pl)_were_saying the_
_utterance_of **YHWH** and_I not I_have_spoken.
**8** For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_
_says because you_have_spoken worthlessness
and_you(pl)_have_seen falsehood for_
_so/thus/hence HERE_I am_against_you(pl) the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. **9** And_it_will_
_be hand_of_my against the_prophets who_see
worthlessness and_who_divine falsehood in_the_
_council_of my_people_of_my not they_will_be
and_in_the_register_of the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not they_will_be_written_down
and_near/to the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not
they_will_go and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_
_that I my_master **YHWH**. **10** Because and_by_
_cause they_have_led_astray ~~DOM~~ people_of_my
to_say peace and_there_is_not peace and_he is_
_building a_wall and_there_they are_plastering
~~DOM~~_him/it whitewash. **11** Say to those_who_are_
_plastering_of whitewash and_it_will_fall it_will_
_come rain overflowing and_you(pl) Oh_stones_of
hail you(pl)_will_fall and_spirit tempests it_will_
_break_through_the_wall. **12** And_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_wall it_has_fallen am_not
will_it_be_said to_you(pl) where is_the_plaster
which you(pl)_plastered. **13** For_so/thus/hence
thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_I_will_make_

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the message that I've given will be put into effect. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

**Condemning the false prophets**

**13:1** Then Yahweh gave me another message: **2** "Son of humanity, prophesy against the prophets who are prophesying in Yisrael (Israel), and tell those who are prophesying out of their own imaginations, 'Listen to Yahweh's message. **3** My master Yahweh says this: 'Foolish prophets who follow their own spirit and haven't actually seen any vision won't end well. **4** Yisrael, your prophets have been like jackals in the wastelands. **5** You haven't gone to the breaks in the walls around the Israeli cities and repaired them, in order to be able to defend yourselves well during the battle on Yahweh's chosen day. **6** The people have false visions and make false predictions. Yahweh hasn't sent those who say that they're bringing Yahweh's declaration, but nevertheless they've made people hope that their messages would come true. **7** Haven't you had false visions and made false predictions—all of you who say that you're bringing Yahweh's declaration when I myself haven't spoken?'

**8** Therefore the master Yahweh says this, 'Because you people have presented false visions and have told lies, this is the master Yahweh's declaration against you: **9** I'll punish the prophets who have lying visions and who make false predictions. They won't be allowed in the assembly of my people, or enrolled in the record of Yisrael's descendants. They mustn't go to the land of Yisrael—that's how you people will know that I am the master Yahweh.

**10** Also because they led my people astray and said, "Peace," when there's no peace,[52] it's as if they're building a wall and then whitewashing it.' **11** Tell the ones who are whitewashing the wall that it'll fall down. There'll be a downpour, then I'll send hailstones to make it fall down, and a strong wind to break it down. **12** See, the wall will fall down. Haven't others asked you where the white coating went that you put on it?

**13** Therefore my master Yahweh says this: 'In my

**52 RV 13:10 · Cross-ref.** Jer 6:14; 8:11.

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rage, I'll bring a storm, and in my anger, there'll be heavy rain causing floods. In my rage, hailstones will completely destroy Yerushalem (Jerusalem).
14 I'll tear down the wall that you covered with whitewash, and I'll demolish it to ground level and expose its foundations. So it'll fall, and you'll be annihilated in the middle of it all. Then you people will know that I am Yahweh.
15 In my rage I'll annihilate the wall and those who whitewashed it. I'll tell you, "The wall doesn't exist anymore, nor do the people who whitewashed it— 16 those Israeli prophets who prophesied about Yerushalem and had visions of peace for it. But there isn't any peace! That's the master Yahweh's declaration." '
17 So, son of humanity, turn your attention to your people's daughters and prophesy against them because they invented prophecies in their own imaginations. 18 Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'The women won't end well who sew magic charms onto every part of their hands, and make headbands for people of every walk of life that are used to deceive people and hunt them down. Do you people really think you can get away with hunting down my people, but then save your own lives? 19 You've profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and crumbs of bread. You people have killed people who shouldn't have died, and saved the lives of those who shouldn't have continued to live, because of your lies to my people who heard you.
20 Therefore my master Yahweh says this: 'I'm against the magic charms that you've used to lure the people in as if they were birds. Indeed, I'll tear them from your arms, and I'll let the people you've trapped like birds go free. 21 I'll tear away your headbands and rescue my people from your control so they'll no longer be trapped in your system. Then you people will know that I am Yahweh.
22 Because you've discouraged the righteous

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_break_out a_wind_of tempests in_rage_of_my and_rain overflowing in_anger_of_my it_will_ _come and_stones_of hail in_rage for_complete_ _destruction. 14 And_I_will_tear_down ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _wall which you(pl)_plastered whitewash and_I_ _will_make_it_touch (to) the_earth/land and_ foundation[s]_of_its _it_will_be_uncovered and_ _it_will_fall and_you(pl)_will_come_to_an_end in_ _the_midst_of_of_it and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. 15 And_I_will_ _complete ᴅᴏᴍ rage_of_my on_wall and_on_ _who]_plastered ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it whitewash and_I_ _will_say to/for_you(pl) is_not the_wall and_are_ _not those_who_plastered ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it. 16 The_ _prophets_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_prophesied[53] concerning Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_who_ _saw to/for_her/it a_vision_of peace and_there_ _was_not peace the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. 17 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_your against the_daughters_of your_ _people_of_your who_prophesy from_their_own_ _of_heart and_prophesy on_them. 18 And_you_ _will_say thus he_says my_master **YHWH** woe to_ _women_who_sew bands on all_of the_joints_of my_hands_of_my and_women_who_make the_ _long_veils on the_head_of every_of stature to_ _hunt persons persons will_you(pl)_hunt of_ _people_of_my and_persons of_yourselves will_ _you(pl)_preserve_alive. 19 And_you(pl)_have_ _profaned[54] ᴅᴏᴍ_me to people_of_my for_ _handfuls_of barley(s) and_for_fragments_of bread by_putting_to_death persons who not they_will_die and_by_preserving_alive persons who not they_will_live when_you_speak_ _falsehood to_people_of_my who_listen_to_of (of)_falsehood. 20 For_so/thus/hence thus he_ _says my_master **YHWH** HERE_I am_against bands_of_your(pl) which you(pl) are_hunting there ᴅᴏᴍ the_persons for_birds and_I_will_tear_ _away ᴅᴏᴍ_them from_under arms_of_your(pl) and_I_will_set_free ᴅᴏᴍ the_persons whom you(pl) are_hunting ᴅᴏᴍ persons for_birds. 21 And_I_will_tear_away ᴅᴏᴍ veils_of_your(pl)_ _long and_I_will_deliver ᴅᴏᴍ people_of_my from_ _hand_of_your(pl) and_not they_will_become again in_hand_of_your(pl) (into)_prey and_

**53 LV 13:16 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

**54 LV 13:19 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.
22 Because made_disheartened the_heart the_
_righteous falsehood and_I not I_caused_him_
_pain and_strengthened the_hands_of the_wicked
to_not to_turn_back from_way_of_his (the)_evil
to_preserve_him_alive. 23 For_so/thus/hence
worthlessness not you(pl)_will_see and_
_divination not you(pl)_will_divine again and_I_
_will_deliver DOM people_of_my from_hand_of_
_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that
I am_**YHWH**.

14:1 And_he_came to_me men of_the_elders_of
of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_lived before_me.
2 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me
to_say. 3 Oh_son_of humankind the_men the_
_these they_have_brought_up idols_of_their on
heart_of_their and_the_stumbling_block_of their_
_iniquity_of_their they_have_set in_front_of
faces_of_their indeed_(be_consulted) will_I_let_
_myself_be_consulted to/for_them. 4 For_
_so/thus/hence speak with_them and_you_will_
_say to_them thus he_says my_master **YHWH** a_
_person a_person from_the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who he_will_bring_up DOM idols_
_of_his to his/its_heart and_the_stumbling_
_block_of his_iniquity_of_his he_will_set in_front_
_of his/its_faces/face and_he_will_go to the_
_prophet I **YHWH** I_will_let_myself_give_an_
_answer to_him/it in/on/at/with[55] by_the_
_multitude_of his_idols_of_his. 5 So_as to_seize
DOM the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_heart_of_
_their who they_have_become_estranged from_
_with_me by_idols_of_their of_them_of_all. 6 For_
_so/thus/hence say to the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus my_master **YHWH** he_says
turn_back and_turn_away from_under idols_of_
_your(pl) and_from_with all_of abominations_of_
_your(pl) turn_away faces_of_your(pl).
7 If/because a_person a_person from_the_house_
_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_from_the_sojourner who
he_sojourns in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_he_will_
_separate_himself from_after_me and_he_will_
_bring_up idols_of_his to his/its_heart and_the_
_stumbling_block_of his_iniquity_of_his he_will_
_set in_front_of his/its_faces/face and_he_will_go
to the_prophet to_consult to_him/it (in)_me I
**YHWH** will_let_myself_give_an_answer for_
_him/it by_myself. 8 And_I_will_set face_of_my

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people with lies (even though I didn't desire their discouragement), and because you people encouraged the actions of the wicked people instead so they won't change their ways to save their lives, 23 because of that, you'll no longer have false visions or continue to make predictions, because I'll rescue my people out of your control. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

**Yahweh's hate for idols**

14:1 One day some of the Israeli elders came and sat down to talk, 2 and Yahweh gave me this message: 3 "Son of humanity, these men have taken their idols to be their gods, and their choice to disobey makes it very difficult for them to relate to me. Should I even let them ask me anything?

4 Therefore tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'Every Israeli person who makes their idols their priority, or who allows their disobedience to separate them from me, and who then comes to a prophet, I, Yahweh, will answer them according to how many idols they have. 5 I'll do that so that I can reclaim the Israeli people whose values are now far from mine due to their idols.

6 Therefore tell the Israeli people that the master Yahweh says this: 'Change your behaviour and turn away from your idols. Make a decision to stop disobeying me by doing those evil things.

7 Any Israeli person or any foreigner residing in Yisrael (Israel) who deserts me, who takes idols to be their gods and allows their disobedience to separate them from me, and who then comes to a prophet to request my guidance, I, Yahweh, will answer that person myself. 8 I'll clearly show my disapproval and make that person into a sign for others and into a talking point, and they'll be isolated from the rest of my people, and you people will know that I am Yahweh.

9 If a prophet is deceived and speaks a message, then I, Yahweh, will deceive that prophet. I'll take action against him and destroy him to remove him from among the Israeli people. 10 Both the

**55 LV 14:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: ב/ה: (x-qere) 'אֵב': lemma_935 n_0.0 morph_HVqp3ms id_26Hme אֵב

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prophet and the one who asks him for advice will be guilty, and I'll punish both of them for their disobedience. 11 Because of that, the Israeli people will no longer wander away from following me, nor defile themselves any longer through all their disobedience. They'll be my people, and I'll be their god. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

**Turning the country into wasteland**

12 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 13 "Son of humanity, when a country sins against me by choosing to worship other gods, so that I decide to take action against it, then I'll break the cycle of food production and send a famine out over it. I'll punish both people and animals from that land 14 in such a way that even if Noah, Daniyel, and Iyov (Job) lived in that place, they could only rescue their own lives by being blameless in my sight. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

15 If I send vicious wild animals through the country and make it barren so that it becomes a wasteland where no one can pass through because of those animals, 16 then even if those same three men were in it, as I live, declares the master Yahweh, they wouldn't be able to rescue even their own children—only their own lives would be saved, but the land itself would become a wasteland.

17 Or if I bring a sword against that country and say, 'Sword, go through the land and eliminate both the people and domestic animals from it', 18 then even if those three men were in it, as I live, declares the master Yahweh, they wouldn't be

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on_person (the)_that and_I_will_make_him into_ _a_sign and_into_bywords and_I_will_cut_him_off from_among_of people_of_my and_you(pl)_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. 9 And_the_ _prophet if/because he_will_be_deceived and_he_ _will_speak a_message I **YHWH** I_have_deceived ~~DOM~~ the_prophet (the)_that and_I_will_stretch_ _out ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my on/upon/above_him/it and_I_will_destroy_him from_among_of people_ _of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 10 And_they_will_bear iniquity_of_their as_the_iniquity_of the_one_ _who_enquires as_the_iniquity_of the_prophet it_ _will_be. 11 So_that not they_may_wander again the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_after_me and_ _not they_will_make_themselves_unclean again in_all transgressions_of_their and_they_will_be to_me (into)_a_people and_I I_will_become to/for_them (into)_god the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH**.

12 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 13 Oh_son_of humankind a_land if/because it_will_sin to_me by_acting_ _unfaithfully unfaithfulness and_I_will_stretch_ _out hand_of_my on/upon_it(f) and_I_will_break to/for_her/it staff_of bread and_I_will_send on_it famine and_I_will_cut_off from_her/it humankind and_animal[s]. 14 And_ the_three_of the_men the_these _they_will_be in_the_midst_ _of_of_it Noaḥ Dāniyy'ēl[5758] and_'Iyyōv/(Job) they by_righteousness_of_their they_will_deliver life_ _of_their_own the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. 15 If animal[s] wild I_will_cause_to_pass on_the_earth and_it_will_make_it_childless and_ _it_will_be a_desolation from_not_of one_who_ _passes_by from_face/in_front_of the_living. 16 The_three_of the_men the_these in_the_midst_ _of_of_it by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH** if sons and_if daughters they_ _will_deliver they they_alone they_will_be_ _delivered and_the_earth it_will_be a_desolation. 17 Or a_sword I_will_bring on the_earth/land (the)_that and_I_will_say a_sword let_it_pass on_ _the_earth and_I_will_cut_off from_her/it humankind and_animal[s]. 18 And_the_three_of the_men the_these in_the_midst_of_of_it by_the_ _life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** not they_will_deliver sons and_daughters

**57 LV 14:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: לְאַנֵּד: (x-qere) לְאַיֵּנֵד': lemma_1840 morph_HNp id_26V1j לְאַיֵּנֵד

**58 LV 14:14 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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if/because they they_alone they_will_be_
_delivered. 19 Or pestilence I_will_send against
the_earth/land (the)_that and_I_will_pour_out
rage_of_my on/upon_it(f) by_blood to_cut_off
from_her/it humankind and_animal[s]. 20 And_
_Noaḥ Dāniyy'ēl[5960] and_'Iyyōv/(Job) in_the_
_midst_of_of_it by_the_life of_me the_utterance_
_of my_master **YHWH** if a_son if a_daughter
they_will_deliver they by_righteousness_of_their
they_will_deliver life_of_their_own. 21 If/because
thus my_master **YHWH** he_says indeed
if/because the_four_of_judgements_of_my (the)_
_harmful sword and_famine and_animal[s] wild
and_pestilence I_will_send against
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_cut_off from_her/it
humankind and_animal[s]. 22 And_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_will_be_left in_it an_
_escaped_remnant those_who_are_brought_out
sons and_daughters THERE_they are_about_to_
_come_out to_you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_see ~~DOM~~
conduct_of_their and_~~DOM~~ practices_of_their
and_you(pl)_will_be_comforted on the_calamity
which I_have_brought on
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) ~~DOM~~ all_of that I_have_
_brought on_it. 23 And_they_will_comfort you(pl)
if/because you(pl)_will_see ~~DOM~~ conduct_of_their
and_~~DOM~~ practices_of_their and_you(pl)_will_
_know if/because_that not without_cause I_have_
_done ~~DOM~~ all_of that I_have_done in_it the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

15:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_
_me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind what is_it
the_wood_of the_vine from_all tree_of the_vine_
_branch which it_is among_the_trees_of the_
_forest. 3 Is_it_taken from_him/it wood for_doing
into_a_product or do_people_take from_him/it a_
_peg to_hang on/upon/above_him/it any_of
vessel. 4 THERE to_fire it_is_given for_food ~~DOM~~
the_two_of ends_of_its the_fire it_consumes and_
_the_middle_of_of_it it_is_charred is_it_successful
for_a_product. 5 THERE when_was_it complete
not it_was_made into_a_product indeed
if/because a_fire it_has_consumed_it and_it_has_
_been_charred and_will_it_be_made again into_a_
_product. 6 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master

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able to rescue even their own sons or daughters—only their own lives would be saved.

19 Or if I send deadly diseases against that country and pour out my rage against it through bloodshed, in order to eliminate both the people and the domestic animals, 20 as surely as I live, even if Noah, Daniyel, and Iyov were in that country, they wouldn't be able to rescue even their sons and daughters. They'd save only themselves by being blameless in my sight. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

21 The master Yahweh says this: 'I'll certainly make things worse by sending my four punishments against Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to eliminate both the people and the domestic animals from it: famine, sword, wild animals, and deadly diseases.[56] 22 But listen! Despite that, a remnant will be left in the city—survivors who'll go out with sons and daughters. Yes, they'll go out to you, and you'll see their behaviour and actions and understand why they deserved the punishment that I sent to Yerushalem, and about everything else that I've sent against the country. 23 The survivors will relieve you people when you see their behaviour and their actions, because you'll know that all those things that I've done against Yerushalem, I didn't do them without good reason. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

**The vine stem is useless as wood**

15:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, how is a vine better than any tree with branches in a forest? 3 Do people take wood from a vine to make anything? Would anyone use vine wood even to make something to hang a mug on? 4 If it's used as firewood, and if the fire burns both ends, and even the middle, is it good wood, or indeed good for anything? 5 Originally, the vine wood couldn't be used to make anything, so surely, when the fire's burnt it, it still can't do anything useful.

6 Therefore the master Yahweh says this: 'Unlike

**56 RV 14:21 · Cross-ref.** Rev 6:8.

**59 LV 14:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: לְאנֹךְ: (x-qere) 'לְאֵינֹךְ': lemma_1840 morph_HNp id_266Tw לְאֵינֹךְ

**60 LV 14:20 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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the trees in the forests, I've given the vine as fuel for fires. I'll act in the same way toward Yerushalem's (Jerusalem's) inhabitants, 7 and I'll start to take action against them. Even if they get out of the fire, the fire will still consume them, so you people will know that I am Yahweh, when I take action against them. 8 Then I'll make the land into an abandoned wasteland because they chose to worship other gods. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

**Unfaithful Yerushalem's vile practices**

16:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, inform Yerushalem (Jerusalem) about their detestable behaviour, 3 and declare that the master Yahweh says this to Yerushalem: Your beginning and your birth took place in the land of Kena'an (Canaan), your father was an Amori, and your mother was a Hiti.[61] 4 When you were born, your mother didn't cut your cord, nor did she clean you with water or rub you down with salt, or wrap cloth around you. 5 No one cared enough about you to do any of these things for you—to be compassionate toward you. Your life was despised and you were thrown out into the open field on the very day that you were born.

6 But I went past, and I saw you, Yerushalem, writhing in your own blood, so I said to you as you lay there in your blood, "Live!"[62] 7 I made you grow like a plant in the countryside. You grew up and became tall, and you became the most precious jewel. Your breasts became firm, and your hair grew thick, even though you'd been naked and bare.

8 I went past again and saw you. Wow, the time of love came for you, so I spread my robe out over you and covered your nakedness. Then I made a promise to you and brought you into a contract and you became mine. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

9 I washed you, Yerushalem, with water, and

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**YHWH** he_says just_as the_wood_of the_vine among_the_tree[s]_of the_forest which I_have_ _given_it to_fire for_food so I_have_given ĐOM the_inhabitants_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 7 And_I_will_set ĐOM face_of_my (is)_in_them from_the_fire they_have_come_out and_the_fire it_will_consume_them and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_set_I ĐOM face_of_my on_them. 8 And_I_will_make ĐOM the_ _earth/land a_desolation because they_have_ _acted_unfaithfully unfaithfulness the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

16:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_ _me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind make_ _known_to ĐOM Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) ĐOM abominations_of_its. 3 And_you_will_say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) origins_of_your and_ _birth(s)_of_your were_from_the_land_of the_ _Kəna'ₐnī/(Canaanite)[s] father_of_your the_ _'Amorī and_mother_of_your was_a_Ḫittiy. 4 And_ _birth(s)_of_your in/on_day you were_born not cord_of_your_umbilical it_was_cut_off and_with_ _water not you_were_washed for_cleansing and_ _at_all_(be_salted) not you_were_rubbed_with_ _salt and_at_all_(be_wrapped) not you_were_ _wrapped. 5 Not it_looked_with_compassion on_ _you an_eye for_doing to/for_you(fs) one from_ _these for_compassion on_you and_you_were_ _thrown_out to the_surface_of the_field in_the_ _loathing_of your_life_of_your in/on_day you were_born. 6 And_I_passed_by at_you and_I_saw_ _you kicking_about in_blood(s)_of_your and_I_ _said to/for_you(fs) in_blood(s)_of_your live and_ _I_said to/for_you(fs) in_blood(s)_of_your live. 7 Ten_thousand like_the_growth_of the_field I_ _made_you and_you_grew and_you_grew_up and_ _you_came in_an_ornament_of ornaments breasts they_were_firm and_hair_of_your it_had_ _grown and_you were_nakedness and_bareness. 8 And_I_passed_by at_you and_I_saw_you and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE time_of_your was_a_time_of love(s) and_I_spread_out of_my_garment_of_the_ _skirt over_you and_I_covered nakedness_of_your and_I_swore_an_oath to/for_you(fs) and_I_came in_a_covenant with_you the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH** and_you_belonged to_me. 9 And_

61 **RV 16:3 · Note** A bunch of insults to the proud Israelis.

62 **RV 16:6 · Note** The last part of the verse is repeated in the Hebrew.

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_I_washed_you with_water and_I_washed_off blood(s)_of_your from_on_you and_I_anointed_ _you with_oil. 10 And_I_clothed_you multicoloured_material and_I_shod_you leather and_I_wrapped_your_head with_(the)_linen and_ _I_covered_you silk. 11 And_I_adorned_you ornament[s] and_I_put bracelets on hands_of_ _your and_a_chain on neck_of_your. 12 And_I_put a_ring on nose_of_your and_earrings on ears_of_ _your and_a_crown_of beauty on_head_of_your. 13 And_you_adorned_yourself gold and_silver and_clothing_of_your was_fine_linen[63] and_silk and_multicoloured_material fine_flour and_ _honey and_oil you_ate[64] and_you_were_ _beautiful with_muchness muchness and_you_ _prospered into_kingship. 14 And_he/it_went_out to/for_you(fs) name among_nations on_beauty_ _of_your if/because was_perfect it on_splendour_ _of_my which I_had_put on_you the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. 15 And_you_trusted in_ _beauty_of_your and_you_acted_as_a_prostitute on name_of_your and_you_poured_out ~~DOM~~ prostitution(s)_of_your on every_of one_who_ _passed_by to_him/it let_it_belong. 16 And_you_ _took some_of_your_clothes and_you_made to/for_you(fs) high_places multicoloured and_ _you_acted_as_a_prostitute on_them not coming and_not it_will_be. 17 And_you_took the_articles_ _of your_beauty_of_your some_of_my_gold and_ _some_of_my_silver which I_had_given to/for_ _you(fs) and_you_made to/for_you(fs) images_of a_male and_you_acted_as_a_prostitute with_ _them. 18 And_you_took ~~DOM~~ the_clothes_of your_multicoloured_material_of_your and_you_ _covered_them and_oil_of_my and_incense_of_ _my you_set[65] before_them. 19 And_food_of_my which I_had_given to/for_you(fs) fine_flour and_ _oil and_honey which_I_had_given_you_to_eat and_you_set_it before_them to_an_odour_of soothing and_it_was the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. 20 And_you_took ~~DOM~~ sons_of_your and_ _~~DOM~~ daughters_of_your whom you_had_borne to_me and_you_sacrificed_them to/for_them to_ _devour little mmm[66]. 21 And_you_slaughtered

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rinsed your blood off you, and I put lotion on your skin. 10 Then I dressed you in embroidered clothes and put leather sandals on your feet. I wrapped you in fine linen, then covered you with silk. 11 Next I adorned you with jewellery, and I put bracelets on your hands and a chain around your neck. 12 I put a ring in your nose and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. 13 So you were adorned with gold and silver, and you were dressed in fine linen, silk, and embroidered clothes. You ate good food made from fine flour, honey, and oil, and you were very beautiful, and you became a queen. 14 Your reputation, Yerushalem, spread among the nations because of your beauty, because it was perfect in the majesty I'd given you. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

15 But Yerushalem, you trusted in your own beauty, and you acted like a prostitute because of your reputation. You flirted with everyone going past, and prostituted yourself, so that your beauty became theirs. 16 Then you took your clothes and made hilltop shrines for yourself with them, decorated in various colours, and there you acted like a prostitute. This shouldn't have happened, nor should such a thing exist. 17 You took the fine gold and silver jewellery that I gave you, and you made male sculptures for yourselves, and you behaved with them like a prostitute would. 18 You took your embroidered garments and covered those idols, and you offered my oils and perfumes to them. 19 The high-quality bread that I gave you (made with fine flour, oil, and honey), you placed in front of them to be a fragrant aroma, and indeed it was. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

20 Then you took your sons and daughters that you bore for me, and you sacrificed them to those idols to be devoured as food. Are your acts of prostitution a small matter? 21 You slaughtered my

**63 LV 16:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ישש**: (x-qere) 'שֵׁשׁ': lemma_8336 b morph_HAcfsa id_26qg7 שֵׁשׁ

**64 LV 16:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתלכא**: (x-qere) 'תְּלָבָּא': lemma_398 n_1 morph_HVqp2fs id_2618S תְּלָבָּא

**65 LV 16:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתתנ**: (x-qere) 'תַּתָּנָ': lemma_5414 n_0.0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26Sag תַּתָּנָ

**66 LV 16:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ד/תנזת/מ**: (x-qere) 'דְּ/יְתוּנָזוֹת/מ': lemma_m/8457 n_0 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp2fs id_26R79 דְּ/יְתוּנָזוֹת/מ

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children for the idols and made them pass through the fire. 22 In all your evil goings on and your acts of prostitution, you never thought back to the days when you were young, when you were naked and bare as you thrashed about in your own blood. 23 After all your wickedness, you won't end well. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

**Yahweh's anger at Yerushalem**

24 You made yourself a mound and built a raised shrine in every public square. 25 You built your raised platform at the top of every street and made your beauty a disgrace, and you spread your legs for anyone who passed by, and you multiplied your acts of prostitution. 26 You've acted like a prostitute with your lusty neighbours the Mitsrim (Egyptians), and you committed many more acts of prostitution, provoking me to anger.

27 Listen, I'll hit you with my hand and cut off your food supply. I'll hand your life over to your enemies, the daughters of the Pelishtim, who were ashamed of your obscene behaviour.

28 You've acted like a prostitute with the Assyrians because you couldn't be satisfied. You acted like a prostitute and still you weren't satisfied. 29 So you performed many more acts of prostitution in Bavel (Babylon) (the country of the Chaldean merchants), and even that didn't satisfy you. 30 Your heart is so sick that you would do things like that—things that only a shameless prostitute would do. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

31 You made your mounds at the top of every street and built your tall shrines in every public square, yet you weren't like a prostitute, in the sense that you scoffed at taking payment. 32 You

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~~DOM~~ children_of_my and_you_gave_them when_ _made_pass_through them to/for_them. 22 And_ _~~DOM~~ all_of abominations_of_your and_ _prostitution(s)_of_your not you_remembered[67] ~~DOM~~ the_days_of your_youth(s)_of_your when_ _were_you nakedness and_bareness kicking_ _about in_blood_of_your you_were. 23 And_he/it_ _was after all_of wickedness_of_your woe woe to/for_you(fs) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

24 And_you_built to/for_you(fs) a_mound[68] and_ _you_made to/for_you(fs) a_high_place in_all open_place. 25 To every_of head_of a_road you_ _built place_of_your_high and_you_made_ _abominable ~~DOM~~ beauty_of_your and_you_ _opened_wide ~~DOM~~ feet_of_your to/from_ _all/each/any/every one_who_passed_by and_ _you_increased ~~DOM~~ mmm[69]. 26 And_you_acted_ _as_a_prostitute to the_people_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) neighbours_of_your who_ _were_great_of_flesh and_you_increased ~~DOM~~ prostitution_of_your to_provoke_me_to_anger. 27 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE I_stretched_out hand_ _of_my on_you and_I_diminished allotment_of_ _your and_I_gave_you in_the_will_of those_who_ _hate_you the_daughters_of the_Pəlishtiy who_ _were_ashamed from_conduct_of_your licentiousness. 28 And_you_acted_as_a_prostitute to the_people_of 'Ashshūr from_not satiety_of_ _your and_you_acted_as_a_prostitute_with_them and_also not you_were_satisfied. 29 And_you_ _increased ~~DOM~~ prostitution_of_your to a_land_of merchant[s] to_Chaldea and_also by_this not you_were_satisfied. 30 How anger_of_is_your hot the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** when_do_ _you ~~DOM~~ all_of these_things the_deed[s]_of a_ _woman a_prostitute imperious. 31 When_built_ _you mound_of_your at_the_head_of every_of road and_your_high_of_place you_made[70] in_all open_place and_not you_were[71] like_prostitute to_scorn the_hire. 32 The_woman (the)_ _adulterous who_in_place_of her/its_

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**67 LV 16:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתרכז: (x-qere) 'תְּרַכָּזְ'; lemma_2142 n_1.0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26khN תְּרַכָּזְ

**68 LV 16:24 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

**69 LV 16:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: תנזת/ך: (x-qere) 'יְתוּנְזָתִ/ךְ': lemma_8457 n_0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp2fs id_26fn2 יְתוּנְזָתִ/ךְ

**70 LV 16:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתישע: (x-qere) 'תְּיַשָּׁע': lemma_6213 a n_1.0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26ibz תְּיַשָּׁע

**71 LV 16:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתייה: (x-qere) 'תְּיֶה': lemma_1961 morph_HVqp2fs id_26KVW תְּיֶה

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_husband/man she_takes ~~DOM~~ strangers.
33 To/from_all/each/any/every prostitutes men_
_give a_gift and_you you_have_given ~~DOM~~ gifts_
_of_your to/from_all/each/any/every lovers_of_
_your and_you_have_bribed them to_come to_you
from_round_about by_prostitution(s)_of_your.
34 And_he/it_was in_you contrariness from the_
_women in_prostitution(s)_of_your and_after_you
not it_was_approached_for_prostitution and_
_because_gave_you the_hire and_the_hire not it_
_was_given to/for_you(fs) and_it_became (into)_
_contrariness.

35 For_so/thus/hence Oh_prostitute hear the_
_message_of **YHWH**. 36 Thus my_master **YHWH**
he_says because lust_of_your was_poured_out
and_ nakedness_of_your _it_was_uncovered in_
_prostitution(s)_of_your with lovers_of_your and_
_on all_of the_idols_of your(pl)_abominations_of_
_your and_according_to_the_blood(s)_of
your(pl)_children_of_your which you_gave
to/for_them. 37 For_so/thus/hence HERE_I am_
_about_to_gather ~~DOM~~ all_of lovers_of_your whom
you_were_pleasing to_them and_~~DOM~~ all_of
those_whom you_loved to all_of those_whom
you_hated and_I_will_gather ~~DOM~~_them on_you
from_round_about and_I_will_uncover
nakedness_of_your to_them and_they_will_see
~~DOM~~ all_of nakedness_of_your. 38 And_I_will_
_judge_you judgements_of adulteresses and_
_women_who_shed_of (of)_blood and_I_will_put_
_on_you blood_of rage and_jealousy. 39 And_I_
_will_give you in_hand_of_their and_they_will_
_tear_down mound_of_your and_they_will_be_
_broken_down places_of_your_high and_they_
_will_strip_off you clothes_of_your and_they_
_will_take the_articles_of your_beauty_of_your
and_they_will_leave_you nakedness and_
_bareness. 40 And_they_will_bring_up on_you a_
_company and_they_will_stone you with_stone[s]
and_they_will_cut_you_to_pieces with_swords_
_of_their. 41 And_they_will_burn houses_of_your
with_fire and_they_will_bring_about on_you
judgements to_the_eyes_of women many and_I_
_will_cause_you_to_cease from_a_prostitute and_
_also the_hire not you_will_give again. 42 And_I_
_will_give_rest_to rage_of_my on/over_you(fs)
and_ jealousy_of_my _it_will_turn_aside from_
_you and_I_will_be_at_peace and_not I_will_be_
_angry again. 43 Because that not you_

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adulterous woman, you prefer strangers over your husband. 33 It's normal for clients to pay the prostitute, but you do the opposite: you give your wages to all your lovers and bribe them to come to you from all around for your acts of prostitution. 34 Yes, there's a difference between you and other women. No one offers payment for you to act as a prostitute. You're the very opposite—you paid them but nothing was given to you.

**Yahweh's punishment of Yerushalem**

35 Therefore, Yerushalem (Jerusalem), you prostitute, listen to Yahweh's message. 36 The master Yahweh says this: 'Because you've poured out your lust and uncovered your nakedness through your acts of prostitution with your lovers and with all your detestable idols, and because you gave them your children's blood, 37 then listen: I'll gather all your lovers that you've met, including the ones you loved and the ones you hated—I'll gather them against you on every side. I'll uncover your nakedness for them so they see all your nakedness. 38 Then I'll punish you for your adultery and the shedding of blood, and I'll bring on you the bloodshed of my anger and passion. 39 I'll allow them to conquer you so they'll tear apart your mounds and break down your tall shrines, and they'll strip your clothes off you and take all your jewellery—leaving you naked and bare.

40 Then they'll bring a crowd up against you and throw heavy stones at you, and they'll cut you apart with their swords. 41 They'll burn down your houses and punish you in several ways in the sight of many women, because I'll put a stop to your prostitution, and you'll no longer pay your lovers. 42 Then I'll calm my rage against you. My anger will leave you, because I'll be satisfied and won't be angry at you any longer.

43 Because you didn't call to mind your younger days, and made me shake with anger because of all those things, therefore, listen: I myself will bring the punishment for what you've done down onto

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your own head. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

**Like mother, like daughter**

Haven't you added prostitution to all your other detestable practices? 44 Listen, everyone who speaks proverbs about you will say, "Like mother, like daughter." 45 You are the daughter of your mother, who detested her husband and her children, and you are the sister of your sisters, who detested their husbands and their children. Your mother was a Hiti, and your father was an Amori.

46 Your older sister was Shomron (Samaria), and her daughters were the ones living in the north, while your younger sister was the one living south of you, that is, Sedom and her daughters. 47 Not only did you follow their customs and copy their behaviour and practices, but in everything you did, you've been *worse* than they were.

48 This is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, your sister Sedom and her daughters didn't do as much evil as you and your daughters have done. 49 Listen, your sister Sedom's sin was that she was arrogant in her leisure, careless and unconcerned about anything. She didn't assist the poor and needy people. 50 She was arrogant and performed disgusting actions in front of me, so I took them away, just as you've seen.

51 As for Shomron, they didn't commit even half of your sins. No, you've done many more disgusting things than they did, and you've shown that your sisters were better than you, because of all the disgusting things you do. 52 Also how you display your own shame—you've shown that your sisters were better than you by the sins you commit-

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_remembered[72] ~~DOM~~ the_days_of your_youth(s)_ _of_your and_you_were_enraged to_me in_all these_things and_also I THERE conduct_of_your on_the_head I_will_requite the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH** and_not did_you_do[73] ~~DOM~~ the_ _licentiousness to_all_of abominations_of_your.

44 THERE every_of (the)_one_who_speaks_a_ _proverb on_you he_will_speak_a_proverb to_say is_like_mother_of_her daughter_of_her. 45 Are_ _the_daughter_of your_mother_of_your you who_ _abhorred her/its_husband/man and_children_ _of_her and_are_the_sister_of your_sister_of_your you who they_abhorred husbands_of_their and_ _children_of_their mother_of_your(pl) was_a_ _Ḥittiy and_father_of_your(pl) was_an_'Amorī. 46 And_sister_of_your (the)_old was_Shomrōn she and_her/its_daughters who_dwelt on north_ _of_your and_sister_of_your (the)_young more_ _than_you who_dwelt from_south_of_your was_ _Ṣədom and_daughters_of_her. 47 And_not in_ _ways_of_their did_you_walk and_in_ _abominations_of_their did_you_do[75] like_a_little only and_you_behaved_corruptly more_than_ _them in_all ways_of_your. 48 By_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if Ṣədom sister_of_your she and_her/its_daughters she_did just_as you and_daughters_of_your you_have_ _done. 49 HERE this it_was the_iniquity_of Ṣədom sister_of_your pride surfeit_of food and_security_ _of quietness it_belonged to/for_her/it and_to_ _daughters_of_her and_the_hand_of the_poor and_the_needy not she_strengthened. 50 And_ _they_were_haughty and_they_did abomination before_me and_I_removed them just_as I_saw. 51 And_Shomrōn according_to_(the)_half_of your(pl)_sins_of_your not it_sinned and_you_ _have_increased ~~DOM~~ abominations_of_your more_than_them and_you_have_made_appear_ _righteous ~~DOM~~ mmm[76] in_all abominations_of_ _your which you_have_done[77]. 52 Also you bear disgrace_of_your that you_have_mediated for_ _sister_of_your by_sins_of_your which you_have_

72 **LV 16:43 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתרכז**: (x-qere) 'תְּרַכָּ֣ז'; lemma_2142 n_1.1.0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26mmj תְּרַכָּ֣ז

73 **LV 16:43 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתישע**: (x-qere) 'תִּישָׁ֔ע'; lemma_6213 a n_0.1.0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26WHq תִּישָׁ֔ע

75 **LV 16:47 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתישע**: (x-qere) 'תִּשָּׁ֔ע'; lemma_6213 a n_1 morph_HVqp2fs id_26z69 תִּשָּׁ֔ע

76 **LV 16:51 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ךתוחא**: (x-qere) 'ךְּ/יִתּוֹחֵ֣א'; lemma_269 n_0.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp2fs id_26kjj ךְּ/יִתּוֹחֵ֣א

77 **LV 16:51 · Note** OSHB variant note: **יתישע**: (x-qere) 'תִּשָּׁ֔ע'; lemma_6213 a n_0 morph_HVqp2fs id_26agQ תִּשָּׁ֔ע

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_acted_abominably more_than_them they_are_
_righteous more_than_you and_also you be_
_ashamed and_bear disgrace_of_your because_
_you_have_made_appear_righteous sisters_of_
_your. 53 And_I_will_turn_back ~~ḎǾM~~ captivity_of_
_their ~~ḎǾM~~ wwww[78] of_Ṣədom and_her/its_
_daughters and_~~ḎǾM~~ wwww[79] of_Shomrōn and_
_her/its_daughters and[80] your(pl)_captivities_of_
_your among_them. 54 So_that you_may_bear
disgrace_of_your and_you_will_be_ashamed[81]
from_all that you_have_done when_comfort_you
them. 55 And_sisters_of_your Ṣədom and_her/its_
_daughters they_will_return to_their_former_of_
_state and_Shomrōn and_her/its_daughters they_
_will_return to_their_former_of_state and_you
and_daughters_of_your you(pl)_will_return to_
_your_former_of_state. 56 And_not did_she_
_become Ṣədom sister_of_your (into)_a_mention
in_mouth_of_your in/on_day your(pl)_pride(s)_
_of_your. 57 Before_before wickedness_of_your it_
_was_uncovered like the_time_of the_reproach_of
the_daughters_of ʾArām and_all around_of_it the_
_daughters_of the_Pəlishtiy who_despise you
from_round_about. 58 ~~ḎǾM~~ licentiousness_of_your
and_~~ḎǾM~~ abominations_of_your you you_will_
_bear_them the_utterance_of **YHWH**.
59 If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says
and[82] with_you just_as you_have_done you_who
you_despised an_oath by_breaking a_covenant.
60 And_ I _I_will_remember ~~ḎǾM~~ covenant_of_my
with_you in_the_days_of your_youth(s)_of_your
and_I_will_establish to/for_you(fs) a_covenant_of
perpetuity. 61 And_you_will_remember ~~ḎǾM~~
ways_of_your and_you_will_be_ashamed when_
_receive_you ~~ḎǾM~~ sisters_of_your (the)_old more_
_than_you to (the)_young more_than_you and_I_
_will_give them to/for_you(fs) to_daughters and_
_not from_covenant_of_your. 62 And_ I _I_will_
_establish ~~ḎǾM~~ covenant_of_my with_you and_
_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.
63 So_that you_may_remember and_you_will_be_
_ashamed and_not it_will_belong to_you again

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ted in all those disgusting ways. Your sisters now seem better than you.

53 From their captivity, I'll restore the fortunes of Sedom and her daughters, and of Shomron and her daughters, and your fortunes will be similar,[74] 54 so that you'll display your shame. You'll be humiliated because of everything you've done, and in that way you'll be a consolation to Sedom and Shomron. 55 Your sister Sedom and her daughters will be restored to their former condition, and Shomron and her daughters will be restored similarly. Then you and your daughters will be restored to your former condition. 56 You never even mentioned your sister Sedom in the period when you were proud, 57 before your wickedness was revealed. But now you're an object of scorn to the daughters of Aram (Syria) and to all the daughters of the Pelishtim around her. People all around despise you. 58 You'll display your shame and your disgusting actions. That's Yahweh's declaration.

**The permanent agreement**

59 The master Yahweh says this: 'I'll deal with you as you deserve—you who've despised your oath by breaking our agreement. 60 But I myself will call to mind my agreement with you that was made when you were younger, and I'll establish a never-ending agreement with you. 61 Then you'll call to mind your behaviour and be ashamed when you adopt your older and younger sisters. I'll give them to you as daughters, but not because of your agreement. 62 I myself will establish my agreement with you, and you'll know that I am Yahweh, 63 so that you'll call everything to mind and be ashamed. Then you'll no longer open your mouth

**74 RV 16:53 · Note** i.e., to go into captivity, but then after a time, to be restored.

**78 LV 16:53 · Note** OSHB variant note: תיבש: (x-qere) 'תְּוִבְּשׁ': lemma_7622 morph_HNcfsc id_26UXx תְּוִבְּשׁ

**79 LV 16:53 · Note** OSHB variant note: תיבש: (x-qere) 'תְּוִבְּשׁ': lemma_7622 morph_HNcfsc id_26PxD תְּוִבְּשׁ

**80 LV 16:53 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תיבש: (x-qere) 'תְּוִבְּשׁ/ו': lemma_c/7622 morph_HC/Ncfsc id_26LYs תְּוִבְּשׁ/ו

**81 LV 16:54 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more vowels in L differently from BHS.

**82 LV 16:59 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תישע: (x-qere) 'יִתְיַשָּׁעְ/ו': lemma_c/6213 a morph_HC/Vqq1cs id_26iDE יִתְיַשָּׁעְ/ו

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to speak, because of your shame, when I've forgiven you for everything you've done. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

**Two eagles and the vine**

17:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, present a riddle and tell a parable to the Israeli people. 3 Tell them, 'The master Yahweh says this: 'A large eagle, with large wings full of multi-coloured feathers, and long pinions, went to Levanon and grabbed hold of the top of a cedar tree. 4 He broke off the top shoot of the tree and took it to Kena'an (Canaan) where he placed it in a city full of merchants. 5 He also took some of the land's seed and planted it in fertile soil, beside a large body of water where a willow might grow. 6 Then the seed sprouted and became a spreading vine low to the ground. Its branches turned toward him, and its roots grew down below, so it became a vine and produced branches and sent out shoots.

7 But there was another large eagle with large wings and many feathers. Oh wow, that vine turned its roots toward this eagle, and it spread out its branches toward the eagle from the place it had been planted so it might get watered. 8 It had been planted in good soil beside a large body of water so it would grow branches and produce fruit, to become a magnificent vine.'

9 Ask the people: 'The master Yahweh wants to know if it'll prosper. Won't it be uprooted and stripped of its fruit so that it withers, and all its fresh growth will dry out? You wouldn't have to be very strong or get lots of people to help to pull it out by its roots. 10 So listen. After it had been planted, would it thrive? Wouldn't it wither up when the eastern wind touches it? Yes, it would wither right up in the garden plot where it sprouted.' "

**The vine part of the parable explained**

11 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 12 "Ask those rebellious people, 'Don't you know what those things mean? Listen, the king of Bavel (Babylon) came to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and

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an_opening_of mouth from_face/in_front_of disgrace_of_your when_I_make_atonement to/for_you(fs) to/from_all/each/any/every that you_have_done the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

17:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_ _me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind ask_a_riddle a_riddle and_speak_a_parable a_parable concerning the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 3 And_ _you_will_say thus he_says my_master **YHWH** the_eagle (the)_great (the)_great_of (the)_wings (the)_long_of (the)_wing full (the)_plumage which to_him/it (the)_multicoloured_plumage it_ _came to (the)_Ləvānōn and_he/it_took ~~DOM~~ the_ _treetop_of the_cedar. 4 ~~DOM~~ the_top_of shoots_ _of_its it_plucked_off and_it_brought_it to a_land_ _of merchant[s] in_a_city_of traders it_placed_it. 5 And_he/it_took one_of_the_seed_of the_ _earth/land and_it_put_it in_a_field_of seed a_ _shoot at waters many a_willow it_placed_it. 6 And_it_sprouted and_he/it_was (into)_a_vine overhanging low_of stature to_ branches_of_its _ _turn to_him/it and_roots_of_its under_it they_ _were and_it_became (into)_a_vine and_it_ _produced shoots and_it_sent_out boughs. 7 And_ _he/it_was an_eagle one great great_of wings and_great_of plumage and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_ _vine (the)_this it_bent roots_of_its on/upon/above_him/it and_branches_of_its it_ _sent_out for_him/it to_water it from_the_beds_ _of its_planting_of_her. 8 To a_field good to waters many it was_planted for_doing branch[es] and_to_bear fruit to_be (into)_a_vine_of splendour. 9 Say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says will_it_prosper am_not ~~DOM~~ roots_of_its will_it_ _pull_up and_~~DOM~~ fruit_of_its will_it_strip_off and_it_will_wither all_of the_fresh_things_of its_ _growth_of_her it_will_wither and_not by_an_ _arm great and_by_a_people numerous to_lift_up it from_roots_of_its. 10 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE it_ _is_planted will_it_prosper am_not just_as_ _touches (in)_it the_wind_of the_east will_it_ _wither completely_(wither) on the_beds_of its_ _growth_of_her it_will_wither.

11 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 12 Say please to_the_house_of (the)_ _rebellion not do_you(pl)_know what are_these_ _things say THERE the_king_of Bāvel he_went Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_he/it_took ~~DOM~~ king_of_its and_~~DOM~~ princes_of_its and_he/it_

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_brought them to_him/it to_Bāvel. 13 And_he/it_
_took one_of_the_offspring_of the_royalty and_
_he_made with_him/it a_covenant and_he/it_
_brought ~~DOM~~_him/it in_an_oath and_~~DOM~~ the_
_leaders_of the_earth/land he_took. 14 To_be a_
_kingdom lowly to_not to_exalt_itself to_
_guard/protect ~~DOM~~ covenant_of_his it_to_
_continue. 15 And_he_rebelled in/on/over_him/it
by_sending messengers_of_his Mitsrayim/(Egypt)
to_give to_him/it horses and_a_people numerous
will_he_prosper will_ the_one_who_does_of
these_things _he_escape and_will_he_break a_
_covenant and_will_he_escape. 16 By_the_life of_
_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if not
in_the_place_of the_king who_made_king ~~DOM~~_
_him/it whom he_despised ~~DOM~~ oath_of_his and_
_which he_broke ~~DOM~~ covenant_of_his with_
_him/it in_the_midst_of Bāvel he_will_die.
17 And_not with_an_army large and_with_a_
_company great Par'oh he_will_do with_him in_
_battle when_pour_out a_mound and_when_build
a_siege-work to_cut_off lives many. 18 And_he_
_despised the_oath by_breaking the_covenant
and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_had_given his/its_hand
and_all these_things he_did not he_will_escape.
19 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH**
he_says by_the_life of_me if not oath_of_my
which he_despised and_covenant_of_my which
he_broke and_I_will_give_him/it on_his_own_of_
_head. 20 And_I_will_spread on/upon/above_
_him/it net_of_my and_he_will_be_caught in_my_
_hunting_of_net and_I_will_bring_him to_Bāvel
and_I_will_enter_into_judgement with_him/it
there unfaithfulness_of_his which he_has_acted_
_unfaithfully against_me. 21 And_~~DOM~~ all_of
mmm[84] in_all troops_of_his by_sword they_will_
_fall and_those_who_survive to/from_
_all/each/any/every wind they_will_be_scattered
and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH**
I_have_spoken.

