THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

JEREMIAH.

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A | 55. 1-34. CONCLUSION.

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For the Canonical order of Jeremiah’s prophecies, see below.
For the Chronological order of Jeremiah’s prophecies, see Ap. 83.
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The prophecies of Jeremiah do not profess to be given in chronological order (see Ap. 83); nor is there any reason why they should be so given. Why, we ask, should modern critics first assume that they ought to be, and then condemn them because they are not?

It is the historical portions, which concern JEHOIAKIM (D) and ZEDEKIAH (D), that are chiefly so affected.

And, Who was Jehoiakim that his history should be of any importance? Was it not he who “cut up the Word of Jehovah with a penknife, and cast it in the fire”? Why should not his history be “cut up”?

ZEDEKIAH rejected the same Word of Jehovah. Why should his history be respected?

Secular authors take the liberty of arranging their own literary matter as they choose; why should this liberty be denied to the sacred writers? The fact that the canonical and chronological portions have each their own particular Structures, and that both are perfect, shows that both orders have the same Divine Author.

Jeremiah’s prophecy is dated (1. 1, 3) as being “in the days of Josiah ... in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah ... unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah ... unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.”

The 13th year of Josiah was 518 B.C.

The 11th year of Zedekiah was 477 B.C.

Therefore the whole period covered by Jeremiah was 41 years, as shown in Ap. 60, pp. 60, 67, 68, and Ap. 77.

It is highly probable that this period was exactly forty years—the last probationary period (see Ap. 10) vouchsafed by Jehovah, before Jerusalem was destroyed and the Temple burnt. But, as the month in the thirteenth year of Josiah, at which the Word first came to Jeremiah, is not stated, the whole period has to be shown as above, viz. 41 years.

Having regard to the Formulas of prophetic utterances (see Ap. 82), there appear to be some fifty-one distinct and clearly marked prophecies, commencing with some such formula as “The word of the Lord came”, &c. It would have been well if the book could have been divided into fifty-one chapters (instead of fifty-two) so as to coincide with these. They commence as follows:—

I. 1. 4.
II. 1. 11.
III. 1. 13.
IV. 2. 1.
V. 3. 6.
VI. 7. 1.
VII. 11. 1.
VIII. 13. 3.
IX. 13. 8.
X. 14. 1.
XI. 16. 1.
XII. 18. 1.
XIII. 18. 2.

XIV. 21. 1.
XV. 24. 4.
XVI. 25. 1.
XVII. 26. 1.
XVIII. 27. 1.
XIX. 28. 12.
XX. 30. 1.
XXI. 32. 1.
XXII. 32. 6.
XXIII. 32. 26.
XXIV. 35. 1.

XXV. 33. 19.
XXVI. 33. 23.

XXVII. 34. 1.
XXVIII. 34. 8.
XXIX. 34. 12.
XXX. 34. 1.
XXXI. 35. 12.
XXXII. 35. 15.
XXXIII. 36. 1.
XXXIV. 36. 27.
XXXV. 39. 15.
XXXVI. 40. 1.
XXXVII. 43. 8.
XXXVIII. 43. 1.

XL. 45. 1.
XLI. 46. 1.
XLII. 46. 13.
XLIII. 47. 1.
XLV. 49. 1.
XLVI. 49. 78.
XLVII. 49. 22.
XLVIII. 49. 28.
XLIX. 49. 34.
L. 50. 1.
L. 51. 59.

*A Like the corresponding period of probation covered by the Acts of the Apostles, before the destruction of the second Temple.
† The Fig. Ellipsis (Ap. 6) should be repeated in each of these passages, from 47. 1 (“The word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah the prophet”) against", &c.
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JEREMIAH.

THE words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

1 2 To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou earnest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."

6 Then said I, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak: for I am only a child." But the LORD said unto me, "Say not, "I am only a child." For thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

8 Be not afraid of their faces:

for am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

1. 1-3 (A, p. 1015). INTRODUCTION.

1 2+ 1. The Prophet. His Person.

2+ 2. The Prophet. His Call. Its time.


1 words: or, prophecies (v. 4, 9; 2, 1, 4, &c.). Cp. Ps. 1. 2; but better "words", as the historic portions are also Jehovah's words. Cp. Amos 1. 1.

2 Jeremiah. Heb. yirmiyya'ah = whom Jehovah raises up, or launches forth.

3 of the priests. Beside Jeremiah, Nathan (1 Kings 4. 5), Ezekiel (1. 3), and probably Zechariah (1. 1) were of priestly origin.

Anathoth. Now 'Anata, three miles north-east of Jerusalem. Jeremiah was probably still at Anathoth before he prophesied in Jerusalem (11. 21, 12. 6). This prepared him for later conflicts (cp. 12. 5, 6).

2+ 2. the word of the LORD came. It is remarkable that, in the four longer prophets, this formula is almost entirely confined to the two who were priests (Jeremiah and Ezekiel). See Ap. 62. Cp. Gen. 15. 1. 1 Sam. 9. 27; 16. 10. 2 Sam. 7. 4; 24. 11. 1 Kings 12. 22. 1 Chron. 17. 5; 22. 1. 2 Chron. 11. 2; 12. 7. Ezek. 1. 1; 14. 12. Hos. 1. 1. Joel 1. 1, &c.

3+ 3. It came also in the days. See note on Gen. 14. 1. the fifth month. The month that Jerusalem was destroyed (52. 12. 2 Kings 25. 5, 6). After that, Jeremiah continued in the Land (40. 1; 42. 7); and later, in Egypt (chs. 43, 44).

1. 4-19 (B, p. 1015). JEREMIAH'S COMMISSION GIVEN.

4-10. Jeremiah's First prophecy (see p. 1015).

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9 Then the Lord put forth His hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

10 So I am now come to the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

11 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, "Jeremiah, what seest thou?" And I said, "I see a rod of an almond tree.

12 Then said the Lord unto me, "Thou hast well seen: for 3 will hasten My word to perform it."

13 And the word of the Lord came unto me the second time, saying, "What seest thou?" And I said, "I see, a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north.

14 Then said the Lord unto me, "Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. For I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the Lord; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.

15 And I will utter My judgments against the north, saith the Lord, and the face thereof is toward the north.

17 Therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them: for I am watching thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee, and to give thee the land, and to plant and to build."

18 "Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, "I have put My words, &c. This is inspiration. See Deut. 18. 18. Cp. Acts 1. 16. David's "mouth", but not David's "words": to root out = to declare that nations should be rooted out, &c. Fig. Metonymy (of Subject), Ap. 6. Note also the Fig. Polygenydon, for emphasis.

19 And to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, &c. Note the Fig. Polygenydon (Ap. 6), and see note above.

20 build, and to plant = to declare that others (Israel and Judah) should be restored. Cp. Ezek. 17. 22–24. A prophecy still future.

Jeremiah's Second prophecy.

11 Moreover = And. Another commission introducing two visions. a rod = a staff for striking. Heb. mokbêl, as in 48. 17 and Gen. 30. 87–41.

2 a rod of an almond tree. Denotes an almond tree staff, corresponding with a vigilant watcher.

3 an almond tree. Heb. shekêd = a watcher, or an early waker, because it is the first of the trees to wake from its winter sleep, and is thus what the cock is among birds.

12. 3 will hasten . . . it = I am watching. Forming the Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 6), "an almond tree (shekêd) . . . I am watching (shokêd) ", thus emphasising the certainty.

Jeremiah's Third prophecy.

13 second time. In order to complete the sense by explaining that it was the fulfillment of the word of judgment that was to be watched over. a seething pot = a boiling cauldron. Heb. a pot blown upon: i.e. brought to boil by blowing the fire. Is. A.V. edition (1611) read "was".

b toward the north = from the north: i.e. turned towards the prophet, who saw it from the south. The enemy of which it spoke, though situated on the east, would come round the desert and advance from the north, through Dan, the usual route from Assyria. See e. 14.


15 lo. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6. all. Frequently put (as here) by Fig. Synedochê (of the Whole), Ap. 6, for the principal or greater part, &c. Where the kings of Judah had set to judge and rule. Fulfilled in 39. 3, for here the setting is hostile. 16 them: i.e. the people of Judah.


18 works. Some codices, with one early printed edition, Syr., and Vulg., read "work" (sing.).