22 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_ I _I_will_
_take from_the_treetop_of the_cedar (the)_high
and_I_will_place_it from_the_top_of its_young_
_shoots_of_his a_tender_shoot I_will_pluck_off
and_ I _I_will_plant_it on a_mountain high and_
_lofty. 23 On_the_mountain_of the_height_of

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captured its king and its princes and took them with him to Bavel.[83] 13 Then he took a member of the royal family, made an agreement with him—forcing him to make various commitments. Then he took away the country's former powerful people, 14 so the kingdom would remain subjected and not be able to become powerful again. However, by keeping the agreement, the country would at least survive. 15 But the king of Yerushalem rebelled against him by sending his ambassadors to Mitsrayim (Egypt) to acquire horses and an army. Will he succeed? Will the one doing these things escape? If he breaks the agreement, will he survive? 16 This is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, he'll definitely die in the land of the king who made him king, the king whose promises he despised, and whose agreement he broke. He'll die in the middle of Bavel. 17 Mitsrayim's Par'oh (Pharaoh) with his mighty army and huge horde won't help him in battle, when ramps are constructed and siege walls are built up to cut off many lives, 18 because the king despised his promise by breaking the agreement. Wow, he reached out to make a promise, and yet afterwards he did all those things. He won't escape. 19 Therefore the master Yahweh says this: 'As I live, wasn't it my promise that he despised and my agreement that he broke? Therefore I'll cause him to be punished for what he did. 20 I'll spread my net out over him, and he'll be caught in my trap, and I'll take him to Bavel and handle his judgement there for the treason he committed when he betrayed me. 21 All of his refugees in his armies will be killed by the sword, and the ones who remain will be scattered in every direction. Then you people will know that I am Yahweh, because I've declared that that will happen."

**The tree-tip part of the parable explained**

22 The master Yahweh says this, 'So I myself will take away the highest part of the cedar tree, and I'll plant it away from its tender branches. I'll break it off, and I myself will

**83 RV 17:12-15 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 24:15-20; 2Ch 36:10.

**84 LV 17:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/חרבמ: (x-qere) 'וְ/יָחֳרְבָ֥מּ': lemma_4015 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26yyS וְ/יָחֳרְבָ֥מּ

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plant it on a very high mountain. 23 I'll plant it on Yisrael's (Israel's) highest mountain so it'll grow branches and produce fruit, and it'll become a majestic cedar so that every winged bird will live under it. They'll nest in the shade of its branches, 24 then all the trees in the countryside will know that I am Yahweh. I bring down the high trees and I raise up the low trees. I wither the watered tree and I cause the wilted tree to bloom. I am Yahweh. I've declared that that will happen, and I will do it.' "

**Individual responsibility**

18:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "What do you mean, you people who use this proverb about Yisrael (Israel)? You say, 'Fathers eat sour grapes, but it's the children's teeth that are set on edge'.

3 This is the master Yahweh's declaration: as I live, there'll certainly no longer be any occasion for you to use this proverb in Yisrael. 4 Listen, every life belongs to me: the father's life as well as the son's—they belong to me. The one who disobeys is the one who'll die.

**The godly man**

5 If there's a godly man who does what's fair and right, 6 who doesn't eat at the hilltop shrines, who doesn't request help from Yisrael's (Israel's) idols, who doesn't mess with someone else's wife or a menstruating woman, 7 who doesn't oppress anyone, who gives back to debtors what they put up as security for loans, who doesn't steal but rather gives his food to the hungry and gives clothes to those without them, 8 who doesn't charge too much interest if he lends money, and doesn't take too much profit for what he sells, who promotes true justice within the community, 9 who follows my instructions and faithfully obeys my regulations, that man will be acquitted and will definitely live.[85] That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

**The wayward son of the godly man**

10 But suppose that godly man has a violent son who kills and sadly goes against all those things above, 11 not following the example of his godly father,

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Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I_will_plant_it and_it_will_bear branch[es] and_it_will_produce fruit and_it_was (into)_a_cedar majestic and_they_will_dwell under_it every_of bird of_every_of wing in_the_ _shadow_of its_branches_of_his they_will_dwell. 24 And_ all_of the_trees_of the_field _they_will_ _know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_bring_low a_ _tree tall I_raise_up a_tree low I_make_dry a_tree moist and_I_make_sprout a_tree dry I **YHWH** I_ _have_spoken and_I_will_act.

18:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_ _me to_say. 2 What is_to_you(pl) you(pl) are_ _speaking_a_proverb ~~DOM~~ the_proverb the_this on the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say parents they_eat sour_grape[s] and_the_teeth_of the_ _children they_are_blunt. 3 By_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if it_will_ _belong to/for_you(pl) again to_speak_a_proverb the_proverb the_this in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 4 HERE all_of (the)_lives to_me they as_the_life_of the_ _parent and_as_the_life_of the_child to_me they the_living_creatures which_sins it it_will_die.

5 And_anyone if/because he_will_be righteous and_he_will_do justice and_righteousness. 6 To the_mountains not he_has_eaten and_eyes_of_his not he_has_lifted_up to the_idols_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_~~DOM~~ the_wife_of his/its_ _neighbour not he_has_defiled and_near/to a_ _woman menstruation not he_drew_near. 7 And_ _anyone not he_oppressed pledge_of_his a_debt he_returned robbery not he_robbed food_of_his to_the_hungry he_gave and_the_naked he_ _covered clothing. 8 For_interest not he_lent and_ _usury not he_took from_injustice he_turned_ _back his/its_hand justice_of faithfulness he_did between a_person and_a_person. 9 In_ _regulations_of_my he_walked and_judgements_ _of_my he_has_kept for_doing faithfulness is_ _righteous he certainly_(live) he_will_live the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

10 And_he_will_father a_son violent who_sheds_ _of (of)_blood and_he_will_do alas any_one from_ _these. 11 And_he ~~DOM~~ all_of these_things not he_ _did if/because also to the_mountains he_has_ _eaten and_~~DOM~~ the_wife_of his/its_neighbour

**85 RV 18:9 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:5.

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he_has_defiled. 12 The_poor and_the_needy he_
_has_oppressed robberies he_has_robbed a_
_pledge not he_returned and_near/to the_idols
he_has_lifted_up eyes_of_his abomination he_
_has_done. 13 For_interest he_has_lent and_usury
he_has_taken and_will_he_live not he_will_live
ĐOM all_of the_abominations the_these he_has_
_done certainly_(die) he_will_be_put_to_death
blood(s)_of_his in/on/over_him/it it_will_be.

14 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_has_fathered a_child
and_he/it_saw ĐOM all_of the_sins_of his/its_
_father which he_did and_he_saw and_not he_did
like_them. 15 On the_mountains not he_has_
_eaten and_eyes_of_his not he_has_lifted_up to
the_idols_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ĐOM
the_wife_of his/its_neighbour not he_has_defiled.
16 And_anyone not he_has_oppressed a_pledge
not he_has_taken_as_pledge and_robbery not he_
_has_robbed food_of_his to_the_hungry he_has_
_given and_the_naked he_has_covered clothing.
17 From_the_poor he_has_turned_back his/its_
_hand interest and_usury not he_has_taken
judgements_of_my he_has_done in_regulations_
_of_my he_has_walked he not he_will_die for_
_the_iniquity_of his/its_father certainly_(live)
he_will_live. 18 His/its_father if/because he_has_
_extorted extortion he_has_robbed robbery_of a_
_brother and_which not was_good he_has_done
in_the_middle people(s)_of_his and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE he_will_die for_iniquity_of_his.
19 And_you(pl)_say why not the_child has_he_
_borne in_the_iniquity_of the_parent and_the_
_child justice and_righteousness he_has_done
ĐOM all_of regulations_of_my he_has_kept and_
_he_has_done ĐOM_them certainly_(live) he_will_
_live. 20 The_living_creatures which_sins it it_
_will_die a_child not he_will_bear in_the_
_iniquity_of the_parent and_a_parent not he_
_will_bear in_the_iniquity_of the_child the_
_righteousness_of the_righteous_person
on/upon/above_him/it it_will_be and_the_
_wickedness_of the_wicked_person[87]
on/upon/above_him/it it_will_be.

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but rather who's eaten at the hilltop shrines and slept with someone else's wife, 12 who oppresses the poor and needy, who steals and robs, who doesn't return something given as a pledge, who requests help from idols and does disgusting things, 13 who lends out money at too high interest, and who makes too much profit on what he sells. Should that man live? He certainly won't! He'll definitely die, and his blood will be on his own head.

**The peace/prosperity of child righteous/honest/sensible**

14 But listen, suppose he has a son, and his son sees all the sins that his father's committed, and though he sees them, he doesn't do those things. 15 He hasn't eaten at the hilltop shrines, and hasn't requested help from the Israeli people's idols, and hasn't slept with someone else's wife, 16 he doesn't oppress anyone, or keep things given as a pledge, or accept stolen things, but instead gives his food to the hungry and gives clothes to those without them, 17 he's turned his back on crime, and doesn't charge high interest, he follows my instructions and obeys my regulations—he won't die for his father's evil actions, but he'll certainly live. 18 His father, since he oppressed others by extortion and robbed people, and did evil things among his people—listen, he'll die in his sin.

19 But you people ask, 'Why doesn't the son also have to pay the cost for his family's crimes?' Well it's because the son promotes justice and godliness and follows all my instructions. He'll definitely live. 20 The one who sins is the one who'll die. The children won't have to be responsible for their parents' sin, and the parents won't be responsible for their children's sins—the righteousness of those who act rightly will be on themselves, and the wickedness of the wicked will be on themselves.[86]

**86 RV 18:20 · Cross-ref.** Deu 24:16.

**87 LV 18:20 · Note** OSHB variant note: עשר: (x-qere) 'עָשָׂרְ/ה': lemma_d/7563 n_0.0 morph_HTd/Aamsa id_26vf3 עָשָׂרְ/ה

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**Turning away from disobedience**

21 But if the wicked person turns away from all their disobedience, and follows all my instructions and does what's right and fair, then that person will certainly live and not die. 22 All their acts of disobedience won't be called to mind against them. They'll live by the right things they do. 23 That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

Do I celebrate happily about the death of wicked people, and not about them turning away from their evil behaviour so that they can live? 24 But if a righteous person turns away from their righteousness, and disobeys and does disgusting things like the wicked people do, then will they live? All the good things that had been done won't be called to mind when they betray me in their treason, so they'll die in the sins that they committed.

25 But you people complain that the master's way isn't correct. Please listen, you Israeli people: is it my ways that aren't correct, or is it *your* ways? 26 When the righteous person turns away from their righteousness, and commits injustice and dies because of it, then that person will die in the injustice that they've done. 27 But when a wicked person turns away from the wicked things they've done and does what's fair and what's right, then that person will preserve their life— 28 they've become aware of all their disobedient behaviours and turned away from them. That person certainly won't die, but will live. 29 But the Israeli people insist, 'The master's way isn't fair!' How is my way not fair, you Israeli people? It's *your* ways that aren't fair. 30 Therefore I'll judge each person among you according to their ways, you Israeli people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

Change your direction and turn away from all

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21 And_the_wicked_person if/because he_will_ _turn_away from_all his[88] which he_has_done and_he_will_keep ~~DOM~~ all_of regulations_of_my and_he_will_do justice and_righteousness certainly_(live) he_will_live not he_will_die. 22 All_of transgressions_of_his which he_has_ _done not they_will_be_remembered to_him/it for_righteousness_of_his which he_has_done he_ _will_live. 23 Really_(take_pleasure) do_I_take_ _pleasure_in the_death_of the_wicked the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH** am_not in_his_ _turning_back from_ways_of_his and_he_will_ _live. 24 And_when_ the_righteous _turns_away from_righteousness_of_his and_he_will_do injustice according_to_all_of the_abominations which the_wicked_person he_did he_will_do and_ _will_he_live all_of his[89] which he_did not they_ _will_be_remembered for_unfaithfulness_of_his which he_has_acted_unfaithfully and_for_sin_of_ _his which he_has_sinned for_them he_will_die. 25 And_you(pl)_say not the_way_of my_master it_ _is_correct listen please Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) way_of_my not is_it_correct not ways_of_your(pl) not are_they_correct. 26 When_ the_righteous _turns_away from_righteousness_ _of_his and_he_will_do injustice and_he_will_die on_them for_injustice_of_his which he_has_done he_will_die. 27 And_when_ the_wicked _turns_ _away from_wickedness_of_his which he_has_ _done and_he/it_made justice and_righteousness he ~~DOM~~ life_of_his he_will_preserve_alive. 28 He_ _saw and[90] from_all transgressions_of_his which he_had_done certainly_(live) he_will_live not he_ _will_die. 29 And_ the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _ _they_say not the_way_of my_master it_is_ _correct ways_of_my not are_they_correct[91] Oh_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not ways_of_your(pl) not is_it_correct. 30 For_so/thus/hence everyone according_to_of_his_ways I_will_judge you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** turn_back and_turn_away from_all transgressions_of_your(pl) and_not it_

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**88 LV 18:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/תאטה: (x-qere) וְ/יִתְאַטֵּח: lemma_2403 b n_1.2.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26cUS וְ/יִתְאַטֵּח

**89 LV 18:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/תקדצ: (x-qere) וְ/יָתְקְדֵצ: lemma_6666 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26M3A וְ/יָתְקְדֵצ

**90 LV 18:28 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/בושי: (x-qere) וְ/בָשָׁי: lemma_c/7725 n_1.1 morph_HC/Vqw3ms id_268Mb וְ/בָשָׁי

**91 LV 18:29 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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_will_become to/for_you(pl) (into)_a_stumbling_
_block_of iniquity. 31 Throw_away from_with_
_you(pl) ~~DOM~~ all_of transgressions_of_your(pl)
which you(pl)_have_transgressed by_them and_
_make to/for_you(pl) a_heart new and_spirit new
and_for_what will_you(pl)_die Oh_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 32 If/because not I_take_pleasure
in_the_death_of (the)_one_who_dies the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** and_turn_away
and_live.

19:1 And_you(ms) take_up a_lamentation
because_of the_princes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 2 And_
_you_will_say what mother_of_was_your a_
_lioness between lions she_lay_down in_the_
_middle young_lions she_reared cubs_of_her.
3 And_she_brought_up one of_cubs_of_her a_
_young_lion it_was and_it_learned to_tear prey
human[s] it_devoured. 4 And_they_heard to_
_him/it nations in_pit_of_their it_was_caught
and_they_brought_it with_hooks to the_land_of
Mitsrayim/(Egypt). 5 And_she/it_saw if/because_
_that she_waited hope_of_her it_was_lost and_
_she/it_took one of_cubs_of_her a_young_lion
she_made_it. 6 And_he/it_walked/wandered in_
_the_middle lions a_young_lion it_was and_it_
_learned to_tear prey human[s] it_devoured.
7 And_he/it_knew widows_of_its and_cities_of_
_their it_laid_waste and_ the_land and_what_of_
_fills_it _it_was_desolate from_the_sound_of its_
_roaring_of_his. 8 And_they_set on/upon/above_
_him/it nations all_around from_provinces and_
_they_spread_out on/upon/above_him/it net_of_
_their in_pit_of_their it_was_caught. 9 And_they_
_put_it in_cage with_hooks and_they_brought_it
to the_king_of Bāvel they_brought_it in_
_strongholds so_that not voice_of_its it_may_be_
_heard again to the_mountains_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 10 Mother_of_your was_like_vine
in_blood_of_your at water planted bearing_fruit
and_full_of_branches it_was from_waters many.
11 And_they_were to/for_her/it branches_of
strength to scepters_of rulers and_ stature_of_its
_it_was_lofty above between branches and_it_
_was_seen by_height_of_its by_the_abundance_of
its_branches_of_his. 12 And_it_was_plucked_up
in_rage to_ground it_was_thrown_down and_
_spirit of_the_east it_dried_up fruit_of_its they_
_were_torn_off and_they_became_dry the_
_branch_of its_strength_of_her a_fire it_
_consumed_it. 13 And_now it_is_planted in_

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your disobedient behaviours so that they won't be stumbling blocks of evil for you. 31 Throw off all the disobedient things you people have done. Work towards a new heart and a new spirit for yourselves. Why should you die, you Israeli people? 32 I take no pleasure in the death of someone who dies. That's the master Yahweh's declaration, so turn away from your evil behaviour and live.

**A song of mourning for Yisrael's final kings**

19:1 Now sing a mournful song for Yisrael's (Israel's) leaders, 2 saying:

'Who was your mother? A lioness—she lived with a lion's son.

There among the young lions, she reared her cubs.

3 She's the one who raised one of her cubs to become a young lion—

a lion who learned to tear apart his victims,

and then he devoured people.

4 Then the nations heard about him.

He got caught in their trap,

and they took him to Mitsrayim (Egypt) with hooks.

5 The mother lion waited for his return,

but eventually she realised that he wasn't coming back,

so she took another one of her cubs and made him into a young lion.

6 This young lion roamed around amongst the other lions.

He was a young lion and learned to tear his victims—

he devoured people.

7 He seized their fortresses and ruined their cities.

The land and its produce were abandoned

because of the sound of his roaring.

8 But the nations came against him from the surrounding provinces.

They spread their nets over him—

he was caught in their pit.

9 With hooks in him, they put him in a cage,

and then they took him to the Babylonian king.

They took him to the fortresses

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so that his voice would no longer be heard in Yisrael's (Israel's) hills.

10 Your mother was like a vine planted in your vineyard beside the water.
It was fruitful and full of branches because there was plenty of water.
11 It had strong branches that were used for making rulers' scepters,
and it towered above the branches,
and its height could be seen due to the mass of its foliage.
12 But the vine was uprooted in fury and thrown down onto the ground,
and an eastern wind dried out its fruit.
Its strong branches were broken off and withered,
and then burnt in a fire.
13 So now it's planted in the wilderness—
in a land of drought and thirst.
14 Fire went out from its large branches and consumed its fruit.
There's no strong branches left on it—no scepter for ruling with.'
That's a song for mourning, and should be sung as such."

**Israeli rebellion**

20:1 Seven years after we'd been taken to Bavel (Babylon), some Israeli elders came to get me to ask Yahweh for advice for them. 2 Then Yahweh gave me this message: 3 "Son of humanity, tell the Israeli elders that the master Yahweh says this: 'Have you people come to get advice from me? As I live, I won't allow you to ask for my advice. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.'
4 Will you judge them? Will you judge, son of humanity? Let them know about their ancestors' disgusting behaviour. 5 Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'On the day that I chose Yisrael (Israel) and made myself known to them in Mitsrayim (Egypt), I raised my hand to make a promise to Ya'akov's (Jacob's) descendants. I told them, "I am Yahweh your god"[92]— 6 on that day I raised my hand to make a promise to them that I would bring them out of Mitsrayim into a land

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_wilderness in_land dryness and_thirst. 14 And_
fire _it_went_out from_the_branch_of its_shoots_
_of_her fruit_of_its it_consumed and_not it_was
in_it a_branch_of strength a_scepter to_rule is_a_
_lamentation it and_it_became (into)_a_
_lamentation.

20:1 And_he/it_was in_year (the)_seventh in_the_
_month on_ten of_month men of_the_elders_of
of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_came to_consult ᴅᴏᴍ
**YHWH** and_they_lived before_me. 2 And_ the_
_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
3 Oh_son_of humankind speak with the_elders_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say to_them thus
my_master **YHWH** he_says to_consult ᴅᴏᴍ_me
are_you(pl) coming by_the_life of_me if I_will_
_let_myself_be_consulted to/for_you(pl) the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. 4 Will_you_
_judge ᴅᴏᴍ_them will_you_judge Oh_son_of
humankind ᴅᴏᴍ the_abominations_of their_
_ancestors_of_their make_known_to_them.
5 And_you_will_say to_them thus my_master
**YHWH** he_says in/on_day chose_I (in)_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_lifted_up hand_of_my to_
_the_offspring_of the_house_of Ya'aqov/(Jacob)
and_I_made_myself_known to/for_them in_land
of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_I_lifted_up hand_of_
_my to/for_them to_say I am_**YHWH** god_of_
_your(pl). 6 In_the_day (the)_that I_lifted_up

92 **RV 20:5-6 · Cross-ref.** Exo 6:2-8.

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hand_of_my to/for_them to_bring_them_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim to a_land which I_ _had_selected to/for_them flowing_of milk and_ _honey is_beauty it to/from_all/each/any/every the_lands. 7 And_I_said to_them everyone the_ _detestable_things_of his_eyes_of_his throw_ _away and_by_the_idols_of Mitsrayim do_not make_yourselves_unclean I am_**YHWH** god_of_ _your(pl). 8 And_they_rebelled against_me and_ _not they_were_willing to_listen to_me anyone ~~DOM~~ the_detestable_things_of their_eyes_of_their not they_threw_away and_~~DOM~~ the_idols_of Mitsrayim not they_abandoned and_I_said to_ _pour_out rage_of_my on_them to_complete anger_of_my (is)_in_them in_the_middle of_the_ _land_of of_Mitsrayim. 9 And_I_acted for_the_ _sake_of name_of_my to_not to_be_profaned to_ _the_eyes_of the_nations which they were_ _among_of_them which I_had_made_myself_ _known to_them to_eyes_of_their by_bringing_ _them_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim. 10 And_I_ _brought_them_out from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_I_brought_them into the_ _wilderness. 11 And_I_gave to/for_them ~~DOM~~ regulations_of_my and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my I_ _made_known_to them which the_humankind he_will_do them and_he/it_will_live by_them. 12 And_also ~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my I_gave to/for_ _them to_be (into)_a_sign between_me and_ _between_them to_know if/because_that I am_ _**YHWH** who_sanctifies_of_them. 13 And_they_ _rebelled against_me the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_wilderness in_regulations_of_ _my not they_walked and_~~DOM~~ judgements_of_my they_rejected which the_humankind he_will_do ~~DOM~~_them and_he/it_will_live (is)_in_them and_ _~~DOM~~ sabbaths_of_my they_profaned exceedingly and_I_said to_pour_out rage_of_my on_them in_ _wilderness to_make_an_end_of_them. 14 And_I_ _acted for_the_sake_of name_of_my to_not to_be_ _profaned to_the_eyes_of the_nations which I_ _had_brought_them_out to_eyes_of_their. 15 And_ _also I I_lifted_up hand_of_my to/for_them in_ _wilderness to_not to_bring them into the_

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that I'd carefully selected for them. It was flowing with milk and honey—it was the most beautiful of all the lands. 7 I told them, "Let each family throw away their Mitsri (Egyptian) idols, plus any other detestable things they have. Don't defile yourselves. I am Yahweh your god." 8 But they rebelled against me and were unwilling to listen to me. They didn't throw away the detestable things they had or abandon their Mitsri idols, so I determined to pour my fury out on them to satisfy my rage among them right there in Mitsrayim. 9 I did that to protect my reputation so it wouldn't be tarnished in the eyes of the nations where they were staying. I made myself clearly known to them[93] by bringing them out of Mitsrayim.

10 So I led them out of Mitsrayim and took them into the wilderness. 11 Then I gave them my instructions and regulations—anyone who follows them will live.[94] 12 I also established rest days as a sign between myself and them—for them to know that I am Yahweh who declares them different from others.[95] 13 But the Israeli people rebelled against me in the wilderness. They wouldn't follow my instructions, and they rejected my regulations, even though anyone who obeys them will live. They severely disrespected my rest days, so I said I'd pour my fury out on them in the wilderness in order to end them. 14 But I did that to protect my reputation so it wouldn't be tarnished in the eyes of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out of Mitsrayim. 15 So I myself took action by making a promise to them in the wilderness not to bring them into the land that I'd been going to give them—a land flowing with milk and honey, which was the most beautiful out of all the lands.[96] 16 I promised that because they'd rejected my instructions and not followed my regulations, and they disrespected my rest days, because what they really wanted was their idols. 17 But I pitied them, so I didn't wipe them out in the wilderness.

**93 RV 20:9 · Note** them: Probably referring to those countries, but some translations interpret it to refer to the ones being brought out.

**94 RV 20:11-13 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:5.

**95 RV 20:12 · Cross-ref.** Exo 31:13-17.

**96 RV 20:15 · Cross-ref.** Num 14:26-35.

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18 I told their children in the wilderness, "Don't
follow your parents' habits or behaviour, and
don't defile yourselves with their idols. 19 I am
Yahweh your god—follow my instructions, obey
my regulations, 20 and keep my rest days different
from other days so that they'll be a sign between
me and you. That way you'll all know that I am
Yahweh your god."
21 However, their sons and daughters rebelled
against me. They didn't keep my instructions or
follow my regulations, even though anyone who
obeys them will live. They disrespected my rest
days, so I determined to pour my fury out on them
to satisfy my rage against them in the wilderness.
22 But I didn't proceed, for the sake of my reputa-
tion, so it wouldn't be mocked by the nations who
saw me bring the Israelis out of Mitsrayim (Egypt).
23 So I took action in the wilderness, promising
that instead I would scatter them among the na-
tions and disperse them into other countries.[97] 24 I
decided to do that since they hadn't obeyed my
instructions, and since they'd rejected my regula-
tions and disrespected my rest days—they really
wanted their ancestors' idols.
25 Then I even gave them instructions that
weren't good, and regulations that they couldn't
live by. 26 I declared them to be defiled because of
the gifts they gave (they sacrificed every woman's
firstborn child in the fire) so that I could fill them
with horror so they would know that I am Yah-
weh.'
27 Therefore, son of humanity, speak to the Is-
raeli people and tell them that the master Yahweh
says this: 'That was also how your ancestors blas-
phemed me when they were unfaithful to me.
28 When I brought them into the land that I'd
promised to give them, then whenever they saw
any high hill and leafy tree, they offered their sac-
rifices. They provoked me with their offerings,
and also burnt their fragrant incense there and
poured out their drink offerings. 29 Then I asked
them, "What's this high place where you present
your offerings?" so the place is called Bamah
(meaning 'High place') to this day.'

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_earth/land which I_had_given flowing_of milk
and_honey is_beauty it to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_lands. 16 Because (in)_
_judgements_of_my they_had_rejected and_ĐOM
regulations_of_my not they_had_walked
in/among_them and_ĐOM sabbaths_of_my they_
_had_profaned if/because after idols_of_their
heart_of_their was_walking. 17 And_ eye_of_my _
_it_looked_with_compassion on_them from_
_destroying_them and_not I_made them
complete_destruction in_wilderness. 18 And_I_
_said to children_of_their in_wilderness in_the_
_regulations_of your(pl)_ancestors_of_your(pl)
do_not walk and_ĐOM judgements_of_their do_
_not keep and_by_idols_of_their do_not make_
_yourselves_unclean. 19 I am_**YHWH** god_of_
_your(pl) in_regulations_of_my walk and_ĐOM
judgements_of_my keep and_do them. 20 And_
_ĐOM sabbaths_of_my keep_holy and_they_will_
_be (into)_a_sign between_me and_between_
_you(pl) to_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**
god_of_your(pl). 21 And_they_rebelled against_
_me the_children in_regulations_of_my not they_
_walked and_ĐOM judgements_of_my not they_
_kept for_doing them which the_humankind he_
_will_do them and_he/it_will_live (is)_in_them
ĐOM sabbaths_of_my they_profaned and_I_said
to_pour_out rage_of_my on_them to_complete
anger_of_my on_them in_wilderness. 22 And_I_
_turned_back ĐOM hand_of_my and_I_acted for_
_the_sake_of name_of_my to_not to_be_profaned
to_the_eyes_of the_nations which I_brought_out
them to_eyes_of_their. 23 Also I I_lifted_up ĐOM
hand_of_my to/for_them in_wilderness to_
_scatter ĐOM_them among_nations and_to_
_disperse them among_lands. 24 Because
judgements_of_my not they_had_done and_
_regulations_of_my they_had_rejected and_ĐOM
sabbaths_of_my they_had_profaned and_after
the_idols_of their_parents_of_their eyes_of_their
they_had_been. 25 And_also I I_gave to/for_them
regulations not good and_judgements which_not
they_will_live by_them. 26 And_I_made_unclean
them by_gifts_of_their when_made_pass_through
every_of firstborn_of a_womb so_that I_may_
_make_them_appalled so_that that they_may_
_know which/who I am_**YHWH**. 27 For_
_so/thus/hence speak to the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) Oh_son_of humankind and_you_

**97 RV 20:23 · Cross-ref.** Lev 26:33.

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_will_say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_
_says again this ancestors_of_your(pl) they_
_blasphemed me when_they_acted_unfaithfully
against_me unfaithfulness. 28 And_I_brought_
_them into the_earth/land which I_had_lifted_up
DOM hand_of_my to_give it to/for_them and_
_they_saw every_of hill high and_all tree leafy
and_they_sacrificed there DOM sacrifices_of_their
and_they_presented there the_provocation_of
their_offering_of_their and_they_made there
the_odour_of their_soothing_of_their and_they_
_poured_out there DOM offerings_of_their_drink.
29 And_I_said to_them what is_the_high_place
where you(pl) the_(ones_who)_went there and_
his/its_name _it_has_been_called Bāmāh until
the_day (the)_this. 30 For_so/thus/hence say to
the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus my_master
**YHWH** he_says in_the_way_of your(pl)_
_ancestors_of_your(pl) are_you(pl) making_
_yourselves_unclean and_after things_of_their_
_detestable are_you(pl) acting_as_prostitutes.
31 And_when_lift_up gifts_of_your(pl) when_
_make_pass children_of_your(pl) in_fire you(pl)
are_making_yourselves_unclean to/from_
_all/each/any/every idols_of_your(pl) until the_
_day and_I will_I_let_myself_be_consulted to/for_
_you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) by_the_life
of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if I_
_will_let_myself_be_consulted by_you(pl).
32 And_(the)_that_which_comes_up on spirit_of_
_your(pl) certainly_(happen) not it_will_happen
that_which you(pl) are_saying we_will_be like_
_nations like_the_clans_of the_lands to_serve
wood and_stone.

33 By_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master
**YHWH** if not by_a_hand strong and_by_an_arm
outstretched and_with_rage poured_out I_will_
_reign over_you(pl). 34 And_I_will_bring_out
you(pl) from the_peoples and_I_will_gather
you(pl) from the_lands which you(pl)_have_been_
_scattered among_them by_a_hand strong and_
_by_an_arm outstretched and_with_rage poured_
_out. 35 And_I_will_bring you(pl) into the_
_wilderness_of the_peoples and_I_will_enter_
_into_judgement with_you(pl) there face to face.
36 Just_as I_entered_into_judgement with
ancestors_of_your(pl) in_the_wilderness_of the_
_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) so I_will_enter_into_
_judgement with_you(pl) the_utterance_of my_
_master **YHWH**. 37 And_I_will_make_pass you(pl)

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30 Therefore tell the Israeli people that the master Yahweh asks this: 'Why do you defile yourselves with your ancestors' customs? Why do you act like prostitutes, searching for disgusting things? 31 To this day, when you offer up your gifts (offering your sons as burnt sacrifices), you defile yourselves with all your idols. So why should I let you try to find me, you Israeli people? As I live, I won't allow you people to request my help or advice. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.
32 The thought that's forming in your mind will never happen. You people say, "Let's be like the other nations—like the clans in other countries who worship wood and stone."

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33 This is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, I'll certainly reign over you people with strict control, and with fury that'll be poured out on you.
34 I'll bring you out from the other people groups and will gather you out of the countries where you've been scattered. I'll do this with power, pouring out fury. 35 Then I'll bring you into the wilderness of the people groups, and there I'll judge you face to face— 36 just like I judged your ancestors in the Mitsri (Egyptian) wilderness, that's how I'll judge you people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.
37 I'll cause you people to pass under my staff to

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be counted, and I'll make you obey the requirements of our agreement. 38 I'll purge the rebels from among you, as well as those who revolt against me. I'll send them out from the land where they're staying as foreigners, but they won't enter Yisrael (Israel). Then you people will know that I am Yahweh.

39 So to you Israeli people, the master Yahweh says this: 'Each of you should go to his own idols. Worship them if you refuse to listen to me, but you must no longer desecrate my sacred name with your gifts and your idols, 40 because this is the master Yahweh's declaration: all the Israeli people will worship me there on my sacred mountain in Yisrael. I'll be happy to accept your offerings there, along with your choice gifts dedicated to me. 41 I'll accept you like a soothing aroma when I bring you out from the people groups and gather you out of the countries where you've been scattered. I'll display my holiness among you for the nations to see. 42 You'll know that I am Yahweh when I bring you back to Yisrael—to the land that I promised to give to your ancestors. 43 There you'll call to mind your conduct and everything you defiled yourselves by doing, and you'll despise yourselves for all the evil things you've done. 44 Then you'll know that I am Yahweh, when I do this to you for the sake of my reputation, not because of your evil practices, and not because of your corrupt actions, you Israeli people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

45 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 46 "Son of humanity, look towards the southern lands, and speak against the

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under the_rod and_I_will_bring you(pl) in_the_ _bond_of the_covenant. 38 And_I_will_purge from_you(pl) those_who_rebel and_those_who_ _transgress against_me from_the_land_of their_ _sojournings_of_their I_will_bring_out them and_ _near/to the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) not he_will_ _go and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_ _**YHWH**. 39 And_you(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus he_says my_master **YHWH** everyone idols_of_his go serve and_after if not_ _you(pl) will_be_listening to_me and_ĐOM the_ _name_of my_holiness_of_my not you(pl)_will_ _profane again by_gifts_of_your(pl) and_by_idols_ _of_your(pl). 40 If/because on_the_mountain_of my_holiness_of_my on_the_mountain_of the_ _height_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH** there they_will_serve_me all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) of_it_of_all on_the_ _earth there I_will_accept_them and_there I_will_ _seek ĐOM contributions_of_your(pl) and_ĐOM the_choicest_of your(pl)_offerings_of_your(pl) in_ _all things_of_your(pl)_holy. 41 (In)_an_odour_of soothing I_will_accept you(pl) when_I_bring_out you(pl) from the_peoples and_I_will_gather you(pl) from the_lands which you(pl)_have_been_ _scattered among_them and_I_will_show_myself_ _holy among_you(pl) to_the_eyes_of the_nations. 42 And_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_ _**YHWH** when_bring_I you(pl) into the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) into the_earth/land which I_ _lifted_up ĐOM hand_of_my to_give it to_ _ancestors_of_your(pl). 43 And_you(pl)_will_ _remember there ĐOM ways_of_your(pl) and_ĐOM all_of practices_of_your(pl) which you_have_ _made_yourselves_unclean by_them and_you(pl)_ _will_feel_loathing at_faces_of_your(pl) in_all deeds_of_your(pl)_wicked which you(pl)_have_ _done. 44 And_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_do_I with_you(pl) for_the_ _sake_of name_of_my not according_to_of_ _your(pl)_ways (the)_wicked and_according_to_ _of_your(pl)_practices (the)_corrupt Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

21:1 98 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 2 99 Oh_son_of humankind set face_ _of_your the_direction_of southward_to and_ _prophesy against the_south and_prophesy

**98 LV 21:1 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.20.45

**99 LV 21:2 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.20.46

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against the_forest_of the_field the_south. 3 [100] And_you_will_say to_the_forest_of the_south hear the_message_of **YHWH** thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_kindle in_ _you a_fire and_it_will_consume in_you(ms) every_of tree moist and_all tree dry not the_ _flame_of flame it_will_be_extinguished and_ _they_will_be_scorched by_it all_of faces from_ _the_south north_to_the. 4 [101] And_ all_of flesh _ _they_will_see if/because_that I **YHWH** I_have_ _kindled_it not it_will_be_extinguished. 5 [102] And_I_said alas my_master **YHWH** they are_ _saying to_me not is_he making_a_parable parables.

6 [103] And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_ _me to_say. 7 [104] Oh_son_of humankind set face_ _of_your against Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) and_ _prophesy against sanctuaries and_prophesy against the_land_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). 8 [105] And_ _you_will_say to_the_land_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) thus **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_against_you and_I_ _will_bring_out sword_of_my from_sheath_of_its and_I_will_cut_off from_you the_righteous and_ _the_wicked. 9 [106] Because that I_have_cut_off from_you the_righteous and_the_wicked for_ _so/thus/hence sword_of_my it_will_go_forth from_sheath_of_its against all_of flesh from_the_ _south the_north. 10 [107] And_ all_of flesh _they_ _will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_have_ _brought_out sword_of_my from_sheath_of_its not it_will_go_back again. 11 [108] And_you(ms) Oh_ _son_of humankind groan with_breaking_of loins and_with_bitterness you_will_groan to_eyes_of_ _their. 12 [109] And_it_was if/because they_will_say to_you concerning what are_you groaning and_ _you_will_say because_of a_report if/because_ _that it_is_coming and_ every_of heart _it_will_ _melt and_ all_of hands _they_will_drop and_

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south—prophesy against the Negev forest. 47 Tell the forest that this is the master Yahweh's declaration: See, I'll set a fire among you. It'll burn up every tree among you, whether living or dead. The fiery flame won't be able to be put out—every area from the north to the south will be burnt. 48 Then everyone will see that I am Yahweh, when I light the fire, and it can't be extinguished.' "

49 Then I said, "Oh no, my master Yahweh, now they're wondering if I'm just someone who tells cute parables."

**Yahweh's piercing sword**

21:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, look towards Yerushalem (Jerusalem), and speak against the sacred places and prophesy against Yisrael (Israel). 3 Tell Yisrael that Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against you. I'll draw my sword from its sheath to kill both the righteous and the wicked among you. 4 Yes, in order for me to eliminate both the righteous and the wicked from you, my sword will go out from its sheath against everyone from the south to the north, 5 then everyone will know that I, Yahweh, have drawn my sword from its sheath. It will no longer hold back.'

6 As for you, son of humanity, groan as if your pelvis has cracked. Groan bitterly in front of them. 7 That'll get the people asking you, 'What are you groaning about?' Then you'll tell them, 'Because of the news that's coming, because every stomach will go tense and every hand will tremble. Breathing will become difficult, and every knee will turn

**100** **LV 21:3 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.20.47
**101** **LV 21:4 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.20.48
**102** **LV 21:5 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.20.49
**103** **LV 21:6 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.1
**104** **LV 21:7 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.2
**105** **LV 21:8 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.3
**106** **LV 21:9 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.4
**107** **LV 21:10 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.5
**108** **LV 21:11 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.6
**109** **LV 21:12 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.7

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to jelly. Listen, it's coming, and that's what it'll be like. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

8 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 9 "Son of humanity, prophesy and tell them that the master says this:

"A sword! A sword!
It will be sharpened and polished.
10 It will be sharpened in order to engage in great slaughter!
It will be polished in order to be like lightning!
Should we rejoice in my son's scepter?
The coming sword hates every such rod.
11 So the sword will be given to be polished,
and then to be grasped by the hand.
The sword is sharpened and polished
and will be handed to the one who kills!" ' "
12 Call for help and wail, son of humanity,
because that sword has come against my people.
It's against all of Yisrael's (Israel's) leaders—
they're thrown against the sword along with my people.
Therefore, hammer your fists against the wall,
13 because testing will come,
but what if the scepter doesn't last?
That's the master Yahweh's declaration.
14 Now, son of humanity, prophesy and clap your two hands together loudly,
because the sword will attack even a third time.
A sword for the ones to be slaughtered.
It's a sword for the many to be slaughtered,
piercing them wherever they run.
15 In order to melt their hearts and to multiply their fallen,

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every_of spirit _it_will_grow_faint and_all knees they_will_go water THERE it_is_coming and_it_ _will_happen the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. 13 [110] And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _ _he/it_was to_me to_say. 14 [111] Oh_son_of humankind prophesy and_you_will_say thus my_ _master he_says say a_sword a_sword it_has_ _been_sharpened and_also it_is_polished. 15 [112] So_as to_slaughter a_slaughter it_has_been_ _sharpened so_as be to/for_her/it lightning it_ _has_been_polished or we_will_rejoice the_ _scepter_of my_son_of_my it_is_rejecting_of every_of tree. 16 [113] And_he/it_gave ~~DOM~~_her/it to_polish_it to_grasp_it in_palm it it_has_been_ _sharpened a_sword and_she it_has_been_ _polished to_put it in_the_hand_of one_who_ _slays. 17 [114] Cry_out and_wail Oh_son_of humankind if/because it it_has_come[115] on_ _people_of_my it in_all the_princes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thrown_of to the_sword they_ _have_been with people_of_my for_ _so/thus/hence slap to a_thigh. 18 [116] If/because it_has_been_tested and_what if also a_scepter it_ _is_rejecting not it_will_be the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH**. 19 [117] And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind prophesy and_strike palm to palm and_ a_sword _let_it_be_doubled a_third a_sword_ _of those_slain it is_a_sword_of the_slain (the)_ _great which_surrounds to/for_them. 20 [118] So_as to_ a_heart _melt and_may_be_many the_ _stumblings at all_of gates_of_their I_have_set a_ _slaughter_of a_sword alas it_is_made for_ _lightning it_is_wrapped for_slaughter. 21 [119] Be_ _sharp go_to_the_right cause_to_set go_to_the_ _left where face_of_is_your set. 22 [120] And_also I I_will_strike palm_of_my to palm_of_my and_I_

110 **LV 21:13 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.8
111 **LV 21:14 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.9
112 **LV 21:15 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.10
113 **LV 21:16 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.11
114 **LV 21:17 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.12
115 **LV 21:17 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.
116 **LV 21:18 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.13
117 **LV 21:19 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.14
118 **LV 21:20 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.15
119 **LV 21:21 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.16
120 **LV 21:22 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.17

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_will_give_rest_to rage_of_my I **YHWH** I_have_
_spoken.

23 [121] And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_
_me to_say. 24 [122] And_you(ms) Oh_son_of
humankind make to/for_yourself(m) two roads
to_ the_sword_of the_king_of Bāvel _come from_
_a_land one both_of_them they_will_go_out and_
_a_monument cut_out at_the_beginning_of the_
_road_of a_city cut_it_out. 25 [123] A_road you_will_
_make to_ a_sword _come ~~DOM~~ Rabāh of_the_
_people_of of_ʼAmmōn and_~~DOM~~
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) in_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem)
fortified. 26 [124] If/because the_king_of Bāvel he_
_has_stopped to the_mother_of the_road at_the_
_beginning_of the_two_of the_roads to_divine
divination he_has_shaken (in)_arrows he_has_
_enquired by_teraphim he_has_looked at_liver.
27 [125] In_his_right_of_hand it_was the_divination
Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_set_up
battering-rams to_open a_mouth for_shattering
to_raise a_sound with_a_war_cry to_set_up
battering-rams on the_gates to_pour_out a_
_mound to_build a_siege-work. 28 [126] And_it_was
to/for_them mmm[127] falsehood in_eyes_of_their
oaths_of oaths to/for_them and_he will_bring_
_to_remembrance iniquity to_be_seized. 29 [128]
For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_
_says because you_brought_to_remembrance
iniquity_of_your(pl) because_ transgressions_of_
_your(pl) _were_uncovered to_ sins_of_your(pl) _

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I've placed the sword for slaughter at all their gates.
Ah, it flashes like lightning.
It's held tightly for slaughter.
16 You, sword, strike to the right.
Strike to the left.
Go in whichever direction you're facing,
17 because I will also clap my two hands together,
and then I'll cease my fury.
I, Yahweh, declare it."

**The sword of Bavel's king**

18 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 19 "Now, son of humanity, assign two roads for Bavel's (Babylon's) king's sword to come on. The two roads will start in the same land, and a signpost will mark one of them as leading to a city. 20 Markos one road for the Babylonian army to come to Rabah, the Amoni city. Markos the other to lead the army to Yehudah (Judah) and the fortified city of Yerushalem (Jerusalem), 21 because the Babylonian king will stop at the crossroads, at the junction, in order to practice divination. He'll shake some arrows and ask direction from some idols, and he'll examine a liver. 22 With his right hand he'll take the sign for Yerushalem: to set battering rams against it, to open his mouth to order the slaughter, to sound a war cry, to set battering rams against the gates, to build a ramp, and to erect siege towers. 23 From the perspective of those in Yerushalem, it would seem to be a pointless sign, since they'd made a treaty with the Babylonians, but the king will accuse them of violating their treaty so he can besiege them.
24 Therefore the master Yahweh says this:
You've caused your guilt to be noticed by reveal-

**121** **LV 21:23 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.18
**122** **LV 21:24 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.19
**123** **LV 21:25 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.20
**124** **LV 21:26 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.21
**125** **LV 21:27 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.22
**126** **LV 21:28 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.23
**127** **LV 21:28 · Note** OSHB variant note: סוסק/כ: (x-qere) סָסְקִ֔/כ: lemma_k/7080 morph_HR/Ncmsc id_26MeU סָסְקִ֔/כ
**128** **LV 21:29 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.24

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ing your disobedience, so that your sins will be obvious through all your actions. Because you've done that, you'll be taken by force. 25 As for you, Yisrael's (Israel's) profane and wicked ruler, your time of going against me has now ended and your day of punishment has come. 26 The master Yahweh instructs you: Remove the turban and take off the crown. Things will no longer be the same. I'll give power to those who had none, and disgrace those who had power. 27 A ruin. A ruin. Yes, I'll make it a ruin. It won't be restored until the person comes who's assigned to execute judgement.

**Yahweh warns the Amonim**

28 So you, son of humanity, prophesy and say, 'The master Yahweh says this to the Amonim concerning their coming disgrace: A sword, a sword is drawn. It's sharpened for the slaughter in order to devour, so it'll be like lightning.[134] 29 While prophets see empty visions for you and perform rituals to come up with lies for you, this sword will lie on the necks of the wicked who are about to be killed, whose day of punishment has come and whose time of disobedience is about to end.

30 Return the sword to its sheath. I'll judge you in the place where you were created. In your native land 31 I'll pour my indignation out on you! I'll fan the fire of my rage against you and hand you over to cruel men—craftsmen of destruction.
32 You'll become fuel for the fire. Your blood will be spilled right there in your own land. You won't be remembered, because I, Yahweh have declared it.' "

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_be_seen in_all_of practices_of_your(pl) because you_have_been_remembered by_palm you(pl)_ _will_be_seized. 30 [129] And_you(ms) Oh_profane_ _one wicked prince_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) whom day_ _of_his it_has_come at_a_time_of punishment_of the_end. 31 [130] Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_remove the_turban and_to_lift_off the_crown this not this the_lowly exalt[131] and_the_ _exalted[132] to_bring_low. 32 [133] A_ruin a_ruin a_ _ruin I_will_make_it also this not it_will_be until the_one_whom to_him/it the_judgement comes and_I_will_give_him/it.