17 gird up, &c. See note on 1 Kings 18. 46.

18 made thee = give thee (sing.), &c. Note the Fig. Polygenydon (Ap. 6). brassen walls. Some codices, with two early printed editions (one in marg.), Targ. Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read a wall of bronze (sing.).

19 against. Note the Fig. Anapophora (Ap. 6), by which "against" is repeated seven times, in order to emphasise the fact that as man's thoughts and ways are the opposite of Jehovah's (Isa. 55. 6), it is impossible for a prophet who is Jehovah's spokesman to be other than "against" man. See Ap. 49. in the kings of Judah. See ch. 36. the princes. See chs. 37 and 38. the priests. See chs. 20 and 29.

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Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the Lord; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, and the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after Me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

Israel was holiness unto the Lord, and the firstfruits of His increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the Lord.

Hear ye the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:

Thus saith the Lord; What iniquity have your fathers found in Me, that they are gone far from Me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

Neither said they, Where is the Lord? and they that handled the law knew Me not: the pastors also transgressed against Me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

Plead with your children's children, and with your children, that which I have done among you, saith the Lord; for I brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage.

Where is the house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel?

Is there no man that knoweth, and saith, Where is the house of the Lord's espousals, that was espoused to Me for a plentiful country, and that the wilderness, in a land not sown.

Thus saith the Lord, Go down to the gate of the city, that is opened, and go out by the way, and come, and bring forth the wood and the cuttings thereof.

Go down, go down into the plain, into the plain of the daughter of Zeredathah.

Thus saith the Lord; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel is weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted for her children, because they are not.

Moreover the Lord said unto me, Jeremiah, go down to the公主 of Ramah, and see, and all the streets thereof, and all the cities thereof, in which is the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; the voices of the bridegroom and the voice of them that sing in the house of Israel shall be heard no more at all.

2. 1-20. 18 (C, p. 1015). PROPHECIES ADDRESSED TO JEWS. JOSIAH. (Alternation.)

F Proclamations.
G Proclamations.
H Proclamations.

2. 1-12. 17 (F, above). PROCLAMATIONS. (Introversions.)

K | 7. 1-10. 25. Place. In the Gate of the Temple.

18. 2. 1, 18. Nations.
19. 2. 1-3. 11. TO JERUSALEM. ESPousALS. (Introversions.)

2. 1-3. 11. (H, above). TO JERUSALEM. ESPousALS. (Introversions.)

O | 2. 8, 20. Call to see. Remonstrance. Past.

F I 2. 1, 8; 3. 44. Call to hear. Remonstrance. Past.
H K 2. 1-5. Espousals.
O 2. 21, 22. Call to see. Remonstrance. Past.

2. 2 saith the Lord. See note on 1. 8. I remember thee. The expression is used in good part in Ps. 99. s; 106. 46; 122. 1-5.

But in evil part Ps. 76. s; 137. 7. Neh. 6. 14. 13. 29. Probably both senses here: the good on Jehovah's part (v. s. Hos. 11. 1; 2. 19, 20. Amos 2. 10); and the evil on Israel's part, for even in the wilderness Israel was unfaithful (Amos 5. 12-14, 15; Acts 7. 39-43).

As a youth. His years of youth were consecrated.

When. Cp. v. 6. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 2. 7; 8. 2, 16, 16).


3. 1-5. 3. 2. Holiness unto the Lord. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 19. 6).

The firstfruits, &c., which were consecrated. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 23. 19. Deut. 18. 4; 26. 10). Ap. 92. devour = devoured.

offend = be held guilty. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 4. 13, 22, 27; 5. 3, 4, 5, 17; 19; 6. 3, Num. 5. 6, 7). Ap. 92. evil = calamity. Heb. ra'a'. Ap. 44. viii. See note on Isa. 45. 7.

4. 1-6. 1-20. 18. A house of Jacob. Occurs only here, and 5. 20, where it is “in the house of Jacob”.

The only other passage is Amos 3. 12.