33 [135] And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind prophesy and_you_will_say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says concerning the_people_of ʿAmmōn and_near/to reproach_of_their and_ _you_will_say a_sword a_sword is_drawn for_ _slaughter it_is_polished to_contain on_account_ _of lightning. 34 [136] When_see to/for_you(fs) falsehood when_divine to/for_you(fs) falsehood to_give you to the_necks_of those_profaned_of wicked_people whom day_of_their it_has_come at_a_time_of punishment_of the_end. 35 [137] Pūṭ_ _it_back into sheath_of_its in_the_place_of (of)_ _where you_were_created in_land your(pl)_ _origins_of_your I_will_judge you. 36 [138] And_I_ _will_pour_out on_you indignation_of_my with_ _the_fire_of my_severe_anger_of_my I_will_blow on_you and_I_will_give_you in_the_hand_of men brutish craftsmen_of destruction. 37 [139] For_fire you_will_become for_food blood_of_your it_will_ _be in_the_middle the_earth/land not you_will_ _be_remembered if/because I **YHWH** I_have_ _spoken.

**129 LV 21:30 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.25

**130 LV 21:31 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.26

**131 LV 21:31 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

**132 LV 21:31 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

**133 LV 21:32 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.27

**134 RV 21:28-32 · Cross-ref.** Jer 49:1-6; Eze 25:1-7; Amos 1:3-15; Zeph 2:8-11; Gen 19:36-38; Jdg 3:12-13; 10:6-11.

**135 LV 21:33 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.28

**136 LV 21:34 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.29

**137 LV 21:35 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.30

**138 LV 21:36 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.31

**139 LV 21:37 · Note** Note: KJB: Ezek.21.32

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22:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_ _me to_say. 2 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind will_you_judge will_you_judge ĐOM the_city_of (the)_blood(s) and_you_will_make_known_to_it ĐOM all_of abominations_of_its. 3 And_you_will_ _say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says Oh_city which_sheds blood in_the_midst_of_of_it to_ time_of_its _come and_it_has_made idols on/upon_it(f) to_become_unclean. 4 By_blood_of_ _your which you_have_shed you_have_become_ _guilty and_by_idols_of_your which you_have_ _made you_have_become_unclean and_you_have_ _brought_near days_of_your and_you(m)_have_ _come to years_of_your therefore yes/correct/thus/so I_have_made_you a_ _reproach to_nations and_derision to/from_ _all/each/any/every the_lands. 5 The_nations_ _nearby and_the_nations_far_off from_you they_ _will_deride (in)_you Oh_unclean_of the_name Oh_great_one_of (the)_turmoil. 6 HERE the_ _princes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) each to_strength_of_ _his they_have_been in_you so_as to_shed blood. 7 father and_mother they_have_treated_with_ _contempt in_you to_sojourner they_have_acted with_oppression in_the_midst_of_of_you fatherless_one and_widow they_have_maltreated in_you. 8 Things_of_my_holy you_have_despised and_ĐOM sabbaths_of_my you_have_profaned. 9 People_of slander they_have_been in_you so_as to_shed blood and_near/to the_mountains they_ _have_eaten in_you licentiousness they_have_ _done in_the_midst_of_of_you. 10 The_ _nakedness_of a_father someone_has_uncovered in_you the_woman_unclean_of the_menstruation they_have_humiliated in_you. 11 And_a_man with the_wife_of his/its_neighbour he_has_done abomination and_a_man ĐOM his/its_ _daughter-in-law he_has_defiled in_wickedness and_a_man ĐOM sister_of_his the_daughter_of his/its_father he_has_humiliated in_you. 12 A_ _bribe they_have_taken in_you so_as to_shed blood interest and_usury you_have_taken and_ _you_have_made_unjust_gain neighbour_of_your by_oppression and_me you_have_forgotten the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. 13 And_

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**Yerushalem's evil ways**

22:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Now you, son of humanity, will you judge the city of blood? Will you judge Yerushalem (Jerusalem)? Make it understand all its disgusting behaviour. 3 Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: You're a city that sheds blood right there in your centre, forcing your time of judgement to come—a city that makes idols to defile yourself. 4 You've become guilty because of the blood you've poured out, and you've become defiled by the idols you've made. You've brought your days to a close, and the end of your years has come, so I'll allow the other nations to laugh at you and mock you. 5 You unclean city full of confusion, both people who are near and those who are far away will deride you.

6 Listen, each of Yisrael's (Israel's) rulers has used their own resources to go to you, Yerushalem, to shed blood. 7 They've dishonoured the fathers and mothers within you,[140] and they've oppressed the foreigners there among you. They've mistreated the orphans and the widows within you.[141] 8 You've despised my sacred things and disrespected my rest days.[142] 9 Slanderous men have come into you in order to pour out blood, and they eat at the hilltop shrines. They do wicked things right there in your centre. 10 Within you, men uncover their fathers' nakedness. Within you they've violated women during their 'unclean' menstrual period.[143] 11 Men who sleep with their neighbours' wives, and men who sleep with their own daughters-in-law, even men who abuse their own sisters or half-sisters. All these are done within you. 12 Those men are involved in paid assassinations within you, plus you've taken interest and gained too much profit,[144] you've harmfully oppressed your neighbours, and you've forgotten me. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

13 Listen, Yerushalem. I've reached out and taken away the dishonest gain that you've made, and the

**140** **RV 22:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:12; Deu 5:16.

**141** **RV 22:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 22:21-22; Deu 24:17.

**142** **RV 22:8 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:30; 26:2.

**143** **RV 22:10-11 · Cross-ref.** Lev 18:7-20.

**144** **RV 22:12 · Cross-ref.** Exo 23:8; Deu 16:19; Exo 22:25; Lev 25:36-37; Deu 23:19.

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bloodshed that's done in your centre. 14 Will your heart keep beating when I personally deal with you? Will your hands be able to resist trembling? I, Yahweh, am declaring this, and I will do it. 15 I'll scatter you among the nations and disperse you through the lands—that's how I'll purge your uncleanness from you, 16 and you'll become unclean in the eyes of the nations. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

17 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 18 "Son of humanity, the Israeli people have become like dross to me. They're all just the leftovers of bronze, tin, iron, and lead among you—they'll be like the dross from silver in your furnace. 19 Therefore the master Yahweh says this, 'Because you people have become like dross, then listen: I'm about to gather you into the centre of Yerushalem (Jerusalem). 20 Just like men gather silver, bronze, iron, lead, and tin, and put it into a furnace to melt it, then blast the fire onto it in order to melt it, that's how I'll gather you in my anger and my rage, and I'll put you in there and melt you. 21 Yes, I'll gather you and blow my fire of fury onto you, and you'll be melted in the middle of it. 22 Just like silver's melted in a furnace, you'll be melted in it, and you'll know that I, Yahweh, have poured my wrath out onto you!' "

**Yahweh's separating out the rubble**

23 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 24 "Son of humanity, tell the land, 'You're a land that hasn't been cleansed. When you're judged, there won't be any rain. 25 There's a conspiracy among the prophets within the land, like a roaring lion tearing apart a victim. They consume life and take precious wealth—making many widows within it.

**The sins of Yisrael's teachers**

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_BEHOLD/LO/SEE I_will_strike palm_of_my concerning gain_of_your_unjust which you_have_ _made and_on blood_of_your which they_have_ _been in_the_midst_of_of_you. 14 Will_ heart_of_ _your _it_stand or hands_of_your will_they_be_ _strong to_days when I will_be_dealing with_you I **YHWH** I_have_spoken and_I_will_act. 15 And_I_ _will_scatter you among_nations and_I_will_ _disperse_you among_lands and_I_will_make_an_ _end_of uncleanness_of_your from_you. 16 And_ _you_will_be_profaned on/over_you(fs) to_the_ _eyes_of nations and_you_will_know if/because_ _that I am_**YHWH**.

17 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 18 Oh_son_of humankind they_have_ _become to_me the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) mmm[145] of_them_of_all are_copper and_tin and_ _iron and_lead in_the_middle a_furnace dross(es) silver they_have_become. 19 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because of_you_ _of_all have_become (into)_dross(es) for_ _so/thus/hence HERE_I am_about_to_gather you(pl) into the_middle_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem). 20 The_gathering_of silver and_copper and_iron and_lead and_tin into the_middle_of a_furnace to_blow on/upon/above_him/it fire to_melt_it so I_will_ _gather in_anger_of_my and_in_rage_of_my and_ _I_will_set_down and_I_will_melt you(pl). 21 And_ _I_will_gather you(pl) and_I_will_blow on_you(pl) with_the_fire_of my_severe_anger_of_my and_ _you(pl)_will_be_melted in_the_midst_of_of_it. 22 Like_the_melting_of silver in_the_middle a_ _furnace so you(pl)_will_be_melted in_the_midst_ _of_of_it and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_have_poured_out rage_of_my on_ _you(pl).

23 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 24 Oh_son_of humankind say to/for_ _her/it you are_a_land which_not it is_cleansed not rain_of_its in/on_day indignation. 25 (The)_ _conspiracy_of its_prophets_of_her is_in_the_ _midst_of_of_it like_a_lion roaring which_tears prey person[s] they_have_devoured wealth and_ _glory/honour they_have_been_taking widows_ _of_its they_have_multiplied in_the_midst_of_of_

**145 LV 22:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: גוֹס/ל: (x-qere) גֵּיס/ל: lemma_l/5509 n_1 morph_HR/Ncmsa id_26xWm גֵּיס/ל

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_it. 26 Priests_of_its they_have_treated_violently law_of_my and_they_have_profaned things_of_ _my_holy between a_holy_thing and_a_profane_ _thing not they_have_made_a_distinction and_ _between (the)_unclean_thing and_a_clean_thing not they_have_made_known and_from_sabbaths_ _of_my they_have_hidden eyes_of_their and_I_ _have_been_profaned among_them. 27 Princes_ _of_its in_midst_of_its are_like_wolves which_ _tear_of (of)_prey to_shed blood to_destroy lives so_as to_make_unjust_gain unjust_gain. 28 And_ _prophets_of_its they_have_plastered to/for_ _them whitewash they_are_seeing falsehood and_ _they_are_divining to/for_them falsehood they_ _are_saying thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_ _**YHWH** not he_had_spoken. 29 The_people_of the_earth/land they_have_extorted extortion and_they_have_robbed robbery and_the_poor and_the_needy they_have_maltreated and_~~DOM~~ the_sojourner they_have_oppressed with_not justice. 30 And_I_sought from_them a_person who_will_wall_up a_wall and_who_will_stand in_ _breach to/for_my_face/front for the_earth/land to_not to_destroy_it and_not I_found_anyone. 31 And_I_have_poured_out on_them indignation_ _of_my with_the_fire_of my_severe_anger_of_my I_have_made_an_end_of_them conduct_of_their on_their_own_of_head I_have_requited the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

23:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_ _me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind two women daughters_of a_mother one they_were. 3 And_ _they_acted_as_prostitutes in_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) in_youth(s)_of_their they_acted_as_prostitutes there_(to) breasts_of_their they_were_touched and_there people_squeezed the_nipples_of their_ _virginiti(es)_of_their. 4 And_names_of_their was_'Āh$_e$lāh the_old_one and_was_'Āh$_e$līvāh sister_of_her and_they_belonged to_me and_ _they_bore sons and_daughters and_names_of_ _their was_Shomrōn 'Āh$_e$lāh and_was_ _Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) 'Āh$_e$līvāh.

5 And_ 'Āh$_e$lāh _she_acted_as_a_prostitute under_ _me and_she_lusted on lovers_of_her to 'Ashshūr were_warriors. 6 Clothed_of blue governors and_ _officials young_men_of desire of_them_of_all horsemen who_rode_of horses. 7 And_she/it_ _gave prostitution(s)_of_her to_them were_the_

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26 Its priests do violence to my law, and they profane my sacred things. They don't distinguish between sacred and profane things, and don't teach the difference between what God approved and what he didn't.[146] They ignore my rest days so I end up getting mocked among them. 27 Its leaders within it are like wolves tearing apart their victims. They pour out blood and destroy life, just to make a dishonest profit, 28 but its prophets have painted them over with whitewash. They see false visions and predict falsehoods to them, saying 'The master Yahweh says this' when Yahweh hasn't spoken. 29 The land's people have oppressed others through extortion and robbery, they mistreat the poor and needy, and they oppress foreigners by denying them justice. 30 Then I searched for an advocate from among them who'd build up a wall of righteousness and who'd admit the breaches made by the country and make an appeal on its behalf so I wouldn't destroy it, but I didn't find anyone. 31 So I'll pour my indignation out onto them. I'll finish them off with the fire of my indignation, and their own actions will seal their fate. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

**The parable of two prostitutes**

23:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, once there was a woman who had two daughters 3 who, as young women, prostituted themselves in Mitsrayim (Egypt). Their breasts were squeezed and their virgin nipples were fondled there. 4 The older one was Oholah (referring to Shomron (Samaria) or Shomron) and her younger sister was Oholivah (referring to Yerushalem (Jerusalem)). Then they became my wives and had sons and daughters.

**The sin and punishment of Shomron/Samaria**

5 But Oholah prostituted herself even when she was mine. She lusted for her lovers: for the Assyrian warriors, 6 princes and captains dressed in fine clothes. They were attrac-

146 **RV 22:26 · Cross-ref.** Lev 10:10.

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tive young men riding their horses, 7 and she gave them sexual favours. They were all the best of Ashur's (Assyria's) men, and she defiled herself with everyone she lusted for, and with all their idols. 8 She hadn't left her prostitute behaviour behind in Mitsrayim (Egypt), where they'd slept with her when she was young—caressing her virgin nipples and pouring their lust out on her.

9 That's why I handed her over to her lovers—those Assyrians that she lusted for. 10 They uncovered her nakedness, took her sons and daughters, and killed her with the sword. She'd become notorious among women, so they executed judgement on her.

11 Her sister Oholivah saw **Yerushalem's sin** that, but she lusted more passionately and prostituted herself even more wildly than her sister. 12 She also lusted for the Assyrians, the governors and the dominating officials who rode horses and dressed impressively. All of them were strong, handsome men. 13 I saw that she'd defiled herself just like her older sister.

14 Then she increased her prostitution even more. She saw men carved on walls, figures of Kasdim (Chaldeans) painted in red, 15 wearing belts around their waists, with flowing turbans on their heads. All of them looked like chariot troop officers, similar to Babylonians (whose native land is the land of the Kasdim). 16 As soon as she saw those pictures, she lusted for those men, so she sent messengers out to them in the land of the Kasdim. 17 The Babylonians came to her and to her bed of lust, and they defiled her with their promiscuity. Yes, she'd defiled herself by what she'd done, so she turned herself away from them in disgust. 18 When she'd exposed her nakedness and openly been involved in prostitution, I turned away from her just like I'd turned away in disgust from her sister. 19 Then she increased her prostitution as she remembered when she was a young

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_choicest_of the_sons_of 'Ashshūr of_them_of_all and_by_all those_whom she_lusted_after in_all idols_of_their she_made_herself_unclean. 8 And_ _DOM prostitution(s)_of_her from_Mitsrayim not she_abandoned if/because with_her people_had_ _lain in_youth(s)_of_her and_they they_had_ _squeezed the_nipples_of her_virginiti(es)_of_her and_they_had_poured_out prostitution_of_their on_her. 9 For_so/thus/hence I_gave_her in_the_ _hand_of her_lovers in_the_hand_of the_people_ _of 'Ashshūr whom she_had_lusted on_them. 10 They they_uncovered nakedness_of_her her/its_sons/descendants and_her/its_daughters they_took and_her with_sword they_killed and_ _it_became a_name to_women and_judgements they_brought_about on_her.

11 And_ sister_of_her 'Āh$_e$līvāh _she/it_saw and_ _she_acted_corruptly lust_of_her from_her/it and_DOM prostitution(s)_of_her more_than_the_ _prostitution(s)_of her_sister_of_her. 12 To the_ _sons_of 'Ashshūr she_lusted governors and_ _officials warriors clothed_of perfection horsemen who_rode_of horses were_young_men_ _of desire of_them_of_all. 13 And_I_saw if/because_that she_had_made_herself_unclean way one belonged_to_both_of_of_them. 14 And_ _she_added to prostitution(s)_of_her and_she/it_ _saw men_of a_carved_thing on the_wall the_ _images_of the_ones_from_Kasdiy[147] inscribed with_vermilion. 15 Girded_of a_loincloth on_hips_ _of_their overhung_of turbans on_heads_of_their the_appearance_of officers of_them_of_all the_ _likeness_of the_sons_of Bāvel Chaldea was_the_ _land_of their_kindred_of_their. 16 And[148] on_ _them to_the_sight_of her_eyes_of_her she_sent messengers to_them to_Chaldea. 17 And_they_ _came to_her/it the_sons_of Bāvel to_a_bed_of love(s) and_they_defiled her by_prostitution_of_ _their and_she_became_unclean by_them and_ self_of_her _it_was_alienated from_them. 18 And_ _she_uncovered prostitution(s)_of_her and_she_ _uncovered DOM nakedness_of_her and_ self_of_ _my _it_was_alienated from_with_her just_as self_ _of_my it_had_been_alienated from_under sister_ _of_her. 19 And_she_increased DOM

147 **LV 23:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: סיידשכ: (x-qere) 'סִיְדְשַׁכ': lemma_3778 n_0.1 morph_HNgmpa id_261kr סִיְדְשַׁכ

148 **LV 23:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: בנעת/ו: (x-qere) 'הֶ/בְנְעַת/ו': lemma_c/5689 morph_HC/Vqw3fs/Sh id_26qX2 הֶ/בְנְעַת/ו

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prostitution(s)_of_her to_remember ĐOM the_
_days_of her_youth(s)_of_her when she_acted_as_
_a_prostitute in_land of_Mitsrayim/(Egypt).
20 And_she_lusted on paramours_of_their whom
was_the_flesh_of donkeys flesh_of_their and_
_was_the_ejaculation_of horses ejaculation_of_
_their. 21 And_you_sought ĐOM the_
_licentiousness_of your_youth(s)_of_your when_
_squeezed from_Mitsrayim nipples_of_your on_
_account_of the_breasts_of your_youth(s)_of_
_your.
22 For_so/thus/hence Oh_'Āh$_e$līvāh thus my_
_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_
_rouse ĐOM lovers_of_your on_you ĐOM those_
_whom self_of_your it_was_alienated from_them
and_I_will_bring_them on_you from_round_
_about. 23 The_people_of Bāvel and_all the_ones_
_from_Kasdiy Pəqōd and_Shō'a and_Qō'a all_of
the_people_of 'Ashshūr with_them young_men_
_of desire governors and_officials of_them_of_all
officers and_those_who_are_called who_rode_of
horses of_them_of_all. 24 And_they_will_come
on_you weapon[s]_of chariot[s] and_wheel[s]
and_with_a_company_of peoples body_shield
and_shield and_helmet they_will_set_up on_you
all_around and_I_will_set before_them judgement
and_they_will_judge_you by_judgements_of_
_their. 25 And_I_will_set jealousy_of_my on/over_
_you(fs) and_they_will_deal with_you in_rage
nose_of_your and_ears_of_your they_will_remove
and_remainder_of_your by_sword it_will_fall
they sons_of_your and_daughters_of_your they_
_will_take and_remainder_of_your it_will_be_
_consumed by_fire. 26 And_they_will_strip_off_
_you ĐOM clothes_of_your and_they_will_take_
_away the_articles_of your_beauty_of_your.
27 And_I_will_cause_to_cease licentiousness_of_
_your from_you and_ĐOM prostitution_of_your
from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_not
you_will_lift_up eyes_of_your to_them and_
_Mitsrayim not you_will_remember again.
28 If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says
HERE_I am_about_of_to_give_you in_the_hand_of
those_whom you_hate in_the_hand_of those_
_whom self_of_your it_has_been_alienated from_
_them. 29 And_they_will_deal with_you in_hatred
and_they_will_take all_of property_of_your and_
_they_will_leave_you nakedness and_bareness
and_ the_nakedness_of your(pl)_prostitution(s)_
_of_your and_licentiousness_of_your and_
_prostitution(s)_of_your _it_will_be_uncovered.

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prostitute in Mitsrayim (Egypt), 20 and she lusted for her lovers whose private parts were long like those of donkeys, and whose emissions of semen were huge like those of stallions. 21 That's how you did those shameful things when you were young, when the Mitsrim (Egyptians) fondled your nipples and squeezed your young breasts.

**Yahweh's judgement of Yerushalem**

22 Therefore, Oholivah, the master Yahweh says this, 'Listen, I'll turn your lovers against you. I'll bring those that you rejected against you from every side: 23 the Babylonians and all the Kasdim (Chaldeans), Pekod, Shoa, and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them—strong, handsome men, governors and commanders, all of them officers and famous men, all of them riding on horses. 24 They'll bring many people against you with weapons, as well as chariots and wagons. They'll surround you with units with large shields, small shields, and helmets. I'll get them to punish you, and they'll punish you with their actions. 25 I'll direct my jealous anger at you, and they'll deal with you in fury. They'll cut off your noses and your ears, and even the survivors will be killed by the sword. They'll take away your sons and your daughters, and the remainder will be burnt. 26 They'll strip off your clothes and take away all your jewellery. 27 I'll remove your shameful behaviour from you, including your acts of prostitution with Mitsrayim (Egypt). You'll give up your longing looks towards them, and you won't think about Mitsrayim any more,' 28 because the master Yahweh says this, Listen, I'll hand you over to the ones you hate—back into the control of the ones you'd turned away from. 29 They'll show their hate for you as they take all your possessions and abandon you naked and bare—yes, your nakedness will be uncovered just like when you engaged in promiscuity and prostitution. 30 These things will be done to you because you acted like a prostitute—lusting after nations whose idols defiled you.

31 You followed a similar path to that of your older sister, so I'll give you the same punishment

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that I gave her.' 32 The master Yahweh says this,
'You'll suffer the same extreme suffering that your
sister suffered. You'll become a laughingstock and
a subject for derision—there's a lot of pain coming
your way. 33 You'll be filled with drunkenness and
sorrow, horror and devastation—the same suffer-
ing that your sister Shomron (Samaria) was made
to drink. 34 You'll drink that cup of suffering and
drain it empty, then you'll shatter it and tear your
breasts with the pieces. That's the master Yah-
weh's declaration.'
35 So the master Yahweh says this, 'Because
you've forgotten me and thrown me away behind
your back, you'll bear the consequences of your
shameful behaviour and your prostitution.' "

**Revealing the disgusting actions of the sisters**

36 Yahweh said to me,
"Son of humanity, will you
judge Oholah and Oholivah?
Present them a list of their disgusting actions,
37 since they've committed adultery, and also have
blood on their hands. They've committed adultery
by worshipping their idols, and they've even
caused their sons to pass through the fire to be
considered as food for their idols. 38 Then on top
of that, they defile my sanctuary, and at the same
time, they disrespect my rest days. 39 When they'd
slaughtered their children for their idols, then
they came to my sanctuary on the same day to
desecrate it. So listen, that's what they've done
right there in my residence.
40 You sent messengers to go and bring men
from far away. Now look, they indeed came—those
who you prepared for by bathing, painting your
eyes, and adorning yourself with jewellery. 41 You
sat on a lovely couch bed with a table arranged in
front of you where you placed my incense and my
olive oil. 42 Then the sound of a noisy crowd was
around her as all kinds of men, even Sava, were
brought in from the wilderness, and they put

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30 They_have_done these_things to/for_you(fs)
because_you_acted_as_a_prostitute after nations
on that you_made_yourself_unclean by_idols_of_
_their. 31 In_the_way_of your_sister_of_your you_
_have_walked and_I_will_put cup_of_her in_
_hand_of_your. 32 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_
_says the_cup_of your_sister_of_your you_will_
_drink (the)_deep and_(the)_wide it_will_become
(into)_laughter and_(into)_mockery much to_
_contain. 33 Drunkenness and_sorrow you_will_
_be_filled is_a_cup_of horror and_desolation the_
_cup_of your_sister_of_your Shomrōn. 34 And_
_you_will_drink it and_you_will_drain_it and_ĐOM
fragments_of_its you_will_break and_breasts_of_
_your you_will_tear_out if/because I I_have_
_spoken the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.
35 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH**
he_says because you_have_forgotten me and_
_you_have_thrown me behind back_of_your and_
_also you bear licentiousness_of_your and_ĐOM
prostitution(s)_of_your.
36 And_ **YHWH** _he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of
humankind will_you_judge ĐOM ʾĀhₑlāh and_ĐOM
ʾĀhₑlīvāh and_declare to_them ĐOM
abominations_of_their. 37 If/because they_have_
_committed_adultery and_blood is_on_hands_of_
_their and_ĐOM idols_of_their they_have_
_committed_adultery and_also ĐOM children_of_
_their whom they_bore to_me they_made_pass_
_through to/for_them for_food. 38 Again this
they_have_done to_me they_have_made_unclean
ĐOM sanctuary_of_my in_the_day (the)_that and_
_ĐOM sabbaths_of_my they_have_profaned.
39 And_when_they_had_slaughtered ĐOM
children_of_their to_idols_of_their and_they_
_came into sanctuary_of_my in_the_day (the)_
_that to_profane_it and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE thus
they_did in_the_middle my_house_of_my. 40 And_
_also if/because they_sent for_men who_come
from_a_distance whom a_messenger was_sent to_
_them and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_came those_
_for_whom you_bathed you_painted eyes_of_your
and_you_adorned_yourself ornament[s]. 41 And_
_you_sat on a_couch glorious and_a_table was_
_arranged before_it and_incense_of_my and_oil_
_of_my you_put on_it. 42 And_the_sound a_
_multitude at_ease was_in_her and_near/to men
of_the_multitude_of humankind were_brought

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Ṣāvā'[149] from_the_wilderness and_they_put bracelets to hands_of_their and_a_crown_of beauty on heads_of_their. 43 And_I_said of_worn_ _out adulteri(es) now[150] they_will_act_as_a_ _prostitutes[151] prostitution(s)_of_her and_she. 44 And_he_went to_her/it as_goes into a_woman a_prostitute so they_went into 'Āhₑlāh and_ _near/to 'Āhₑlīvāh the_women_of (the)_ _licentiousness. 45 And_people righteous they they_will_judge them judgement_of adulteresses and_judgement_of women_who_shed_of (of)_ _blood if/because are_adulteresses they and_ _blood is_on_hands_of_their. 46 If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says bring_up on_them a_ _company and_make them into_a_terror and_to_ _spoil. 47 And_they_will_stone on_them stone[s] the_company and_they_will_cut_down them with_swords_of_their sons_of_their and_ _daughters_of_their they_will_kill and_houses_ _of_their with_fire they_will_burn. 48 And_I_will_ _cause_to_cease licentiousness from the_ _earth/land and_ all_of the_women _they_will_ _be_warned and_not they_will_do like_ _licentiousness_of_your(pl). 49 And_people_will_ _requite licentiousness_of_your(pl) to_you(pl) and_the_sins_of your(pl)_idols_of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_bear and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I my_master **YHWH**.

24:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_ _me in_year (the)_ninth in_month (the)_tenth on_ten of_month to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind write[153] to/for_yourself(m) ~~DOM~~ the_name_of the_day ~~DOM~~ the_substance_of the_day the_this the_king_of Bāvel he_has_leaned to Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) on_the_substance_of the_day (the)_this. 3 And_speak_a_parable to the_ _house_of (the)_rebellion a_parable and_you_ _will_say to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_ _says put_on the_pot put_on and_also pour in/on/over_him/it water. 4 Gather pieces_of_its to_her/it every_of piece good thigh and_shoulder the_choicest_of the_bones fill_it. 5 The_choicest_ _of the_flock take and_also pile_up the_bones

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bracelets on their hands and beautiful crowns on their heads. 43 Then I said about that experienced adulterer, 'Now they'll treat her as a prostitute, and she'll fornicate with them.' 44 They had sex with her like men do with a prostitute. In that way they had sex with the two immoral women, Oholah and Oholivah. 45 But righteous men will judge and punish them as adulteresses, and they'll punish them with the appropriate sentence for those who've shed blood, because they're adulteresses plus they have blood on their hands.

46 So the master Yahweh says this: I'll bring a group to attack Shomron (Samaria) and Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and give them up to be terrorized and plundered. 47 Then that group will stone them with stones and cut them down with their swords. They'll kill their children and burn down their houses. 48 That's how I'll remove shameful behaviour from the land, and discipline all the women so they'll no longer act like prostitutes. 49 They'll use your shameful behaviour against you. You'll all bear the guilt of the sins you did with your idols, and in that way you'll know that I am the master Yahweh."

**The rusty cooking pot**

24:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message on the 15th of January of the ninth year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive. 2 "Son of humanity, write down the day and month for yourself, because on this exact day, the Babylonian king started his siege of Yerushalem (Jerusalem).[152] 3 So tell this parable to the rebellious Israeli people and explain that it comes from the master Yahweh:

Pour water into the cooking pot and place it on the fire.

4 Put in the leg and shoulder of a good sheep,

**149** **LV 23:42 · Note** OSHB variant note: **סיאבוס**: (x-qere) **סִיְאָבָס**': lemma_5433 b n_1.0 morph_HNcmpa id_26B9g **סִיְאָבָס**

**150** **LV 23:43 · Note** OSHB variant note: **תע**: (x-qere) **הָעָתָּה**': lemma_6258 n_0.0.0 morph_HD id_266mk **הָעָתָּה**

**151** **LV 23:43 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הנזי**: (x-qere) **וְנָזְיָ**': lemma_2181 morph_HVqi3mp id_26CLp **וְנָזְיָ**

**152** **RV 24:2 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 25:1.

**153** **LV 24:2 · Note** OSHB variant note: **בותכ**: (x-qere) **בָּתְּכִ**': lemma_3789 morph_HVqv2ms id_26MW7 **בָּתְּכִ**

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then fill it up with the best bones.
5 Yes, take the best one from the flock
and pile up the fuel underneath it—
keeping it boiling to make sure the bones in it cook well.
6 Now the master Yahweh says this: The city of blood won't end well—it's like a cooking pot that has rust in it, and that rust won't come out of it. Take piece after piece out of it, but don't be choosy about which pieces, 7 because the blood the city shed is all the way through its centre. It displayed the blood on a flat rock to be easily seen, rather than pouring it out on the ground where it could be covered over with dust, 8 so it makes me angry enough to get revenge: I placed *the city's* blood on the smooth rock, so it couldn't be covered.
9 Therefore, the master Yahweh says this: The city of blood won't end well. I'll also enlarge the pile of firewood to put underneath it. 10 Stack up the wood and kindle the fire. Cook the meat well and mix in the spices and let the bones be charred. 11 Then put the empty pot onto the hot coals in order to heat and scorch its bronze, so the impurities in it will be melted—its corrosion eaten away.' 12 That was a lot of work, but the fire didn't remove the corrosion from it. 13 Your shameful behaviour is in your uncleanness. Because you wouldn't accept it when I tried to cleanse you, you won't be purified anymore until I've satisfied my fury against you. 14 I, Yahweh, have declared it, and I will do it. I won't relent, nor will I rest from it. You'll be judged by your own practices and your own behaviour. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

**The death of Yehezkel's wife**

15 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 16 "Listen, son of humanity, I'm taking your cherished wife from you with a deadly disease, but you mustn't mourn or weep, or let any tears show. 17 You must groan silently. Don't organise a funeral when she's dead. Put on your turban and your sandals, but don't veil your beard, or eat the bread of men who mourn who've lost their wives."
18 So I spoke to the people in the morning, and then my wife died in the evening. In the morning I

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under_it make_boil boilings_of_its also they_
_have_cooked bones_of_its in_the_midst_of_of_it.
6 For_so/thus/hence thus he_says my_master
**YHWH** woe the_city_of (the)_blood(s) a_pot
which rust_of_its is_in_it and_rust_of_its not it_
_has_gone_out from_her/it to_pieces_of_its to_
_pieces_of_its take_it_out not it_has_fallen
on/upon_it(f) a_lot. 7 If/because blood_of_its in_
_the_midst_of_of_it it_was on bareness_of rock it_
_put_it not it_poured_it_out on the_earth/land
to_cover on/upon/above_him/it dust. 8 To_stir_
_up rage to_avenge vengeance I_put ~~DOM~~ blood_
_of_its on bareness_of rock to_not to_be_covered.
9 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_
_says woe the_city_of (the)_blood(s) also I I_will_
_make_great the_wood_pile. 10 Increase the_
_wood(s) kindle the_fire complete the_meat and_
_mix the_seasoning and_the_bones let_them_be_
_charred. 11 And_set_it on coals_of_its_burning
empty so_that it_may_grow_warm and_ bronze_
_of_its _it_will_burn and_it_will_be_melted in_
_the_midst_of_of_it uncleanness_of_its rust_of_its
it_may_be_consumed. 12 Toil(s) it_has_made_
_weary and_not it_comes_out from_her/it the_
_great_amount_of its_rust_of_her in_a_fire rust_
_of_its. 13 In_uncleanness_of_your licentiousness
because I_cleansed_you and_not you_are_clean
from_uncleanness_of_your not you_will_be_clean
again until I_give_rest_to ~~DOM~~ rage_of_my
on/over_you(fs). 14 I **YHWH** I_have_spoken it_is_
_coming and_I_will_act not I_will_refrain and_not
I_will_have_compassion and_not I_will_have_pity
according_to_of_your_ways and_according_to_of_
_your_practices they_have_judged_you the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

15 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me
to_say. 16 Oh_son_of humankind HERE_I am_
_about_to_take from_you ~~DOM~~ the_desire_of your_
_two's_eyes_of_your with_a_blow and_not you_
_must_lament and_not you_must_weep and_not
tear[s]_of_your it_will_come. 17 Groaning be_
_silent dead_people mourning not you_must_do
turban_of_your bind on_you and_sandals_of_your
you_will_put on_feet_of_your and_not you_must_
_cover over a_moustache and_food_of people not
you_must_eat. 18 And_I_spoke to the_people in_
_morning and_ wife_of_my _she_died in_evening
and_I_did in_morning just_as I_had_been_

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_commanded. 19 And_they_said to_me the_
_people not will_you_tell to/for_us what are_
_these_things to/for_ourselves
that/for/because/then/when you are_doing_
_this. 20 And_I_said to_them the_message_of
**YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. 21 Say to_the_
_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus my_master **YHWH**
he_says HERE_I am_about_to_profane ~~DOM~~
sanctuary_of_my the_pride_of your_strength_of_
_your(pl) the_desire_of your(pl)_eyes and_the_
_love_of your_being_of_your(pl) and_sons_of_
_your(pl) and_daughters_of_your(pl) whom
you(pl)_have_left by_sword they_will_fall.
22 And_you(pl)_will_do just_as I_have_done over
a_moustache not you(pl)_must_cover and_food_
_of people not you(pl)_must_eat. 23 And_turbans_
_of_your(pl) will_be_on heads_of_your(pl) and_
_sandals_of_your(pl) will_be_of_on_your(pl)_feet
not you(pl)_must_lament and_not you(pl)_must_
_weep and_you(pl)_will_rot_away in_iniquities_
_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_groan each to
his/its_brother. 24 And_it_was Yəḥezq'ēl to/for_
_you(pl) (into)_a_sign according_to_all that he_
_has_done you(pl)_will_do when_comes_it and_
_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I my_master
**YHWH**. 25 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind
am_not in/on_day take_I from_them ~~DOM~~
stronghold_of_their the_joy_of their_splendour_
_of_their ~~DOM~~ the_desire_of their_eyes_of_their
and_~~DOM~~ the_uplifting_of their_being_of_their
sons_of_their and_daughters_of_their. 26 In_the_
_day (the)_that the_escapee he_will_come to_you
for_information_of ears. 27 In_the_day (the)_that
mouth_of_your it_will_be_opened with the_
_escapee and_you_will_speak and_not you_will_
_be_dumb again and_you_will_become to/for_
_them (into)_a_sign and_they_will_know
if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.
25:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_
_me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_
_your against the_people_of ʿAmmōn and_
_prophesy on_them. 3 And_you_will_say to_the_
_people_of ʿAmmōn hear the_message_of my_
_master **YHWH** thus my_master **YHWH** he_says
because said_you aha concerning sanctuary_of_
_my if/because it_was_profaned and_near/to
the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because it_was_

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did what I'd been commanded to do. 19 Then the people asked me, "Won't you tell us what these things mean—the way that you're behaving?"

20 "Yahweh gave me a message," I answered them, 21 "to tell the Israeli people that the master Yahweh says this to them: Listen, I'll desecrate my sanctuary—the pride of your power, the delight of your eyes, and the yearning of your soul—and also your sons and daughters who you left behind there in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) will be killed by the sword. 22 When that happens, you people will do exactly as I've done: you won't veil your beards, or eat the bread of mourning men, 23 but instead your turbans will be on your heads, and your sandals on your feet. You won't mourn or weep, because you'll melt away due to your disobedience, and everyone will groan for their relatives. 24 So Yehezkel (Ezekiel) will be a sign for you, because when that time comes, you'll do exactly the same as he's doing. Then you people will know that I am the master Yahweh.' "

25 "But you, son of humanity, on the day that I capture their temple, (which is their joy, their pride, and what they see and desire), and when I take away their sons and daughters, 26 a refugee will come to you here on that day to give you the news. 27 At that time, your mouth will be opened up to that refugee and you'll speak again—you'll no longer be silent. You'll be a sign for them so that they'll know that I am Yahweh."

**Yahweh's judgement of nations[154] · Amon's punishment**

25:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, keep looking towards the Amonim[155] and prophesy against them. 3 Tell them to listen to this message because this is what the master Yahweh says: You celebrated my sanctuary being desecrated, and the land of Yisrael (Israel) being desolate, and the kingdom of

**154 RV 25:1 · Parallel** 25:1–32:32

**155 RV 25:2 · Cross-ref.** Jer 49:1-6; Eze 21:28-32; Amos 1:13-15; Zeph 2:8-11.

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Yehudah (Judah) going into exile, 4 so because of that, listen: I'm giving you to a people in the east as their possession. They'll set up camp against you and set up their tents among you. They'll eat your fruit and drink your milk. 5 I'll make the Amoni capital city, Rabah,[156] into a camel pasture, and the Amoni people into a resting place for flocks. Then you people will know that I am Yahweh.

6 Because the master Yahweh says this: You clapped your hands and stamped your feet and celebrated with all the contempt within you against the Israeli nation, 7 therefore, listen Amon. I'll strike you down and give you as plunder to the other nations. I'll cut you off from the people groups and make you perish from among the countries. I'll destroy you, and you'll know that I am Yahweh.'

8 The master Yahweh says **Moav's punishment** this, 'Because Moav (Moab)[159] and Se'ir say that the kingdom of Yehudah (Judah) is just like every other nation, 9 well listen, I'll destroy the border cities protecting Moav, starting with the splendour of Beyt-Hayeshimot, Ba'al-Me'on, and Kiryatayim. 10 I'll hand them over to the people in the east who've already been against the Amonim—I'll give them up as a possession so that the Amonim won't be remembered among the nations. 11 Yes, I'll execute judgements against Moav, then they'll know that I am Yahweh.'

12 The master Yahweh also **Edom's punishment** says, 'Edom has taken vengeance against the kingdom of Yehudah (Judah) and has done wrong by doing that.[161] 13 Therefore, the master Yahweh says: I'll hit Edom with my hand and destroy every

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_made_desolate and_near/to the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) if/because they_went in_exile. 4 For_so/thus/hence HERE_I am_about_of_to_ _give_you to_the_people_of the_east to_a_ _possession and_they_will_set_up encampments_ _of_their on/over_you(fs) and_they_will_make among_you dwellings_of_their they they_will_eat fruit_of_your and_they they_will_drink milk_of_ _your. 5 And_I_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ Rabāh into_a_ _pasture_of camels and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_people_of ʿAmmōn into_a_resting_place_of flock[s] and_ _you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. 6 If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because clapped_you a_hand and_stamped_you with_a_foot and_you_rejoiced in_all scorn_of_ _your in_the_self concerning the_land_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). 7 For_so/thus/hence HERE_I I_ _have_stretched_out ᴅᴏᴍ hand_of_my on_you and_I_will_give_you mmm[157][158] to_nations and_I_ _will_cut_you_off from the_peoples and_I_will_ _destroy_you from the_lands I_will_destroy_you and_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. 8 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because Mōʾāv and_Sēʿīr said THERE is_like_all_of the_nations the_house_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah). 9 For_ _so/thus/hence here_I am_about_to_open ᴅᴏᴍ the_slope_of Mōʾāv from_the_cities from_cities_ _of_its from_border_of_its the_beauty_of the_land Bēyt Hayshimōt/(Jeshimoth) Baʿal Məʿōn Qiryātayim[160]. 10 To_the_people_of the_east with the_people_of ʿAmmōn and_I_will_give_it to_a_ _possession so_that not the_people_of ʿAmmōn it_may_be_remembered among_nations. 11 And_ _on_Mōʾāv I_will_bring_about judgements and_ _they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

12 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because ʾEdōm acted by_avenging_itself vengeance to_ _the_house_of Yəhūdāh and_they_have_become_ _guilty exceedingly_(be_guilty) and_they_have_ _avenged_themselves on_them. 13 For_ _so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says

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**156 RV 25:5 · Note** Now the modern city of Amman (in Jordan) has been built on Rabah's ruins.

**157 LV 25:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: גב/ל: (x-qere) זֻבְּלִ֔י: lemma_l/957 n_1.2.0 morph_HR/Ncmsa id_269n6 זֻבְּלִ֔י

**158 LV 25:7 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

**159 RV 25:8-11 · Cross-ref.** Gen 19:36-37; Isa 25:10-12; Jer 48:1-47; Amos 2:1-3; Zeph 2:8-11.

**160 LV 25:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/מתירק/ו: (x-qere) הֲמֻיָּתְיִרְקִ֥ו: lemma_c/7156 n_0 morph_HC/Np/Sd id_26Zs6 הֲמֻיָּתְיִרְקִ֥ו

**161 RV 25:12-14 · Cross-ref.** Gen 25:24-34; 36:39; Jer 49:7-22; Eze 35:1-15; Oba 1-14; Mal 1:2-5.

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and_I_will_stretch_out hand_of_my on 'Edōm and_I_will_cut_off from_her/it humankind and_ _animal[s] and_I_will_make_it a_desolation from_ _Tēymān and_to_Dədān by_sword they_will_fall. 14 And_I_will_put ĐOM vengeance_of_my on_ _'Edōm by_the_hand_of my_people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_do with_'Edōm according_to_of_my_anger and_according_to_of_ _my_rage and_they_will_know ĐOM vengeance_ _of_my the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

15 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because the_ _Pəlishtiy acted in_vengeance and_they_ _avenged_themselves vengeance with_scorn in_ _the_self to_destruction enmity_of antiquity. 16 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_stretch_out hand_ _of_my on the_Pəlishtiy and_I_will_cut_off ĐOM the_Kərētī and_I_will_destroy ĐOM the_remnant_ _of the_coast_of the_sea. 17 And_I_will_do on_ _them vengeance(s) great with_rebukes_of rage and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_I_have_put ĐOM vengeance_of_my on_ _them.

26:1 And_he/it_was in_one_plus_of ten year on_ _day_one of_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_ _came to_me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind because that Tsor/(Tyre) it_said on Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) aha the_doors_of the_ _peoples it_is_broken it_has_been_turned_over to_me I_will_be_filled it_has_been_laid_waste. 3 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_ _says here_I am_on_you Oh_Tsor/(Tyre) and_I_ _will_bring_up on_you nations many as_brings_ _up the_sea (to)_waves_of_its. 4 And_they_will_ _destroy the_walls_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_they_will_ _tear_down towers_of_its and_I_will_scrape_away dust_of_its from_her/it and_I_will_make it into_ _bareness_of rock. 5 A_spreading_place_of nets it_ _will_be in_the_middle the_sea if/because I I_ _have_spoken the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** and_it_will_become (into)_spoil for_ _nations. 6 And_her/its_daughters which in_the_ _field with_sword they_will_be_killed and_they_ _will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. 7 If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring against Tsor/(Tyre) Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel from_the_

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person and animal there. I'll make it a ruined, abandoned place, from Teyman all the way to Dedan—they'll be killed by the sword. 14 I'll use my people Yisrael (Israel) to place my vengeance on Edom, and they'll apply my anger and fury to Edom so they'll know my vengeance. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.'

**Peleshet's punishment**

15 The master Yahweh says this, 'The Pelishtim have chosen hateful vengeance and have put much effort into trying to destroy Yehudah (Judah).[162] 16 So this is what the master Yahweh says: Listen, I'll take action against the Pelishtim, and I'll cut off the Kereti and destroy the remnant along the coast. 17 I'll take severe vengeance against them with furious acts to punish them—they'll know that I am Yahweh, when I take my vengeance on them.' "

**Tsor's punishment**

26:1 At the beginning of the month in the eleventh year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive, Yahweh gave me a message: 2 "Son of humanity, Tsor (Tyre)[163] has said against Yerushalem (Jerusalem), 'Nice one! Yerushalem's gates are broken. It's going my way—I can take advantage because it's been destroyed.'

3 Because of that, the master Yahweh says this: 'Listen, I'm opposed to you, Tsor, and I'll raise up many nations against you, just like the sea raises its waves. 4 They'll destroy Tsor's walls and tear down its towers, then I'll sweep its dust away and make it like a bare rock. 5 It'll become a place in the middle of the sea for people to spread their nets out to dry them, since I've declared it, and it'll become plunder for the nations. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. 6 Its young women who are in the countryside will be slaughtered by swords, and then they'll know that I am Yahweh.'

7 Yes, this is what Yahweh says: Listen, I'm bring-

**162 RV 25:15-17 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:6-8; Jdg 13:1; 1Sam 4:1.

**163 RV 26:2 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 3:4-8; Amos 1:9-10.

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ing the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar), king of kings, from the north, against Tsor, with horses and chariots, and with horsemen and a large army. 8 He'll kill your daughters in the countryside. He'll set up a siege program and build a ramp against your walls and lift up shields against you. 9 He'll use his battering rams to smash down your walls, and he'll tear down your towers with his axes. 10 They'll have so many horses that their dust will cover you. Your walls will shake with the noise of their horsemen, wagons, and chariots. When he rides through your gates, he'll pick his way over the stones like men do when entering a city whose walls have been broken down. 11 The hooves of his horses will trample all of your streets. He'll slaughter your people with the sword and your mighty stone pillars will be knocked to the ground. 12 They'll tear down your walls and destroy your nice homes—plundering your riches and looting your merchandise. Then they'll throw your building stones, wood, and rubble into the ocean. 13 I'll stop the sound of your songs, and the music from your harps won't be heard anymore. 14 I'll make you back into a bare rock—you'll become a place where nets are spread out to dry. You'll never be built again, because I, master Yahweh, have spoken. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

15 The master Yahweh says this to Tsor (Tyre), 'Won't the islands shake with the sound of your downfall, and with the groans of the wounded when the terrible slaughter is happening in you? 16 Then all the leaders of the coastal kingdoms will step down from their thrones and remove their robes and take off their embroidered clothes. Instead, they'll clothe themselves in fear, they'll sit on the ground and tremble every moment, and they'll be appalled because of you. 17 Then they'll sing this song of mourning for you and say to you,

How you, who were inhabited by sailors, have been destroyed.

The famous city that was so strong, it's now gone from the sea.

The ones living in her once spread terror around themselves on everyone who lived nearby.