The house of Israel. The Messôrah (Ap. 80), records that this expression occurs twenty times in Jeremiah (here; v. 26; 3. 18, 20; 5. 11, 15; 9. 26; 10. 1; 11. 16, 17; 13. 11; 18. 6; 23. 8; 31. 27, 31, 33; 33. 14, 17; 48. 13).


revolted. Heb. pākāh. Ap. 44. ix. do not profit. Fig. Tappânōn (Ap. 6), for emphasis = lead to ruin.

pale = argue, contend. children's children = sons' sons.

isles = coastslands, or maritime countries.

the city of Chittim. See note on Num. 24. 24. west and east outliers.

their glory = His glory. This is one of the emendations of the Sôphèrim (Ap. 38), by which the Heb. kābôd ("My glory") was changed to kā'ābôd ("His glory"), out of a mistaken idea of sound. Ap. 92. 13. evil. Heb. ra'a'. Ap. 44. viii. fountain = a well dug out, having living water. cisterns = a well dug out, having only what it receives. cannot hold the waters. servant = a slave? He were treated as such by Assyria, and afterward by Egypt. spoiled = became a spoil.

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Also the children of Noph and Tahapanes have broken the crown of thy head.

17 Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when He led thee by the way?

18 And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river?

19 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy transgressions shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that My fear is not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts.

20 For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wast wanderer, playing the harlot.

21 Yet had I planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto Me?

22 For though thou wast vowed with a nitre, and take thee much sope, yet thine iniquity is marked before Me, saith the Lord God.

23 How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: thou art a swift dromedary traversing her ways;

24 A wild ass used to the wilderness, that snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure; in her month they turn not away, all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.

25 Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.

26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,

27 Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto Me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.

28 But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: o for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.

29 Wherefore will ye plead with Me? ye have transgressed against Me, saith the Lord.

30 In vain have I smitten your children: they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

31 O generation, see ye the word of the Lord. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say My People, We are lords; we will come no more unto Thee.

32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet My people have forgotten Me days without number.

33 Why trumpest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways.

34 Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.

35 Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent,
Surely His anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned. 

36 Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria.

37 Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thy head: for the Lord hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

38 'They say, 'If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man’s, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted?' 'but return again, holden, and there hath been no latter rain; 

In My Father, my Father, I will not keep anger, as thou couldst: or, hast had thy way.


yet return again to Me = yet [thinkest thou to] return, &c. It was contrary to the law of Deut. 24. 1-4. It will be the new Israel of Matt. 21. 43 of a yet future day. God never mends what man has marred. This is the lesson of the potter’s house. See 18. 1-4, to Me. See v. 7; 4. 1.


2 wickedness. Heb. 'idita'. Ap. 44. viii.


forehead. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for impudence.

4 Guide = Friend.

5 reserve. Heb. nafar. Occurs in Jer. only here and in v. 12 ("keep").

His anger. Fig. Ellipsis (Absolute). Ap. 6, evil things = the evil things. Heb. 'idita', as in v. 2, as thou couldst: or, hast had thy way.

3. 6-4. 4. Jeremiah's First prophecy. See p. 1015. in the days of Josiah. This must be noted to understand the context.

Israel. Here refers to the Northern Kingdom. In Jeremiah it usually refers to the whole nation:

mountain . . . tree. Cp. 2. 29, and Hos. 4. 13.

played the harlot. The whole of this refers to idolatry, chiefly because of the uncleanness connected with the phallic worship of the Canaanitish nations.

7 Turn thou unto Me: or, "Unto Me she will return ".

And I saw. In transcribing from the ancient characters, Aleph (א = a) was perhaps taken for Tau (ת = t), the two letters differing only in one minute stroke 1 (א) and 7 (ת). This shows that the primitive reading was "Though she saw", "I the words she had done all these things, as thou couldst: or, hast had thy way."

7 And I said after she had done all these things. Turn thou unto Me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.

10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto Me with her whole heart, but 'feignedly', saith the Lord, 'feignedly', saith the Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto me, 'The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, 'Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause Mine anger to fall upon you:

13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God.


3. 13.  JEREMIAH.

518-500  o God, and hast o scattered thy ways to the o strangers under o every green tree, and ye have not obeyed My voice, 1 saith 3 the LORD.

14  o Turn, O backsliding children, 1 saith 3 the LORD;

for 3 am 3 married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a 3 family, and I will bring you to Zion:

And I will give you 3 pastors according to Mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

16  And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, 3 in those days, 1 saith 3 the LORD, 3 they 3 shall say no more, 3 The ark of the covenant of 3 the LORD: neither shall it come to pass: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they 3 visit it; neither shall that 3 be done any more.

17  At that time they shall 3 call Jerusalem the 3 throne of 3 the LORD; and 3 all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to 3 the name of 3 the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the 3 imagination of their 3 evil heart.

18  In those days 3 the house of Judah shall 3 walk with 3 the house of Israel, 3 and they shall 3 come 3 together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

19  But 3 said, 3 How shall I put thee among 3 the children, and give thee 3 a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? 3 and I said, 3 Thou shalt call Me, My Father; and shalt not turn away from Me.

20  Surely 3 as a wife treacherously departeth from her 3 husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with Me, O 3 house of Israel, 3 saith 3 the LORD.

21  A voice was heard upon 3 the high places, weeping and supplications of the 3 children of Israel: 3 for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten 3 the LORD their 3 God.

22  Return, ye backsliding 3 children, and I will heal your backslidings."

3. 14-16 (S², p. 1020).  THE REASON.  (Introversion.)

14-16 married = am become your husband. This will be the result of the Restoration here promised.

15  The ark of the covenant of 3 the LORD. Ref. to Pent. (see notes on Ex. 25.23). Ap. 92. Cp. note on 3 1 Chron. 13. 3.

16  visit it. This is conclusive of the fact that it was burnt together with the Temple (as it is not included in the excepted things, in 3 Kings 25.9, 13-16), notwithstanding the Jewish tradition recorded in 3 Mac. 2.4-5, and the impossible stories of its being taken over to North Africa, Constantinople, or Ireland.

17  At that time. Referring to the future Restoration ("k" answering to "k" of v. 16).

14-18  call Jerusalem, &c. Cp. Ps. 87.2-7. Isa. 60.1; 65.18; 66.1-13, 20; Zeph. 3.8.

19  Jerusalem, &c. Cp. Ps. 87.2-7. Isa. 60.1; 65.18; 66.1-13, 20; Zeph. 3.8.


21  imagination = stubbornness. The word is used eight times by Jeremiah, but is found nowhere else outside the Pentateuch, except in Ps. 81.12. Cp. 7.24. The ref. to Pent. is in Deut. 29. 19. See Ap. 92. 19 children = sons.

22  the house of Judah. This expression occurs eleven times in this book: here; 5.11; 9.10, 17; 12.14; 15.11; 22.6; 31.27, 31; 39.18; 39.3. walk with = go unto the house of Israel. See note on 3.4.

23  the children = sons. Heb. a land of desire: i.e. to be desired. 20 husband = guide, or friend, as in v. 4.

24  the high places = the places where they had sinned. Cp. v. 2. for = because.

25  Behold. Fig. Asterismos (Ap. 6), to mark the confession that will be made "in those days".

26  Truly. Thus continuing her confession.

Behold, we come unto Thee: for Thou art the LORD our 3 God.

24  be saved. This is salvation for Israel. The "hills" and "mountains" are put by the Fig. Metonymy (of Subject), Ap. 6, for the idolatry practised on them. Cp. Ezek. 18.5, 9, 11, 15. 34 shame = the shameful thing, "shame" being put by Fig. Metonymy (of Effect), Ap. 6, for the Asherah labour. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for their sons. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Aram., Sept., and Syr., read "and their", thus completing the Fig. Polygrammenion (Ap. 6), to emphasise the completeness of the Restoration.
4. 1. JEREMIAH.

4. 1 return. Note the Fig. Cycloides. Ap. 6.
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19 "My bowels, [my "bowels! I am pained at [my "very heart; my [my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because [thou hast heard, O my [my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

20 Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, and [my [curtains in a moment.

21 How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet?

22 For [My people is foolish, [they have not [known [they; [they are [sottish [children, and [they have none understanding; [they are wise to do [evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

23 I beheld the earth, and, [lo, it was [without form, and void; and the heavens, and [they were [form, and void; and the heavens, and [they were [intangible; [they are [void.

24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

25 I beheld, and, lo, there was [no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled.

26 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of 1 the LORD, [and by His fierce anger.