18 Now the coastal kingdoms tremble on the day

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_north the_king_of kings with_horse[s] and_with_ _chariotry and_with_horsemen and_a_company and_a_people numerous. 8 Daughters_of_your in_ _the_field with_sword he_will_kill and_he/it_gave on_you a_siege-work and_he_will_pour_out on_ _you a_mound and_he_will_raise_up on_you a_ _body_shield. 9 And_the_blow_of his_ _battering-ram_of_his he_will_set on_walls_of_ _your and_towers_of_your he_will_break_down with_swords_of_his. 10 From_the_abundance_of his_horses_of_his it_will_cover_you dust_of_their from_the_sound_of a_horseman and_wheel[s] and_chariot[s] walls_of_your they_will_shake when_comes_he in_gates_of_your like_the_ _entering(s)_of a_city broken_into. 11 With_the_ _hooves_of his_horses_of_his he_will_trample ~~DOM~~ all_of streets_of_your people_of_your with_ _sword he_will_kill and_the_pillars_of your_ _strength_of_your to_ground it_will_come_down. 12 And_they_will_plunder wealth_of_your and_ _they_will_take_as_spoil merchandise_of_your and_they_will_tear_down walls_of_your and_the_ _houses_of your_desire_of_your they_will_pull_ _down and_stones_of_your and_wood(s)_of_your and_dust_of_your in_the_middle the_waters they_will_put. 13 And_I_will_put_an_end_to the_ _noise_of your(pl)_songs_of_your and_the_sound_ _of your(pl)_harps_of_your not it_will_be_heard again. 14 And_I_will_make_you into_bareness_of rock a_spreading_place_of nets you_will_be not you_will_be_built again if/because I **YHWH** I_ _have_spoken the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. 15 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_ _Tsor/(Tyre) not from_the_sound_of your_ _downfall_of_your when_ the_fatally_wounded _ _groan when_ a_slaughter _is_killed in_the_ _midst_of_of_you the_islands will_they_quake. 16 And_they_will_go_down from_under thrones_ _of_their all_of the_princes_of the_sea and_they_ _will_remove ~~DOM~~ robes_of_their and_~~DOM~~ the_ _clothes_of their_multicoloured_material_of_ _their they_will_strip_off trembling(s) they_will_ _be_clothed on the_earth/land they_will_sit and_ _they_will_tremble to_moments and_they_will_ _be_appalled on_you. 17 And_they_will_take_up on_you a_lamentation and_they_will_say to/for_ _you(fs) how you_have_perished Oh_city_ _inhabited from_the_seas the_city which_it_was_ _praised which it_was mighty in_sea it and_ _inhabitants_of_its which they_put terror_of_ _their to/from_all/each/any/every inhabitants_

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_of_its. 18 Now the_islands they_will_tremble
the_day_of your_downfall_of_your and_ the_
_islands which are_in_sea _they_will_be_terrified
because_you_went_out. 19 If/because thus my_
_master **YHWH** he_says when_make_I you a_city
desolate like_cities which not they_are_inhabited
when_bring_up over_you ~~DOM~~ the_deep and_
_they_will_cover_you the_waters (the)_many.
20 And_I_will_send_you_down with those_who_
_have_gone_down_of the_pit to a_people_of
antiquity and_I_will_cause_you_to_dwell in_land
the_lowest_parts like_waste_places from_long_
_ago/eternity with those_who_have_gone_down_
_of the_pit so_that not you_may_remain and_I_
_will_put splendour in_land the_living.
21 Sudden_terror(s) I_will_give_to_you and_you_
_will_not_be and_you_will_be_sought and_not
you_will_be_found again forever_perpetuity the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

27:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_
_me to_say. 2 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind
take_up on Tsor/(Tyre) a_lamentation. 3 And_
_you_will_say to_Tsor/(Tyre) the[168] at the_
_entrances_of the_sea the_trader_of the_peoples
to islands many thus my_master **YHWH** he_says
Oh_Tsor/(Tyre) you you_have_said I am_perfect_
_of beauty. 4 Were_in_the_heart_of the_seas
territories_of_your builders_of_your they_
_perfected beauty_of_your. 5 Fir_trees from_Sənīr
they_built to/for_you(fs) ~~DOM~~ all_of planks a_
_cedar from_Ləvānōn they_took for_doing a_
_mast on_you. 6 Oaks from_Bāshān they_made
oars_of_your boards_of_your they_made ivory
the_daughter_of 'Ashshūrns from_the_islands_of
Kittim[169]. 7 Fine_linen with_multicoloured_
_weaving from_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) it_was sail_of_
_your to_be to/for_you(fs) (into)_a_sail blue and_
_purple from_the_islands_of 'Elīshā'h it_was
covering_of_your. 8 The_inhabitants_of
Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_'Arvad they_were those_
_who_row to/for_you(fs) your_skillful_of_people
Oh_Tsor/(Tyre) they_were in_you they sailors_of_
_were_your. 9 The_elders_of Gebal and_its_wise_
_of_people they_were in_you the_repairers_of

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of your downfall.

The islands in the sea are terrified by your passing.'

19 Yes, the master Yahweh says this: When I make you a desolate city, like the other cities that are uninhabited, when I raise up the deep seas against you, and when the great waters cover you, 20 then I'll take you down to the pit that ancient people went down to, because I'll make you live in the lowest realms of the earth like ancient ruins. Because of that, you won't come back and be splendid in the land of the living. 21 I'll send disaster onto you, and you won't exist anymore. Then people will look for you, but you'll never be found again.[164] That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

**The end of the city of Tsor**

27:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Now you, son of humanity, begin a funeral song about Tsor (Tyre), 3 and tell Tsor (which is on a coastal island—merchants to people groups on many other islands) that the master Yahweh says this to you:

Tsor, you've said, 'My beauty has reached perfection.'

4 Your borders are surrounded by the ocean.

Your builders have perfected your beauty.[165]

5 They made all your planks with cypress from Mt. Hermon (Senir).

They got a cedar from Levanon to make a mast for you.

6 They made your oars from the oak trees in Bashan.

They made your decks out of cypress wood from Kupros (Cyprus), and overlaid them with ivory.

7 Your sails were made from colourful linen from Mitsrayim (Egypt) that served as your banner.

The colours of blue and purple from the coasts

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**164 RV 26:21 · Cross-ref.** Rev 18:21.

**165 RV 27:4 · Note** Here, the island city of Tsor is imagined as a ship in the ocean.

**168 LV 27:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתבשי/ה: (x-qere) 'תֵּבְּשִׁי/ה': lemma_d/3427 n_1.2.0 morph_HTd/Vqrfsa id_26qJg תֵּבְּשִׁי/ה`

**169 LV 27:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: סיתכ: (x-qere) 'סיֵּיִתְּכִ': lemma_3794 n_0 morph_HNgmpa id_26NiH סיֵּיִתְּכִ

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of Elishah are used for the awning on your boat.
8 Those who were living in Tsidon (Sidon) and Arvad were your rowers.
The wise men of Tsor (Tyre) were within you—they were your pilots.
9 Experienced craftsmen from Geval sealed your seams.
All the ships and their sailors among you were carrying your merchandise for trade.
10 Warriors from Paras (Persia), Ludia, and Libya were in your army.
They hung their shields and helmets within you.
They displayed your splendour.
11 The men of Arvad and Helek in your army were on your walls surrounding you,
and the people from Gamadim were in your towers.
They hung up their shields on your walls all around you.
They completed your beauty.
12 "Tarshish was a trading partner with you because of your abundant wealth of goods. They traded silver, iron, tin, and lead for your wares.
13 Yavan (Greece), Tuval, and Meshek traded slaves, as well as bronze items, for your merchandise. 14 Beyt-Togarmah provided horses, stallions, and mules in exchange for your products. 15 People from Dedan were your traders on many coasts. You sent the merchandise and they sent back ivory tusks and ebony wood as payment. 16 Aram (Syria) was a dealer in your many products—they provided emeralds, purple dye, coloured cloth, fine fabric, pearls, and rubies for your merchandise. 17 Yehudah (Judah) and Yisrael (Israel) were trading with you. They provided wheat from Minit, cakes, honey, oil, and balsam for your merchandise. 18 Damesek (Damascus) was a trader of all your products, of all your enormous wealth, and of the wine from Helbon and the wool from Tsahar.[166] 19 Dan and Yavan from Uzal provided you with merchandise of wrought iron, cinnamon,

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your_leak[s]_of_your all_of the_ships_of the_sea and_mariners_of_their they_were in_you to_trade merchandise_of_your. 10 Pāraş and_Lūd and_Pūṭ they_were in_army_of_your men_of your_war_of_ _your shield and_helmet they_hung_up in_you they they_gave splendour_of_your. 11 The_ _people_of 'Arvad and_Helech were_on walls_of_ _your all_around and_the_Gammād in_towers_of_ _your they_were shields_of_their they_hung_up on walls_of_your all_around they they_perfected beauty_of_your. 12 Tarshiysh was_your_of_trader from_the_abundance_of all_of wealth for_silver iron tin and_lead they_exchanged wares_of_your. 13 Yāvān/(Javan) Tūv̇al and_Meshek they were_ _your(pl)_of_traders for_the_life_of human[s] and_vessels_of bronze they_exchanged merchandise_of_your. 14 From_the_house_of Tōgarmāh horses and_horsemen and_mules they_exchanged wares_of_your. 15 The_people_of Dədān were_your(pl)_of_traders islands many were_the_merchandise_of your_hand_of_your horns_of ivory and[170] they_brought tribute_of_ _your. 16 'Arām was_your_of_trader from_the_ _abundance_of your(pl)_products_of_your for_ _turquoise purple and_multicoloured_material and_fine_linen and_corals and_ruby they_ _exchanged for_wares_of_your.
17 Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they were_your(pl)_of_traders for_the_wheat(s)_of Minnit and_cake and_honey and_oil and_balm they_exchanged merchandise_ _of_your. 18 Dammeseq was_your_of_trader in_ _the_abundance_of your(pl)_products_of_your from_the_abundance_of all_of wealth for_the_ _wine_of Ḥelbōn and_wool_of Tsaḥar/(Zahar).
19 Vədān and_Yāvān/(Javan) from_Uzal for_ _wares_of_your they_exchanged iron wrought cassia and_calamus for_merchandise_of_your it_ _was. 20 Dədān was_your_of_trader for_clothes_of material for_riding. 21 'Arāv̇ and_all the_princes_ _of Qēdār they were_the_traders_of your_hand_ _of_your for_lambs and_rams and_goats for_them traders_of_your. 22 The_traders_of Shəv̇ā' and_ _Ra'māh they were_your(pl)_of_traders for_the_ _best_of every_of spice and_on/over_all stone

**166 RV 27:18 · Note** Possibly, Tsahar (used only once in the Hebrew scriptures) could refer to the white colour of the wool.

**170 LV 27:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: מִינְבוּה/וֹ: (x-qere) מִנְּבָהּ/וֹ': lemma_c/1894 n_0.1 morph_HC/Ncmpa id_26R73 מִנְּבָהּ/וֹ

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precious and_gold they_exchanged wares_of_
_your. 23 Ḥārān and_Canneh and_ʿĒden the_
_traders_of Shəvāʾ ʾAshshūr Kilmād/(Chilmad)
was_your_of_trader. 24 They were_your(pl)_of_
_traders for_beautiful_garments for_garments_of
blue and_multicoloured_material and_for_
_blankets_of variegated_cloth for_ropes bound
and_made_firm in_your_market_of_place. 25 The_
_ships_of Tarshiysh were_your(pl)_of_travellers
merchandise_of_your and_you_were_filled and_
_you_were_honoured exceedingly in_the_heart_
_of the_seas. 26 On_waters many they_brought_
_you those_who_row you the_wind_of the_east it_
_broke_you in_the_heart_of the_seas. 27 Wealth_
_of_your and_wares_of_your merchandise_of_
_your mariners_of_your and_sailors_of_your the_
_repairers_of your_leak[s]_of_your[171] and_the_
_traders_of your_merchandise_of_your and_all
the_men_of your_war_of_your who on/over_
_you(fs) and_on/over_all company_of_your which
was_in_the_midst_of_of_you they_will_fall in_
_the_heart_of the_seas in/on_day your_downfall_
_of_your. 28 To_sound/voice of_the_outcry_of
your(pl)_sailors_of_your pasturelands they_will_
_quake. 29 And_they_will_come_down from_
_ships_of_their[172] all_of those_who_wield_of (of)_
_an_oar mariners all_of the_sailors_of the_sea to
the_earth/land they_will_stand. 30 And_they_
_will_make_heard on_you (in)_voice_of_their
and_they_will_cry_out bitter and_they_will_
_bring_up dust on heads_of_their in_ash[es] they_
_will_roll. 31 And_they_will_make_bald because_
_of_you baldness and_they_will_gird_themselves
sackcloth(s) and_they_will_weep because_of_you
with_bitterness_of emotion wailing bitter.
32 And_they_will_take_up concerning_you in_
_wailing_of_their a_lamentation and_they_will_
_make_a_lament on_you who is_like_Tsor/(Tyre)
like_one_silenced in_the_middle the_sea.
33 When_ wares_of_your _went_out from_the_
_seas you_satisfied peoples many by_the_
_abundance_of your(pl)_wealth(s)_of_your and_
_merchandise(s)_of_your you_made_rich the_
_kings_of the_earth. 34 The_time_of when_being_
_broken from_the_seas in_the_depths_of the_

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and fragrant calamus seeds which became your merchandise. 20 Dedan was your dealer in woven saddle blankets. 21 Arav and all of Kedar's leaders were traders with you—they provided you with lambs, rams, and goats. 22 Traders from Sheva and Ramah came to sell you the best of every spice and all kinds of precious gems—they traded gold for your goods. 23 Haran, Kaneh, and Eden were traders with you, along with Sheva, Ashur (Assyria), and Kilmad. 24 Those were your traders in fancy robes made of violet cloth with woven colours, and in blankets of multicoloured, embroidered, and well-woven cloth in your marketplaces.
25 Tarshish's ships were the transporters of your merchandise.

So you were filled up—heavily laden with cargo there in the heart of the seas.

26 Your rowers have brought you into vast seas.

The east wind has wrecked you in the middle of them.

27 Your wealth, merchandise, and trade goods,
your sailors, pilots, and ship-builders,
your traders of merchandise and all the men of war who are in you, and all your crew—
they will sink into the depths of the sea at the time of your destruction.

28 The surroundings will shake
when they hear your pilot's cry of distress.

29 All the oarsmen will come down off their ships.

Mariners and all the pilots on the sea will stand on the land,

30 then they'll raise their voices towards you and will wail bitterly.

They'll throw dust up onto their heads. They'll roll around to get covered in ashes.

31 They'll shave their heads bald for you and dress in rough sackcloth,[167]
and they'll weep bitterly over you and they will cry out with loud moans.

**167** **RV 27:30 · Note** All of these (dust, ashes, shaving, sackcloth) are traditional signs of mourning.

**171** **LV 27:27 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

**172** **LV 27:29 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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32 They will wail loudly for you and sing funeral songs about you.
Who is like the city of Tsor (Tyre), which has now been brought to silence in the middle of the sea?
33 When your merchandise went ashore from the sea, it pleased many people groups.
You enriched kings across the world with your great wealth and merchandise.
34 But when you were shattered by the seas, by deep waters,
your merchandise and all your crew sank.
35 All the inhabitants of the coastal kingdoms were appalled at you,
and their kings shuddered in horror—their faces trembled.
36 The merchants of the people hiss at you.
You've become a horror, and you won't exist anymore."

**Against the pride of Tsor's king**

28:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, tell Tsor's (Tyre's) ruler that the master Yahweh says this: Your heart is proud and you've said, "I'm a god. I'll sit in the seat of gods in the vital centre of the oceans." Even though you're a man and not a god, you tell yourself that you're a god.
3 Listen, you king of Tsor, are you wiser than Daniyel was? Are there any secrets that you don't already know? 4 You've used your wisdom and skill to make yourself wealthy, and amassed gold and silver in your treasuries. 5 By great wisdom and by your trading, you've multiplied your wealth, but now you've become arrogant because of your wealth.
6 Therefore, the master Yahweh says this: Because you've convinced yourself that you're invincible like a god, 7 I'll bring foreigners against you—terrifying warriors from other nations. They'll bring their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they'll defile your splendour.
8 They'll send you down to the pit, and you'll die

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_water merchandise_of_your and_all company_ _of_your in_the_midst_of_of_you they_have_ _fallen. 35 All_of the_inhabitants_of the_islands they_have_been_appalled on_you and_kings_of_ _their they_have_shuddered shuddering faces they_have_been_disconcerted. 36 Traders among_peoples they_have_hissed on_you sudden_terror(s) you_have_become and_you_ _will_not_be until perpetuity.

28:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_ _me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind say to_the_ _ruler_of Tsor/(Tyre) thus he_says my_master **YHWH** because heart_of_your it_has_been_ _haughty and_she/it_said am_a_god I the_seat_of gods I_sit in_the_heart_of the_seas and_you(ms) are_a_human_being and_not a_god and_she/it_ _gave heart_of_your like_the_heart_of a_god. 3 THERE are_wise you mmm[173][174] all_of that_ _which_is_kept_secret not people_hold_dark_ _from_you. 4 By_wisdom_of_your and_by_ _understanding_of_your you_have_acquired for_ _yourself wealth and_you_have_acquired gold and_silver in_treasuries_of_your. 5 By_the_ _greatness_of your_skill_of_your by_trade_of_ _your you_have_increased wealth_of_your and_ heart_of_your _it_has_been_haughty in_wealth_ _of_your. 6 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because you_have_made ~~DOM~~ heart_of_your like_the_heart_of a_god. 7 For_ _so/thus/hence HERE_I am_about_to_bring on_ _you strangers ruthless_ones_of nations and_ _they_will_draw swords_of_their on the_beauty_ _of your_wisdom_of_your and_they_will_profane splendour_of_your. 8 To_pit they_will_bring_you_ _down and_you_will_die the_death(s)_of the_slain

**173 LV 28:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: לְאַנְדְּ/מ: (x-qere) לְאֵינֵדְ/מ': lemma_m/1840 n_1 morph_HR/Np id_26pwL לְאֵינֵדְ/מ

**174 LV 28:3 · Note** OSHB note: Adaptations to a Qere which L and BHS, by their design, do not indicate.

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in_the_heart_of the_seas. 9 Really_(say) will_you_
_say am_a_god I to_(the)_face_of/in_front_
_of/before one_of_who_kills_you and_you(ms)
are_a_human_being and_not a_god in_the_hand_
_of those_who_pierce_you. 10 The_deaths_of
uncircumcised_men you_will_die by_the_hand_of
strangers if/because I I_have_spoken the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

11 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me
to_say. 12 Oh_son_of humankind take_up a_
_lamentation on the_king_of Tsor/(Tyre) and_
_you_will_say for_him/it thus my_master **YHWH**
he_says you were_one_who_seals_of an_example
you_were_full wisdom and_perfect_of beauty.
13 In_ʼĒden the_garden_of god you_were was_
_every_of stone precious covering_of_your ruby
topaz and_emerald chrysolite onyx and_jasper
sapphire turquoise and_beryl and_gold the_
_workmanship_of your(pl)_tambourines_of_your
and_settings_of_your on/over_you(fs) in/on_day
you_were_created they_were_prepared. 14 You
were_a_cherub_of expansion_of which_covers
and_I_appointed_you on_the_mountain_of the_
_holiness god you_were in_the_middle of_stones_
_of fire you_walked_about. 15 Were_blameless
you in_ways_of_your from_the_day_of you_were_
_created until unrighteousness it_was_found
on/over_you(fs). 16 In_the_abundance_of your_
_trade_of_your of_you_of_the_middle people_
_filled violence and_you_sinned and_I_profaned_
_you from_hill god and_I_destroyed_you Oh_
_cherub which_covers from_the_middle_of the_
_stones_of fire. 17 Heart_of_your it_was_haughty
in_beauty_of_your you_perverted wisdom_of_
_your on splendour_of_your on the_ground I_
_threw_you to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before
kings I_put_you to_look on_you. 18 From_the_
_greatness_of your(pl)_iniquities_of_your by_the_
_unrighteousness_of your_trade_of_your you_
_profaned sanctuaries_of_your and_I_brought_
_out fire from_the_midst_of_of_you it it_
_consumed_you and_I_made_you into_ash[es] on
the_earth/land to_the_eyes_of all_of those_of_
_who_saw_you. 19 All_of those_of_who_knew_you
among_peoples they_were_appalled on_you
sudden_terror(s) you_became and_you_will_not_
_be until perpetuity.

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violently like those who die at sea. 9 Will you really say, "I'm a god" to the face of one who's about to kill you? You're a man and not God, and you'll be at the mercy of the one who runs you through. 10 You'll die like an ungodly person killed by foreigners, because I've declared it. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

**The fall of Tsor's king**

11 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 12 "Son of humanity, sing a mourning song for the king of Tsor (Tyre) and tell him that the master Yahweh says this:

You were the model of perfection,
full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.
13 You were in Eden—God's garden.
Every precious stone covered you:
ruby, topaz, emerald, chrysolite,
onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and beryl.
Your settings and mountings were made from gold.
They were prepared on the very day that you were created.
14 I placed you on God's sacred mountain
like the winged creatures that I appointed to guard humanity.
You were among the fiery stones where you walked around.
15 You had integrity in your ways from the day you were created
until injustice was found within you.
16 Through your great trade you were filled with violence, and so you sinned.
Then I threw you out of God's mountain, like someone who was defiled,
and I destroyed you, guardian winged creature,
and drove you from among the fiery stones.
17 Your heart was arrogant due to your beauty.
You ruined your wisdom because of your splendour.
I threw you down to the earth.
I put you in front of kings so they can see you.
18 Because of all your disobedience and your dishonest trade,
you've defiled your sacred places,
so I've made fire come out from you to consume you.

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I'll turn you into ashes on the earth
in the sight of everyone who looks at you.
19 Everyone who knew you among the people groups
will shudder to look at you now—
they will be horrified, and you won't exist any longer.' "

**Tsidon's punishment**

20 Then Yahweh gave me another message:
21 "Son of humanity, look towards Tsidon (Sidon)[175] and prophesy against it. 22 Tell them that the master Yahweh says this: 'Listen, I'm against you, Tsidon, because I intend to be praised by you, so your people will know that I am Yahweh, when I execute justice within you and demonstrate my holiness to you. 23 I'll send a deadly disease to afflict you, and there'll be blood in your streets, and people will fall dead all around you. When the sword comes against you from all around, then you'll know that I am Yahweh.

**The blessing for Yisrael**

24 Then there'll no longer be pricking briars and painful thorns for the Israeli people from all those around her who despise her, so then they'll know that I am the master Yahweh.'
25 The master Yahweh says that when I gather the Jewish people from the nations that they were scattered among, and when they properly honour me so the nations may see, then they'll make their homes in the land I gave to my servant Ya'akov (Jacob). 26 Then they'll live securely within the land and build houses, plant vineyards, and live securely. When I execute justice on all the people all around who now despise them, then they'll know that I am their god Yahweh.' "

**Mitsrayim's punishment**

29:1 At the beginning of January in the twelfth year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive, Yahweh gave me a message: 2 "Son of humanity, stand firmly against Mitsrayim's (Egypt's) king Par'oh (Pharaoh).[176] Prophesy against him and against all

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20 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 21 Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_your against Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_prophesy on_it. 22 And_you_will_say thus my_master **YHWH** he_ _says here_I am_on_you Oh_Tsīdōn/(Sidon) and_ _I_will_gain_glory in_the_midst_of_of_you and_ _people_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_I_bring_about on_it judgements and_I_ _will_show_myself_holy in_it. 23 And_I_will_send on_it a_pestilence and_blood in_streets_of_its and_ the_slain _it_will_fall in_the_midst_of_of_it by_the_sword on/upon_it(f) from_round_about and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_ _**YHWH**.

24 And_not it_will_belong again to_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) a_brier which_pricks and_thorn which_causes_pain from_all around_of_them who_despise them and_they_will_know if/because_that I my_master **YHWH**. 25 Thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says when_gather_I ~~DOM~~ the_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from the_peoples which they_have_been_scattered among_them and_I_will_show_myself_holy among_them to_ _the_eyes_of the_nations and_they_will_dwell on land_of_their_own which I_gave to_servant_of_ _my to_Ya'aqov/(Jacob). 26 And_they_will_dwell on/upon_it(f) to_security and_they_will_build houses and_they_will_plant vineyards and_they_ _will_dwell to_security when_I_bring_about judgements on_all_of those_who_despise ~~DOM~~_ _them from_around_of_them and_they_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** god_of_their.

29:1 In_year (the)_tenth in_month on_day_two_ _plus ten of_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_ _came to_me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_your on Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_prophesy on/upon/above_him/it and_on Mitsrayim of_it_ _of_all. 3 Speak and_you_will_say thus he_says

**175 RV 28:21 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 3:4-8; 1Ki 11:4-5; 1Ki 16:30-33.
**176 RV 29:2 · Cross-ref.** Isa 19:1-25; Jer 46:2-26.

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my_master **YHWH** here_I am_on_you Oh_Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim the_sea_monster (the)_ _great which_lies in_the_middle canals_of_its which it_has_said to_me River_my and_I I_made_ _for_myself. 4 And_I_will_put hooks[178] in_jaws_ _of_your and_I_will_make_cling the_fish_of your(pl)_canals_of_your to_scales_of_your and_I_ _will_bring_you_up from_among_of canals_of_ _your and_ DOM all_of the_fish_of your(pl)_canals_ _of_your to_scales_of_your it_will_cling. 5 And_I_ _will_abandon_you to_the_wilderness you and_ _ DOM all_of the_fish_of your(pl)_canals_of_your on the_surface_of the_field you_will_fall not you_ _will_be_gathered and_not you_will_be_gathered to_the_animal[s]_of the_earth/land and_to/for_ _bird the_heavens I_will_give_you for_food. 6 And_ all_of the_inhabitants_of Mitsrayim _they_ _will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** because they_have_been a_staff_of reed for_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 7 When_seized_they (in)_you in/on/at/with[179] you_were_crushed and_you_ _broke to/for_them every_of shoulder and_ _when_leaned_they on_you you_were_broken and_you_caused_to_stand to/for_them all_of hips. 8 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_about_to_bring on_ _you a_sword and_I_will_cut_off from_you humankind and_animal[s]. 9 And_ the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _it_will_become (into)_a_ _desolation and_a_ruin and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** because he_said the_ _River to_me and_I I_made_it. 10 For_ _so/thus/hence HERE_I am_against_you and_ _near/to canals_of_your and_I_will_make DOM the_land_of Mitsrayim (into)_ruins_of destruction a_desolation from_Migdōl Ṣəvēnēh and_unto the_ _border_of Kūsh/(Cush). 11 Not it_will_pass in_it the_foot_of human[s] and_the_foot_of animal[s] not it_will_pass in_it and_not it_will_remain forty year[s]. 12 And_I_will_make DOM the_land_of Mitsrayim a_desolation in_the_middle lands made_desolate and_cities_of_its in_the_middle cities laid_waste they_will_be a_desolation forty year[s] and_I_will_scatter DOM Mitsrayim among_ _nations and_I_will_disperse_them among_lands. 13 If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says

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of Mitsrayim, 3 telling them that the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against you, Par'oh, king of Mitsrayim—you, the great sea monster that lurks in the middle of the river, who says, "My river is my own. I've made it for myself." 4 I'll put hooks into your jaw, and the fish from your streams will cling to the scales on your side. I'll lift you up from the middle of your river, along with all the river's fish that cling to your scales. 5 I'll fling you into the wilderness—you and all the fish from your river. You'll fall on the open countryside—your corpse won't be taken or moved, but rather I'll give you as food to the birds and wild animals. 6 Then all of Mitsrayim's inhabitants will know that I am Yahweh, because they've been like a brittle reed to the kingdom of Yisrael (Israel).[177] 7 When Yisrael grabbed you, you broke and tore open their shoulder, and when they leaned on you, you broke and made their legs unsteady. 8 Therefore the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'll send an army against you that will cut short both people's and animals' lives, 9 and Mitsrayim will become a desolate ruin. Then they'll know that I am Yahweh.

Because the sea monster said, "The river is mine, because I made it," 10 listen: I'm against you and against your river, so I'll give Mitsrayim over to desolation and waste, and you'll become a wasteland from the Migdol to Seveneh and the borders of Kush (Ethiopia). 11 No person or domestic animal will pass through it, and it won't be inhabited for forty years. 12 I'll make Mitsrayim a desolation in the middle of uninhabited lands, and its cities will become a desolation in the middle of wasted cities for forty years, then I'll scatter the Mitsri (Egyptian) people among the nations, and I'll disperse them through the lands.

13 But the master Yahweh says this: At the end of forty years I'll gather Mitsrayim from the people groups they were scattered among, 14 and I'll restore Mitsrayim's fortunes and bring them back to

**177** **RV 29:6 · Cross-ref.** Isa 36:6.

**178** **LV 29:4 · Note** OSHB variant note: מיחה: (x-qere) יַחִ֑ים: lemma_2397 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcmpa id_26rpk יַחִ֑ים

**179** **LV 29:7 · Note** OSHB variant note: ב/פכ/ך: (x-qere) בְּכַפָּ֑ם: lemma_b/3709 n_1.1.0 morph_HRd/Ncfsa id_26W3R בְּכַפָּ֑ם

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the region of Patros, to their native land. Then they'll become an insignificant kingdom there. 15 It'll be the least significant kingdom, and it won't become prominent again among the nations. I'll diminish them so that they'll no longer dominate other nations. 16 Requesting help from Mitsrayim will no longer be a reason for the kingdom of Yisrael (Israel) to be confident, instead, Mitsrayim will be a reminder of Yisrael's disobedience when they turned to Mitsrayim for help. Then they'll know that I am the master Yahweh."

**Nevukadnetsar's defeat of Mitsrayim**

17 At the beginning of May in the 27th year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive,[180] Yahweh gave me a message: 18 "Son of humanity, the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) stationed his army to do hard work against the fortified island city of Tsor (Tyre). Every head was rubbed until it was made bald, and every shoulder was made raw. Yet he and his army received no payment from Tsor for the hard work that he carried out against it, 19 therefore the master Yahweh says this, 'Listen, I'm giving Mitsrayim (Egypt) to the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar and he'll take away its wealth, plunder its possessions, and carry off everything he finds there—that will be his army's wages. 20 I've given him the land of Mitsrayim as the wages for the work they did for me. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

21 On that day I'll make power sprout up for the kingdom of Yisrael (Israel), and I'll put you among them to speak out so they'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

**Yahweh's punishment of Mitsrayim**

30:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message:

2 "Son of humanity, prophesy and say that the master Yahweh says this:

'Wail now because the coming days won't go well.

3 The day is near—the day is near for Yahweh.

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from_the_end/extremity forty year[s] I_will_ _gather ĐOM Mitsrayim from the_peoples where they_were_scattered to_(to). 14 And_I_will_turn_ _back ĐOM the_captivity_of Mitsrayim and_I_will_ _bring_back ĐOM_them the_land_of Patrōş to the_ _land_of their_origin_of_their and_they_will_be there a_kingdom lowly. 15 More_than the_ _kingdoms it_will_be lowly and_not it_will_exalt_ _itself again over the_nations and_I_will_make_ _them_small to_not to_rule over_nations. 16 And_ _not it_will_become again for_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (into)_a_object_of_confidence which_brings_to_remembrance iniquity when_ _turned_they after_them and_they_will_know if/because_that I my_master **YHWH**.

17 And_he/it_was in_twenty and_seven year in_ _month on_day_one of_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. 18 Oh_son_of humankind Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel he_made_to_labour ĐOM army_of_his labour great against Tsor/(Tyre) every_of head was_made_ _bald and_all shoulder was_made_bare and_ _wage[s] not it_belonged to_him/it and_to_army_ _of_his from_Tsor/(Tyre) on the_labour which he_had_laboured on_it. 19 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE_I am_ _about_to_give to_Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel ĐOM the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ _he_will_carry_off wealth_of_its and_he_will_ _plunder plunder_of_its and_he_will_take_as_ _spoil spoil_of_its and_it_will_be wage[s] for_ _army_of_his. 20 Wage[s]_of_his which he_served for_it I_have_given to_him/it ĐOM the_land_of Mitsrayim that they_acted to_me the_utterance_ _of my_master **YHWH**. 21 In_the_day (the)_that I_ _will_make_grow a_horn for_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_to_you I_will_give opening_of mouth among_them and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

30:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_ _me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind prophesy and_you_will_say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says wail alas for_day. 3 If/because is_near a_day and_ _is_near a_day to/for_**YHWH** a_day_of cloud[s] a_ _time_of nations it_will_be. 4 And_ a_sword _it_ _will_come on_Mitsrayim and_it_will_be anguish on_Kūsh/(Cush) when_ the_slain _fall in_

**180 RV 29:17 · Note** 571 B.C.

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_Mitsrayim and_people_will_take_away wealth_
_of_its and_ foundations_of_its _they_will_be_
_torn_down. 5 Kūsh/(Cush) and_Pūṭ and_Lūd
and_all (the)_foreigner and_Kūv/(Chub) and_the_
_sons of_the_land_of of_the_covenant with_them
by_sword they_will_fall. 6 Thus **YHWH** he_says
and_ those_who_support_of (of)_
_Mitsrayim/(Egypt) _they_will_fall and_ the_
_pride_of its_strength_of_her _it_will_come_down
from_Migdōl Ṣəvēnēh by_sword they_will_fall in_
_it the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. 7 And_
_they_will_be_desolate in_the_middle lands
made_desolate and_cities_of_its in_the_middle
cities laid_waste they_will_be. 8 And_they_will_
_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_put_I
fire in_Mitsrayim and_ all_of helpers_of_its _they_
_will_be_broken. 9 In_the_day (the)_that
messengers they_will_go_out from_before_face_
_of_me in_ships to_make_tremble ĐOM
Kūsh/(Cush) security and_ anguish _it_will_be
in/among_them in/on_day of_Mitsrayim
if/because THERE it_is_coming. 10 Thus my_
_master **YHWH** he_says and_I_will_put_an_end_
_to ĐOM the_multitude_of Mitsrayim by_the_
_hand_of Nəvūkadnetstsar the_king_of Bāvel.
11 He and_people_of_his with_him/it ruthless_
_ones_of nations will_be_brought to_destroy the_
_earth/land and_they_will_draw swords_of_their
on Mitsrayim and_they_will_fill ĐOM the_
_earth/land the_slain. 12 And_I_will_make canals
dry_ground and_I_will_sell ĐOM the_earth/land
in_the_hand_of wicked_people and_I_will_
_devastate the_land and_what_of_fills_it by_the_
_hand_of strangers I **YHWH** I_have_spoken.
13 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_I_will_
_destroy idols and_I_will_cause_to_cease
worthless_idols from_Nof/(Memphis) and_a_
_prince from_the_land_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) not
he_will_be again and_I_will_put fear in_land of_
_Mitsrayim. 14 And_I_will_devastate ĐOM Patrōṣ
and_I_will_put fire in_Tsoʼan/(Zoan) and_I_will_
_bring_about judgements on_Noʼ/(Thebes).
15 And_I_will_pour_out rage_of_my on Ṣīn the_
_stronghold_of Mitsrayim and_I_will_cut_off ĐOM
the_multitude_of Noʼ. 16 And_I_will_put fire in_
_Mitsrayim surely_(writhe_in_agony) it_will_
_dance[181] Ṣīn and_Noʼ it_is about_to_be_broken_
_into and_Nof foes_of daytime. 17 The_young_

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It'll be a day of clouds—a time of doom for nations.

4 Then an army will come against Mitsrayim (Egypt),
and there'll be anguish in Kush (Ethiopia) when the people are killed in Mitsrayim—
when they take its wealth,
and when its foundations get torn apart.

5 Kush and Put, Ludia, all Arav, and Libya, together with the people belonging to the agreement—they'll all be killed by the sword. 6 Yahweh says this: The ones who support Mitsrayim militarily will fall, and the pride of Mitsrayim's strength will collapse. From Migdol to Seveneh their combined warriors will be killed by the sword. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. 7 Those allies will be appalled there among the abandoned lands, and their cities will be among all the other ruined cities. 8 Then they'll know that I am Yahweh, when I set fire to Mitsrayim, and when all its helpers are destroyed.

9 At that time, messengers will go out from in front of me in ships to terrorise Kush when they think they're secure, and there'll be anguish among them on the day of Mitsrayim's doom. Yes, take notice, it's coming. 10 The master Yahweh says this: I'll use the Babylonian King Nevukadnetsar (Nebuchadnezzar) to bring Mitsrayim's multitudes to an end. 11 He and his army with him, the terror of nations, will be brought in to destroy the land. They'll draw out their swords against Mitsrayim and fill the land with those they kill. 12 I'll make the rivers into dry ground, and I'll sell the land into the hands of wicked men. I'll make the land and its abundant produce desolate by the actions of strangers. I, Yahweh, have spoken.

13 The master Yahweh says this: I'll destroy idols, and I'll bring an end to the worthless idols in Nof (Memphis). There won't be a prince in the land of Mitsrayim any longer, and I'll put terror into Mitsrayim. 14 Then I'll make the Patros region desolate and set fire to Tsoan city, and I'll execute judgement against No (Thebes) (the capital of

**181 LV 30:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: לִיחת: (x-qere) לֹוחָת׳: lemma_2342 a n_1.1.0 morph_HVqi3fs id_26vPm לֹוחָת

**Readers' Version**

southern Mitsrayim). 15 I'll pour out my fury on Mitsrayim's fortress Sin, and cut off the crowd at No. 16 Then I'll set fire to Mitsrayim: Sin will be in great agony, No will be broken up, and Nof will face enemies every day. 17 The young men of Aven and Pi-Beset cities will be killed by the sword, and their populations will be taken into captivity. 18 In Mitsrayim's Tahfanhes, the day will hold back its light when I break Mitsrayim's power and control there, and its pride in its strength will be finished. There'll be a cloud covering it, and its daughters will be taken away into captivity. 19 I'll execute acts of judgement in Mitsrayim, then they'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

**Yahweh breaks Mitsrayim's power**

20 At the beginning of May in the eleventh year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive,[182] Yahweh gave me a message: 21 "Son of humanity, I've broken the Mitsri (Egyptian) king Par'oh's (Pharaoh's) arm. Listen, it hasn't been put in a splint, or set to heal with a bandage, so that it'll become strong enough again to hold a sword. 22 Therefore the master Yahweh says this, 'Listen, I'm against the Mitsri king Par'oh and I'll break both his strong arm and the previously broken one, and I'll make the sword fall from his grip. 23 Then I'll scatter Mitsrayim (Egypt) among the other nations and disperse their people among the lands. 24 I'll strengthen the Babylonian king's arms and place my sword in his hand so that I can destroy Par'oh's arms. He'll groan in front of the Babylonian king with the groans of a dying man. 25 I'll strengthen the arms of the Babylonian king, while Par'oh's arms will fall. Then they'll know that I am Yahweh, when I put my sword into the hand of the king of Bavel (Babylon) and he uses it against Mitsrayim. 26 I'll scatter Mitsrayim among the other nations and disperse their people through the lands. Then they'll know that I am Yahweh."

**Mitsrayim gets compared to fallen Ashur**

31:1 At the end of June in the eleventh year since King Yehoyakin had been taken

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_men_of wickedness and_Piy- ṿeṣet by_sword they_will_fall and_they(f) in_captivity they_will_ _go. 18 And_in_Taḥpanḥēṣ the_day it_will_ _withhold when_break_I there ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _yoke-bars_of Mitsrayim and_it_will_cease in_it the_pride_of its_strength_of_her it a_cloud it_ _will_cover_it and_her/its_daughters in_captivity they_will_go. 19 And_I_will_bring_about judgements on_Mitsrayim and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

20 And_he/it_was in_one_plus ten year in_month on_day_seven of_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. 21 Oh_son_of humankind ᴅᴏᴍ the_arm_of Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) I_have_broken and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE not it_has_been_bound_up to_ _give healing(s) to_put a_bandage to_bind_it_up it_to_be_strong to_wield (on)_sword. 22 For_ _so/thus/hence thus he_says my_master **YHWH** here_I am_against Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim and_I_will_break ᴅᴏᴍ arms_of_his ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _strong_arm and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_broken_arm and_I_ _will_make_fall ᴅᴏᴍ the_drought//sword/knife from_hand_of_his. 23 And_I_will_scatter ᴅᴏᴍ Mitsrayim among_nations and_I_will_disperse_ _them among_lands. 24 And_I_will_make_strong ᴅᴏᴍ the_arms_of the_king_of Bāvel and_I_will_ _put ᴅᴏᴍ sword_of_my in_his/its_hand and_I_ _will_break ᴅᴏᴍ the_arms_of Par'oh and_he_will_ _groan the_groans_of one_fatally_wounded before_him. 25 And_I_will_strengthen ᴅᴏᴍ the_ _arms_of the_king_of Bāvel and_the_arms_of Par'oh they_will_fall and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_put_I sword_ _of_my in_the_hand_of the_king_of Bāvel and_ _he_will_stretch_out it against the_land_of Mitsrayim. 26 And_I_will_scatter ᴅᴏᴍ Mitsrayim among_nations and_I_will_disperse them among_ _lands and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_ _**YHWH**.

31:1 And_he/it_was in_one_plus ten year in_ _month on_day_one of_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind say to Par'oh the_king_of

**182 RV 30:20 · Note** (Back in time to) 587 B.C.

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Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_near/to multitude_of_his (to) whom are_you_like in_greatness_of_your. 3 THERE 'Ashshūr was_a_cedar in_Lə·ānōn beautiful_of branch[es] and_a_forest which_gave_ _shade and_tall_of height and_between branches it_was treetop_of_its. 4 Waters they_made_it_ _grow the_deep it_raised_it_up ~~DOM~~ rivers_of_its was_going around_of place_of_its_planting and_ _~~DOM~~ channels_of_its it_sent_out to all_of the_ _trees_of the_field. 5 Therefore yes/correct/thus/so height_of_its it_was_tall from_all the_trees_of the_field and_ boughs_of_its _they_became_great and_they_became_long mmm[185] from_waters many when_it_sent_out. 6 In_boughs_of_its every_of (the)_bird_of the_ _heavens they_made_nests and_under branches_ _of_its every_of (the)_animal_of the_field they_ _gave_birth and_in_shade_of_its all_of nations great they_dwelt. 7 And_it_was_beautiful in_ _greatness_of_its in_the_length_of its_branches_ _of_his if/because root_of_its it_was to waters many. 8 Cedars not they_eclipsed_it in_the_ _garden_of god fir_trees not they_were_like (to) boughs_of_its and_plane_trees not they_were like_branches_of_its every_of tree in_the_garden_ _of god not it_was_like to_him/it in_beauty_of_ _its. 9 Beautiful I_made_it in_the_abundance_of its_branches_of_his and_they_envied_it all_of the_trees_of ʿĒden which were_in_the_garden_of the_'Elohīm. 10 For_so/thus/hence thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says because that you_were_ _tall in_height and_he/it_gave treetop_of_its to between branches and_ heart_of_its _it_was_ _lifted_up in_height_of_its. 11 And_I_will_give_it in_the_hand_of a_leader_of nations certainly_(do) he_will_do to_him/it according_to_of_its_ _wickedness I_drove_it_out. 12 And_they_cut_it_ _down strangers ruthless_ones_of nations and_ _they_abandoned_it to the_mountains and_ _on/over_all the_valleys branches_of_its they_fell and_ branches_of_its _they_were_broken in_all_of the_ravines_of the_earth/land and_they_went_ _down from_shade_of_its all_of the_peoples_of the_earth/land and_they_abandoned_it. 13 On trunk_of_its_fallen every_of (the)_bird_of the_

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captive,[183] Yahweh gave me a message: 2 "Son of humanity, ask the Mitsri (Egyptian) king Par'oh (Pharaoh) and his multitudes around him, 'Who else is as powerful as you and your people? 3 Listen, Ashur (Assyria) was like a cedar in Levanon with beautiful branches, giving shade to the forest—extremely tall, and the branches formed its treetop. 4 A deep water supply made it grow tall. Rivers flowed all around its area, because their channels stretched out to all the trees in the countryside. 5 It grew taller than any of the other trees in the countryside, and its branches grew long and thick because of having plenty of water in its shoots. 6 Every kind of bird nested in its branches, while every living thing in the countryside gave birth to its young under the foliage of that tree. All the powerful nations lived under its shade. 7 It was beautiful in its greatness and due to the length of its branches, because its roots had access to many water sources. 8 Cedar trees in God's garden[184] couldn't equal it. None of the cypress trees matched its branches, nor could its branches be equalled by the plane tree. There was no other tree in God's garden that could compare to its beauty. 9 I made it beautiful with its many branches, and all the trees in God's garden in Eden envied it.

10 Therefore the master Yahweh says this: Because it was so tall, and it set its treetop between its branches, and because it grew proud of its height, 11 I handed it over to a powerful nation to deal with it according to what its wickedness deserves. I've thrown it out, 12 and foreigners who were the terror of all the nations cut it off and left it to die. Its branches fell onto the mountains and all the valleys, and lay broken in all the land's ravines. Then all the nations on earth came out from under its shade and went away from it. 13 All the various kinds of birds rested on the trunk of the fallen tree, and every kind of animal in the countryside came to its branches. 14 That hap-

**183** **RV 31:1 · Note** 587 B.C.

**184** **RV 31:8 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:9.

**185** **LV 31:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְתֹרְאֵ֔ם: (x-qere) וְיָתֹרְאֵ֔ם: lemma_6288 a n_0.0.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26u4x וְיָתֹרְאֵ֔ם

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pened so that no other trees that grow by the waters will raise up their foliage to the height of the tallest trees, and that no other trees that grow beside the waters will reach up to that height. They've all been assigned to death, to the earth below, among humanity's children, with those that go down into the pit.

15 The master Yahweh says this: On the day when the cedar went down to the place of the dead, I brought mourning to the earth. I covered the deep waters over it, and I held back the oceans. I held back the great waters, and I brought mourning to Levanon for it. So all the trees in the countryside mourned because of it. 16 I brought shuddering to the nations at the sound of its downfall, when I threw it down to the place of the dead, along with those who went down into the pit. So I comforted all the trees from Eden in the lowest parts of the earth. Those had been the choicest and best trees from Levanon—the trees that drank the waters. 17 They also went down with the big tree to the place of the dead, to the ones who'd been killed by the sword. Those were its strong arm—those nations who'd lived in its shade.

18 Mitsrayim (Egypt), which of the trees in Eden was your equal in glory and greatness? You'll be brought down with Eden's trees to the lowest parts of the earth among the uncircumcised. You'll live there with those who were killed by the sword.'

That's the fate of Par'oh (Pharaoh) and all his multitudes. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

**Mourning over Mitsrayim and its king**

32:1 At the beginning of March in the twelfth year since King Yehoyakin had been taken captive,[188] Yahweh gave me a message: 2 "Son of humanity, sing a loud mourning song about the Mitsri (Egyptian) King Par'oh (Pharaoh) and tell him,

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_heavens they_dwelt and_near/to branches_of_its every_of (the)_animal_of the_field they_were. 14 So_that that not they_may_be_lifted_up in_ _height_of_their any_of trees_of water and_not they_may_set ᴅᴏᴍ treetop_of_their to between branches and_not they_may_stand oaks_of_their by_height_of_their any_of drinkers_of water if/because of_them_of_all they_have_been_given to_death to the_earth lowest in_the_middle the_ _children_of humankind to those_who_have_ _gone_down_of the_pit. 15 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says in/on_day it_went_down Shə'ōl_ _to I_caused_mourning I_covered on/upon/above_him/it ᴅᴏᴍ the_deep and_I_ _withheld rivers_of_its and_ waters many _they_ _were_restrained and_I_made_mourn on/upon/above_him/it Ləvānōn and_all the_ _trees_of the_field on/upon/above_him/it were_ _wilted. 16 From_the_sound_of its_downfall_of_ _his I_caused_to_tremble nations when_I_ _brought_down ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it Shə'ōl_to with those_ _who_go_down_of the_pit and_they_were_ _comforted in_land lowest all_of the_trees_of ʿĒden the_choicest_of and_good of_Ləvānōn all_ _of drinkers_of water. 17 Also they with_him/it they_went_down Shə'ōl_to to those_slain_of a_ _sword and_arm_of_its which_they_dwelt in_ _shade_of_its in_the_middle the_nations. 18 (To) whom are_you_like thus in_splendour and_in_ _greatness among_the_trees_of ʿĒden and_you_ _will_be_brought_down[186] with the_trees_of ʿĒden to the_earth lowest in_the_middle uncircumcised_men you_will_lie with those_ _slain_of a_sword that is_Par'oh and_all multitude_of_his[187] the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

32:1 And_he/it_was in_two_plus_of ten year in_ _two_plus_of ten month on_day_one of_month the_message_of **YHWH** it_came to_me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind take_up a_lamentation on Par'oh the_king_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ _you_will_say to_him/it a_young_lion_of nations you_became_like and_you(ms) were_like_(the)_ _monster in_the_seas and_you_burst_forth in_

**186 LV 31:18 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

**187 LV 31:18 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

**188 RV 32:1 · Note** 585 B.C.

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_rivers_of_your and_you_made_turbid waters
with_feet_of_your and_you_fouled rivers_of_
_their. 3 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_I_
_will_spread over_you ~~DOM~~ net_of_my by_a_
_company_of peoples many and_they_will_bring_
_you_up in_net_of_my. 4 And_I_will_abandon_you
in/on_the_earth on the_surface_of the_field I_
_will_hurl_you and_I_will_cause_to_settle on_you
every_of (the)_bird_of the_heavens and_I_will_
_satisfy from_you the_animal[s]_of all_of the_
_earth/land. 5 And_I_will_put ~~DOM~~ flesh_of_your
on the_mountains and_I_will_fill the_valleys
height_of_your. 6 And_I_will_make_drink the_
_land_of outflow_of_your from_blood_of_your to
the_mountains and_ravines they_will_be_filled
from_you. 7 And_I_will_cover when_extinguish_
_you heavens and_I_will_darken ~~DOM~~ stars_of_
_their the_sun with_cloud I_will_cover_it and_
_the_moon not it_will_give_light light_of_its.
8 All_of the_luminaries_of light in_heavens I_will_
_darken_them over_you and_I_will_put darkness
over land_of_your the_utterance_of my_master
**YHWH**. 9 And_I_will_disturb the_heart_of peoples
many when_bring_I breaking_of_your among_
_nations to lands which not you_have_known_
_them. 10 And_I_will_make_appalled on_you
peoples many and_kings_of_their they_will_
_shudder on_you shuddering when_brandish_I
sword_of_my on faces_of_their and_they_will_
_tremble to_moments everyone for_life_of_his
in/on_day your_downfall_of_your. 11 If/because
thus my_master **YHWH** he_says the_sword_of
the_king_of Bāvel it_will_come_to_you. 12 By_
_the_swords_of warriors I_will_make_fall
multitude_of_your ruthless_ones_of nations of_
_them_of_all and_they_will_devastate ~~DOM~~ the_
_pride_of Mitsrayim/(Egypt) and_ all_of
multitude_of_its _it_will_be_destroyed. 13 And_I_
_will_destroy ~~DOM~~ all_of livestock_of_its from_
_under waters many and_not it_will_make_them_
_turbid a_foot_of a_human again and_hooves_of
livestock not it_will_make_them_turbid. 14 Then
I_will_make_settle waters_of_their and_rivers_of_
_their like_oil I_will_make_go the_utterance_of
my_master **YHWH**. 15 When_make_I ~~DOM~~ the_
_land_of Mitsrayim a_desolation and_is_ the_land
_made_desolate from_fullness_of_its when_I_
_strike_down ~~DOM~~ all_of the_inhabitants_of in_it
and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_

**Readers' Version**

'You're like a young lion among the nations,
but you're like the sea monster in the oceans—
you churn up the water—
you stir up the waters with your feet, making them muddy.
3 The master Yahweh says this:
I'll spread my net over you in the assembly of many people groups,
and they'll haul you up in my net.
4 I'll abandon you in the land.
I'll throw you into the countryside
and cause every kind of bird to settle on you,
and animals of every kind of will gorge themselves on you.
5 I'll dump your flesh on the hills,
and fill the valleys with your corpse.
6 Then I'll drench your land with your blood across to the hills,
and the ravines will be filled with your blood.
7 Then when I eliminate you, I'll cover the heavens and darken their stars.
I'll cover the sun with clouds, and the moon won't shine its light.[189]
8 I'll darken all the shining lights in the skies over you,
and I'll put darkness over your land. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.
9 I'll disturb the hearts of many people groups in lands that you don't know about
when I bring about your destruction among the nations—among lands you haven't known.
10 I'll shock many people groups with what I'll do to you.
Their kings will shudder in horror concerning you when I swing my sword towards them.
On the day of your downfall they'll be trembling continuously because of you.
11 Yes, the master Yahweh says this to you, Mitsrayim (Egypt):
The Babylonian king's sword will come against you.
12 I'll cause large numbers of you to be killed by warriors' swords—each warrior a terror of nations.

**189 RV 32:7 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:29; Rev 6:12-13; 8:12.

**Readers' Version**

Those warriors will devastate the pride of Mitsrayim and destroy all its many people.
13 I'll destroy all the livestock from beside the plentiful waters.
No human foot will stir the waters up again,
nor will cattle hooves disturb them.
14 Then I'll calm their waters and make their rivers run like oil.
That's the master Yahweh's declaration.
15 When I make Mitsrayim's territory into an abandoned place,
when the land is stripped of all its produce,
when I attack all its inhabitants, they'll know that I am Yahweh.
16 There'll be a funeral song—the daughters of the nations will sing mournful songs about it.
They'll sing sadly about Mitsrayim—over all its multitudes they'll sing dirges.
That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

**Those in the place of the dead**

17 In the middle of that same month,[190] Yahweh gave me a message: 18 "Son of humanity, weep for the numerous Mitsrim (Egyptians) and bring them down to the lowest parts of the earth. Bring Mitsrayim (Egypt) and the daughters of majestic nations down along with those who've already gone down into the pit. 19 Ask them: Mitsrayim, are you really more beautiful than anyone else? Go down and lie down with the uncircumcised.
20 They'll fall among those who were killed by the sword. The sword has been drawn. Mitsrayim has been handed over to the sword—its enemies will seize it and its multitudes. 21 The strongest of the warriors in the place of the dead will declare about Mitsrayim and its allies, 'They've come down here. They'll lie with the uncircumcised—with those who were killed by the sword.'
22 Ashur (Assyria) is there with all its people, with its graves all around it—all of them were killed by the sword. 23 Those whose graves are set in the pit's recesses[191] are there, along with all its people. Its graves surround all of those who were killed by the sword—those who brought terror

**Literal Version**

_**YHWH**. 16 Is_a_lamentation it and_people_will_
_take_it_as_a_lament the_daughters_of the_
_nations they_will_take_as_a_lament it on
Mitsrayim and_on all_of multitude_of_its they_
_will_take_as_a_lament it the_utterance_of my_
_master **YHWH**.

17 And_he/it_was in_two_plus_of ten year on_
_day_fif- teen of_month the_message_of **YHWH**
it_came to_me to_say. 18 Oh_son_of humankind
wail on the_multitude_of Mitsrayim and_bring_it_
_down it and_the_daughters_of nations mighty to
the_earth the_lowest_parts with those_who_go_
_down_of the_pit. 19 More_than_whom are_you_
_lovely go_down and_be_laid with
uncircumcised_men. 20 In_the_middle those_
_slain_of a_sword they_will_fall a_sword it_has_
_been_appointed they_have_drawn_down it and_
_all multitudes_of_its. 21 They_will_speak to_
_him/it the_leaders_of the_mighty_ones from_
_the_midst_of Shə'ōl with helpers_of_his they_
_have_come_down the_uncircumcised_men slain_
_of a_sword they_have_lain_down. 22 Is_there
'Ashshūr and_all company_of_its are_around_of_
_it graves_of_its of_them_of_all are_slain those_
_who_have_fallen by_sword. 23 Which graves_of_
_its they_have_been_put in_the_remotest_parts_
_of the_pit and_ company_of_its _he/it_was
around_of grave_of_its of_them_of_all are_slain
those_who_have_fallen by_sword who they_had_
_put terror in_land the_living. 24 Is_there Elam
and_all multitude_of_its around_of grave_of_its
of_them_of_all are_slain those_who_have_fallen
by_sword who they_have_gone_down

**190 RV 32:17 · Note** 585 B.C.
**191 RV 32:23 · Cross-ref.** Isa 14:15.

**Literal Version**

uncircumcised into the_earth the_lowest_parts who they_had_put terror_of_their in_land the_ _living and_they_have_borne disgrace_of_their with those_who_go_down_of the_pit. 25 In_the_ _middle those_slain people_have_made a_bed to/for_her/it in_all multitude_of_its are_around_ _of_it graves_of_its of_them_of_all are_ _uncircumcised slain_of a_sword if/because terror_of_their it_was_put in_land the_living and_they_have_borne disgrace_of_their with those_who_go_down_of the_pit in_the_middle those_slain it_was_made. 26 Is_there Meshek Tūval and_all multitude_of_its are_around_of_it graves_of_its of_them_of_all are_uncircumcised pierced_of a_sword if/because they_had_put terror_of_their in_land the_living. 27 And_not they_lie with warriors who_have_fallen from_ _uncircumcised_men who they_went_down Shə'ōl with_the_weapons_of their_war_of_their and_people_put ~~DOM~~ swords_of_their under heads_of_their and_ iniquities_of_their _it_ _became on bones_of_their if/because terror_of warriors in_land the_living. 28 And_you(ms) in_ _the_middle uncircumcised_men you_will_be_ _broken and_you_will_lie with those_slain_of a_ _sword. 29 Is_(to)_(to) 'Edōm kings_of_its and_all princes_of_its who they_have_been_put in_ _strength_of_their with those_slain_of a_sword they with uncircumcised_men they_will_lie and_ _~~DOM~~ those_who_go_down_of the_pit. 30 Are_(to)_ _(to) princes_of the_north of_them_of_all and_all the_Sidonian[s] who they_have_gone_down with those_slain in_terror_of_their[192] from_strength_ _of_their they_were_ashamed and_they_lay uncircumcised with those_slain_of a_sword and_ _they_have_borne disgrace_of_their with those_ _who_go_down_of the_pit. 31 Them Par'oh he_ _will_see and_he_will_be_comforted on all_of mmm[193] slain_of a_sword Par'oh and_all army_of the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.
32 If/because I_had_put ~~DOM~~ mmm[194] in_land the_living and_he_will_be_laid in_the_middle uncircumcised_men with those_slain_of a_sword

**Readers' Version**

onto the land of the living.

24 Eylam is there with all its multitudes, with its graves all around it—all of them were killed. That's the place for those who were killed by the sword, who've gone down uncircumcised to the lowest parts of the earth, who brought their terrors onto the land of the living, and who carry their own shame, together with the ones going down into the pit. 25 They prepared a bed for Eylam and all its multitudes among those who were slain—its graves surround it. All of them are uncircumcised, pierced by the sword, because they brought their terrors onto the land of the living. So they carry their own shame, together with the ones going down into the pit among all those who've been killed, those who are going down into the pit. Eylam is among all those who were killed.

26 Meshek, Tuval, and all their multitudes are there with their graves all around them. All of them are uncircumcised, killed by the sword, because they brought their terrors onto the land of the living. 27 They don't lie with the fallen warriors of the uncircumcised who've gone down to the place of the dead with all their weapons of war, and with their swords placed under their heads and their iniquities over their bones, because they were the terror of warriors in the land of the living.

28 So you, Mitsrayim (Egypt), will be broken amongst the uncircumcised. You'll lie alongside those who were pierced by the sword.

29 Edom is also there with its kings and all its leaders. Despite their strength, they've been placed with those killed by the sword. They lie there along with the uncircumcised—with those who've gone down into the pit.

30 All the northern leaders are there, along with all the Tsidonim (Sidonians) who went down with the ones who'd been pierced. They were powerful

**192 LV 32:30 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

**193 LV 32:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/נומה: (x-qere) 'וֹ/נוֹמֶהּ': lemma_1995 a n_1 morph_HNcmsc/Sp3ms id_26ZQ8 וֹ/נוֹמָהּ

**194 LV 32:32 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תיתח: (x-qere) 'יִ/תִיתְּחּ': lemma_2851 n_1.0 morph_HNcfsc/Sp1cs id_26DaS יִ/תִיתְּחּ

**Readers' Version**

and made others afraid, but now they're there in shame—uncircumcised along with those who were pierced by the sword. They carry their own shame, together with the ones going down into the pit.

31 Par'oh (Pharaoh) will look and be comforted about all his multitudes who were pierced by the sword—Par'oh and all his army. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

32 Yes, I put him there as my agent to terrify those in the land of the living, but Par'oh and all his multitudes will be laid down among the uncircumcised—among those pierced by the sword. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

**The promise of God of his people[196] · Yehezkel as Yisrael's watchman[197]**

33:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, tell this to your people: 'When I send an army against any country, then the people of that country choose one of their men to become a watchman for them. 3 He looks for any attacker coming onto the land, and then he blows his horn to warn the people. 4 If the people hear the sound of the horn but don't take any notice, and if the attacker comes and kills them, then each one's blood is on their own head. 5 Yes, if someone heard the horn but paid no attention, that person's blood is on them, but if those people do pay attention, they'll save their own lives. 6 However, if the watchman sees the attacker coming, but doesn't blow the horn, that is, if the people weren't warned, and if the attacker approaches and takes anyone's life, then that person dies in their own sin, but I'll require their blood from the watchman.'

7 Now, talking to you, son of humanity: I've made you a watchman for the Israeli people. You'll hear the words from my mouth and then warn them on my behalf. 8 If I say to a wicked person, 'You wicked person, you're certainly about to die,' and if you don't announce it so as to warn that wicked

**Literal Version**

Par'oh and_all multitude_of_his[195] the_utterance_ _of my_master **YHWH**.

33:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_ _me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind speak to the_ _children_of your_people_of_your and_you_will_ _say to_them a_land if/because I_will_bring on/upon_it(f) a_sword and_ the_people_of the_ _earth/land _they_will_choose a_man one from_ _ends_of_their and_they_will_make ~~DOM~~_him/it to/for_them into_a_watchman. 3 And_he_will_see ~~DOM~~ the_drought//sword/knife coming on the_ _earth/land and_he_will_give_a_blast on_trumpet and_he_will_warn ~~DOM~~ the_people. 4 And_ the_ _one_who_hears _he_will_hear ~~DOM~~ the_sound_of the_trumpet and_not he_took_warning and_ the_ _sword _it_came and_it_took_him blood_of_his on_his_own_of_head it_will_be. 5 ~~DOM~~ the_sound_ _of the_trumpet he_heard and_not he_took_ _warning blood_of_his in/on/over_him/it it_will_ _be and_he he_had_taken_warning life_of_his he_ _delivered. 6 And_the_watchman if/because he_ _will_see ~~DOM~~ the_drought//sword/knife coming and_not he_will_give_a_blast on_trumpet and_ _the_people not it_was_warned and_ the_sword _ _it_came and_she/it_took from_them anyone he in_iniquity_of_his he_was_taken and_blood_of_ _his from_the_hand_of the_watchman I_will_ _require. 7 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind a_ _watchman I_have_appointed_you for_the_ _house_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_you_will_hear from_mouth_of_my a_message and_you_will_ _warn ~~DOM~~_them from_me. 8 When_say_I to_

**195 LV 32:32 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

**196 RV 33:1 · Parallel** 33:1–37:27

**197 RV 33:1 · Parallel** Eze. 3:16-21

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_person Oh_wicked_person surely_(die) you_will_
_die and_not you_have_spoken to_warn the_
_wicked_person from_way_of_his that wicked_
_person in_iniquity_of_his he_will_die and_blood_
_of_his from_hand_of_your I_will_require. 9 And_
_you(ms) if/because you_have_warned the_
_wicked_person from_way_of_his to_turn_back
from_her/it and_not he_has_turned_back from_
_way_of_his he in_iniquity_of_his he_will_die
and_you(ms) life_of_your you_have_delivered.
10 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind say to
the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus you(pl)_have_
_said to_say if/because transgressions_of_our
and_sins_of_our are_on_us and_in_them we are_
_rotting_away and_how will_we_live. 11 Say to_
_them by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_
_master **YHWH** if I_take_pleasure in_the_death_of
the_wicked_person if/because (if) when_ a_
_wicked_person _turns_back from_way_of_his
and_he_will_live turn_back turn_back from_
_ways_of_your(pl) (the)_evil and_for_what will_
_you(pl)_die Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
12 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind say to
the_children_of your_people_of_your the_
_righteousness_of the_righteous_person not it_
_will_deliver_him in/on_day his_transgression_
_of_his and_the_wickedness_of the_wicked_
_person not he_will_stumble in_it in/on_day
bring_back_turns_back from_wickedness_of_his
and_a_righteous_person not he_will_be_able to_
_live in_it in/on_day sins_he. 13 When_say_I to_
_person certainly_(live) he_will_live and_he he_
_relies on righteousness_of_his and_he_will_do
unrighteousness all_of his[198] not they_will_be_
_remembered and_in_unrighteousness_of_his
which he_has_done in/on/over_him/it he_will_
_die. 14 And_when_say_I to_person surely_(die)
you_will_die and_he_will_turn_back from_sin_of_
_his and_he_will_do justice and_righteousness.
15 A_pledge a_wicked_person he_will_return
robbery he_will_repay in_the_regulations_of the_
_life he_walks to_not to_do unrighteousness
certainly_(live) he_will_live not he_will_die.
16 All_of his[199] which he_has_sinned not they_
_will_be_remembered to_him/it justice and_
_righteousness he_has_done certainly_(live) he_

**Readers' Version**

person about their behaviour, then that wicked person will die in their sin, but it'll be you that I hold responsible for their death. 9 But if you warn the wicked person about their behaviour, so that they might turn back from it, and if that person doesn't turn back from their behaviour, then they'll die in their sin, but you yourself will have saved your own life.

**Each person is responsible for their own actions**

10 So, son of humanity, you tell the Israeli people, 'You're saying this, "Our errors and our disobedience have come back on us and they're hurting us. How can we go on living like this?" ' 11 Tell them that this is the master Yahweh's declaration: 'As I live, I don't delight in the death of wicked people. If they turn away from their wicked behaviour, then they'll live! So turn back, yes turn away from your wicked behaviour. Why should you Israeli people die?'

12 So now, son of humanity, you tell your people, 'Righteous people's righteousness won't save them if they sin. Wicked people's wickedness won't cause them to die if they turn away from their sin. No, the righteous person won't be able to live because of his righteousness if he sins. 13 If I say that a righteous person will surely live, and if they trust in their righteousness and then commit injustice, I won't call to mind any of the good things they did—that person will die for the wickedness they committed. 14 Again, if I say to the wicked, "You will surely die," but if they then turn away from their sins and do what's just and right, 15 like returning loan guarantees that were wickedly demanded, or like making restitution for what they've stolen, and then if they obey the instructions that give life and no longer disobey, then those formerly wicked people will surely live—they won't die. 16 None of the sins that they've committed will be called to mind against them. Those who've acted justly and rightly, will

**198** **LV 33:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְתקדצ/: (x-qere) וְיִתְקְדְצִי: lemma_6666 n_0.1.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26Aca וְיִתְקְדְצִי

**199** **LV 33:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְתאטח/: (x-qere) וְיִתְאַטָּחִי: lemma_2403 b n_1.1.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26WA2 וְיִתְאַטָּחִי

**Readers' Version**

certainly live.
17 But your people say, "The master's way isn't
fair!" but it's your ways that aren't fair. 18 When
the righteous person turns away from doing
what's right and becomes disobedient, then they'll
die in their sin. 19 When the wicked person turns
away from doing evil and does what's just and
right, they'll live because of those things. 20 Yes,
you people say, "The master's way isn't fair!" but
I'll judge each of you Israeli people according to
your behaviour."

**The demolition of Yerushalem**

21 In mid-January of the
twelfth year of our captivity
in Bavel (Babylon), someone who'd escaped from
Yerushalem (Jerusalem) came to me and told me
that the city had been captured.[201] 22 Yahweh had
held me in a vision the evening before the fugitive
came, but my mouth was opened by the time he
came to me at dawn, so by then, I was able to
speak again.

**More desolation to come**

23 Then Yahweh gave me
another message: 24 "Son of
humanity, the people inhabiting those ruins back
in Yisrael (Israel) are saying, 'Avraham was only
one person, and he inherited the land, but there's
lots of us now. The land has been given to us as an
inheritance.'
25 Therefore tell them that the master Yahweh
says this: You eat blood, and you pay your respect
to your idols, then you pour out people's blood.
Should you then inherit that land? 26 You people
rely on your swords for protection, and you've
done disgusting things—each man defiles his
neighbour's wife. Should you really possess that
land?'
27 Tell them that the master Yahweh says this:
As I live, surely the ones in the ruins will be killed
by swords, and I'll give those in the countryside to
the wild animals as food, and those in fortresses
and in caves will die from deadly diseases. 28 Then
I'll turn the country into a desolation and a hor-

**Literal Version**

_will_live. 17 And_ the_children_of your_people_
_of_your _they_say not the_way_of my_master it_
_is_correct and_they way_of_their_own not it_is_
_correct. 18 When_ a_righteous_person _turns_
_back from_righteousness_of_his and_he_will_do
unrighteousness and_he_will_die in_them.
19 And_when_ a_wicked_person _turns_back
from_wickedness_of_his and_he_will_do justice
and_righteousness on_them he he_will_live.
20 And_you(pl)_say not the_way_of my_master it_
_is_correct everyone according_to_of_his_ways I_
_will_judge you(pl) Oh_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)[200]

21 and_he/it_was in_two_plus_of ten year in_
_month on_day_five of_month of_exile_of_our
he_came to_me the_escapee from_
_Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) to_say the_city it_has_
_been_struck_down. 22 And_the_hand_of **YHWH**
it_had_been to_me in_evening to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before the_escapee came and_
_he_had_opened ᴅᴏᴍ mouth_of_my until came
to_me in_morning and_ mouth_of_my _it_was_
_opened and_not I_was_dumb again.
23 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me
to_say. 24 Oh_son_of humankind the_inhabitants_
_of the_waste_places the_these on the_land_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) are_saying to_say one he_was
'Avrāhām and_he_possessed ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land
and_we are_many to/for_us the_earth/land it_
_has_been_given to_a_possession. 25 For_
_so/thus/hence say to_them thus he_says my_
_master **YHWH** with the_blood you(pl)_eat and_
_eyes_of_your(pl) you(pl)_lift_up to idols_of_
_your(pl) and_blood you(pl)_shed and_the_earth
will_you(pl)_possess. 26 You(pl)_have_stood on
sword_of_your(pl) you(pl)_have_done
abomination and_everyone ᴅᴏᴍ the_wife_of
his/its_neighbour you(pl)_have_defiled and_the_
_earth will_you(pl)_possess. 27 Thus you_will_say
to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says by_the_
_life of_me if not those_who are_in_places by_
_sword they_will_fall and_the_one_who is_on
the_surface_of the_field to_animal[s] I_will_give_
_him to_eat_him and_which are_in_strongholds
and_in_caves by_pestilence they_will_die.
28 And_I_will_make ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land a_
_desolation and_a_waste and_ the_pride_of its_

**200 LV 33:20 · Note** OSHB note: We read punctuation in L differently from BHS.
**201 RV 33:21 · Cross-ref.** 2Ki 25:3-10; Jer 39:2-8; 52:4-14.

**Literal Version**

_strength_of_her _it_will_cease and_ the_
_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_be_
_desolate from_not one_who_passes_by. 29 And_
_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**
when_make_I ꝺⱺⓜ the_earth/land a_desolation
and_a_waste on all_of abominations_of_their
which they_have_done.
30 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind the_
_children_of your_people_of_your who_are_
_speaking_together in_you beside the_walls and_
_in_the_doorways_of the_houses and_he_speaks
one with one each with his/its_brother to_say
come please and_hear what is_the_message
which_is_coming_out from_with **YHWH**. 31 And_
_they_come to_you like_the_coming_of a_people
and_they_sit to_your_face people_of_my and_
_they_hear ꝺⱺⓜ words/messages_of_your and_
_them not they_do if/because lustful_desires in_
_mouth_of_their they are_doing after gain_of_
_their_unjust heart_of_their is_going. 32 And_
_THERE_you to/for_them are_like_a_song_of
lustful_desires one_beautiful_of voice and_one_
_who_does_well to_play and_they_hear ꝺⱺⓜ
words/messages_of_your and_are_doing not_they
them. 33 And_when_comes_it THERE it_is_coming
and_they_will_know if/because_that a_prophet
he_has_been among_them.
34:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_
_me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind prophesy on
the_shepherds_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) prophesy and_
_you_will_say to_them to_shepherds thus[203] he_
_says my_master **YHWH** woe_to the_shepherds_
_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who they_have_been
shepherding themselves am_not the_flock the_
_shepherds will_they_shepherd. 3 ꝺⱺⓜ the_fat
you(pl)_eat and_ꝺⱺⓜ the_wool you_clothe_
_yourselves the_fat_sheep you(pl)_slaughter the_
_flock not you(pl)_shepherd. 4 ꝺⱺⓜ the_weak_
_sheep not you(pl)_have_strengthened and_ꝺⱺⓜ
the_sick_sheep not you(pl)_have_healed and_(to)_
_the_sheep not you(pl)_have_bound_up and_ꝺⱺⓜ
the_strayed_sheep not you(pl)_have_brought_
_back and_ꝺⱺⓜ the_lost_sheep not you(pl)_have_
_sought and_by_force you(pl)_have_ruled ꝺⱺⓜ_
_them and_with_harshness. 5 And_they_have_
_been_scattered from_not_of a_shepherd and_

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ror, and the pride that came from its power will end, because Yisrael's mountains will be deserted, and there'll be no one to walk through them.' 29 Then they'll know that I am Yahweh, when I make the country a desolation and a wasteland because of all the disgusting things they've done.

**Listening but not obeying**

30 So now son of humanity, your people are out beside the walls and the gates of their houses talking about you, and they're all telling each other, 'Let's go and listen to the prophet's message that comes from Yahweh.' 31 So my people will come to you, as they often do, and will sit in front of you and listen to your words, but they won't obey them. The right words are on their lips, but their hearts are going after unjust profit. 32 Yes, you're like a lovely song to them, a beautiful sound that's played well on a stringed instrument, so they'll listen to your words, but none of them will obey them. 33 So when all that happens, watch out, because it will indeed happen. Then they'll realise that a prophet's been among them."

**The 'shepherds' of Yisrael (Israel)**

34:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, prophesy against Yisrael's (Israel's) shepherds. Prophesy and tell them that the master Yahweh says this to the shepherds: Yisrael's shepherds who are shepherding themselves won't end well. Shouldn't shepherds guard the flock? 3 You eat the best sheep meat and dress in woollen clothes. You slaughter the fat lambs. You don't shepherd at all. 4 You haven't taken care of those with diseases, nor do you heal those who are ill. You don't bandage up the ones with broken limbs, and you don't restore the outcasts or search for those who've gone missing. Instead, you use strength and violence to rule over them. 5 Then they were scattered without a shepherd,[202] and after they were scattered, they became food for all

**202** **RV 34:5 · Cross-ref.** Num 27:17; 1Ki 22:17; Mat 9:36; Mrk 6:34.

**203** **LV 34:2 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

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the wild animals in the countryside. 6 My flock has strayed across all the mountains and onto every high hill, and it's dispersed over the entire surface of the earth, yet no one is searching for them.

7 Therefore, you shepherds, listen to Yahweh's message to you: 8 This is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, my flock has become plunder and food for all the wild animals in the countryside, because there wasn't any shepherd and because none of my shepherds tried to find any of my flock that had gotten lost. Instead it was themselves that the shepherds looked after, and they didn't shepherd my flock. 9 Therefore, you so-called 'shepherds', listen to Yahweh's message: 10 The master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against those shepherds. I'll require compensation from them for my flock, and then I'll dismiss them from shepherding the flock. Those shepherds won't shepherd themselves any longer either, because I'll take my flock away from their mouths, so that my flock won't become food for them any longer.

11 So the master Yahweh **The evil shepherds**
says this: Listen, I myself will search for those lost from my flock, and I myself will look after them, 12 like a shepherd searches for his sheep when he's among his scattered flock. So I'll look for my flock and I'll rescue them from all the places where they were scattered during the dark times. 13 I'll bring my people out from among the nations. I'll gather them from foreign lands and bring them back to their land. I'll put them in pastures on Yisrael's (Israel's) mountainsides, by the streams, and in every settlement in the land. 14 I'll put them in good pastures—Yisrael's high mountains will be their grazing places. They'll lie down there in places good for grazing, in abundant pastures, and they'll graze on Yisrael's hills. 15 I myself will shepherd my flock, and I myself will give them rest. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

16 I'll search out the lost and restore the outcast.

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_they_have_become for_food to/from_
_all/each/any/every (the)_animal_of the_field
and_they_have_been_scattered. 6 Flock_of_my
they_wander in_all the_mountains and_on every_
_of hill high and_over all_of the_surface_of the_
_earth/land flock_of_my they_have_been_
_scattered and_there_is_not one_who_searches
and_there_is_not one_who_seeks. 7 For_
_so/thus/hence Oh_shepherds hear ÐOM the_
_message_of **YHWH**. 8 By_the_life of_me the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if not because
flock_of_my has_become (into)_prey and_ flock_
_of_my _they_have_become for_food to/from_
_all/each/any/every (the)_animal_of the_field
because_there_is_not a_shepherd and_not
shepherds_of_my they_have_searched_for ÐOM
flock_of_my and_ the_shepherds _they_have_
_shepherded themselves and_ÐOM flock_of_my
not they_have_shepherded. 9 For_so/thus/hence
Oh_shepherds hear the_message_of **YHWH**.
10 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says here_I am_
_against the_shepherds and_I_will_seek ÐOM
flock_of_my from_hand_of_their and_I_will_
_cause_them_to_cease from_shepherding a_flock
and_not they_will_shepherd again the_shepherds
themselves and_I_will_deliver flock_of_my from_
_mouth_of_their and_not they_will_become
to/for_them for_food.

11 If/because thus my_master **YHWH** he_says
HERE_I_am I and_I_will_search_for ÐOM flock_of_
_my and_I_will_seek_them. 12 Like_the_seeking_
_of a_shepherd flock_of_his in/on_day is_he
among_midst_of his/its_flock_of_sheep/goats
separated so I_will_seek ÐOM flock_of_my and_I_
_will_deliver them from_all the_places where
they_were_scattered there in/on_day cloud and_
_thick_darkness. 13 And_I_will_bring_them_out
from the_peoples and_I_will_gather_them from
the_lands and_I_will_bring_them to land_of_
_their_own and_I_will_shepherd_them to the_
_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) in_ravines and_in_
_all_of the_habitable_places_of the_earth/land.
14 In_pasture good I_will_shepherd ÐOM_them
and_on_the_mountains_of the_height_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_be pastureland_of_their
there they_will_lie_down in_pastureland good
and_pasture fertile they_will_graze to the_
_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 15 I I_will_
_shepherd flock_of_my and_I I_will_make_them_
_lie_down the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.
16 ÐOM the_lost_sheep I_will_seek and_ÐOM the_

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_strayed_sheep I_will_bring_back and_(to)_the_ _sheep I_will_bind_up and_ĐOM the_sick_sheep I_ _will_make_strong and_ĐOM the_fat_sheep and_ _ĐOM the_strong_sheep I_will_destroy I_will_ _shepherd_it with_justice. 17 And_you(pl) my_ _flock_of_my thus my_master **YHWH** he_says here_I am_about_to_judge between a_sheep and_ _a_sheep and_rams and_(the)_goats. 18 Too_little for_you(pl) is_the_pasture (the)_good which_ _you(pl)_are_grazing and_the_rest_of your(pl)_ _pasture_of_your(pl) you(pl)_are_trampling with_ _feet_of_your(pl) and_clearness_of waters which_ _you(pl)_are_drinking and_ĐOM those_which_are_ _left with_feet_of_your(pl) you(pl)_are_fouling. 19 And_flock_of_my the_trampling_place_of your_two's_feet_of_your(pl) they_will_graze and_ _the_befouled_thing_of your_two's_feet_of_ _your(pl) they_will_drink. 20 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_them HERE_I_ _am I and_I_will_judge between a_sheep fat and_ _between a_sheep lean. 21 Because with_side and_with_shoulder you(pl)_push and_with_ _horns_of_your(pl) you(pl)_gore all_of the_weak_ _sheep until that you(pl)_have_scattered them to (to)_the_outside. 22 And_I_will_save (to)_flock_of_ _my and_not they_will_become again (into)_prey and_I_will_judge between a_sheep and_a_sheep. 23 And_I_will_raise_up over_them a_shepherd one and_he_will_shepherd them ĐOM servant_of_ _my Dāvid he he_will_shepherd ĐOM_them and_ _he he_will_become for_them (into)_a_shepherd. 24 And_I **YHWH** I_will_become to/for_them (into)_god and_servant_of_my Dāvid will_be_ _prince among_them I **YHWH** I_have_spoken. 25 And_I_will_make to/for_them a_covenant_of peace and_I_will_cause_to_cease animal[s] wild from the_earth/land and_they_will_dwell in_ _wilderness to_security and_they_will_sleep in_ _forests. 26 And_I_will_make them and_around_of hill_of_my a_blessing and_I_will_bring_down the_ _rain at_its_appropriate_of_time rains_of blessing they_will_be. 27 And_ the_tree[s]_of the_field _ _he/it_gave ĐOM fruit_of_its and_the_earth it_ _will_give produce_of_its and_they_will_be on land_of_their_own to_security and_they_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_break_I ĐOM the_bars_of their_yoke_of_their and_I_will_

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I'll bandage up those who are broken and heal those who are sick, but I'll destroy those who are fat and well. I will shepherd with justice.

17 So now this is what the master Yahweh says, You, my flock, listen, I'll be a judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and billy goats. 18 Isn't it enough to feed on the good pasture? Do you have to trample down any remaining grass? Or drink from clear waters, then muddy the streams with your feet? 19 Must my flock eat what you've trampled and drink what you've muddied with your feet?

20 Therefore the master Yahweh says this to them: Listen, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the thin ones, 21 because you shepherds have pushed them with your sides and shoulders, and you've gored all the weak ones with your horns until you succeeded in scattering them away from the land. 22 I'll save my flock and they'll no longer be taken as plunder, and I'll judge between one sheep and the next. 23 I'll set one shepherd over them—my servant David. He'll look after them, and he'll be their shepherd.[204] 24 Then I, Yahweh, will be their god, and my servant David will be a leader among them.[205] I, Yahweh, have declared that.

25 Then I'll make a peace treaty with them and remove the wild animals from the land, so that they'll be able to live securely in the wilderness and sleep safely in the forests.

26 I'll also bless both them and the places around my hill, and send out showers in the right season—they'll be showers of blessing. 27 Then the trees in the countryside will produce their fruit, the soil will yield its produce, and my sheep will be secure in their land. When I break off the ties holding the yoke onto their necks, and when I rescue them from the control of those who enslaved them, then they'll know that I am Yahweh.

28 They'll no longer be plunder for the other nations, and the wild animals on the land will no longer devour them. Then they'll live securely, and no one will make them afraid. 29 I'll provide a

**204 RV 34:23 · Cross-ref.** Rev 7:17.

**205 RV 34:24 · Cross-ref.** Eze 37:24.

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land for them that's known for its crops, so they won't be victims of famine, and they won't be mocked by other nations. 30 Then they'll know that I, Yahweh their god, am with them. The Israeli people are my people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

31 You are my sheep, the flock of my pasture, and my people, and I am your god. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.' "

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_deliver_them from_the_hand_of those_who_ _laboured by_them. 28 And_not they_will_be again spoil for_nations and_the_animal[s]_of the_ _earth/land not it_will_devour_them and_they_ _will_dwell to_security and_there_will_not_be one_who_terrifies. 29 And_I_will_establish to/for_ _them a_planting_place for_name and_not they_ _will_be again those_who_are_gathered_of famine on_the_earth and_not they_will_bear again the_insult_of the_nations. 30 And_they_ _will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** god_of_their with_them and_they people_of_are_my the_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH**. 31 And_you(pl) flock_of_are_my the_flock_of my_pasture_of_my human[s] you(pl) I god_of_am_your(pl) the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH**.

**Edom's coming punishment**

35:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, look out towards Mt. Se'ir[206] and prophesy against it. 3 Tell it that the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against you Edom, represented by Mt. Se'ir, and I'll work against you to make you a desolation and a waste. 4 I'll turn your cities into ruins, and you yourself will become desolate. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh.

5 You've always been hostile to the Israeli people, and when they were distressed you decided to attack them with swords—at the time their punishment was coming to an end. 6 Therefore, this is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, I'll prepare you for bloodshed, and bloodshed will chase after you. Since you didn't hate bloodshed, bloodshed will come to you. 7 I'll make Edom completely desolate when I cut it off so that no one will want to pass through it. 8 I'll fill its mountain ranges with people who were killed—those killed by the sword will fall on your high hills and valleys and in all your streams. 9 I'll make your land perpetually desolate. Your cities won't be inhabited, and then you'll know that I am Yahweh.

10 You've said, "These two nations and these two lands will become mine, and we'll possess them,"

35:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_ _me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_ _your on the_mountain_of Sē'īr and_prophesy on/upon/above_him/it. 3 And_you_will_say for_ _him/it thus my_master **YHWH** he_says here_I am_against_you Oh_mountain_of Sē'īr and_I_will_ _stretch_out hand_of_my on_you and_I_will_ _make_you a_desolation and_a_waste. 4 Cities_of_ _your a_ruin I_will_make and_you(ms) a_ _desolation you_will_be and_you_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. 5 Because belonged to/for_yourself(m) enmity_of antiquity and_you_ _poured ~~DOM~~ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) over the_hands_of the_sword at_the_time_of their_ _disaster_of_their at_a_time_of punishment_of the_end. 6 For_so/thus/hence by_the_life of_me the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** if/because to_blood I_will_appoint_you and_blood it_will_ _pursue_you if not blood you_have_hated and_ _blood it_will_pursue_you. 7 And_I_will_make ~~DOM~~ the_mountain_of Sē'īr into_a_desolation and_a_desolation and_I_will_cut_off from_him/it one_who_passes_through and_one_who_returns. 8 And_I_will_fill ~~DOM~~ mountains_of_its its_slain_ _of_ones hills_of_your and_valleys_of_your and_ _all ravines_of_your those_slain_of a_sword they_ _will_fall in_them. 9 Desolations_of perpetuity I_ _will_make_you and_cities_of_your not they_will_ _return[207] and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_

**206 RV 35:2 · Cross-ref.** Isa 34:5-17; 63:1-6; Jer 49:7-22; Eze 25:12-14; Amos 1:11-12; Oba 1-14; Mal 1:2-5.

**207 LV 35:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: הנבשית: (x-qere) הֲנֶבֶשֶׁת: lemma_7725 n_1 morph_HVqi3fp id_26hWa הֲנֶבַשְׁתָּ

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_that I am_**YHWH**. 10 Because you_have_said ~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_nations and_~~DOM~~ the_two_of the_ _lands to_me they_will_belong and_we_will_take_ _possession_of_it and_**YHWH** there he_was. 11 For_so/thus/hence by_the_life of_me the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH** and_I_will_act according_to_of_your_anger and_according_to_ _of_your_jealousy which you_did from_hatred(s)_ _of_your with_them and_I_will_make_myself_ _known among_them just_as I_will_judge_you. 12 And_you_will_know if/because_that I am_ _**YHWH** I_have_heard ~~DOM~~ all_of blasphemies_of_ _your which you_have_said on the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_say they_have_been_ _desolated[208] to/for_us they_have_been_given for_food. 13 And_you_have_magnified_yourselves on_me with_mouth_of_your(pl) and_you(pl)_ _have_multiplied on_me words/messages_of_ _your(pl) I I_have_heard. 14 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says just_ all_of the_earth/land _as_ _rejoices desolation I_will_make for_you. 15 According_to_of_your_rejoicing to_the_ _inheritance_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) on that it_had_been_desolated so I_will_do to_you a_ _desolation you_will_be Oh_mountain_of Sē'īr and_all 'Edōm of_it_of_all and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

36:1 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind prophesy to the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you_will_say Oh_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) hear the_message_of **YHWH**. 2 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because the_ _enemy he_has_said on_you(pl) aha and_the_ _high_places_of antiquity (into)_a_possession it_ _has_become to/for_ourselves. 3 For_ _so/thus/hence prophesy and_you_will_say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because by_cause to_ _desolate and_to_trample_on you(pl) from_ _round_about you_to_be a_possession of_the_ _rest_of the_nations and_you(pl)_have_been_ _taken_up on a_lip_of a_tongue and_the_ _whispering_of the_people. 4 For_so/thus/hence Oh_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) hear the_ _message_of my_master **YHWH** thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_mountains and_to_hills to_ _ravines and_to_valleys and_to_places (the)_ _desolate and_to_cities (the)_abandoned which they_have_become (into)_spoil and_(into)_ _mockery to_the_rest_of the_nations which are_

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even when Yahweh was there with them.
11 Therefore, this is the master Yahweh's declaration: As I live, I'll act according to your anger and according to your jealousy that you had in your hatred of Yisrael (Israel), and I'll show myself to them when I judge you— 12 then you'll know that I am Yahweh. I've heard all the insults you spoke against Yisrael's hill country, when you said, "They've been destroyed—they've been given over to us to devour." 13 You raised yourselves up against me with what you said, and you multiplied the words you said against me, and I heard all of them.

14 The master Yahweh says this: I'll make you into a desolate place while the rest of the world cheers. 15 Just like you rejoiced over the Israeli people's inheritance when it was made desolate, I'll do the same to you. You'll become a desolation, Mt. Se'ir and all of Edom—all of it. Then they'll know that I am Yahweh."

**God's blessing for Yisrael (Israel)**

36:1 "Now, son of humanity, prophesy to Yisrael's (Israel's) mountains and say, 'Mountains of Yisrael, listen to Yahweh's message. 2 The master Yahweh says this: The enemy has said, "Aha," when talking about you, and "The ancient hilltop shrines have become ours." '

3 Therefore prophesy and tell them that the master Yahweh says this: Because of your desolation and because of the attacks that came on you from all sides, you've ended up belonging to other nations—you've been the subject of slanderous lips and tongues, and of people's stories. 4 Therefore, mountains of Yisrael, listen to the message from the master Yahweh: The master Yahweh says this to the mountains and the high hills, to the streambeds and valleys, to the places that have been destroyed and are now uninhabited, and to the forsaken cities that have become plunder and

**208 LV 35:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: הממש: (x-qere) 'וּמֵמָשׁ': lemma_8074 n_1 morph_HVqp3cp id_26T82 וּמֵמָשׁ

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a subject of mocking for the other nations that surround them— 5 the master Yahweh says this: I've certainly spoken in the heat of my anger against the other nations, against Edom and everyone who took my land for themselves as a possession—against all those who had both celebration in their heart and disdain in their spirit as they seized my land so they could claim its pasturelands for themselves.'

6 Therefore, prophesy to Yisrael and tell the mountains and the high hills, the streambeds and the valleys, that the master Yahweh says this: Listen, in my fury and in my anger I'm declaring this because you've endured insults from other nations. 7 Therefore, the master Yahweh says this: I myself will take action and promise that the nations that surround you will certainly be made to carry their own shame. 8 But you Israeli mountains, you'll grow branches and bear fruit for my Israeli people, since they'll soon come back to you, 9 because, listen, I'm for you, and I'll treat you favourably—you'll be ploughed and sown with seed. 10 I'll multiply your population—all the Israeli people. The cities will be inhabited again and the ruins rebuilt. 11 I'll increase both people and animals on you mountains so that they'll multiply and be fruitful. Then I'll cause you to be inhabited like you were previously, and I'll make you prosper more than you did in the past so that you'll know that I am Yahweh. 12 I'll bring my Israeli people to walk on you. They'll possess you, and you'll be their inheritance, and you'll no longer cause their children to die.

13 The master Yahweh says this: They're telling you, "You mountains devour people, bereaving your nation of children," 14 therefore you won't consume people any longer, and you'll no longer make your nation mourn their deaths. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. 15 I won't allow you to hear the insults from the other nations any

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_from_round_about. 5 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says if not in_the_fire_of my_jealousy_of_my I_have_spoken on the_rest_of the_nations and_on 'Edōm of_it_of_all which they_made ~~DOM~~ land_of_my to/for_them into_a_ _possession with_joy_of every_of heart with_ _scorn_of self so_that pastureland_of_its becomes_(into)_spoil. 6 For_so/thus/hence prophesy on the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _you_will_say to_mountains and_to_hills to_ _ravines and_to_valleys thus he_says my_master **YHWH** here_I in_jealousy_of_my and_in_rage_of_ _my I_have_spoken because the_insult[s]_of nations you(pl)_have_borne. 7 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says I I_lift_up ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my if not the_nations which to/for_ _you(pl) are_from_round_about they insult[s]_of_ _their[210] they_will_bear. 8 And_you(pl) Oh_ _mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) branch[es]_of_ _your(pl) you(pl)_will_extend and_fruit_of_ _your(pl) you(pl)_will_bear for_people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because they_have_brought_ _near to_come. 9 If/because HERE_I am_with_ _you(pl) and_I_will_turn to_you(pl) and_you(pl)_ _will_be_tilled and_you(pl)_will_be_sown. 10 And_ _I_will_multiply on_you(pl) human[s] all_of the_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) of_it_of_all and_ the_ _cities _they_will_be_inhabited and_the_waste_ _places they_will_be_rebuilt. 11 And_I_will_ _multiply on_you(pl) human[s] and_animal[s] and_they_will_increase and_they_will_be_fruitful and_I_will_cause_to_be_inhabited you(pl) like_ _your(pl)_former_of_state(s) and_I_will_do_good more_than_of_your(pl)_beginnings and_you(pl)_ _will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. 12 And_ _I_will_cause_to_walk on_you(pl) human[s] ~~DOM~~ people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_they_will_ _possess_you and_you_will_become to/for_them (into)_an_inheritance and_not you_will_repeat again to_bereave_them. 13 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says because people_are_saying to/for_you(pl) are_devouring_of (of)_human[s] you[211] and_bereaving_of mmm[212] you_have_ _been. 14 For_so/thus/hence human[s] not you_

**210 LV 36:7 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

**211 LV 36:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: יתא: (x-qere) אַתָּ֑ה: lemma_859 b n_1 morph_HPp2fs id_26qfg אַתָּ֑ה

**212 LV 36:13 · Note** OSHB variant note: ך/יוג: (x-qere) הַ/גּוֹיִ֑ם: lemma_1471 a n_0.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp2fs id_26Lz9 הַ/גּוֹיִ֑ם

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_will_devour again and[213] not you_will_
_bereave[214] again the_utterance_of my_master
**YHWH**. 15 And_not I_will_make_heard to_you
again the_insult[s]_of the_nations and_the_
_reproach_of peoples not you_will_bear again
and[215] not you_will_cause_to_stumble again the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. 16 And_ the_
_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say.
17 Oh_son_of humankind the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) were_dwelling on land_of_their_
_own and_they_made_unclean it by_conduct_of_
_their and_by_practices_of_their like_the_
_uncleanness_of (the)_menstruation it_was
conduct_of_their before_me. 18 And_I_poured_
_out rage_of_my on_them on the_blood which
they_had_poured_out on the_earth/land and_by_
_idols_of_their they_made_it_unclean. 19 And_I_
_scattered DOM_them among_nations and_they_
_were_dispersed among_lands according_to_of_
_their_conduct and_according_to_of_their_
_practices I_judged_them. 20 And_it_came to the_
_nations where they_went there and_they_
_profaned DOM the_name_of my_holiness_of_my
when_said to/for_them are_the_people_of **YHWH**
these and_from_land_of_his they_have_come_out.
21 And_I_showed_pity on the_name_of my_
_holiness_of_my which they_had_profaned_it
the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) among_nations
where they_had_gone to_(to). 22 For_
_so/thus/hence say to_the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus my_master **YHWH** he_says
not for_your(pl)_sake I am_about_to_act Oh_
_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) if/because (if) for_the_
_name_of my_holiness_of_my which you(pl)_
_have_profaned among_nations where you(pl)_
_have_gone there. 23 And_I_will_show_holy DOM
name_of_my (the)_great which_has_been_
_profaned among_nations which you(pl)_have_
_profaned among_them and_ the_nations _they_
_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** when_I_show_
_myself_holy by_you(pl) to_eyes_of_their. 24 And_
_I_will_take you(pl) from the_nations and_I_will_

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longer—you'll no longer have to bear the people groups shaming you, and you won't cause your nation to stumble. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

16 Then Yahweh gave me another message:
17 "Son of humanity, when the Israeli people inhabited their land, they defiled it with their customs and their activities. In my eyes, their customs were like the uncleanness of a woman's menstruation, 18 so I poured out my fury against them for the blood that they'd poured out on the land, and for how they'd polluted it with their idols. 19 I scattered them among the nations—they were dispersed through the lands. I judged them according to their customs and their actions. 20 Then they went to those other nations, and wherever they went, they profaned my holy name when people asked about them, 'Are these really Yahweh's people? After all, they've been thrown out of his land.' 21 But I had compassion for my holy name that the Israeli people had defiled among the other nations, when they went there.

22 Therefore tell the Israeli people that the master Yahweh says this: I'm not doing this for the sake of you Israeli people, but for my sacred name, which you've profaned among the nations everywhere you've gone. 23 My great name, which you people have profaned among the nations, I'll make holy even among the nations where you profaned it. Then the nations will know that I am Yahweh, when they see you recognise my holiness. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. 24 I'll take you back out of those nations and gather you from every land, and I'll bring you into your land. 25 Then I'll sprinkle pure water on you so you'll be cleaned from all of your impurities, and I'll purify you from all your idols. 26 I'll give you people a new heart and a new spirit in your innermost parts, and I'll take the stony heart away from your bod-

**213 LV 36:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: יונ/ך: (x-qere) וְ/יֵיוֹנְ/וּ: lemma_c/1471 a n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp2fs id_26AKC וְ/יֵיוֹנְ/וּ

**214 LV 36:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ילשכת: (x-qere) וְ/יִלְכַּשְׁתְּ: lemma_7921 a morph_HVpi2fs id_26d88 וְ/יִלְכַּשְׁתְּ

**215 LV 36:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: יונ/ך: (x-qere) וְ/הָ/יֵיוֹנְ/וּ: lemma_c/1471 a n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp2fs id_26oZZ וְ/הָ/יֵיוֹנְ/וּ

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ies and replace it with a heart of flesh.[209] 27 I'll put
my spirit in you and enable you Israelis to follow
my instructions and keep my regulations. 28 Then
you'll inhabit the land that I gave to your ances-
tors—you'll be my people and I'll be your god.
29 I'll save you from all of your uncleanness, and
then I'll summon the grain and multiply it—I'll no
longer assign famine to you. 30 I'll multiply the
fruit on the trees and the produce from the soil so
that you'll no longer be shamed by other nations
seeing you suffering famine. 31 Then you'll think
about your wicked customs and your activities
that weren't good, and your faces will display your
loathing of your own sins and your disgusting
habits. 32 But make sure you know this: I'm not do-
ing all that for *your* sake, so you Israeli people
should be ashamed and disgraced because of your
behaviour. That's the master Yahweh's declara-
tion.

33 The master Yahweh says this: When I purify
you from all your disobedience, I'll enable you to
inhabit the cities again and to rebuild the ruined
places, 34 and the idle land will be tilled until it's
no longer a wasteland for everyone to see as they
go past. 35 Then instead they'll say, "This land was
desolate, but it's become like the garden of
Eden—the abandoned cities and the uninhabited
ruins that were torn down are now fortified and
inhabited." 36 Then the other nations around you
will know that I am Yahweh, because I built up the
ruins and replanted the abandoned places. I, Yah-
weh, have declared it and I will do it.

37 The master Yahweh also says this: The Israeli
people will again ask me to do this for them: to in-
crease their population like sheep. 38 Just like the
flock that's kept separate to be used for sacrifices
(like the flock in Yerushalem (Jerusalem) at its
scheduled feasts), so too the ruined cities will be
filled with flocks of people and they will know
that I am Yahweh."

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_gather you(pl) from_all the_lands and_I_will_
_bring you(pl) into land_of_your(pl)_own.
25 And_I_will_sprinkle on_you(pl) water pure
and_you(pl)_will_be_pure from_all
uncleanness(es)_of_your(pl) and_from_all_of
idols_of_your(pl) I_will_purify you(pl). 26 And_I_
_will_give to/for_you(pl) a_heart new and_spirit
new I_will_put in_your_inner_of_being and_I_
_will_remove ᴅᴏᴍ the_heart_of (the)_stone from_
_flesh_of_your(pl) and_I_will_give to/for_you(pl)
a_heart_of flesh. 27 And_ᴅᴏᴍ my_
_breath/wind/spirit I_will_put in_your_inner_of_
_being and_I_will_bring_about ᴅᴏᴍ which/who
in_regulations_of_my you(pl)_will_walk and_
_judgements_of_my you(pl)_will_keep and_
_you(pl)_will_do_them. 28 And_you(pl)_will_dwell
on_the_earth which I_gave to_ancestors_of_
_your(pl) and_you(pl)_will_be to_me (into)_a_
_people and_I I_will_become to/for_you(pl)
(into)_god. 29 And_I_will_save you(pl) from_all
uncleanness(es)_of_your(pl) and_I_will_summon
(to) the_grain and_I_will_increase ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it
and_not I_will_give to_you(pl) famine. 30 And_I_
_will_increase ᴅᴏᴍ the_fruit_of the_tree and_the_
_produce_of the_field so_that that not you(pl)_
_may_receive again the_reproach_of famine
among_nations. 31 And_you(pl)_will_remember
ᴅᴏᴍ ways_of_your(pl) (the)_evil and_deeds_of_
_your(pl) which not were_good and_you(pl)_will_
_feel_loathing at_faces_of_your(pl) on iniquities_
_of_your(pl) and_on abominations_of_your(pl).
32 Not for_your(pl)_sake I am_about_to_act the_
_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** let_it_be_known
to/for_you(pl) be_ashamed and_be_humiliated
from_ways_of_your(pl) Oh_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 33 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_
_says in/on_day cleanse_I you(pl) from_all
iniquities_of_your(pl) and_I_will_cause_to_be_
_inhabited ᴅᴏᴍ the_cities and_ the_waste_places _
_they_will_be_rebuilt. 34 And_the_earth (the)_
_desolated it_will_be_tilled in_place_of that it_
_was a_desolation to_the_eyes_of every_of one_
_who_passes_by. 35 And_people_will_say the_
_earth/land this (the)_desolated it_has_become
like_the_garden_of ʿĒden and_the_cities (the)_
_desolate and_(the)_desolated and_(the)_broken_
_down fortified_cities they_have_remained.
36 And_ the_nations which they_will_be_left
around_of_you(pl) _they_will_know if/because_

**209 RV 36:26-28 · Cross-ref.** Eze 11:19-20.

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_that I **YHWH** I_have_rebuilt the_broken_down_ _cities I_have_planted the_desolated_place I **YHWH** I_have_spoken and_I_will_act. 37 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says again this I_will_let_ _myself_be_sought by_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) for_doing to/for_them I_will_ _increase ~~DOM~~_them like_flock human[s]. 38 Like_ _sheep_of holiness(es) like_the_sheep_of Yərūshālaim/(Jerusalem) at_its_appointed_of_ _times so they_will_be the_cities (the)_desolate full of_flock[s]_of human[s] and_they_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.
37:1 It_was on_me the_hand_of **YHWH** and_he_ _brought_me_out by_the_spirit_of **YHWH** and_ _he_set_me_down in_the_middle of_the_valley and_she was_full bones. 2 And_he_made_me_ _pass_by at_them all_around all_around and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE many_bones very were_on the_ _surface_of the_valley and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE they_were_dry very. 3 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_ _son_of humankind will_ the_bones the_these _ _they_live and_I_said my_master **YHWH** you you_ _know. 4 And_he/it_said to_me prophesy to the_ _bones the_these and_you_will_say to_them Oh_ _bones (the)_dry hear the_message_of **YHWH**. 5 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says to_bones the_ _these HERE I am_about_to_bring in_you(pl) breath and_you(pl)_will_live. 6 And_I_will_give to_you(pl) tendons and_I_will_bring_up over_ _you(pl) flesh and_I_will_cover over_you(pl) skin and_I_will_put in_you(pl) breath and_you(pl)_ _will_live and_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**. 7 And_I_prophesied just_as I_was_ _commanded and_he/it_was a_sound just_as_I_ _prophesied and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_rattling and_ the_bones _they_drew_near bone to bone_of_its. 8 And_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE were_on_them tendons and_flesh/body it_came_up and_it_ _covered over_them skin from_to_above and_ _spirit there_was_not in_them. 9 And_he/it_said to_me prophesy to the_breath prophesy Oh_son_ _of humankind and_you_will_say[216] to the_breath thus he_says my_master **YHWH** from_four winds come Oh_breath and_blow on_who_have_been]_ _killed the_these so_that_they_may_live. 10 And_ _I_prophesied just_as he_commanded_me and_it_ _came in/among_them the_breath and_they_ _lived and_they_stood on feet_of_their an_army

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**The valley with bleached bones**

37:1 One day Yahweh gave me another vision, and he took me out by his spirit and put me down in the middle of a valley that was full of bones. 2 Then he led me all around them, and wow, there were so many bones in the valley, and they were totally dried out! 3 "Son of humanity," he asked me, "can these bones become living people again?"

"My master Yahweh," I replied, "only you would know that."

4 Then he told me, "Prophesy over these bones and tell them, 'Dry bones. Listen to Yahweh's message. 5 The master Yahweh says this to these bones: Listen, I'm about to put breath into you, and you'll live. 6 I'll connect sinews to you and put flesh onto you. I'll cover you with skin and put breath into you so you'll live. Then you'll know that I am Yahweh.' "

7 So I prophesied as I was instructed, and wow, a sound like something rattling started as the bones moved together—bone against bone! 8 I looked and, wow, the bones now had sinews on them, and flesh grew up over that, and then skin covered them! But there was still no breath in them.

9 Then Yahweh told me, "Prophesy to the wind, son of humanity, prophesy and tell the air, 'The master Yahweh commands this: Breath, come from the four compass points, and breathe into these who've been killed, so they'll come to life.' "

10 So I prophesied just like I was commanded. Then breath came into them and they came to life. Then they stood on their feet—a very large army.

**216 LV 37:9 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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11 Then Yahweh informed me, "Son of humanity, these bones are the entire Israeli population. Listen, they're saying, 'Our bones have dried up and our hope is gone. We've been cut off.' 12 Therefore prophesy and tell them, 'The master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'll open your graves and lift you, my people, out from them, then I'll bring you back to Yisrael (Israel). 13 Then, my people, when I open your graves and bring you out of them, you'll know that I am Yahweh. 14 I'll place my spirit within you so you'll live, and I'll cause you to rest in your land when you know that I am Yahweh. I declare it, and I will do it. That is Yahweh's declaration.' "

**The two sticks indicating unity of Yisrael and Yehudah**

15 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 16 "So now, son of humanity, take a stick for yourself and write on it, 'For Yehudah (Judah) and for all their associated people.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Yosef (Joseph), the branch of Yisrael (Israel; Heb. Efrayim), and for all their associated people.' 17 Then hold both of them together so that they seem like one stick in your hand. 18 When your people ask you and insist, 'Aren't you going to tell us what these props of yours mean?' 19 then tell them, 'The master Yahweh says this: Look, I'm taking Yosef's branch that's in Yisrael's hand along with the tribes of Yisrael his companions, and joining it to Yehudah's branch, so that they'll make one branch, and they'll become one in my hand.'

20 Hold the branches in your hand that you wrote on while they watched. 21 Tell the people,

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great very very. 11 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_ _of humankind the_bones the_these are_all_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they THERE people_ _are_saying bones_of_our they_have_dried_up and_ hope_of_our _it_has_been_lost we_have_ _been_cut_off to/for_us. 12 For_so/thus/hence prophesy and_you_will_say to_them thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says HERE I am_about_to_ _open ÐOM graves_of_your(pl) and_I_will_bring_ _up you(pl) from_graves_of_your(pl) my_people_ _of_my and_I_will_bring you(pl) into the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 13 And_you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** when_open_I ÐOM graves_of_your(pl) and_when_I_bring_up you(pl) from_graves_of_your(pl) my_people_of_my. 14 And_I_will_put my_breath/wind/spirit in_ _you(pl) and_you(pl)_will_live and_I_will_set_ _down you(pl) on land_of_your(pl)_own and_ _you(pl)_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** I_ _have_spoken and_I_will_act the_utterance_of **YHWH**.

15 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_me to_say. 16 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind take to/for_yourself(m) a_piece_of_wood one and_write on/upon/above_him/it for_ _Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_for_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) mmm[220] and_take a_piece_of_ _wood one and_write on/upon/above_him/it for_ _Yōṣēf/(Joseph) the_piece_of_wood_of 'Efrayim and_all the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) mmm[221]. 17 And_bring_near ÐOM_them one to one to/for_ _yourself(m) into_a_piece_of_wood one and_ _they_will_be (into)_one(s) in_hand_of_your. 18 And_when they_will_say to_you the_children_ _of your_people_of_your to_say am_not will_you_ _tell to/for_us what are_these_things to_you. 19 Speak to_them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE I am_about_to_take ÐOM the_piece_of_ _wood_of Yōṣēf which is_in_the_hand_of 'Efrayim and_the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) mmm[222] and_I_ _will_put them on/upon/above_him/it ÐOM the_ _piece_of_wood_of Yəhūdāh and_I_will_make_ _them into_a_piece_of_wood one and_they_will_

**220 LV 37:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/רבח: (x-qere) ו/יְרֻבָּח': lemma_2270 n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26HZ4 ו/יְרֻבָּח

**221 LV 37:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/רבח: (x-qere) ו/יְרֻבָּח': lemma_2270 n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26uQs ו/יְרֻבָּח

**222 LV 37:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/רבח: (x-qere) ו/יְרֻבָּח': lemma_2270 n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_263Qd ו/יְרֻבָּח

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_be one in_hand_of_my. 20 And_ the_pieces_wood which you_will_write on_them _they_will_be in_ _hand_of_your to_eyes_of_their. 21 And_speak to_ _them thus my_master **YHWH** he_says HERE I am_about_to_take ĐOM the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) from_between the_nations where they_have_gone there and_I_will_gather ĐOM_ _them from_round_about and_I_will_bring them into land_of_their_own. 22 And_I_will_make ĐOM_ _them to_(a)_nation one on_the_earth on_the_ _mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_a_king one he_will_become to/for_all_them (into)_king and_ _not they_will_become[223] again (into)_two_of nations and_not they_will_be_divided again into_ _two_of kingdoms again. 23 And_not they_will_ _make_themselves_unclean again by_idols_of_ _their and_by_abominations_of_their and_by_all_ _of transgressions_of_their and_I_will_save ĐOM_ _them from_all places_of_their_dwelling which they_have_sinned in/among_them and_I_will_ _cleanse them and_they_will_be to_me (into)_a_ _people and_I I_will_become to/for_them (into)_ _god. 24 And_servant_of_my Dāvid will_be_king over_them and_a_shepherd one he_will_belong to/for_all_them and_in_judgements_of_my they_ _will_walk and_regulations_of_my they_will_keep and_they_will_do them. 25 And_they_will_dwell on the_earth/land which I_gave to_servant_of_ _my to_Ya'ₐqov/(Jacob) which they_dwelt in_it ancestors_of_your(pl) and_they_will_dwell on/upon_it(f) they and_children_of_their and_ _the_sons their_children_of_their until perpetuity and_Dāvid servant_of_my will_be_ _prince to/for_them forever_perpetuity. 26 And_ _I_will_make to/for_them a_covenant_of peace a_ _covenant_of perpetuity it_will_be them and_I_ _will_give_them and_I_will_increase them and_I_ _will_put ĐOM sanctuary_of_my among_them forever_perpetuity. 27 And_it_was place_of_my_ _dwelling with_them and_I_will_be to/for_them (into)_god and_they they_will_become to_me (into)_a_people. 28 And_ the_nations _they_will_ _know if/because_that I **YHWH** am_sanctifying ĐOM Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) when_ sanctuary_of_my _is

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'The master Yahweh says this: Look, I'm about to take the Israeli people out from the nations where they went. I'll gather them from the surrounding lands and bring them back to their land. 22 I'll unite them as a single nation in the land, on the mountains of Yisrael, and there'll be one king as king over all of them, and they'll no longer be two nations—they'll no longer be divided into two kingdoms. 23 Then they'll no longer defile themselves with their idols, with their disgusting things, or with any of their other sins. I'll save them from all of their faithless actions[217] with which they've sinned, and I'll purify them so they'll be my people and I'll be their god. 24 My servant David will be king over them, so there'll be one shepherd over them all,[218] and they'll follow my instructions and keep my regulations and obey them. 25 They'll live in the land that I've given to my servant Ya'akov (Jacob) (also called Yisrael), where your ancestors had stayed. They'll live in it forever—they, their children, and their grandchildren, and my servant David will be their permanent leader. 26 I'll establish a peace treaty with them—a never-ending agreement with them. I'll establish them and multiply them and put my sacred place among them forever. 27 My residence will be with them—I'll be their god, and they'll be my people.[219] 28 Then the other nations will know that I am Yahweh who sets Yisrael apart, when my sacred place is permanently among them.' "

**217 RV 37:23 · Note** The Hebrew text has 'living places' rather than 'faithless actions' (from the Septuagint), but it's difficult to make sense of the Hebrew.

**218 RV 37:24 · Cross-ref.** Eze 34:24.

**219 RV 37:27 · Cross-ref.** 2Cor 6:16; Rev 21:3.

**223 LV 37:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: **הֱיוּ**: (x-qere) **וְיִהְיֶ֨ה**: lemma_1961 morph_HVqi3mp id_26Rnv **וְיִהְיֶ֨ה**

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**The defeat of all of Yisrael's opponents[224] · Invasion by Gog and his army**

38:1 Then Yahweh gave me another message: 2 "Son of humanity, look toward the land of Magog where King Gog is the main leader of Meshek and Tuval,[225] and prophesy against him. 3 Tell him that the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against you, Gog, leader of Meshek and Tuval, 4 so I'll turn you around and put hooks into your jaws. Then I'll bring you out with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all of them dressed in full armour—a huge group with large and small shields, all of them holding swords. 5 Paras (Persia), Kush (Ethiopia) (Kush), and Libya are with them, all of them with shields and helmets, 6 as well as Gomer and all its troops, and Beyt-Togarmah, from the far parts of the north, and all its troops. Many people groups are with you. 7 Tell Gog to get ready as commander, and to assemble and prepare his troops. 8 You'll be summoned many days later, then after some years you'll go to a land that's recovered from war and where the people have come back from many nations—gathered back to Yisrael's (Israel's) mountains that had continuously been a ruin. But the land's people will indeed be brought out of the nations, and they'll all live there safely again. 9 Then you'll go in like a storm with your large army—you'll all be like a cloud covering the land.

10 The master Yahweh says this: But plans will start to form in your heart on that day and you'll devise wicked schemes. 11 Then you'll think, 'I'll take my army up onto the open ground—we'll attack the people living quietly and peacefully—all of them living where there are no walls or barriers, and no city gates. 12 I'll capture booty and steal plunder and use my forces against those ruins that have been newly inhabited, and against those people who've returned from the na-

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among_them forever_perpetuity.

38:1 And_ the_message_of **YHWH** _he/it_was to_ _me to_say. 2 Oh_son_of humankind set face_of_ _your against Gōg the_land_of (the)_Māgōg the_ _prince_of the_head_of Meshek and_Tūval and_ _prophesy on/upon/above_him/it. 3 And_you_ _will_say thus my_master **YHWH** he_says here_I am_against_you Oh_Gōg the_prince_of the_head_ _of Meshek and_Tūval. 4 And_I_will_turn_you_ _around and_I_will_put hooks in_jaws_of_your and_I_will_bring_out you[226] and_~~DOM~~ all_of army_ _of_your horses and_horsemen are_clothed_of perfection of_them_of_all a_company great body_ _shield and_shield are_wielding_of (of)_swords of_them_of_all. 5 Pāraṣ Kūsh/(Cush) and_Pūṭ with_them of_them_of_all shield and_helmet. 6 Gomer and_all troops_of_its the_house_of Tōgarmāh the_remotest_parts_of the_north and_ _~~DOM~~ all_of troops_of_its peoples many will_be_ _with_you. 7 Be_prepared and_prepare to/for_ _yourself(m) you and_all company_of_your which_have_assembled with_you and_you_will_ _become to/for_them (into)_a_guard. 8 From_ _days many you_will_be_mustered in_end/latter of_the_years you_will_go into a_land restored from_the_sword gathered_together from_peoples many on the_mountains_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) which they_had_become (into)_a_desolation continually and_she from_peoples it_had_been_brought_out and_they_will_be_dwelling to_security of_them_ _of_all. 9 And_you_will_go_up like_storm you_ _will_go like_cloud about_to_cover the_ _earth/land you_are you and_all troops_of_your and_peoples many with_you. 10 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says and_it_was in_the_day (the)_that words/messages they_will_come_up on heart_of_ _your and_you_will_plan a_plan_of evil. 11 And_ _you_will_say I_will_go_up on a_land_of unwalled_villages I_will_go those_who_are_at_ _peace who_dwell_of to_security of_them_of_all are_dwelling with_not a_wall and_bar[s] and_ _gates there_belonged_not to/for_them. 12 To_ _plunder plunder and_to_take_as_spoil spoil to_ _turn hand_of_your on waste_places inhabited and_near/to a_people which_has_been_gathered

**224** **RV 38:1 · Parallel** 38:1–39:29

**225** **RV 38:2 · Cross-ref.** Rev 20:8.

**226** **LV 38:4 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more accents in L differently than BHS. Often this notation indicates a typographical error in BHS.

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from_nations which_has_acquired livestock and_ _property who_dwell_of at the_center_of the_ _earth/land. 13 Shəvā' and_Dədān and_the_ _traders_of Tarshiysh and_all lions_of_its_young they_will_say to/for_yourself(m) to_plunder plunder are_you coming to_take_as_spoil spoil have_you_assembled company_of_your to_carry_ _away silver and_gold to_take/accept/receive livestock and_property to_plunder plunder great. 14 For_so/thus/hence prophesy Oh_son_of humankind and_you_will_say to_Gōg thus my_ _master **YHWH** he_says am_not in_the_day (the)_ _that when_ people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _dwell to_security will_you_know. 15 And_you_will_ _come from_place_of_your from_the_remotest_ _parts_of the_north you and_peoples many with_ _you are_riders_of horses of_them_of_all a_ _company great and_an_army great. 16 And_you_ _will_go_up on people_of_my Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) like_cloud to_cover the_earth/land in_end/latter the_days it_will_happen and_I_will_bring_you on land_of_my so_as the_nations to_know ~~DOM~~_me when_I_show_myself_holy in_you(ms) to_eyes_ _of_their Oh_Gōg. 17 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_ _says are_you he whom I_spoke in_days former by_the_hand_of my_servants_of_my the_ _prophets_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) who_prophesied in_ _the_days the_those years to_bring you on_them.

18 And_it_was in_the_day (the)_that in/on_day Gōg comes on the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_ _utterance_of my_master **YHWH** rage_of_my it_ _will_rise in_anger_of_my. 19 And_in_jealousy_of_ _my in_the_fire_of my_severe_anger_of_my I_ _have_spoken if not in_the_day (the)_that it_will_ _be an_earthquake great on the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 20 And_they_will_shake from_ _before_of_me the_fish(es)_of the_sea and_bird the_heavens and_the_animal[s]_of the_field and_ _all the_creeping_(thing) the_(one)_creeping on the_soil and_all/each/any/every the_humankind which is_on the_surface_of the_soil and_ the_ _mountains _they_will_be_thrown_down and_ the_steep_places _they_will_fall and_all wall to_ _ground it_will_fall. 21 And_I_will_summon on/upon/above_him/it to/from_ _all/each/any/every mountains_of_my a_sword the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** the_sword_ _of each on_brother_of_his it_will_be. 22 And_I_ _will_enter_into_judgement with_him/it by_ _pestilence and_by_blood and_rain overflowing and_stones_of hail fire and_sulfur I_will_rain_

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tions—people who are gaining livestock and property, and who are living at the centre of the world.' 13 People from Sheva and Dedan, and traders from Tarshish and its villages will ask you, 'Have you come to plunder? Have you assembled your armies to take away spoil, to carry off gold and silver, to take their livestock and property and to haul away plenty of plunder?'

14 Therefore, son of humanity, prophesy and tell Gog that the master Yahweh says this: On that day, when my people Yisrael are living securely—but you won't take notice of that— 15 you'll come from your place far away in the north with a large army—all of them riding on horses, yes, a very numerous force. 16 Then you'll attack my Israeli people like a cloud that covers the land. I'll send you against my land near the end of the era, so that the nations might know me when I show myself through you, Gog—they'll see with their own eyes that I always demand what's right. 17 The master Yahweh says this: Aren't you the one that I spoke about in the past through my servants, the Israeli prophets who prophesied for years in their own times, that I would bring you against them?

**Yahweh's punishment of Gog**

18 This is the master Yahweh's declaration: When Gog attacks Yisrael (Israel), my fury will mount up into a rage. 19 In my zeal and in the fire of my anger, I declare that on that day there'll be a terrible earthquake in Yisrael, 20 and the fish in the sea and the birds in the skies, the wild animals in the countryside including all the creatures that crawl on the earth, and every person who's on the surface of the land will tremble in front of me. The mountains will be thrown down and the cliffs will fall, until every wall falls to the ground. 21 I'll summon an army against Gog on all my mountains. Every man's sword will be against his brother. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. 22 Then I'll punish Gog with deadly diseases and bloodshed, as well as overwhelming rain and hailstones and burning sulfur that I'll rain down on him and his troops and the many nations that joined with him. 23 Yes, I'll display my greatness and purity,

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and I'll make myself known to those many nations, so they'll know that I am Yahweh.

**The defeat of Gog**

39:1 "Now, son of humanity, prophesy against Gog and say that the master Yahweh says this: Listen, I'm against you, Gog, leader of Meshek and Tuval. 2 I'll turn you around and drag you along—I'll bring you from the far north and take you up to Yisrael's (Israel's) mountains, 3 Then I'll knock your bow out of your left hand and make the arrows fall out of your right hand. 4 You and all your troops and soldiers who are with you will die on Yisrael's mountains. I'll give you to the birds of prey and the wild animals in the countryside for food. 5 You'll die there in the countryside, because I myself declare it. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. 6 Then I'll send fire out onto Magog and on those living in safety in the coastal regions, and then they'll know that I am Yahweh. 7 I'll make my holy name known among my people Yisrael, and I'll no longer allow my holy name to be profaned—the nations will know that I am Yahweh, the holy One in Yisrael.
8 Listen, the day is coming, and all that will take place. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.
9 The people living in Yisrael's cities will go out and they'll use those weapons to kindle and make fires and burn them—small shields, large shields, bows, arrows, the clubs and spears—they'll make fires with them for seven years. 10 They won't need to gather firewood from the countryside or cut down trees from the forests, since they'll burn the weapons. They'll take from those invaders who wanted to take from them, and plunder those who wanted to plunder them. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

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_down on/upon/above_him/it and_on troops_of_
_his and_on peoples many which with_him/it.
23 And_I_will_show_myself_great and_I_will_
_show_myself_holy and_I_will_make_myself_
_known to_the_eyes_of nations many and_they_
_will_know if/because_that I am_**YHWH**.

39:1 And_you(ms) Oh_son_of humankind
prophesy on Gōg and_you_will_say thus my_
_master **YHWH** he_says here_I am_against_you
Oh_Gōg the_prince_of the_head_of Meshek and_
_Tūvˇal. 2 And_I_will_turn_you_around and_I_
_will_lead_you_on and_I_will_bring_you_up from_
_the_remotest_parts_of the_north and_I_will_
_bring_you on the_mountains_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel).
3 And_I_will_strike bow_of_your from_the_hand_
_of your_left_hand_of_your and_arrows_of_your
from_the_hand_of your_right_side_of_your I_will_
_make_fall. 4 On the_mountains_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) you and_all troops_of_your and_
_peoples which are_with_you you_will_fall to_
_bird[s]_of_prey_of bird[s] of_every_of wing and_
_the_animal[s]_of the_field I_will_give_you for_
_food. 5 On the_surface_of the_field you_will_fall
if/because I I_have_spoken the_utterance_of my_
_master **YHWH**. 6 And_I_will_send fire on_Māgōg
and_on_those_who_dwell_of the_islands to_
_security and_they_will_know if/because_that I
am_**YHWH**. 7 And_~~ĐOM~~ the_name_of my_
_holiness_of_my I_will_make_known in_the_
_middle people_of_my Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_not I_
_will_let_be_profaned ~~ĐOM~~ the_name_of my_
_holiness_of_my again and_ the_nations _they_
_will_know if/because_that I **YHWH** am_holy in_
_Yisrāʾēl/(Israel). 8 THERE it_is_coming and_it_
_will_occur the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**
it the_day which I_have_spoken. 9 And_they_will_
_go_out the_inhabitants_of the_cities_of
Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) and_they_will_kindle and_they_
_will_kindle_a_fire with_weaponry and_shield
and_body_shield with_bow and_with_arrows
and_with_staff_of hand and_with_spear and_
_they_will_kindle in/among_them fire seven
years. 10 And_not they_will_carry wood(s) from
the_field and_not they_will_cut_it from the_
_forests if/because with_weaponry they_will_
_kindle fire and_they_will_plunder ~~ĐOM~~ those_of_
_who_plundered_them and_they_will_take_as_
_spoil ~~ĐOM~~ those_of_who_took_them_as_spoil
the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

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11 And_it_was on_day (the)_that I_will_give to_
_Gōg a_place_of (of)_there a_burial_site in_
_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_valley_of those_who_pass_
_through the_east_of the_sea and_ it _will_be_
_blocking_the_way_of ᴅᴏᴍ those_who_pass_
_through and_people_will_bury there ᴅᴏᴍ Gōg
and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of multitude_of_his[228] and_they_
_will_call_it the_valley_of_Hₐmōn- Gōg the_
_valley_of_Hₐmōn-. 12 And_they_will_bury_them
the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) so_as to_cleanse
ᴅᴏᴍ the_earth/land seven months. 13 And_ all_of
the_people_of the_earth/land _they_will_bury_
_them and_it_was to/for_them (into)_a_name
the_day_of my_glorifying_myself the_utterance_
_of my_master **YHWH**. 14 And_people_of
continuity they_will_set_apart who_pass on_the_
_earth who_bury ᴅᴏᴍ those_who_pass_on ᴅᴏᴍ
those_who_remain on the_surface_of the_
_earth/land to_cleanse_it from_the_end_of seven
months they_will_make_a_search. 15 And_ those_
_who_pass _they_will_pass on_the_earth and_
_they_will_see a_bone_of a_human and_he_will_
_build beside_it a_marker until those_who_bury
they_have_buried ᴅᴏᴍ_him/it to the_valley_of_
_Hₐmōn- Gōg the_valley_of_Hₐmōn-. 16 And_also
the_name_of a_city is_Hamonah and_they_will_
_cleanse the_earth/land. 17 And_you(ms) Oh_
_son_of humankind thus he_says my_master
**YHWH** say to_bird[s]_of every_of wing and_
_to/for_all (the)_animal_of the_field assemble
and_come gather_yourselves from_round_about
to sacrifice_of_my which I am_sacrificing to/for_
_you(pl) a_sacrifice great on the_mountains_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_you(pl)_will_eat flesh and_
_you(pl)_will_drink blood. 18 The_flesh_of
warriors you(pl)_will_eat and_the_blood_of the_
_princes_of the_earth/land you(pl)_will_drink
rams lambs and_goats bulls fatlings_of Bāshān of_
_them_of_all. 19 And_you(pl)_will_eat fat to_
_satiety and_you(pl)_will_drink blood to_
_drunkenness from_sacrifice_of_my which I_
_have_sacrificed for_you(pl). 20 And_you(pl)_will_
_be_satisfied at table_of_my horse and_charioteer
warrior and_all man_of war the_utterance_of my_
_master **YHWH**.

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**Gog's burial**

11 Then at that time, I'll make a grave for Gog there in Yisrael (Israel)—a valley for those who journey to the east of the sea. They'll bury Gog there with all his multitudes, and they'll call it the 'Hamon-Gog' (or, 'Gog's horde') valley. That mass grave will block people who want to cross over. 12 It'll take seven months for the Israelis to bury them to make the area clean—13 all the land's people will bury them. It'll be a memorable day for them when I'm honoured. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. 14 At the end of the seven months, they'll designate men to continually go through the region to find people who were travelling through, but who died and their bodies remained above the ground, so that they can bury them to make the land clean. 15 As those men pass through the land, when they see any human bone, they'll put a marker by it, until gravediggers come and bury it in the Hamon-Gog valley. 16 There'll even be a city there named 'Hamonah' (which means, 'horde' or 'multitude'). In that way, they'll make the land clean again.

17 Now, son of humanity, the master Yahweh says this to you: Tell all the winged birds and all the wild animals in the countryside, 'Gather together and come. Gather from all around to the sacrifice that I myself am making for you—a large sacrifice on Yisrael's mountains, so that you can eat human flesh and drink blood.[227] 18 You'll eat warriors' flesh and drink the blood of the world's leaders as if they were rams, lambs, goats, and bulls that were all fattened in Bashan. 19 Then you'll eat fat until you're full and drink blood until you're drunk—that'll be the sacrifice that I'll slaughter for you birds and animals. 20 You'll be satisfied at my table with horses, chariot drivers, warriors, and every man of war. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.'

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**227 RV 39:17-20 · Cross-ref.** Rev 19:17-18.

**228 LV 39:11 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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**Yisrael's restoration**

21 I'll display my power among the nations, and all the nations will see my judgement that I'll put into process and how I'll put that into action against them. 22 Then from that time onwards, the Israeli people will know that I am their god Yahweh. 23 The nations will know that the Israeli people went into captivity because of how they betrayed me with their disobedience, so I distanced myself from them and handed them over to their adversaries so that they all died in the battle. 24 When I distanced myself from them, I treated them exactly as their defilement and rebellion deserved.

25 Therefore the master Yahweh says this: Now I'll restore Ya'akov's (Jacob's) fortunes, and I'll have compassion on all of Yisrael's (Israel's) descendants, when I act with zeal to protect my pure reputation. 26 Then they'll bear their shame and all the treason in which they betrayed me. They'll forget all that when they rest in their land in safety, with no one to terrify them 27 when I restore them from the people groups and gather them from their enemies' lands, and I show myself in the sight of many nations to always do what's right. 28 Then they'll know that I am Yahweh their god, because I sent them into captivity among the other nations, but then I'll gather them back to their own land. I won't leave any of them among the nations. 29 I'll no longer distance myself from them when I pour out my spirit on the Israeli people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

**The revelation concerning the coming temple and nation[230] · Yehezkel is taken to Yerushalem**

40:1 In mid-April of the twenty-fifth year of our captivity (the fourteenth year after Yerushalem (Jerusalem) was captured), Yahweh used his power to take me there, 2 yes, God took me to Yisrael (Is-

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21 And_I_will_set ÐOM glory_of_my among_ _nations and_ all_of the_nations _they_will_see ÐOM judgement_of_my which I_have_done and_ _ÐOM hand_of_my which I_have_put on_them. 22 And_ the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _they_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** god_of_their from the_day (the)_that and_onwards. 23 And_ the_nations _they_will_know if/because_that for_ _iniquity_of_their the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) they_went_into_exile on that they_had_acted_ _unfaithfully against_me and_I_hid face_of_my from_them and_I_gave_them in_the_hand_of their_foes_of_their and_they_fell by_sword of_ _them_of_all. 24 According_to_of_their_ _uncleanness and_according_to_of_their_ _transgressions I_have_dealt ÐOM_them and_I_hid face_of_my from_them. 25 For_so/thus/hence thus my_master **YHWH** he_says now I_will_turn_ _back ÐOM the_captivity_of[229] of_Ya'aqov/(Jacob) and_I_will_have_compassion_on all_of the_house_ _of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_I_will_be_zealous for_the_ _name_of my_holiness_of_my. 26 And_they_will_ _bear ÐOM disgrace_of_their and_ÐOM all_of unfaithfulness_of_their which they_acted_ _unfaithfully against_me when_dwell_they on land_of_their_own to_security and_there_will_ _not_be one_who_terrifies. 27 When_I_bring_back them from the_peoples and_I_will_gather ÐOM_ _them from_the_lands_of their_enemies_of_their and_I_will_show_myself_holy by_them to_the_ _eyes_of the_nations many. 28 And_they_will_ _know if/because_that I am_**YHWH** god_of_their because_I_sent_into_exile ÐOM_them to the_ _nations and_I_will_gather_them to land_of_ _their_own and_not I_will_leave_behind again from_them there. 29 And_not I_will_hide again face_of_my from_them I_who I_have_poured_out ÐOM my_breath/wind/spirit on the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

40:1 In_twenty and_five year of_exile_of_our at_ _the_beginning_of the_year on_ten of_month in_ _four- teen year after that the_city it_was_struck_ _down on_the_substance_of the_day the_this it_ _was on_me the_hand_of **YHWH** and_he/it_ _brought ÐOM_me to_(to). 2 In_visions_of god he_ _brought_me to the_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_ _he_set_me_down to a_mountain high very and_

229 **LV 39:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: תיבש: (x-qere) 'תָּוּבְּשׁ': lemma_7622 morph_HNcfsc id_26taf תָּוּבְּשׁ

230 **RV 40:1 · Parallel** 40:1–48:35

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_was_on_it like_the_structure_of a_city from_the_
_south. 3 And_he_brought me to_(to) and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_man appearance_of_his was_
_like_the_appearance_of bronze and_a_cord_of
linen(s) in_his/its_hand and_the_reed_of (the)_
_measurement and_he was_standing in_gate.
4 And_he/it_spoke to_me the_man Oh_son_of
humankind see with_eyes_of_your and_with_
_ears_of_your hear and_set heart_of_your to_
_all/each/any/every that I am_about_to_show
you if/because so_as to_show_you you_have_
_been_brought hither tell ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that you are_
_about_to_see to_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
5 And_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_wall was_from_the_
_outside of_house all_around all_around and_in_
_the_hand_of the_man the_reed_of the_
_measurement was_six cubits by_cubit and_a_
_hand_breadth and_he_measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_
_breadth_of the_structure a_reed one and_the_
_height a_reed one. 6 And_he_went to the_gate
which his/its_faces/face was_the_direction_of
(to)_the_east and_he/it_ascended its[234] and_he_
_measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_threshold_of the_gate a_reed
one breadth and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_threshold one a_reed
one breadth. 7 And_the_chamber a_reed one
length and_a_reed one breadth and_between the_
_chambers five cubits and_the_threshold_of the_
_gate from_beside the_porch_of the_gate from_
_the_house a_reed one. 8 And_he_measured ᴅᴏᴍ
the_porch_of the_gate from_the_house a_reed
one. 9 And_he_measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_porch_of the_
_gate eight cubits its[235] two cubits the_porch_of
the_gate was_from_the_house. 10 And_the_
_chambers_of the_gate the_direction_of the_east
three from_here and_three from_here a_
_measurement one belonged_to_the_three_of_of_
_them and_a_measurement one belonged_to_
_pillars from_here and_from_here. 11 And_he_
_measured ᴅᴏᴍ the_breadth_of the_entrance_of
the_gate ten cubits the_length_of the_gate thir-
teen cubits. 12 And_a_barrier to_(the)_face_of/in_
_front_of/before the_chambers was_a_cubit one

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rael) in visions. He put me on a very high mountain where there seemed to be city buildings towards the south,[231] 3 and he took me there. Then wow, there was a man standing in the city gateway who looked like bronze! He was holding a linen cord and a measuring rod.[232]

4 The man told me, "Son of humanity, look with your eyes and listen with your ears, and fix your mind on everything that I'm revealing to you, because you were brought here so I could reveal them to you. Report everything you see here to the Israeli people."

**The eastern gateway**

5 There was a wall surrounding the temple area. The measuring rod in the man's hand was just over three metres long. (It was six long cubits—each long cubit was a cubit long plus a handbreadth.) So he measured the wall, and it was one measuring rod thick and one high.[233] 6 Then he went to the temple gate that faced east. He went up its steps and measured the gate's threshold—one rod across. 7 The guard chambers were each one rod long and deep, and just under three metres wide. The temple gate threshold by the temple porch was one rod across. 8 He measured the porch inside the gate and it was one rod long, 9 and the porch over the gate was one rod deep. The doorposts were each a metre wide. (This was the porch at the gate facing the temple.) 10 There were three guard chambers on either side of the east gate, and each of them was the same size, and the walls that separated them were the same size.

11 Then the man measured the width of the gateway entrance and it was five metres, and the length of the gateway entrance was almost seven metres. 12 He measured the wall that ran along the front of the chambers at half a metre high. The chambers measured three metres on each side.

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**231 RV 40:2 · Cross-ref.** Rev 21:10.

**232 RV 40:3 · Cross-ref.** Rev 11:1; 21:15.

**233 RV 40:5–42:20 · Cross-ref.** 1Ki 6:1-38; 2Ch 3:1-9.

**234 LV 40:6 · Note** OSHB variant note: תולעמ/ב/: (x-qere) וְיִתוֹלֲעֻמְּ/ב/ו': lemma_b/4609 b n_1 morph_HR/Ncfpc/Sp3ms id_26S85 וְיִתוֹלֲעֻמְּ/ב/ו

**235 LV 40:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: לי־א/ו/: (x-qere) וְיֵלֵיאָ/ו/ו': lemma_c/352 b n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26M6J וְיֵלֵיאָ/ו

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13 Then he measured the gateway from the roof of one chamber to that of the next chamber, and it was thirteen metres from the entrance of the first chamber to that of the second. 14 Then he measured the wall that went between the guard chambers, and it was over thirty metres long as far as the gate's porch. 15 The entrance from the front of the gate to the other end of the gate's porch was twenty-seven metres. 16 There were closed windows facing the chambers and toward their pillars within the gates all around, and likewise for the porches. There were windows all around the inside, and each of the door jambs was decorated with carvings of palm trees.

**The temple courtyard**

17 Then the man brought me to the outer courtyard of the temple. Look, there were rooms, and the courtyard was paved, with thirty rooms next to the pavement. 18 The pavement reached to the side of the gates, and its width was the same as the gates' length. That was the lower pavement. 19 Then the man measured the distance from the front of the lower gate to the front of the inner gate: it was just over fifty metres on the eastern side, and the same on the northern side.

**The northern gateway**

20 Then he measured the length and width of the gate that was at the northern end of the outer courtyard. 21 There were three chambers on each side of that gate, and the gate with its porch measured the same as the main gate: twenty-seven metres

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and_was_a_cubit one a_barrier from_here and_ _the_chamber was_six cubits from_here and_six cubits from_here. 13 And_he_measured ~~DOM~~ the_ _gate from_the_roof of_the_chamber to_roof_its breadth twenty and_five cubits entrance before entrance. 14 And_he/it_made ~~DOM~~ pillars sixty cubit[s] and_near/to the_pillar_of the_courtyard the_gate all_around all_around. 15 And_on the_ _face_of the_gate the[236] on to_(the)_face_of/in_ _front_of/before the_porch_of the_gate (the)_ _inner fifty cubit[s]. 16 And_windows closed were_to the_chambers and_near/to pillars_of_ _their to_within to_gate all_around all_around and_thus/so/as_follows to_porches and_windows were_all_around all_around to_within and_ _near/to a_pillar palm_trees.

17 And_he_brought_me into the_courtyard the_ _outer and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE rooms and_a_ _pavement made for_courtyard all_around all_ _around thirty rooms to the_pavement. 18 And_ _the_pavement was_to the_side_of the_gates corresponding_to_of the_length_of the_gates the_pavement (the)_lower. 19 And_he_measured the_breadth from_to/for_face/front/presence the_gate (the)_lower to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before of_the_courtyard (the)_inner from_ _outside a_hundred cubit[s] the_east and_the_ _north.

20 And_the_gate which his/its_faces/face was_ _the_direction_of the_north of_courtyard (the)_ _outer he_measured length_of_its and_breadth_ _of_its. 21 And[237] three from_here and_three from_here and[238] and[239] it_was like_the_ _measurement_of the_gate (the)_first was_fifty cubit[s] length_of_its and_the_breadth was_five

**236 LV 40:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/תֹותִיאָ/ה: (x-qere) 'וְ/תֹותִיאָ/ה': lemma_d/2978 n_1.2 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_26K9x וְ/תֹותִיאָ/ה

**237 LV 40:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/אֹת/ו: (x-qere) 'ו/יְאָת/ו': lemma_c/8372 n_1.2.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26iyu ו/יְאָת/ו

**238 LV 40:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לֹיא/ו: (x-qere) 'ו/יְלֵיא/ו': lemma_c/352 b morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26BpP ו/יְלֵיא/ו

**239 LV 40:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלֹא/ו: (x-qere) 'ו/יְמַלֵּא/ו': lemma_c/361 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26QeB ו/יְמַלֵּא/ו

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and_twenty by_cubit. 22 And[240] and[241] and[242] were_like_the_measurement_of the_gate which his/its_faces/face was_the_direction_of the_east and_by_steps seven people_go_up in_him/it and[243] were_before_of_them. 23 And_a_gate to_ _courtyard (the)_inner was_before the_gate to_ _north and_to_east and_he_measured from_gate to gate a_hundred cubit[s].

24 And_he_led_me the_direction_of the_south and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_gate_of the_direction_of the_south and_he_measured its[244] its[245] according_the_measurements the_these. 25 And_ _windows to_him/it its[246] all_around all_around like_the_windows the_these was_fifty cubit[s] the_length and_the_breadth was_five and_twenty cubit[s]. 26 And_were_steps seven mmm[247] its[248] were_before_of_them and_palm_trees to_him/it one from_here and_one from_here were_to mmm[249]. 27 And_a_gate belonged_to_courtyard (the)_inner the_direction_of the_south and_he_ _measured from_gate to the_gate the_direction_ _of the_south a_hundred cubits.

28 And_he_brought_me into a_courtyard (the)_ _inner by_the_gate_of the_south and_he_ _measured ~~DOM~~ the_gate the_south according_

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long and thirteen metres wide. 22 Its windows, porch, chambers, and its palm trees matched the eastern gate. Seven steps went up to it and to its porch. 23 There was a gate to the inner courtyard in front of the northern gate, just as there was at the eastern gate. The man measured from one gate to the other gate, and it was fifty-four metres.

**The southern gateway**

24 Next the man took me to the gateway at the southern entrance, and its walls and porch measured the same as the other outer gates. 25 There were closed windows in the gateway and its porch just like the other gates. The southern gate with its porch was twenty-seven metres long and thirteen metres wide. 26 There were seven steps up to the gate and its porch, and carvings of palm trees on the walls on each side. 27 There was a gate to the inner courtyard on the southern side, and the man measured fifty-four metres from that gate to the gate at the southern entrance.

**The gateways to the inner courtyard**

28 Then the man brought me to the inner courtyard

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240 **LV 40:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/נולח/ו: (x-qere) 'וְ/יָנוֹלַח/וְ': lemma_c/2474 morph_HC/Ncbpc/Sp3ms id_26ff8 וְ/יָנוֹלַח/וְ

241 **LV 40:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלא/ו: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִמַּלֵּא/וְ': lemma_c/361 n_1.2.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26Qr5 וְ/יִמַּלֵּא/וְ

242 **LV 40:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/רמת/ו: (x-qere) 'וְ/יֹרֻמָּת/וְ': lemma_c/8561 n_1.2 morph_HC/Ncfpc/Sp3ms id_266Qc וְ/יֹרֻמָּת/וְ

243 **LV 40:22 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלי/ו: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִמַּלֵּיא/וְ': lemma_c/361 n_0.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26pEU וְ/יִמַּלֵּיא/וְ

244 **LV 40:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לי/א: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִלֵּיא': lemma_352 b n_0.1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26APL וְ/יִלֵּיא

245 **LV 40:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלי/א: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִמַּלֵּיא/וְ': lemma_c/361 n_0.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_2615v וְ/יִמַּלֵּיא/וְ

246 **LV 40:25 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלי/א/ל/ו: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִמַּלֵּיא/ל/וּ': lemma_c/l/361 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/R/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26Hoy וְ/יִמַּלֵּיא/ל/וּ

247 **LV 40:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/תולע/: (x-qere) 'וְ/יְתוֹלָע': lemma_5930 b n_1.1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26QiW וְ/יְתוֹלָע

248 **LV 40:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלא/ו: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִמַּלֵּא/וְ': lemma_c/361 n_1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26xLM וְ/יִמַּלֵּא/וְ

249 **LV 40:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לי/א: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִלֵּיא': lemma_352 b n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26mqh וְ/יִלֵּיא

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by way of its southern gate, which had the same measurements as the other gates. 29 Its chambers, walls, and porches measured the same as the other gates—there were windows all around in the porch. The inner gate with its porch was twenty-seven metres long and thirteen metres wide. 30 There were also porches all around the inner wall—they were all thirteen metres long and almost three metres wide. 31 The porch facing the outer courtyard had carved palm trees on its walls, and eight steps going up to it.

**The eastern gate to the inner courtyard**

32 Then the man brought me to the inner courtyard by the eastern side and measured the gate, which had the same measurements as the other gates. 33 Its chambers, walls, and porches measured the same as the other gates, and there were windows all around. The inner gate with its porch was twenty-seven metres long and thirteen metres

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_the_measurements the_these. 29 And[250] and[251] and[252] were_according_the_measurements the_ _these and_windows to_him/it its[253] all_around all_around was_fifty cubit[s] the_length and_the_ _breadth was_twenty and_five cubits. 30 And_ _porches were_all_around all_around the_length was_five and_twenty cubit[s] and_the_breadth was_five cubits. 31 And_porches_of_its[254] were_to a_courtyard (the)_outer and_palm_trees were_to mmm[255] and_was_steps eight mmm[256].

32 And_he_brought_me into the_courtyard (the)_ _inner the_direction_of the_east and_he_ _measured ~~DOM~~ the_gate according_the_ _measurements the_these. 33 And[257] and[258] and[259] were_according_the_measurements the_ _these and_windows to_him/it its[260] all_around all_around the_length was_fifty cubit[s] and_the_ _breadth was_five and_twenty cubit[s]. 34 Its[261] were_to_courtyard (the)_outer palm_trees were_

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**250 LV 40:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/אֹתָ/וֹ: (x-qere) 'וְ/יָּאֹתָ/וֹ': lemma_c/8372 n_1.1.0.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26KCZ וְ/יָּאֹתָ/וֹ

**251 LV 40:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/לִיאָ/וֹ: (x-qere) 'וְ/יָלֵיאָ/וֹ': lemma_c/352 b morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26pi8 וְ/יָלֵיאָ/וֹ

**252 LV 40:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/מִלְאָ/וֹ: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִמַּלְאָ/וֹ': lemma_c/361 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26cGB וְ/יִמַּלְאָ/וֹ

**253 LV 40:29 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/מִלְאָ/לֹ/וֹ: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִמַּלְאָ/לֹ/וּ': lemma_c/l/361 n_1.0 morph_HC/R/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_2615j וְ/יִמַּלְאָ/לֹ/וּ

**254 LV 40:31 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

**255 LV 40:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/לִיאָ: (x-qere) 'וְ/יָלֵיאָ': lemma_352 b n_1 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26KVs וְ/יָלֵיאָ

**256 LV 40:31 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/לִעְמָ: (x-qere) 'וְ/יָלֵעַמּ': lemma_4608 n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26Bgt וְ/יָלֵעַמּ

**257 LV 40:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/אֹתָ/וֹ: (x-qere) 'וְ/יָּאֹתָ/וֹ': lemma_c/8372 n_1.1.0.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26kL5 וְ/יָּאֹתָ/וֹ

**258 LV 40:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/לֹאָ/וֹ: (x-qere) 'וְ/יָלֵאָ/וֹ': lemma_c/352 b morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26pEE וְ/יָלֵאָ/וֹ

**259 LV 40:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/מִלְאָ/וֹ: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִמַּלְאָ/וֹ': lemma_c/361 n_1.1.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_266kc וְ/יִמַּלְאָ/וֹ

**260 LV 40:33 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/מִלְאָ/לֹ/וֹ: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִמַּלְאָ/לֹ/וּ': lemma_c/l/361 n_1.0 morph_HC/R/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26JTd וְ/יִמַּלְאָ/לֹ/וּ

**261 LV 40:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/מִלְאָ/וֹ: (x-qere) 'וְ/יִמַּלְאָ/וֹ': lemma_c/361 n_1.1.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26JSR וְ/יִמַּלְאָ/וֹ

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_to mmm[262] from_here and_from_here and_eight steps mmm[263].

35 And_he_brought_me into the_gate_of the_ _north and_he_measured according_the_ _measurements the_these. 36 Mmm[264] mmm[265] its[266] and_windows to_him/it all_around all_ _around the_length was_fifty cubit[s] and_the_ _breadth was_five and_twenty cubit[s]. 37 Its[267] were_to_courtyard (the)_outer palm_trees were_ _to mmm[268] from_here and_from_here and_eight steps mmm[269].

38 And_a_room and_entrance_of_its was_at_ _pillars the_gates there people_rinse ~~DOM~~ the_ _burnt_offering. 39 And_were_in_the_porch_of the_gate two tables from_here and_two tables from_here to_slaughter to_them the_burnt_ _offering and_the_sin_offering and_the_guilt_ _offering. 40 And_near/to the_side from_(to)_ _outside for_who]_goes_up to_the_entrance_of the_gate (the)_northward_toward two tables and_ _near/to the_side (the)_other which was_to_the_ _porch_of the_gate two tables. 41 Four tables from_here and_four tables from_here were_to_ _the_side_of the_gate eight tables which_to_them people_slaughter. 42 And_four tables for_offering were_stones_of hewn_stone the_length was_a_ _cubit one and_a_half and_the_breadth was_a_ _cubit one and_a_half and_the_height was_a_ _cubit one to_them and_people_set_down ~~DOM~~ the_vessels which people_slaughtered ~~DOM~~ the_

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wide. 34 Its porch that faced the outer courtyard had carved palm trees on each side of it, and eight steps going up it.

**The northern gate to the inner courtyard**

35 Next the man brought me to the northern gate and measured it, and it measured the same as the other gates. 36 Its chambers, walls, and porch measured the same as the other gates, and there were windows all around. The gateway with its porch was twenty-seven metres long and thirteen metres wide. 37 Its porch that faced the outer courtyard had carved palm trees on each side of it, and eight steps going up it.

**Rooms for preparing sacrifices**

38 There was a room with a door by each of the inner gateways which was where they rinsed the burnt offerings. 39 There were two tables on each side of each porch, which were for slaughtering the offerings: the burnt offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering. 40 By the wall of the courtyard, going up to the gate to the north, there were two tables. Also on the other side there were two tables at the gate's porch. 41 There were four tables by the gate on each side—they slaughtered animals on those eight tables. 42 There were four cut-stone tables for the burnt offerings, each just under a metre long and wide, and standing half a metre tall. They kept the tools which they used to slaughter the burnt offerings for the sacrifices on those stone tables. 43 Some two-pronged hooks a

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**262 LV 40:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לא: (x-qere) 'וְיֶלֶא': lemma_352 b n_1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26HTu וְיֶלֶא

**263 LV 40:34 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לעמ: (x-qere) 'וְיֶלַעַמ': lemma_4608 n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26aqk וְיֶלַעַמ

**264 LV 40:36 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/את: (x-qere) 'וְיָאְתֹ': lemma_8372 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26QQV וְיָאְתֹ

**265 LV 40:36 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לא: (x-qere) 'וְיֶלֶא': lemma_352 b morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26Rqg וְיֶלֶא

**266 LV 40:36 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/מלא/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיְמַלֶּאָוְ': lemma_c/361 n_1.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26SXR וְיְמַלֶּאָוְ

**267 LV 40:37 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/ליא/ו: (x-qere) 'וְיְלִיאָוְ': lemma_c/352 b n_1.1.1 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3ms id_26a4E וְיְלִיאָוְ

**268 LV 40:37 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/ליא: (x-qere) 'וְיֶלִיא': lemma_352 b n_1.0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_26tt3 וְיֶלִיא

**269 LV 40:37 · Note** OSHB variant note: ו/לעמ: (x-qere) 'וְיֶלַעַמ': lemma_4608 n_0 morph_HNcmpc/Sp3ms id_261gK וְיֶלַעַמ

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handbreadth in length were fastened all around in the porch, and the flesh of the offerings would be put on the tables.

**The priests' rooms**

44 Within the inner court-
yard but on the outside of the inner gate were singers' rooms—one on the northern side facing south, and the other on the southern side facing north. 45 Then the man told me, "This room facing south is for the priests who are on duty in the temple. 46 The room facing north is for the priests on duty at the altar, that is, for Tsadok's descendants—they're the only Levites who approach Yahweh to serve him."

**The inner courtyard**

47 Next he measured the square courtyard at fifty-four metres long and wide, with the altar in front of the temple.

**The temple entrance**

48 Then the man took me to the temple porch and measured its doorposts—they were each two and a half metres thick. The entryway itself was seven metres wide,[270] and the walls on each side of it were one and a half metres wide. 49 The porch was eleven metres wide and six metres deep, with steps going up to it and pillars standing on each side of it.

**Inside the temple**

41:1 Then the man took me into the temple's holy place and measured the doorposts at three metres thick on each side.
2 The doorway was five metres wide and the wall on each side was two and a half metres long. Then the man measured the dimensions of the holy place—twenty-one metres long and eleven metres wide. 3 Then the man went into the very sacred inner place and measured the door at one metre wide, and the doorway was three metres wide. The walls on either side were nearly four metres wide.
4 Then he measured the square room's length and width of eleven metres, measuring to the temple

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_burnt_offering by_them and_the_sacrifice.
43 And_the_hooks a_hand_breadth one were_
_established in_house all_around all_around and_
_near/to the_tables the_flesh_of the_offering.
44 And_from_(to)_the_outside of_gate (the)_inner
rooms_of singers were_in_courtyard (the)_inner
which was_to the_side_of the_gate_of the_north
and_fronts_of_their was_the_direction_of the_
_south one was_to the_side_of the_gate_of the_
_east the_front_of the_direction_of the_north.
45 And_he/it_spoke to_me this the_room which
front_of_its is_the_direction_of the_south is_for_
_priests who_keep_of (of)_the_charge_of the_
_house. 46 And_the_room which front_of_its is_
_the_direction_of the_north is_for_priests who_
_keep_of (of)_the_charge_of the_altar they are_
_the_sons_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) (the)_approaching
from_(the)_sons of_Lēvī to **YHWH** to_serve_him.
47 And_he_measured ~~DOM~~ the_courtyard the_
_length was_a_hundred cubit[s] and_the_breadth
was_a_hundred cubit[s] a_square and_the_altar
to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before the_house.
48 And_he_brought_me to the_porch_of the_
_house and_he_measured a_pillar_of a_porch five
cubits from_here and_five cubits from_here and_
_the_breadth_of the_gate was_three cubits from_
_here and_three cubits from_here. 49 The_length_
_of the_porch was_twenty cubit[s] and_the_
_breadth was_one_plus_of ten cubit[s] and_by_
_steps which people_go_up to_him/it and_
_columns to the_pillars one from_here and_one
from_here.
41:1 And_he_brought_me to the_temple and_he_
_measured ~~DOM~~ the_pillars was_six cubits the_
_breadth from_here and_was_six cubits the_
_breadth from_here the_breadth_of the_tent.
2 And_the_breadth_of the_entrance was_ten
cubits and_the_sides_of the_entrance was_five
cubits from_here and_five cubits from_here and_
_he_measured length_of_its forty cubit[s] and_
_the_breadth was_twenty cubit[s]. 3 And_he_went
to_within and_he_measured the_pillar_of the_
_entrance two cubits and_the_entrance was_six
cubits and_the_breadth_of the_entrance was_
_seven cubits. 4 And_he_measured ~~DOM~~ length_
_of_its twenty cubit[s] and_the_breadth was_
_twenty cubit[s] to the_face_of the_temple and_

**270 RV 40:48 · Note** Following the LXX, as the 1.5m (three cubits) in the Hebrew appears likely to be a copying mistake.

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_he/it_said to_me this is_the_holy_place_of the_
_holy_places.

5 And_he_measured the_wall_of the_house six
cubits and_the_breadth_of the_rib/plank was_
_four cubits all_around all_around to_house all_
_around. 6 And_the_side-chambers side-chamber
to side-chamber were_three and_thirty times
and_things_which_were_going were_in_wall
which belonged_to_house for_side-chambers all_
_around all_around to_be supports and_not they_
_will_be supports in_the_wall_of the_house.
7 And_it_was_broad and_it_surrounded (to)_
_upwards (to)_upwards to_side-chambers
if/because the_surrounding_of the_house (to)_
_upwards (to)_upwards all_around all_around to_
_house therefore yes/correct/thus/so the_
_breadth of_house (to)_upwards and_thus/so/as_
_follows the_lower_story someone_will_ascend to
the_upper_story to_story. 8 And_I_saw to_house
a_height all_around all_around the_foundations_
_of[271] of_the_side-chambers was_the_fullness_of
the_reed six cubits a_joint. 9 The_breadth_of the_
_wall which belonged_to_side-chamber to the_
_outside was_five cubits and_which was_free_
_space between_of the_side-chambers which
belonged_to_house. 10 And_between the_rooms
the_breadth_of was_twenty cubit[s] around (to)_
_house all_around all_around. 11 And_the_
_entrance_of the_rib/plank was_to_space an_
_entrance one was_the_direction_of the_north
and_an_entrance one was_to_south and_the_
_breadth_of the_place_of the_free_space was_five
cubits all_around all_around.
12 And_the_structure which was_to the_face_of
the_separate_place the_side_of the_direction_of
the_sea the_breadth_of was_seventy cubit[s] and_
_the_wall_of the_structure was_five cubits
breadth all_around all_around and_length_of_its
was_ninety cubit[s].

13 And_he_measured ~~DOM~~ the_house the_length
was_a_hundred cubit[s] and_the_separate_place
and_the_structure and_walls_of_its the_length
was_a_hundred cubit[s]. 14 And_the_breadth_of
the_front_of the_house and_the_separate_place
to_east was_a_hundred cubit[s]. 15 And_he_
_measured the_length_of the_structure to the_
_face_of the_separate_place which was_at

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hallway. Then he said to me, "This is the most sacred area."

**The temple rooms**

5 Then the man measured the wall of the house at three metres thick. The width of each side room around the house was two metres. 6 There were side rooms on three levels, one room above another, thirty rooms on each level. There were ledges around the temple wall to support all the side rooms, as the supports weren't built into the temple wall. 7 So the side rooms widened and went around going up, because the house went around higher and higher all around—the rooms widened on each higher level, and a stairway went up through the middle level to the highest level. 8 Then I saw a raised part all around the temple, the foundation for the side rooms. It measured a full rod in height—just over three metres. 9 The width of the wall of the side rooms on the outside was two and a half metres. There was an open space outside those rooms in the temple. 10 On the other side of that open space were the priests' outer side rooms. That space was eleven metres wide all around the temple.
11 There were doors into the side rooms from another open space with one doorway on the north side, and the other on the south. The width of that open area was two and a half metres all around.

**The western side**

12 The building that faced the courtyard on the western side was thirty-six metres wide. Its wall was two and a half metres thick all around, and it was forty-seven metres long.

**The temple building measurements**

13 Then the man measured the temple as being fifty-four metres long. The separate building, its wall, and the courtyard combined also measured fifty-four metres across. 14 The width of the front of the courtyard in front of the temple was also fifty-four metres.

**271 LV 41:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: תודסימ: (x-qere) 'תָּוֹדְסוּמ': lemma_4145 morph_HNcfpc id_26vRK תָּוֹדְסוּמ

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15 Then the man measured the length of the building behind the temple, to its west, and including the galleries on either side, it came to fifty-four metres.

The sacred inner place and the porch, 16 the inner walls and the windows, including the narrow windows, and the galleries all around on three levels, were all panelled in wood. 17 Above the entryway to the inner sanctuary and spaced along the walls there was a repeating pattern. 18 It was decorated with winged creatures and palm trees—with a palm tree between each winged creature, and each winged creature had two faces: 19 the human face looked toward a palm tree on one side, and the young lion face looked toward a palm tree on the other side. They were carved all around the entire temple. 20 From the ground to above the doorway, winged creatures and palm trees were carved on the outer wall of the temple. 21 The door posts of the main temple room were square, all with the same appearance. 22 The wooden altar was one metre on each side and stood one and a half metres high. Its corner posts, base, and frame were all made of wood.

Then the man said to me, "This is the table that stands in Yahweh's presence."

**The temple doorways**

23 Both the main room and the sacred place had double doors— 24 each consisting of two parts that swung on hinges. 25 There were carvings of winged creatures and palm trees on the doors, just like on the walls, and there was a wooden roof over the front porch. 26 There were narrow windows and palm trees on either side of the porch, like the side rooms of the temple, and they also had overhanging roofs.

**Two buildings near the temple**

42:1 Next the man sent me out to the outer courtyard on the northern side, and he brought me to rooms

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behind_it and[272] from_here and_from_here a_ _hundred cubit[s] and_the_temple (the)_inner and_the_porches_of the_courtyard. 16 The_ _thresholds and_the_windows (the)_closed and_ _the_galleries were_all_around (to)_the_three_of_ _of_them before the_threshold panelled_of wood all_around all_around and_the_earth to the_ _windows and_the_windows were_covered. 17 Over from_under the_entrance and_unto the_ _house (the)_inner and_to_outside and_near/to every_of (the)_wall all_around all_around in_part and_in_part measurements. 18 And_was_ cherubim and_palm_trees _made and_a_palm_ _tree was_between a_cherub and_a_cherub and_ _two faces belonged_to_cherub. 19 And_the_face_ _of a_human was_to the_palm_tree from_here and_the_face_of a_young_lion was_to the_palm_ _tree from_here it_was_done to all_of the_house all_around all_around. 20 From_the_ground to from_under the_entrance the_cherubim and_the_ _palm_trees were_made and_the_wall_of the_ _temple.[273] 21 The_temple a_doorpost_of a_ _square and_the_front_of the_holy_place the_ _appearance was_like_appearance. 22 The_altar was_wood three cubits high and_length_of_its was_two cubits and_corners_of_its to_him/it and_length_of_its and_sides_of_its were_wood and_he/it_spoke to_me this is_the_table which to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH**.

23 And_two doors belonged_to_temple and_to_ _place. 24 And_two leaves belonged_to_doors two turning leaves two_leaves belonged_to_a_door one and_two_of leaves belonged_to_door. 25 And_ _it_was_done to_them to the_doors_of the_ _temple cherubim and_palm_trees just_as they_ _were_done to_walls and_a_canopy_of wood was_ _to the_face_of the_porch from_the_outside. 26 And_windows closed and_palm_trees from_ _here and_from_here to the_sides_of the_porch and_the_side-chambers_of the_house and_the_ _canopies.

42:1 And_he_brought_me_out to the_courtyard (the)_outer the_way the_direction_of the_north and_he_brought_me to the_room which was_ _before the_separate_place and_which was_

**272 LV 41:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: אה/יקותא/ו: (x-qere) וְ/אָה/יְקֵיתַא/: lemma_c/862 b n_1.0.0 morph_HC/Ncmpc/Sp3fs id_26jaX וְ/אָה/יְקֵיתַא/

**273 LV 41:20 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

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_before the_structure to the_north. 2 To the_
_face_of length cubits_of the_hundred the_
_entrance_of the_north and_the_breadth was_
_fifty cubits. 3 Before the_twenty_cubits which
belonged_to_courtyard (the)_inner and_before
the_pavement which belonged_to_courtyard
(the)_outer a_gallery was_to the_face_of a_gallery
in_thirds. 4 And_was_before_of the_rooms a_
_passage_of ten cubits breadth to the_inner_
_court a_way_of a_cubit one and_entrances_of_
_their were_to_north. 5 And_the_rooms (the)_
_upper were_short if/because galleries they_
_consumed from_them more_than_the_lower_
_rooms and_more_than_the_middle_rooms the_
_structure. 6 If/because were_divided_into_
_three_parts they and_there_belonged_not to_
_them columns like_the_columns_of the_
_courtyards therefore yes/correct/thus/so it_
_was_shortened more_than_the_lower_rooms
and_more_than_the_middle_rooms from_the_
_ground. 7 And_a_wall which was_to_outside
was_close_to_of the_rooms the_direction_of the_
_courtyard (the)_outer to the_face_of the_rooms
length_of_its was_fifty cubit[s]. 8 If/because the_
_length_of the_rooms which belonged_to_
_courtyard (the)_outer was_fifty cubit[s] and_
_BEHOLD/LO/SEE on the_face_of the_temple a_
_hundred cubit[s]. 9 And_from wwww[275] the_
_these the[276] from_the_east when_comes_he to_
_them from_the_courtyard outer. 10 Were_in_
_the_breadth_of the_wall_of the_courtyard the_
_direction_of the_east to the_face_of the_
_separate_place and_near/to the_face_of the_
_structure rooms. 11 And_a_way was_before_of_
_them like_the_appearance_of the_rooms which
were_the_direction_of the_north like_length_of_
_their was_so breadth_of_their and_
_all/each/any/every exits_of_their and_like_
_plans_of_their and_like_entrances_of_their.
12 And_like_the_entrances_of the_rooms which
were_the_direction_of the_south an_entrance
was_at_the_head_of a_way a_way in_the_face_of
the_wall corresponding the_direction_of the_east

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in front of the outer courtyard and the northern outer wall. 2 That building with a north-facing entrance was fifty-four metres long and twenty-seven metres wide. 3 Some of those rooms faced the inner courtyard and were eleven metres away from the sanctuary. There were three levels of rooms, and the ones above looked down on the ones below and were open to them, having a walkway. Some of the rooms looked out onto the outer courtyard. 4 A five metre wide passage ran in front of the rooms and was fifty-four[274] metres long. The rooms' doors faced north. 5 But the upper halls were smaller, because the walkways there used more space than they did in the bottom and middle levels of the building. 6 The third storey halls had no pillars (unlike the courtyards), so the rooms at the highest level were smaller than those on the bottom and middle levels. 7 The outside wall ran along the rooms toward the outer courtyard that was in front of the rooms, and was twenty-seven metres long. 8 The row of rooms along the outer courtyard was twenty-seven metres long, and the row of rooms facing the sanctuary was fifty-four metres long. 9 There was an entrance to the lowest rooms from the eastern side, coming from the outer courtyard. 10 There was also a set of rooms along the outer courtyard wall on the eastern side of the outer courtyard, in front of the sanctuary's inner courtyard, 11 with a walkway in front of them. They looked similar to the rooms on the northern side and had the same measurements, as well as the same exits and arrangements and doors. 12 There were also doorways into rooms on the south side that were similar to what was on the north side. There was an inside passage with an outer door—the passage had doors into all the rooms. At the eastern end of the passage there was a door from the outside.

13 Then the man told me, "The northern rooms

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**274 RV 42:4 · Note** The Hebrew text seemed to be missing a word here (as it didn't make sense), so the word from the (approx. 300 B.C.) Septuagint translation was used.

**275 LV 42:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: תוכשל ה/תחת/מ/ו: (x-qere) 'תַּחַת/מ/ו': lemma_c/m/8478 n_1.0 morph_HC/R/R id_262Lg 'תּוֹכְשֶׁל/ה' תַּחַת/מ/ו': lemma_d/3957 morph_HTd/Ncfpa id_26CYE תּוֹכְשֶׁל/ה

**276 LV 42:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: אובמ/ה: (x-qere) 'אֹיְבֵמ/ה': lemma_d/935 n_0.2.0 morph_HTd/Ncmsa id_26wTv אֹיְבֵמ/ה

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and the southern rooms that are in front of the outer courtyard are sacred rooms where the priests who work nearest to Yahweh may eat the very sacred food. They'll put the very sacred things there—the food offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering—because it's a very sacred area. 14 When the priests enter it, they must not go back out of the sacred area to the outer courtyard, without laying aside the clothes in which they served, since those clothes are sacred. So they must dress in other clothes before going back into the public areas."

**Measuring outside the temple**

15 The man completed measuring the temple interior and then took me out to the eastern gate and measured all the surrounding area there. 16-19 He measured each side of the wall with his measuring rod, and it was 270m[278] long on each of the eastern, northern, southern, and western sides. 20 So the four sides that were measured (and thus the wall around it) was 270m on each side, and the wall separated the sacred area from the public area.

**God's powerful splendour of God at the temple**

43:1 Then the man took me to the gate that opened to the east. 2 Wow! The splendour of Yisrael's (Israel's) god appeared towards the east. His voice was like the roar of rushing water, and the land shone with his brilliance.[280]

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when_come_to_them. 13 And_he/it_said to_me the_rooms_of the_north the_rooms_of the_south which are_to the_face_of the_separate_place they are_the_rooms_of (the)_holiness where they_ _will_eat there the_priests who are_near to/for_ _**YHWH** the_holy_things_of the_holy_things there they_will_set_down the_holy_things_of the_holy_things and_the_grain_offering and_the_ _sin_offering and_the_guilt_offering if/because the_place is_holy. 14 When_go_they the_priests and_not they_will_go_out from_the_holy_place into the_courtyard (the)_outer and_there they_ _will_set_down clothes_of_their which they_will_ _serve in_them if/because are_a_holy_thing they and_they_will_put_on[277] clothes other and_they_ _will_draw_near to that_which is_for_people.

15 And_he_completed DOM the_measurements_of the_house (the)_inner and_he_brought_me_out the_way_of the_gate which his/its_faces/face was_the_direction_of the_east and_he_measured_ _it all_around all_around. 16 He_measured the_ _side_of the_east with_the_reed_of (the)_ _measurement five hundred(s)[279] reeds by_the_ _reed_of (the)_measurement all_around. 17 He_ _measured the_side_of the_north five hundred(s) reeds by_the_reed_of (the)_measurement all_ _around. 18 DOM the_side_of the_south he_ _measured five hundred(s) reeds by_the_reed_of (the)_measurement. 19 He_turned to the_side_of the_sea he_measured_it five hundred(s) reeds by_ _the_reed_of (the)_measurement. 20 To_four sides he_measured_it a_wall to_him/it all_around all_around the_length was_five hundred_cubits and_the_breadth was_five hundred_cubits to_ _separate between (the)_holy_thing and_a_ _profane_thing.

43:1 And_he_led_me to the_gate the_gate which was_facing the_direction_of the_east. 2 And_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_glory_of the_god_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) was_coming from_the_direction_ _of the_east and_sound_of_its was_like_the_ _sound_of waters many and_the_earth it_gave_ _light from_glory_of_his. 3 And_like_the_

277 **LV 42:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: ושבלי: (x-qere) 'וּשְׁבָל/ִי': lemma_c/3847 n_0.1.0 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_26EEg וּשְׁבָל/ִי

278 **RV 42:16 · Note** Following the Septuagint here, which seems more accurate (unless he now has a shorter measuring rod).

279 **LV 42:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: תומא: (x-qere) 'תְּאֻמָּ': lemma_3967 morph_HAcbpa id_26T6b תְּאֻמָּ

280 **RV 43:2 · Cross-ref.** Eze 10:3-4,18-19; 11:22-23; Rev 1:15.

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_appearance_of the_vision which I_saw was_like_ _vision which I_had_seen when_came_I to_ _destroy ᴅᴏᴍ the_city and_visions were_like_ _vision which I_had_seen to the_river_of Kəvār and_I_fell to face_of_my. 4 And_the_glory_of **YHWH** it_came into the_house the_way_of the_ _gate which his/its_faces/face was_the_ _direction_of the_east. 5 And_it_lifted_me_up a_ _spirit and_it_brought_me into the_courtyard (the)_inner and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_glory_of **YHWH** it_filled the_house. 6 And_I_heard one_ _who_spoke to_me from_the_house and_a_man he_was standing beside_me. 7 And_he/it_said to_ _me Oh_son_of humankind ᴅᴏᴍ the_place_of my_ _throne_of_my and_ᴅᴏᴍ the_place_of the_soles_ _of my_feet_of_my where I_will_dwell there in_ _the_middle the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) forever_perpetuity and_not they_will_defile again the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_name_of my_holiness_of_my they and_kings_of_their by_ _prostitution_of_their and_by_the_corpses_of their_kings_of_their places_of_their_high. 8 When_put_they threshold_of_their with threshold_of_my and_doorpost_of_their beside doorpost_of_my and_the_wall between_me and_ _between_them and_they_defiled ᴅᴏᴍ the_name_ _of my_holiness_of_my by_abominations_of_their which they_did and_I_made_an_end_of ᴅᴏᴍ_them in_anger_of_my. 9 Now let_them_put_far_away ᴅᴏᴍ prostitution_of_their and_the_corpses_of their_kings_of_their from_me and_I_will_dwell among_them forever_perpetuity. 10 You Oh_son_ _of humankind declare ᴅᴏᴍ the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) ᴅᴏᴍ the_house so_that_they_ _may_be_ashamed from_iniquities_of_their and_ _they_will_measure ᴅᴏᴍ a_pattern. 11 And_if they_are_ashamed from_all that they_have_done the_design_of the_house and_arrangement_of_its and_exits_of_its and_entrances_of_its and_all designs_of_its[282] and_ᴅᴏᴍ all_of regulations_of_ _its and_all mmm[283] and_all mmm[284] make_

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3 What I saw in this vision was like what I'd seen in my earlier visions, first by the Kevar Canal, then later when he[281] came to destroy Yerushalem (Jerusalem). I fell to my knees with my face to the ground. 4 So Yahweh's brightness entered into the temple via the eastern entrance.

5 Then the spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and wow, Yahweh's brilliance was filling the temple. 6 Then as the man was standing there beside me, I heard someone speak to me from inside the temple, 7 and the voice told me, "Son of humanity, this is the place where I'll sit on my throne and rest my feet—where I'll live in the middle of the Israeli people forever. Yisrael's descendants and their kings will no longer profane my sacred name with their faithlessness or with the corpses of their kings at their hilltop shrines. 8 They'll no longer profane my sacred name by putting their entrance next to my entrance, and their doorposts next to my doorposts, with nothing but a wall between me and them. They profaned my sacred name with their disgusting actions, so I destroyed them with my anger. 9 Now they're to remove their prostitution and their kings' corpses from in front of me, and I'll live among them forever.

10 "Son of humanity, describe that temple to the Israeli people so they'll be ashamed of their disobedience and think about those plans. 11 If they're ashamed of everything they've done, then reveal the design of that temple to them—its details, its entrances and exits, its complete design, and all its decrees and rules. Then right in front of them, write that down so they'll see its complete design and all its rules, and then obey them.

12 This is the regulation for the temple: From the peak of the hill to all the surrounding border

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**281 RV 43:3 · Note** It's only one letter difference, but the Hebrew has 'I' here which seems wrong and is adjusted in some later manuscripts.

**282 LV 43:11 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

**283 LV 43:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: תרוצ/י: (x-qere) וְיִתְרֹוצֵ': lemma_6699 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26eP8 וְיִתְרֹוצֵ

**284 LV 43:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: תרות/ו: (x-qere) וְיִתְרוֹתֵ': lemma_8451 n_1.1.0 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26Ape וְיִתְרוֹתֵ

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around it, it'll be very sacred. Listen, that's the regulation for the temple.

**The altar dimensions**

13 These are the altar's measurements, using the same kind of measuring rod that was used for the temple area: There's a gutter around the altar that's both half a metre deep and wide. There's a rim around it that's 23cm wide. That'll be the base for the rest of the altar.[285] 14 The lower part of the gutter is one metre high to the lower ledge that surrounds the altar. The lower ledge is half a metre wide. From that ledge to the upper ledge, it's two metres. That ledge is also half a metre wide. 15 The altar body at the top is another two metres high and has a hornlike projection jutting up from each of its corners. 16 The sides of the square body are six metres long. 17 The upper ledge that borders the altar body is also a square, eight metres long on each side, and has a rim all around that's 27cm wide. There's a gutter measuring half a metre at the bottom of the altar. There are steps leading up to the east side of the altar."

**The purification of the new altar**

18 Then the man told me, "Son of humanity, the master Yahweh says that those are the dimensions for when they make the altar for presenting the burnt offering on, and for sprinkling blood onto.[289] 19 You must give a bull from the cattle as a sin offering for the Levitical priests who are Tsadok's descendants—those who approach me to serve me. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. 20 Then you'll take some of the bull's blood and place it on the altar's 'horns' and on the four top

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_known_to them and_write to_eyes_of_their so_ _that_they_may_keep ~~DOM~~ all_of design_of_its and_~~DOM~~ all_of regulations_of_its and_they_will_ _do them. 12 This is_the_law_of the_house on the_top_of the_mountain all_of territory_of_its all_around all_around will_be_a_holy_place_of holy_places THERE this is_the_law_of the_house.

13 And_these are_the_measurements_of the_altar by_cubits a_cubit is_a_cubit and_a_hand_breadth and_a_gutter_of is_the_cubit and_is_a_cubit the_ _breadth and_border_of_its to edge_of_its around a_span_of the_one and_this is_the_mound_of the_ _altar. 14 And_from_the_gutter_of the_earth/land to the_ledge (the)_lower is_two cubits and_the_ _breadth is_a_cubit one and_from_the_ledge (the)_small to the_ledge (the)_large is_four cubits and_the_breadth is_the_cubit. 15 And_the_altar_ _hearth is_four cubits and_are_from_the_altar_ _hearth[286][287] and_(to)_upwards the_horns four. 16 And_the[288] is_two_plus ten_cubits length by_ _two_plus ten_cubits breadth it_is_square to the_ _four_of sides_of_its. 17 And_the_ledge is_four- teen_cubits length by_four- teen_cubits breadth to the_four_of sides_of_its and_the_border around it is_(the)_half_of (the)_cubit and_the_ _gutter to/for_her/it is_a_cubit all_around and_ _steps_of_its are_to_face east.

18 And_he/it_said to_me Oh_son_of humankind thus my_master **YHWH** he_says these are_the_ _regulations_of the_altar in/on_day it_is_made to_offer_up on/upon/above_him/it a_burnt_ _offering and_to_sprinkle on/upon/above_him/it blood. 19 And_you(ms)_will_give to the_priests the_Lēviyyiy who they are_of_the_offspring_of Tsādōq/(Zadok) (the)_near to_me the_utterance_ _of my_master **YHWH** to_serve_me a_young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd to_a_sin_offering. 20 And_you_will_take some_of_its_blood and_ _you(ms)_will_give on the_four horns_of_its and_ _near/to the_four the_corners_of the_ledge and_

**285** **RV 43:13-17 · Cross-ref.** Exo 27:1-2; 2Ch 4:1.

**286** **LV 43:15 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

**287** **LV 43:15 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

**288** **LV 43:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: לִיאֵרָא/ה/ו: (x-qere) לְאִירֶאָ/ה/ו: lemma_c/d/741 n_1.1.1 morph_HC/Td/Ncmsa id_26d63 לְאִירֶאָ/ה/ו

**289** **RV 43:18-27 · Cross-ref.** Exo 29:35-37.

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_to the_border all_around and_you_will_cleanse_ _from_sin it and_you_will_make_atonement_for_ _it. 21 And_you_will_take ~~DOM~~ the_young_bull the_sin_offering and_someone_will_burn_it in_ _the_appointed_place_of the_house from_the_ _outside of_sanctuary. 22 And_on_day the_second you_will_bring_near a_male_goat_of goats unblemished to_a_sin_offering and_they_will_ _cleanse_from_sin ~~DOM~~ the_altar just_as they_ _cleansed_it_from_sin by_bull. 23 When_finish_ _you from_cleansing_it_from_sin you_will_bring_ _near a_young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd unblemished and_a_ram from the_flock unblemished. 24 And_you_will_bring_them_near to_(the)_face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** and_ the_priests _they_will_throw on_them salt and_ _they_will_offer_up them a_burnt_offering to/for_**YHWH**. 25 Seven_of days you_will_offer a_ _male_goat_of a_sin_offering for_day and_a_ _young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd and_a_ram from the_flock unblemished they_will_offer. 26 Seven_of days they_will_make_atonement_for ~~DOM~~ the_altar and_they_will_purify ~~DOM~~_him/it and_fill its[290]. 27 And_they_will_complete ~~DOM~~ the_days and_it_was on_day (the)_eighth and_ _onwards the_priests they_will_offer on the_altar ~~DOM~~ offerings_of_your(pl)_burnt and_~~DOM~~ offerings_of_your(pl)_peace and_I_will_accept you(pl) the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

44:1 And_he_brought_back ~~DOM~~_me the_way_of the_gate_of the_sanctuary (the)_outer which_ _faces east and_he was_shut. 2 And_he/it_said to_ _me **YHWH** the_gate the_this shut it_will_be not it_will_be_opened and_anyone not he_will_go in_ _him/it if/because **YHWH** the_god_of Yisrāʾēl/(Israel) he_has_gone in_him/it and_it_ _was shut. 3 ~~DOM~~ the_prince prince he he_will_sit in/on/over_him/it to_eat bread[291][292] to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** from_the_ _way_of the_porch_of the_gate he_will_come and_from_way_of_its he_will_go_out.

4 And_he_brought_me the_way_of the_gate_of the_north to the_face_of the_house and_I_saw and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE the_glory_of **YHWH** it_ _filled ~~DOM~~ the_house_of **YHWH** and_I_fell to

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edges and the surrounding rim. You'll purify it and make it allowable in my presence. 21 Then take that sin offering bull and burn it in the designated part of the temple area outside the sanctuary. 22 Then on the second day, you'll get from the goats a male goat without any blemishes, and offer it as a sin offering—the priests will purify the altar just as they purified it with the bull. 23 When you finish that purification, offer an unblemished bull from the cattle and an unblemished ram from the flock, 24 and offer them to me, Yahweh. The priests will throw salt onto them and present them as a burnt offering to Yahweh. 25 Then every day for the next seven days you must bring a billy goat to the priest to be sacrificed for an offering, so I'll accept the altar. You must also sacrifice a young bull and a ram, each without any defect, that the priests will provide. 26 They must atone for the altar for seven days and purify it, and in that way they must consecrate it to me. 27 After doing all that, from the eighth day onward the priests will prepare you people's burnt offerings and your peace offerings on the altar, and I'll accept you. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

**The locked gate**

44:1 Then the man took me back to the outer sanctuary gate facing east, but it was shut, 2 and Yahweh told me, "This gate has been sealed shut—it won't be opened. No person will go through it, because Yisrael's (Israel's) god Yahweh entered through it, so it's now closed. 3 Only Yisrael's ruler will sit by it to eat food in front of Yahweh, but he'll enter via the gate's porch, and leave the same way."

**Foreigners disallowed in the temple**

4 Then he took me to the front of the temple by way of the northern gate, and I

**290** **LV 43:26 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/יָדָיו: (x-qere) וְ/יָדָי: lemma_3027 n_0 morph_HNcbsc/Sp3ms id_266uN וְ/יָדָיו

**291** **LV 44:3 · Note** OSHB note: Marks an anomalous form.

**292** **LV 44:3 · Note** OSHB note: We have abandoned or added a ketib/qere relative to BHS. In doing this we agree with L against BHS.

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looked, and wow, Yahweh's brilliance filled his temple, and I fell to my knees with my face bowed towards the ground. 5 Then Yahweh told me, "Son of humanity, pay attention and look with your eyes and listen with your ears to everything that I'm declaring to you: all the instructions about Yahweh's temple and all its regulations. Take special note of the temple's entrance and exits.
6 Then tell the rebellious Israelis that the master Yahweh says this: Let all your disgusting actions be enough for you Israeli people— 7 that you brought foreigners with uncircumcised hearts and uncircumcised flesh to be in my sanctuary, profaning my temple, while you people were offering me food, fat, and blood. You people have broken my agreement with all your disgusting actions. 8 You haven't carried out your duties regarding my sacred things, but instead, you people appointed others to take up your duties, and you assigned them to care for my sacred place.
9 "The master Yahweh says this: No foreigner, from any of those who live among the Israeli people, may enter my sacred place if they're not physically circumcised or if they haven't declared themself to be one of my people.

**Demotion of the Levites**

10 The Levites went far from me—wandering away from me and going after their idols, but they'll be punished. 11 They're still servants in my sanctuary, watching the temple gates and serving inside, and they slaughter the burnt offerings and the people's sacrifices, and they'll stand in front of the people and serve them. 12 However, because they sacrificed to their idols, they became sinful stumbling blocks for the Israeli people, therefore I've promised to take action against them, and they'll pay for their disobedience. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. 13 They mustn't come near to me to act as my priests or to approach any of my sacred things, the most sacred things. Instead, they'll bear their shame and their guilt for the disgusting things they've done, 14 but I'll place them

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face_of_my. 5 And_he/it_said to_me **YHWH** Oh_
_son_of humankind set heart_of_your and_see
with_eyes_of_your and_with_ears_of_your hear
ᴅᴏᴍ all_of that I am_speaking you to/from_
_all/each/any/every the_regulations_of the_
_house_of **YHWH** and_to/for_all its[293] and_you_
_will_set heart_of_your to_the_entrance_of the_
_house on_all_of the_exits_of the_sanctuary.
6 And_you_will_say to_rebellion to the_house_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) thus my_master **YHWH** he_says
enough to/for_you(pl) from_all abominations_of_
_your(pl) Oh_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 7 When_
_brought_you(pl) sons_of foreignness
uncircumcised_of heart and_uncircumcised_of
flesh to_be in_sanctuary_of_my to_profane_it ᴅᴏᴍ
house_of_my when_you_brought_near ᴅᴏᴍ food_
_of_my fat and_blood and_they_broke ᴅᴏᴍ
covenant_of_my because_of all_of abominations_
_of_your(pl). 8 And_not you(pl)_kept the_charge_
_of_my_holy_things_of_my and_you(pl)_
_appointed_them to_those_who_keep_of charge_
_of_(of)_my in_sanctuary_of_my for_yourselves.
9 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says any_of son_of
foreignness uncircumcised_of heart and_
_uncircumcised_of flesh not he_will_go into
sanctuary_of_my to/from_all/each/any/every
son_of foreignness who in_the_middle the_
_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).
10 If/because (if) the_Lēviyyiy who they_became_
_distant from_with_me when_ Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _
_went_astray who they_went_astray from_with_
_me after idols_of_their and_they_will_bear
iniquity_of_their. 11 And_they_will_be in_
_sanctuary_of_my serving overseers to the_gates_
_of the_house and_serving ᴅᴏᴍ the_house they
they_will_slaughter ᴅᴏᴍ the_burnt_offering and_
_ᴅᴏᴍ the_sacrifice for_people and_they they_
_will_stand before_them to_serve_them.
12 Because that they_served them to_(the)_face_
_of/in_front_of/before idols_of_their and_they_
_will_be for_the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) (into)_
_a_stumbling_block_of iniquity therefore
yes/correct/thus/so I_lift_up hand_of_my on_
_them the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH** and_
_they_will_bear iniquity_of_their. 13 And_not
they_will_draw_near to_me to_serve_as_priests
to_me and_to_draw_near to all_of things_of_my_

**293 LV 44:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/תֹרוֹת: (x-qere) וְ/יֹתְרוֹת: lemma_8451 n_1 morph_HNcfpc/Sp3ms id_26uBg וְ/יֹתְרוֹת

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_holy to the_holy_things_of the_holy_things and_
_they_will_bear disgrace_of_their and_
_abominations_of_their which they_have_done.
14 And_I_will_make them those_who_keep_of
(of)_the_charge_of the_house to_
_all/each/any/every service_of_its and_to/for_all
that it_will_be_done in/on/over_him/it.

15 And_the_priests the_Lēviyyiy the_sons_of
Tsādōq/(Zadok) who they_kept ~~DOM~~ the_charge_
_of my_sanctuary_of_my when_ the_people_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _went_astray from_with_me they
they_will_draw_near to_me to_serve_me and_
_they_will_stand to/for_my_face/front to_bring_
_near to_me fat and_blood the_utterance_of my_
_master **YHWH**. 16 They they_will_come into
sanctuary_of_my and_they they_will_draw_near
to table_of_my to_serve_me and_they_will_keep
~~DOM~~ charge_of_my. 17 And_it_was when_come_
_they into the_gates_of the_courtyard (the)_inner
clothes_of linen(s) they_will_be_clothed and_not
it_will_go_up on_them wool when_serve_they at_
_the_gates_of the_courtyard (the)_inner and_to_
_the_inside. 18 Turbans_of linen(s) they_will_be
on head_of_their and_undergarments_of linen(s)
they_will_be on loins_of_their not they_will_gird_
_themselves with_sweat. 19 And_when_they_go_
_out into the_courtyard (the)_outer into the_
_courtyard (the)_outer to the_people they_will_
_strip_off ~~DOM~~ clothes_of_their which they were_
_serving in_them and_they_will_set_down them
in_the_rooms_of (the)_holiness and_they_will_
_put_on clothes other and_not they_will_
_consecrate ~~DOM~~ the_people by_clothes_of_their.
20 And_head_of_their not they_will_shave and_
_hair not they_will_let_untie/release surely_
_(trim) they_will_trim ~~DOM~~ heads_of_their.
21 And_wine not any_of priest they_will_drink
when_come_they into the_courtyard (the)_inner.
22 And_a_widow and_a_divorced_woman not
they_will_take to/for_them to_wives if/because
(if) virgins of_the_offspring_of of_the_house_of
of_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_the_widow who she_will_
_be a_widow of_a_priest they_will_take. 23 And_
_~~DOM~~ people_of_my they_will_instruct between a_
_holy_thing and_a_profane_thing and_between
an_unclean_thing and_a_clean_thing they_will_

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as housekeepers in the temple—for all its mundane duties and all the menial work that's done in it.

**Tsadok's descendants as priests**

15 Then the Levitical priests, those descendants of Tsadok who fulfilled the duties of my sanctuary when the Israeli people were wandering away from me, they'll approach me to worship me. They'll stand in front of me to offer me the fat and the blood. That's the master Yahweh's declaration. 16 They'll come to my sanctuary and approach my table to worship me and to fulfill their duties to me. 17 When they come to the gates of the inner courtyard, they'll have to dress in linen clothing,[294] because they mustn't wear wool inside the courtyard gates or in the temple. 18 They must wear linen turbans on their heads and linen underclothes around their waists. They mustn't dress in clothing that makes them sweat. 19 When they go back out to the outer courtyard to go back again to the people, they must take off the clothes they wore when they served—they must take them off and lay them down in a sacred room,[295] so they don't make other people sacred by contact with their special clothing.

20 The priests mustn't shave their heads or allow their hair to hang loosely, but they must keep the hair on their heads neatly trimmed. 21 No priest should drink wine before he comes to the inner court.[296] 22 Also, priests can't marry widows of men who weren't priests, or women who've been divorced—they're permitted to marry only Israeli women who've never been married, or widows of other priests.

23 They must teach the people the difference between things that are sacred and things that are not, and teach them how to know what things are

**294** **RV 44:17-18 · Cross-ref.** Exo 28:39-43; Lev 16:4.

**295** **RV 44:19 · Cross-ref.** Lev 16:23.

**296** **RV 44:21 · Cross-ref.** Lev 10:9.

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acceptable to me and what things are not.[297] 24 In a dispute they must judge in accordance with my instructions and regulations. They must keep my law and my statutes at every religious celebration, and they must observe my sacred rest days.

25 Priests mustn't defile themselves by going near a person's dead body. However, if the dead person was his father or mother, son or daughter, or brother or unmarried sister, then they can defile themselves, 26 and after they've been purified, they must wait for seven days. 27 Then after that, when he goes into the inner courtyard to serve in the sacred place, he must bring a sin offering for himself. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

28 The priests must not own any land—I am their inheritance and I'll be their property.[298] 29 They'll have the food offerings, the sin offerings, and the guilt offerings to eat, plus everything in Yisrael (Israel) that's devoted to Yahweh will be theirs.[299] 30 The best of the firstfruits from every harvest and every contribution from the people will belong to the priests, and you Israelis will give the first of your bread dough[300] to the priests so that blessing may rest on your home. 31 Priests must not eat the meat of any bird or animal that's found dead or that's been killed by any other animal.[301]

**Yahweh's section of land**

45:1 When you throw dice to divide up the land as an inheritance for the tribes, you must make an offering of land to Yahweh. That offering will become a sacred part of the land: thirteen kilome-

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_make_known_to_them. 24 And_on a_dispute they they_will_stand mmm[302] by_judgements_of_ _my and[303][304] and_~~ÐOM~~ laws_of_my and_~~ÐOM~~ regulations_of_my in_all times_of_my_appointed they_will_observe and_~~ÐOM~~ sabbaths_of_my they_ _will_sanctify. 25 And_near/to dead_of (of)_a_ _person not he_will_go to_become_unclean if/because (if) for_a_father and_for_a_mother and_for_a_son and_for_a_daughter for_a_brother and_for_a_sister who not she_has_belonged to_a_ _husband they_will_make_themselves_unclean. 26 And_after purification_of_his seven_of days people_will_count to_him/it. 27 And_on_the_day_ _of goes_he into the_holy_place into the_ _courtyard (the)_inner to_serve in_place he_will_ _bring_near offering_of_his_sin the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**. 28 And_it_will_become to/for_them (into)_an_inheritance I inheritance_ _of_am_their and_a_possession not you(pl)_will_ _give to/for_them in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) I possession_of_am_their. 29 The_grain_offering and_the_sin_offering and_the_guilt_offering they they_will_eat_them and_all devoted_thing in_ _Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to/for_them it_will_belong. 30 And_the_best_of all_of the_first-fruits_of everything and_all contribution_of everything from_all contributions_of_your(pl) to_priests it_ _will_belong and_the_first_of your(pl)_dough(s)_ _of_your(pl) you(pl)_will_give to_priest to_cause_ _to_rest blessing to house_of_your. 31 Any_of carcass and_a_torn_animal from the_bird[s] and_ _from the_cattle/livestock not the_priests they_ _will_eat.

45:1 And_when_you_make_fall ~~ÐOM~~ the_ _earth/land (in)_an_inheritance you(pl)_will_ _offer_up a_contribution to/for_**YHWH** a_holy_ _portion from the_earth/land the_length will_be_ _five and_twenty thousand_cubits the_length and_the_breadth will_be_ten thousand_cubits

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**297** **RV 44:23 · Cross-ref.** Lev 10:10.

**298** **RV 44:28 · Cross-ref.** Num 18:20.

**299** **RV 44:29-30 · Cross-ref.** Num 18:8-19.

**300** **RV 44:30 · Note** Probably after it's cooked???

**301** **RV 44:31 · Cross-ref.** Lev 22:8.

**302** **LV 44:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: טפש/ל: (x-qere) טָפְשְׁמִ/ל': lemma_l/4941 n_1.1 morph_HR/Ncmsa id_26h9i טָפְשְׁמִ/ל

**303** **LV 44:24 · Note** OSHB variant note: טפש/ו/וה: (x-qere) וטְפְשִׁי/וה': lemma_8199 n_1 morph_HVqi3mp/Sp3ms id_26992 וטְפְשִׁי/וה

**304** **LV 44:24 · Note** OSHB note: We read one or more consonants in L differently from BHS.

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will_be_a_holy_place it in_all_of territory_of_its all_around. 2 It_will_be of_this to the_holy_place five hundred_cubits by_five hundred_cubits a_ _square all_around and_fifty cubit[s] open_land to_him/it all_around. 3 And_from the_measured_ _area (the)_this you_will_measure a_length_of five[306] and_twenty thousand_cubits and_a_ _breadth_of ten_of thousand_cubits and_in_it it_ _will_be the_sanctuary a_holy_place_of holy_ _places. 4 Will_be_a_holy_portion from the_ _earth/land it to_priests who_serve_of (of)_the_ _sanctuary it_will_belong (the)_approaching to_ _serve ~~DOM~~ **YHWH** and_it_was to/for_them a_ _place for_houses and_a_holy_place for_ _sanctuary. 5 And_five and_twenty thousand_ _cubits length and_ten_of thousand_cubits breadth and_it_will_belong[307] to_Lēviyyiy who_ _serve_of (of)_the_house to/for_them to_a_ _possession twenty rooms. 6 And_the_possession_ _of the_city you(pl)_will_give five_of thousand_ _cubits breadth and_length_of five and_twenty thousand_cubits close_to_of the_contribution_of (the)_holiness to/from_all/each/any/every the_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) it_will_belong. 7 And_will_to_the_prince from_this and_from_ _this of_the_contribution_of of_(the)_holiness and_of_the_possession_of the_city to the_face_of the_contribution_of (the)_holiness and_near/to the_face_of the_possession_of the_city from_the_ _side_of the_west westward_to and_from_the_ _side_of eastward eastward_to and_length corresponding_to_of one of_the_portions from_ _the_border_of the_west to the_border_of eastward_of. 8 To_land it_will_belong for_him/it to_a_possession in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) and_not they_ _will_oppress again princes_of_my ~~DOM~~ people_ _of_my and_the_earth they_will_give to_the_ _house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_tribes_of_their. 9 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says enough to/for_ _you(pl) Oh_princes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) injustice and_violence remove and_justice and_ _righteousness do remove eviction(s)_of_your(pl) from_under people_of_my the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH**.

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tres by ten kilometres in size.[305] That entire area will become sacred. 2 Within that area, a 270m wide square area that'll surround the sacred place will be left empty, with a further border around it twenty-seven metres wide. 3 Inside that first, larger area, measure a rectangle thirteen kilometres by five kilometres for the sanctuary—the most sacred place. 4 It'll be a sacred place in the nation for the priests who serve Yahweh, who come near Yahweh to serve him. It'll be a place for their houses and a sacred area for the sacred place. 5 The other half, which is also thirteen kilometres long and five kilometres wide, will be for towns for the Levites who serve in the temple.

6 You'll designate an area thirteen kilometres long by half a kilometre wide for the city that will be next to the area reserved for the holy place. This city will belong to all the Israeli people.

**The leader's section of land**

7 The leader's land will be on both sides of the area reserved for the holy place and the city—on the west and the east. Its length will be the same as those portions that it's parallel to. 8 That area will belong to Yisrael's (Israel's) leader so the leaders won't keep oppressing my people, but rather they'll give the rest of the land to be divided among the tribes. 9 The master Yahweh says this: That's plenty for you, leaders of Yisrael! Replace your violence and strife with justice and righteousness. Quit your evictions of my people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

**305 RV 45:1 · Note** The 'ten kilometres' (twenty thousand cubits) from the Septuagint appears to correct the Hebrew which has half of that, but then v3 and v4 wouldn't make sense.

**306 LV 45:3 · Note** OSHB variant note: שמח: (x-qere) 'הָשְׁמָח': lemma_2568 morph_HAcmsa id_26Qet הָשְׁמָח

**307 LV 45:5 · Note** OSHB variant note: היהי: (x-qere) 'הָיְהִי/ו': lemma_c/1961 n_0.0.0.0 morph_HC/Vqq3ms id_26GwM הָיְהִי/ו

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**Dealing with produce and animals**

10 You Israelis must use accurate scales and measuring containers.[308] 11 The baskets for measuring dry things and containers for measuring liquids (called an 'efah' for dry things and a 'bath' for liquids, both a tenth of the large 220 litre 'homer') must be the same volume—each must hold twenty-two litres. 12 For weights, the shekel weight must be ten grams. (Twenty 'gerahs' makes one shekel, then sixty shekels makes one 'mina'.)

13 You Israelis must present to the leader one measure of wheat or barley for every sixty measures that you harvest, 14 one measure of olive oil for every one hundred measures that you produce, 15 plus one sheep or goat from the flock for every two hundred animals from the watered regions of Yisrael (Israel), to be used for any burnt offering or peace offering to make atonement for the people. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

16 All the people in the country will give that contribution to Yisrael's leader. 17 It'll be the leader's responsibility to supply the animals for the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the drink offerings at the festivals and the new moon celebrations, and on the rest days—all the Israeli people's scheduled festivals. He'll provide for the sin offerings, the grain offerings, the burnt offerings, and the peace offerings to make the Israeli people right with God.

**The festivals[309]**

18 The master Yahweh says this: On the first day of the first month of the year, you must take an unblemished bull from the herd and perform a sin offering to purify the temple. 19 The priest will take some of the blood of that sin offering and place it on the doorposts of the temple and on the four corners of the border of the altar, and on the doorposts of the gate to the inner court. 20 You'll do this again on the seventh day of that month for each person's accidental sin, or sin by ignorance. In that way you'll

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10 Balances_of righteousness and_an_'ēyfāh_of righteousness and_a_bath_of righteousness let_ _it_belong to_you(pl). 11 The_'ēyfāh and_the_bath measurement one it_will_be is_to_ the_bath _ _carry the_tenth_part_of the_homer and_the_ _tenth_part_of the_homer the_'ēyfāh to the_ _homer it_will_be measurement_of_its. 12 And_ _the_shekel will_be_twenty gerah[s] twenty shekels five and_twenty shekels ten and_five shekel[s] the_mina it_will_be for_you(pl). 13 This will_be_the_contribution which you(pl)_will_ _offer_up the_sixth_part_of the_'ēyfāh from_the_ _homer_of the_wheat(s) and_you(pl)_will_give_a_ _sixth_part_of the_'ēyfāh from_the_homer_of the_barley(s). 14 And_the_prescribed_portion_of the_oil the_bath the_oil will_be_the_tenth_part_ _of the_bath from the_cor the_ten_of the_baths are_a_homer if/because ten_of the_baths are_a_ _homer. 15 And_a_sheep one from the_flock from the_two_hundred from_the_well-watered_land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) to_a_grain_offering and_to_a_ _burnt_offering and_to_peace_offerings to_make_ _atonement on_them the_utterance_of my_ _master **YHWH**. 16 All_of the_people the_ _earth/land they_will_be to the_contribution (the)_this for_prince in_Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 17 And_ _on the_prince it_will_be the_burnt_offerings and_the_grain_offering and_the_drink_offering at_festivals and_at_moons and_on_sabbaths in_all the_appointed_times_of the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) he he_will_provide ~~DOM~~ the_sin_ _offering and_~~DOM~~ the_grain_offering and_~~DOM~~ the_burnt_offering and_~~DOM~~ the_peace_offerings to_make_atonement for the_house_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel).

18 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says in_month on_ _day_one of_month you_will_take a_young_bull a_young_one_of the_herd unblemished and_you_ _will_cleanse_from_sin ~~DOM~~ the_sanctuary. 19 And_ the_priest/officer _he/it_will_take some_ _of_the_blood_of the_sin_offering and_he/it_gave to the_doorpost_of the_house and_near/to the_ _four the_corners_of the_ledge of_altar and_on the_doorpost_of the_gate_of the_courtyard (the)_ _inner. 20 And_thus/so/as_follows you_will_do on_day_seven in_month from_man who_errs and_from_a_simple_person and_you(pl)_will_ _make_atonement_for ~~DOM~~ the_house. 21 In_

308 **RV 45:10 · Cross-ref.** Lev 19:36.

309 **RV 45:18 · Parallel** Exo. 12:1-20; Lev. 23:33-43

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_month on_four- teen day of_month it_will_be to/for_you(pl) the_passover a_festival weeks_of days unleavened_bread(s) it_will_be_eaten.
22 And_ the_prince _he_will_provide in_the_day (the)_that for_himself and_for all_of the_people_ _of the_earth/land a_young_bull_of a_sin_ _offering. 23 And_the_seven_of the_days_of the_ _festival he_will_provide a_burnt_offering to/for_ _**YHWH** seven_of young_bulls and_seven_of rams unblemished to_day the_seven_of the_days and_ _a_sin_offering a_male_goat_of goats to_day.
24 And_a_grain_offering an_'ēyfāh for_bull and_ _an_'ēyfāh for_ram he_will_provide and_oil_of a_ _hin to_'ēyfāh. 25 In_month on_fif- teen day of_ _month at_festival he_will_provide like_these_ _things the_seven_of the_days like_offering like_ _offering and_like_offering and_like_oil.

46:1 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says the_gate_of the_courtyard (the)_inner which_faces east it_ _will_be shut the_six_of the_days_of (the)_work and_on_the_day_of the_sabbath it_will_be_ _opened and_on_the_day_of the_new_moon it_ _will_be_opened. 2 And_ the_prince _he_will_go the_way_of the_porch_of the_gate from_outside and_he_will_stand at the_doorpost_of the_gate and_ the_priests _they_will_offer ~~DOM~~ offering_ _of_his_burnt and_~~DOM~~ offerings_of_his_peace and_he_will_bow_down at the_threshold_of the_ _gate and_he_will_go_out and_the_gate not it_ _will_be_shut until the_evening. 3 And_ the_ _people_of the_earth/land _they_will_bow_down the_entrance_of the_gate (the)_that on_sabbaths and_on_moons to_(the)_face_of/in_front_ _of/before **YHWH**. 4 And_the_burnt_offering which the_prince he_will_bring_near to/for_ _**YHWH** in/on_day of_the_sabbath will_be_six lambs unblemished and_a_ram unblemished.
5 And_a_grain_offering will_be_an_'ēyfāh for_ram and_for_lambs a_grain_offering will_be_the_gift_ _of his/its_hand and_oil a_hin to_'ēyfāh. 6 And_ _on_the_day_of the_new_moon a_young_bull a_ _young_one_of the_herd unblemished and_six_of lambs and_a_ram unblemished they_will_be.
7 And_an_'ēyfāh for_bull and_an_'ēyfāh for_ram

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make the temple pure in God's sight.
21 Then on the fourteenth day of that first month, you Israelis will have a seven-day celebration, when you'll eat bread made without any raising agent.[310] 22 That same day, the leader will prepare a bull as a sin offering for himself and for all the people in the country. 23 For the seven days of the celebration, the leader will prepare a burnt offering for Yahweh: Seven bulls and seven unblemished rams each day for seven days, and a male goat each day as a sin offering. 24 Then the leader will perform a food offering of twenty-two litres of flour with seven litres of olive oil for each bull and each ram.
25 On the fifteenth day of the seventh month of the year, at the 'temporary shelters' celebration, the leader will perform offerings on those seven days: Sin offerings, burnt offerings, food offerings, and offerings of oil.[311]

**The leader and the festivals**

46:1 The master Yahweh says this: The eastern gate of the inner courtyard will be shut for the six days of work, but it'll be opened on rest days and on the day of the new moon. 2 The leader will enter the outer courtyard by the path to that gate and its outside porch, and he'll stand at the doorposts of the inner gate while the priests perform his burnt offering and peace offering. Then he'll worship right there at the inner gate and then leave again, but the gate won't be shut until evening.
3 The people will also worship in front of Yahweh at the entrance to that gate on rest days and new moons. 4 The burnt offering that the leader offers to Yahweh on the rest day will be six unblemished lambs and an unblemished ram. 5 The grain offering that he gives with the ram is twenty-two litres of flour, and with the lambs it should be as much as he pleases, along with one litre of olive oil for every twenty-two litres of flour. 6 On the day of the new moon he must offer a bull, six lambs, and a ram—all without any defects. 7 He must also provide a grain offering of twenty-two litres of flour with the bull, the same with the ram, and as much

**310 RV 45:21 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:1-20; Num 28:16-25.
**311 RV 45:25 · Cross-ref.** Lev 23:33-36; Num 29:12-38.

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as he wants with the lambs, along with a litre of olive oil with every twenty-two litres of flour.
8 The leader enters by the path to the gate and its porch, and he must leave by the same path.
9 But when the land's people come in front of Yahweh at the scheduled festivals, anyone entering through the north gate to worship must leave through the south gate, and anyone entering through the south gate must leave through the north gate. No one is allowed to turn back to the gate through which they entered, because everyone must keep going straight ahead until they get out. 10 The leader must be amongst them in their midst—when they go in, he must go in, and when they leave, he must leave. 11 During the festivals that you hold for me, the king must present twenty-two litres of flour along with a bull or a ram, and as much flour as he wants to with the lambs, along with a litre of olive oil with every twenty-two litres of flour.
12 When the leader gives a voluntary offering to Yahweh (either a burnt offering or a peace offering), the eastern gate will be opened for him. He'll offer his burnt offering or his peace offering just like he does on the rest day. Then he must go out, and after he's gone out, the gate will be shut.

**The daily sacrifice**

13 In addition, every morning someone[314] must provide a one year old lamb with no defects to be completely burnt up as an offering to Yahweh. 14 Also every morning someone must provide an offering of four litres of flour mixed with a litre of olive oil, and that's a permanent requirement. 15 They'll prepare the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil, every morning—a permanent daily burnt offering.

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he_will_provide a_grain_offering and_for_lambs just_as his/its_hand it_will_reach and_oil a_hin to_'ēyfāh. 8 And_when_ the_prince _comes the_ _way_of the_porch_of the_gate he_will_come and_by_way_of_its he_will_go_out. 9 And_when_ the_people_of the_earth/land _comes to_(the)_ _face_of/in_front_of/before **YHWH** at_times the_ _one_who_comes the_way_of the_gate_of the_ _north to_bow_down he_will_go_out the_way_of the_gate_of the_south and_the_one_who_comes the_way_of the_gate_of the_south he_will_go_out the_way_of the_gate_of northward_to not he_ _will_return the_way_of the_gate which he_came in_him/it if/because opposite_it wwww[312].
10 And_the_prince will_be_of_among_them when_come_they he_will_come and_when_they_ _go_out they_will_go_out. 11 And_at_festivals and_at_times it_will_be the_grain_offering an_ _'ēyfāh for_bull and_an_'ēyfāh for_ram and_for_ _lambs the_gift_of his/its_hand and_oil a_hin to_ _'ēyfāh. 12 And_because/when the_prince he_ _will_provide a_freewill_offering a_burnt_ _offering or peace_offerings a_freewill_offering to/for_**YHWH** and_someone_will_open to_him/it ~~DOM~~[313] the_gate which_faces east and_he_will_ _offer ~~DOM~~ offering_of_his_burnt and_~~DOM~~ offerings_of_his_peace just_as he_will_offer in/on_day of_the_sabbath and_he_will_go_out and_someone_will_shut ~~DOM~~ the_gate after he_ _has_gone_out.

13 And_a_lamb the_son_of its_year_of_his unblemished you_will_offer a_burnt_offering to_ _day to_**YHWH** in_morning in_morning you_will_ _offer ~~DOM~~_him/it. 14 And_a_grain_offering you_ _will_offer on/upon/above_him/it in_morning in_morning (the)_sixth_of (the)_'ēyfāh and_oil (the)_third_of (the)_hin to_moisten ~~DOM~~ the_fine_ _flour a_grain_offering to/for_**YHWH** regulations_of perpetuity continually. 15 And[315] ~~DOM~~ the_lamb and_~~DOM~~ the_grain_offering and_ _~~DOM~~ the_oil in_morning in_morning a_burnt_ _offering_of continuity.

**312 LV 46:9 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וְאצִי**: (x-qere) '**אֶצֵּי**': lemma_3318 n_0 morph_HVqi3ms id_26CHT **אֶצֵּי**

**313 LV 46:12 · Note** OSHB note: BHS has been faithful to the Leningrad Codex where there might be a question of the validity of the form and we keep the same form as BHS.

**314 RV 46:13 · Note** Some of the earliest translations (the Septuagint and the Vulgate) have 'he' here, suggesting it must be the leader.

**315 LV 46:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: **ושע/ו**: (x-qere) '**וְּשֵׂעִי**': lemma_6213 a morph_HVqi3mp id_26oWQ **וְּשֵׂעִי**

### Literal Version

16 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says if/because the_prince he_will_give a_gift to_anyone of_sons_ _of_his be_his_inheritance_of_will it to_sons_of_ _his it_will_belong be_their_possession_of_will it (in)_an_inheritance. 17 And_because/when he_ _will_give a_gift from_inheritance_of_his to_one of_servants_of_his and_it_will_belong for_him/it until the_year_of (the)_liberty and_it_will_return to_prince surely inheritance_of_his sons_of_his to/for_them it_will_belong. 18 And_not the_ _prince he_will_take_away any_of_the_ _inheritance_of the_people to_oppress_them from_possession_of_their some_of_his_own_ _possession he_will_cause_to_inherit ~~DOM~~ sons_ _of_his so_that that not people_of_my they_may_ _be_scattered anyone from_possession_of_his.

19 And_he_brought_me in_entrance which was_at the_side_of the_gate to the_rooms_of (the)_ _holiness to the_priests which_face northward_to and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_there a_place in/on/at/with[317] westward_toward. 20 And_ _he/it_said to_me this is_the_place where they_ _will_boil there the_priests ~~DOM~~ the_guilt_ _offering and_~~DOM~~ the_sin_offering where they_ _will_bake ~~DOM~~ the_grain_offering to_not to_take_ _them_out into the_courtyard (the)_outer to_ _make_holy ~~DOM~~ the_people. 21 And_he_brought_ _me_out into the_courtyard (the)_outer and_he_ _made_me_pass to the_four_of the_corners_of the_courtyard and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE a_courtyard was_in_the_corner_of the_courtyard a_courtyard was_in_the_corner_of the_courtyard. 22 Were_in_ _the_four_of the_corners_of the_courtyard courtyards enclosed was_forty_cubits the_length and_thirty the_breadth measurement one belonged_to_the_four_of_of_them set_in_ _corners.[318] 23 And_a_row_of_stones_of was_all_ _around (is)_in_them around to_the_four_of_of_ _them and_boiling_places was_made from_under the_rows_stones all_around. 24 And_he/it_said to_me these are_the_house_of those_who_boil where they_will_boil there those_who_serve_of (of)_the_house ~~DOM~~ the_sacrifice_of the_people.

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**The leader and the country**

16 The master Yahweh says this: If the leader gives a gift to any of his sons, it becomes his inheritance—that is, it'll become his sons' property because it's an inheritance. 17 But if he gives a gift from his inheritance to one of his servants, then it'll belong to that servant until the year of liberty, and then it'll return to the leader.[316] His inheritance must definitely be for his own sons. 18 The leader mustn't take the people's inheritance away from them, evicting them from their own property—he must provide for his sons from his own property so that my people won't be forced off their own inherited land."

**The temple kitchens**

19 Next the man brought me through the entrance at the gate to the sacred rooms for the priests which were north-facing, and what's more, there was a place toward the west. 20 He told me, "That's the place where the priests must boil the guilt offering and the sin offering and where they must bake the grain offering. They mustn't bring the offerings into the outer courtyard, because then the people would become sacred (and not be able to leave)."

21 Then he brought me to the outer courtyard and led me past the four corners of that courtyard, and I saw that in every corner of the courtyard there was another enclosed area, 22 and each was twenty-two metres long and sixteen metres wide. 23 Around the inside of each of those enclosed areas was a stone ledge, with cooking hearths all around under the ledge. 24 The man told me, "Those are the places where the temple workers will boil the people's sacrifices."

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**316** **RV 46:17 · Cross-ref.** Lev 25:10.

**317** **LV 46:19 · Note** OSHB variant note: תכרי/ב: (x-qere) 'סיתָכְרִי/ב': lemma_b/3411 n_0.0 morph_HRd/Ncfda id_26rgN סִיתָכְרִי/ב

**318** **LV 46:22 · Note** OSHB note: Puncta extraordinaria a ◌̇ is used to mark such marks in the text when they are above the line and a ◌̣ when they are below the line.

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**The healing river**

47:1 Then the man took me back to the temple entrance, and there was water flowing out from under the front edge of the building toward the east, and the water was flowing down the south side of the temple, to the right of the altar.[319] 2 So he took me out through the northern gate and led me around the outside to the eastern gate, and look, the water was flowing from this gate on its south side. 3 As the man started walking toward the east holding his measuring line in his hand, he measured off five hundred metres and led me through the water, which was ankle-deep. 4 Then he measured another five hundred metres and led me through the water, which was now knee-deep, and then after another five hundred metres it was up to the waist. 5 Finally he measured off another five hundred metres, but the water had become deep enough to swim in and too deep to cross—it was now a river that couldn't be walked through. 6 The man asked me, "Son of humanity, have you taken note of all this?"

Then he led me out and had me return along the riverbank. 7 As I walked back, wow, now the riverbank had many trees on each side. 8 The man told me, "This water flows eastward and down into the Rift Valley. It'll flow into the Dead Sea and will make it into fresh water. 9 As a result, every kind of living creature that swarms will live where that water flows. There'll be lots of fish when that water flows into the Dead Sea as it causes the salty water to become fresh water—everything will live wherever that river goes. 10 Then the fishermen from Eyn-Gedi will stand there by the water, and there'll be a place to dry out the fishing nets near Eyn-Eglayim. There'll be many kinds of fish in the Dead Sea—plentiful just like the fish in the Mediterranean Sea. 11 However, the Dead Sea's swamps and marshes won't be made fresh—they'll be for providing salt. 12 Beside that river on both

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47:1 And_bring_back_brought_me_back to the_ _entrance_of the_house and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE waters were_going_out from_under the_ _threshold_of the_house eastward_toward if/because the_front_of the_house was_east and_ _the_waters were_going_down from_under from_ _the_side_of the_house (the)_south from_the_ _south of_altar. 2 And_he_brought_me_out the_ _way_of the_gate northward_to and_he_brought_ _me_round the_way_of the_outside to the_gate_of the_outside the_way which_faces east and_ _BEHOLD/LO/SEE waters were_trickling from the_side (the)_south. 3 When_ the_man _went_ _out east and_a_measuring-line in_his/its_hand and_he_measured_out a_thousand by_cubit and_ _he_made_me_pass in_waters waters_of ankles. 4 And_he_measured_out a_thousand_cubits and_ _he_made_me_pass in_waters waters knees and_ _he_measured_out a_thousand_cubits and_he_ _made_me_pass_through waters_of loins. 5 And_ _he_measured_out a_thousand_cubits a_river which not I_was_able to_pass_through if/because the_waters they_had_risen waters_of swimming a_river which not it_was_passed_through. 6 And_ _he/it_said to_me do_you_see Oh_son_of humankind and_he_led_me and_bring_back_ _brought_me_back the_bank_of the_river. 7 When_returned_I and_BEHOLD/LO/SEE was_to the_bank_of the_river tree[s] many very from_ _this and_from_this. 8 And_he/it_said to_me the_ _waters the_these are_going_out to the_territory (the)_eastern they_will_go_down to the_ʿArāvāh and_they_will_go to_the_sea to (to)_the_sea those_which_were_brought_out and[321] the_ _waters. 9 And_it_was every_of creature living which it_swarms to every_of where it_will_go there two_rivers it_will_live and_ the_fish _it_was many very if/because they_have_gone to_(to) the_waters the_these and_they_will_be_healed and_ every where it_will_go to_(to) the_river _it_ _will_live. 10 And_it_was they_have_stood[322] on/upon/above_him/it fishermen from_ ʿĒyn-gedī and_unto ʿĒyn- ʿeglayim a_spreading_place for_nets they_will_be to_kind_of_its it_will_be fish_of_their like_the_fish_of the_sea (the)_great

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**319** **RV 47:1 · Cross-ref.** Zech 14:8; Yhn 7:38; Rev 22:1.

**321** **LV 47:8 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וְאֶפְרֹנ/וֹ**: (x-qere) **וְפָרְנ/וֹ**: lemma_c/7495 morph_HC/VNq3cp id_26NV2 **וְפָרְנ/וֹ**

**322** **LV 47:10 · Note** OSHB variant note: **וְדִמְעִי**: (x-qere) **וְדִמְעָ/יִו**: lemma_5975 morph_HVqp3cp id_26v1M **וְדִמְעָ/יִו**

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many very. 11 Its[323] and_marshes_of_its and_not they_will_be_healed to_salt they_will_be_given. 12 And_at the_river it_will_grow_up on bank_of_ _its from_this and_from_this every_of tree_of food not leafage_of_its it_will_wither and_not fruit_of_its it_will_be_finished to_months_of_its it_will_bear_first-fruits if/because waters_of_its from the_sanctuary they are_coming_out and[324] fruit_of_its for_food and_leafage_of_its will_be_ _for_healing.

13 Thus my_master **YHWH** he_says this is_the_ _boundary which you(pl)_will_give_as_possession ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land to_two_plus_of ten the_ _tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) Yōşēf/(Joseph) measured_portions. 14 And_you(pl)_will_divide_ _as_possession it each like_brother_of_his which I_lifted_up ~~DOM~~ hand_of_my to_give_it to_ _ancestors_of_your(pl) and_ the_earth/land (the)_this _it_will_fall to/for_you(pl) (in)_an_ _inheritance. 15 And_this is_the_boundary_of the_earth/land to_the_side_of northward_of from the_sea (the)_great the_direction of_Ḥētlon Ləvō' to_Tsədād/(Zedad). 16 Hamath Bērōtāh Şivrayim which is_between the_territory_of Dammeseq and_between the_territory_of Hamath Ḥatsēr-hattikōn which is_to the_border_of Ḥavrān. 17 And_ the_boundary _it_was from the_sea Ḥatsar ʼĒynōn the_border_of Dammeseq and_ _north northward_to and_the_territory_of Hamath and_~~DOM~~ the_side_of the_north. 18 And_ _will_be_the_side_of the_east from_between Ḥavrān and_from_between Dammeseq and_from_ _between (the)_Gilʼād and_from_between the_ _land_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) the_Yardēn/(Jordan) from_the_border to the_sea (the)_eastern you(pl)_will_measure and_~~DOM~~ the_side_of eastward_on. 19 And_the_side_of the_south southward_on will_be_from_Tāmār to the_ _waters_of Mərīvāh Qādēsh the_wadi to the_sea (the)_great and_~~DOM~~ the_side_of southward_of southward_toward. 20 And_the_side_of the_west the_sea (the)_great from_the_border to opposite Ləvō' Hamath this is_the_side_of the_west. 21 And_you(pl)_will_divide ~~DOM~~ the_earth/land

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banks, all kinds of fruit trees will grow. Their leaves will never wilt, and they'll never fail to fruit—in fact they'll bear fruit every month because that water from the temple flows to them. Their fruit will be good to eat, and their leaves will help with healing.[320]

**Land boundaries**

13 The master Yahweh says that this will be the way that you divide the land up for Yisrael's (Israel's) twelve tribes: Yosef (Joseph) will have a double allocation. 14 You're to equally divide the land that I took action to give to your ancestors—from now on that land will come to you Israelis as an inheritance.

15 These will be the land boundaries: On the north side, it'll extend from the Mediterranean Sea east along the road towards Hetlon, and then on to Tsedad, 16 to Berotah, and then on to Sivrayim, which is on the border between Damesek (Damascus) and Hamat. The boundary will run as far as Hatsar-Hatikon, which is on the border of the Havran region. 17 So the boundary will extend from the Mediterranean Sea to Hatsar-Eynan on the border between Hamat to the north and Damesek to the south. That'll be the northern boundary.

18 On the eastern side, the boundary will extend between Havran and Damesek, south along the Yarden (Jordan) River between the Gilead region and Yisrael's territory, along the Dead Sea as far as Tamar.[325] That'll be the eastern boundary.

19 On the southern side, the boundary will extend from Tamar to the springs near Merivah-Kadesh. Then it'll extend west along the brook of Mitsrayim (Egypt) to the Mediterranean Sea. That'll be the southern boundary.

20 On the western side, the boundary will be the

320 **RV 47:12 · Cross-ref.** Rev 22:2.

323 **LV 47:11 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/תֹאצַב: (x-qere) וְ/יָתְאֹצְּבִ': lemma_1207 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3ms id_26aY5 וְ/יָתְאֹצְּבִ

324 **LV 47:12 · Note** OSHB variant note: וְ/וַיהִ: (x-qere) וְ/הָיָהִ': lemma_c/1961 morph_HC/Vqq3cp id_266we וְ/הָיָהִ

325 **RV 47:18 · Note** Tamar: the Hebrew has 'the Eastern Sea'.

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Mediterranean Sea, north to a point near Levo-Hamat.
21 This is how you'll divide this land for yourselves among Yisrael's tribes: 22 You must assign the land as a permanent possession for yourselves and also for any foreigners who are living and raising their children among you. You must consider them to be like native born Israelis, and they must be assigned land among Yisrael's tribes.
23 Wherever foreigners are living, you must give them some land to belong to them permanently. That's the master Yahweh's declaration."

**Land allocated to Yisrael's tribes**

48:1 Here's a list of Yisrael's (Israel's) tribes and the territory that each tribe is to receive. The northern boundary of Yisrael will start at the Mediterranean Sea and go east to Hetlon city, then to Levo-Hamat, and farther on to Hatsar-Eynan, which is south of Damesek (Damascus), and it'll continue to Hamat. Each tribe will receive land that will extend from the eastern boundary of Yisrael west to the Mediterranean Sea.
The tribe of Dan will receive land alongside Yisrael's northern border. 2 South of their area will be the territory for the tribe of Asher. 3 South of Asher's land will be territory for the tribe of Naftali (Naphtali). 4 South of Naftali's land will be territory for the tribe of Menasheh (Manasseh). 5 South of Menasheh's land will be territory for the tribe of Efrayim (Ephraim). 6 South of Efrayim's land will be territory for the tribe of Re'uven. 7 South of Re'uven's land will be territory for the tribe of Yehudah (Judah).

**The chosen place**

8 South of Yehudah's (Judah's) land will be an area that the entire nation will give to me—you Israelis will set it apart for special use. The temple will be in the middle of the area that's thirteen kilometres wide and as long as the other land allocations.
9 The special area that you Israelis will give to Yahweh will be thirteen kilometres long and five kilometres wide. 10 This special area will be allocated to the priests: you'll assign them an area of land measuring thirteen kilometres on the northern and southern sides, and five kilometres on the

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(the)_this to/for_you(pl) to_the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 22 And_it_was you(pl)_will_ _make_fall it (in)_an_inheritance to/for_you(pl) and_for_the_sojourners who_sojourn among_ _you(pl) who they_have_fathered children among_you(pl) and_they_will_be to/for_you(pl) like_the_native-born among_the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) with_you(pl) they_will_fall (in)_ _an_inheritance in_the_middle the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 23 And_it_was in_tribe which the_sojourner he_has_sojourned with_him/it there you(pl)_will_give_him inheritance_of_his the_utterance_of my_master **YHWH**.

48:1 And_these are_the_names_of the_tribes from_the_end_of northward_of to the_hand_of the_road_of Ḥētlon Ləvō' Hamath Ḥatsar ʿĒynān the_border_of Dammeseq northward_to to the_ _hand_of Hamath and_they_will_be to_him/it the_side_of the_east the_sea Dān one_portion. 2 And_at the_border_of Dān from_the_side_of the_east to the_side_of westward_of 'Āshēr one_ _portion. 3 And_at the_border_of 'Āshēr from_ _the_side_of eastward_of and_unto the_side_of westward_of Naftālī one_portion. 4 And_at the_ _border_of Naftālī from_the_side_of eastward_of to the_side_of westward_of Mənashsheh one_ _portion. 5 And_at the_border_of Mənashsheh from_the_side_of eastward_of to the_side_of westward_of 'Efrayim one_portion. 6 And_at the_ _border_of 'Efrayim from_the_side_of the_east and_unto the_side_of westward_of Rə'ūvēn one_ _portion. 7 And_at the_border_of Rə'ūvēn from_ _the_side_of the_east to the_side_of westward_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) one_portion.

8 And_at the_border_of Yəhūdāh from_the_side_ _of the_east to the_side_of westward_of it_will_be the_contribution which you(pl)_will_offer_up will_be_five and_twenty thousand_cubits the_ _breadth and_the_length like_one of_the_ _portions from_the_side_of eastward_of to the_ _side_of westward_of and_it_was the_sanctuary in_the_middle_of_of_it. 9 The_contribution which you(pl)_will_contribute to/for_**YHWH** the_ _length_of will_be_five and_twenty thousand_ _cubits and_the_breadth will_be_ten_of thousand_cubits. 10 And_to_these it_will_belong the_contribution_of (the)_holiness to_priests northward_on five and_twenty thousand_cubits

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and_westward_on the_breadth will_be_ten_of thousand_cubits and_eastward_on the_breadth will_be_ten_of thousand_cubits and_southward_ _on the_length_of will_be_five and_twenty thousand_cubits and_it_was the_sanctuary_of **YHWH** in_the_middle_of_of_it. 11 To_priests the_ _one_who_is_consecrated from_(the)_sons of_ _Tsādōq/(Zadok) who they_kept charge_of_my who not they_went_astray when_ the_people_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) _went_astray just_as the_Lēviyyiy they_went_astray. 12 And_it_will_belong to/for_ _them a_contribution from_the_contribution_of the_earth/land a_holy_place_of holy_places to the_border_of the_Lēviyyiy. 13 And_the_Lēviyyiy close_to_of the_border_of the_priests will_be_five and_twenty thousand_cubits the_length and_the_ _breadth will_be_ten_of thousand_cubits all_of the_length will_be_five and_twenty thousand_ _cubits and_the_breadth will_be_ten_of thousand_cubits. 14 And_not they_will_sell from_ _him/it and_not anyone_will_exchange and_not Q_anyone_will_make_pass_over[326] the_choicest_ _of the_earth/land if/because it_is_a_holy_place to/for_**YHWH**. 15 And_five_of thousand_cubits which_remains in_breadth on the_face_of five and_twenty thousand_cubits will_be_a_profane_ _area it for_city for_dwelling_place and_for_ _open_land and_it_will_be the_city in/on/at/with[327]. 16 And_these be_its_ _measurements_of_will the_side_of the_north will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_ _cubits and_the_side_of the_south will_be_five wwww[328] hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_ _cubits and_from_the_side_of the_east will_be_ _five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_cubits and_the_side_of westward_of will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of thousand_cubits. 17 And_ open_land _it_was to_city northward_on fifty and_two_hundreds and_southward_on fifty and_ _two_hundred_cubits and_eastward_on fifty and_ _two_hundreds and_westward_on fifty and_two_ _hundred_cubits. 18 And_that_which_remains in_ _length close_to_of the_contribution_of (the)_ _holiness will_be_ten_of thousand_cubits

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western and eastern sides. Yahweh's temple will be in the middle of that special area. 11 The temple area will be for the priests, Tsadok's descendants, who are dedicated to serving me. (They're the ones who served me faithfully and didn't turn away from me like the Levites and the others did.) 12 The priests' allocation will be a portion of that very sacred land, extending to the Levites' border. 13 The land assigned to the Levites will be the same size as the land that the priests will receive. (So together, these two portions of land will be thirteen kilometres long and about ten kilometres wide.) 14 They mustn't sell or barter it—none of this best part of Yisrael's (Israel's) land must ever be used for any other purpose, because it's all sacred to Yahweh.

15 Another strip of land thirteen kilometres long and almost three kilometres wide will be allotted for other people living in the special area to use. They may build homes and have pasturelands there, and there'll be a city in the middle of that area. 16 The city will be square, over two kilometres long on each side, 17 with an open area around it, within the special area, that will be about 130m wide in each direction. 18 Outside the city, there'll be two strips that'll extend five kilometres on each of the east and west sides, and the produce from those strips will be food for the people working in the city. 19 Those who come from the various tribes to work in the city may also work in this farmland. 20 That entire special area, including the land given for Yahweh's use and the city, will be a square that's thirteen kilometres long on each side.

21 The tracts of land to the east and to the west of Yahweh's area and the city will belong to the leader. One area will extend thirteen kilometres east to Yisrael's eastern boundary, and the other will extend thirteen kilometres west to the Mediterranean Sea. Yahweh's area, which contains

**326** **LV 48:14 · Note** OSHB variant note: רובעי: (x-qere) 'רִבֶּעַי': lemma_5674 a n_1.0 morph_HVhi3ms id_26pDo רִבֶּעַי

**327** **LV 48:15 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/כות/ב: (x-qere) 'וֹ/כוֹת/ִב': lemma_b/8432 n_0 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp3ms id_26PV1 וֹ/כוֹת/ִב

**328** **LV 48:16 · Note** OSHB variant note: שמה: (x-qere)

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the temple, will be in the middle. 22 The area that belongs to the leader (that surrounds the Levites' property and the city in the middle of it) will be between the tribe of Yehudah (Judah) to the north and the tribe of Benyamin to the south.

23 South of Yahweh's area, each of the other tribes will receive one section of land that extends from the eastern boundary of Yisrael west all the way to the Mediterranean Sea.

Just south of Yahweh's area will be territory for the tribe of Benyamin. 24 South of Benyamin's land will be the land for the tribe of Shim'on (Simeon). 25 South of Shim'on's land will be the land for the tribe of Yisakar (Issachar). 26 South of Yisakar's land will be the land for the tribe of Zevulun. 27 South of Zevulun's land will be the land for the tribe of Gad. 28 Gad's southern boundary will extend from Tamar south to the waters of Merivah-Kadesh, and farther west to the brook of Mitsrayim (Egypt), and then on to the Mediterranean Sea.

29 That describes the territory you'll allocate to Yisrael's tribes to become their permanent inheritance. That's the master Yahweh's declaration.

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eastward_to and_ten_of thousand_cubits
westward_to and_it_was close_to_of the_
_contribution_of (the)_holiness and_it_will_
_become mmm[329] (into)_food for_those_who_
_serve_of the_city. 19 And_one_who_serves the_
_city they_will_serve_it from_all the_tribes_of
Yisrā'ēl/(Israel). 20 All_of the_contribution will_
_be_five and_twenty thousand_cubits by_five
and_twenty thousand_cubits fourth you(pl)_will_
_offer_up ~~DOM~~ the_contribution_of (the)_holiness
to the_possession_of the_city. 21 And_that_
_which_remains will_to_the_prince from_this
and_from_this of_the_contribution_of of_(the)_
_holiness and_of_the_possession_of the_city to
the_face_of the_five and_twenty thousand_cubits
a_contribution to the_border_of eastward_of
and_westward on the_face_of five and_twenty
thousand_cubits on the_border_of westward_of
close_to_of the_portions will_to_the_prince and_
_it_will_be the_contribution_of (the)_holiness
and_the_sanctuary_of the_house
in/on/at/with[330]. 22 And_from_the_possession_
_of the_Lēviyyiy and_from_the_possession_of
the_city in_the_middle of_that_which to_prince
it_will_belong between the_border_of
Yəhūdāh/(Judah) and_between the_border_of
Binyāmīn to_prince it_will_belong. 23 And_the_
_remainder_of the_tribes from_the_side_of
eastward_of to the_side_of westward_of Binyāmīn
one_portion. 24 And_at the_border_of Binyāmīn
from_the_side_of eastward_of to the_side_of
westward_of Shim'ōn one_portion. 25 And_at the_
_border_of Shim'ōn from_the_side_of eastward_of
to the_side_of westward_of Issachar one_portion.
26 And_at the_border_of Issachar from_the_side_
_of eastward_of to the_side_of westward_of
Zəvūlūn one_portion. 27 And_at the_border_of
Zəvūlūn from_the_side_of eastward_of to the_
_side_of westward_of Gād one_portion. 28 And_at
the_border_of Gād to the_side_of the_south
southward_toward and_ the_border _it_was from_
_Tāmār the_waters_of Mərīvāh_of Qādēsh the_
_wadi on the_sea (the)_great. 29 This the_
_earth/land which you(pl)_will_make_fall from_
_the_inheritance to_the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel)
and_these portions_of_are_their the_utterance_of

**329** **LV 48:18 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/תאובת: (x-qere) וֹ/תָאוּבָת: lemma_8393 n_0.1.0 morph_HNcfsc/Sp3ms id_26kfc וֹ/תָאוּבָת

**330** **LV 48:21 · Note** OSHB variant note: ה/כות/ב: (x-qere) וֹ/כוֹת/ב: lemma_b/8432 n_0 morph_HR/Ncmsc/Sp3ms id_26fX4 וֹ/כוֹת/ב

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my_master **YHWH**.

30 And_these will_be_the_exits_of the_city from_
_the_side_of the_north will_be_five hundred(s)
and_four_of thousand_cubits the_measurement.
31 And_the_gates_of the_city will_be_on the_
_names_of the_tribes_of Yisrā'ēl/(Israel) gates
three be_northward_will the_gate_of Rə'ūvēn
one the_gate_of Yəhūdāh/(Judah) one the_gate_
_of Lēvī one. 32 And_near/to the_side_of
eastward_of will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_of
thousand_cubits and_gates three and_the_gate_of
Yōṣēf/(Joseph) one the_gate_of Binyāmīn one
the_gate_of Dān one. 33 And_the_side_of
southward_of will_be_five hundred(s) and_four_
_of thousand_cubits the_measurement and_gates
three the_gate_of Shim'ōn one the_gate_of
Issachar one the_gate_of Zəvūlūn one. 34 The_
_side_of westward_of will_be_five hundred(s)
and_four_of thousand_cubits gates_of_their three
the_gate_of Gād one the_gate_of 'Āshēr one the_
_gate_of Naftālī one. 35 The_circuit will_be_eight-
teen thousand_cubits and_name_of the_city
from_the_day will_be_**YHWH** is_(to)_(to).

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**The city gateways**

30 These will be the exits from the city: On the northern side (which will be just over two kilometres long), 31 there'll be three gates named after the tribes of Re'uven, Yehudah (Judah), and Levi. 32 On the eastern side (the same length) there'll be three gates named after the tribes of Yosef (Joseph), Benyamin, and Dan. 33 On the southern side (the same length) there'll be three gates named after the tribes of Shim'on (Simeon), Yisakar (Issachar), and Zevulun. 34 On the western side (the same length) there'll be three gates named after the tribes of Gad, Asher, and Naftali (Naphtali).[331] 35 The distance around the city will be nine kilometres.

From that time onwards, the city's name will be 'Yahweh is there'.

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331 **RV 48:30-34 · Cross-ref.** Rev 21:12-13.