27 For thus hath 1 the LORD said, "The whole land shall be desolate; [yet will I not make a full end.

28 For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, [I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

29 The whole [city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb upon the rocks: 2 every city shall be forsaken, and not a [man dwell therein.

30 And when [thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou dost cloth thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou dost set thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy [life.

31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and [I will pardon it.

32 And though they say, "The LORD liveth;" surely they speak falsely.

33 O 2 LORD, are not [Thine eyes upon [the truth? Thou hast stricken [Therm, but they [of have not grieved; Thou hast consumed [them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

34 Therefore 3 said, "Surely [they are [poor;
5. 20-28 (Y4, p. 1023). INCIRIMINATION. (Extended Alternation.)

20 Declare . . . publish. Cp. 4. 15.

24 Neither say they in their heart, 'Let us now fear the LORD our God,
that giveth rain. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 11. 14). both = even. Some codices omit this word.


5. 6.

Y3 9 o Shall I not visit for these things? o saith the LORD: and shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for she is not 2 the LORD's.

11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against Me, 9 saith the LORD, their hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will bring upon them a full end, which have placed the sand in pieces: because their backslidings = apostasies.

22 Ye fear not at all? o saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at My presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss them to and fro, yet shall they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?

23 But this People hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revoluted and gone, transgressions = revolts. Heb. פשע. Ap. 44. ix.


25 Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you.

26 For among My People are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men.

5. 26.

Yn 11 o I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD; it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither o understandest what they say. 9 Wherefore . . . ? Fig. Erotics. Ap. 6. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 29. 24, 26). Ap. 92. Repeated three times by Fig. Anaphora (Ap. 6), for great emphasis, harvest, &c. Note the similar enumeration in Hab. 3. 17.

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27 As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.

28 They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge.

29 Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

30 A wonderful work is done: therefore the king of kingsЁsoul depart from thee; lest I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited.

6. 1 O ye children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in Beth-haccerem: for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction.

2 I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman.

3 The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch their tents against her round about; they shall feed every one in his place.

4 Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us destroy her palaces.

5 And let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.

6 Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her for ever.

7 For thus hath the Lord of hosts said, Hew ye down trees, and cast up a mount against Jerusalem: 16 is the city to be visited; she is wholly oppression in the midst of her.

8 As a fountain casteth out her waters, so she casteth out her wickedness: violence and spoil is heard in her; before Me continually is grief and wounds.

9 Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest My soul depart from thee; lest I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited.

10 Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for I have heard with my ears that the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days.

11 And their houses shall be turned unto others, with their fields and vines together: for I will stretch out My hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the Lord.

But other codices, with three early printed editions, Heb. 'el. 12 turned unto others. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 28. 50). saith the Lord =[is]Jehovah's oracle.
13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

14 They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of My People slightly, saying, "Peace, peace;" when there is no peace.

15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush:

therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down," saith the LORD.

16 Thus saith the LORD, ""Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk therein.'

17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying, "'Hearken to the sound of the trumpet.' But they said, 'We will not hearken.'

18 Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them.

19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this People, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto My words, nor to My law, but rejected it,

20 To what purpose cometh there to Me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto Me.

21 Therefore thus saith the LORD, "Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish.

22 Thus saith the LORD, "Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from 'the sides of the earth.'

23 They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.'

24 We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, and pain, as of a woman in travail.

25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy and fear is on every side.

26 O daughter of My people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.

27 I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among My People, that thou mayest know and 'try their' way.

28 They are all grievous revolters, walking with slanders: they are brass and iron; they are all corrupters.

29 The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the 'founder melteth in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away.

30 Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the LORD hath rejected them.

7. 1-10. 25 (J, p. 1018). PLACE IN GATE OF THE TEMPLE. (Alternation, and Introversion.)

A | D | 9. 10—24. Call for lamentation.

Jeremiah's Sixth prophecy (see p. 1016).

7. 1-28 (C, above). EXHORTATION. (Alternation.)

F | 3-26. Disobedience.
E | 27, 28—. Proclamation.
F | 29—. Disobedience.

1 came. The danger attending this message is shown in ch. 26. Cp. 7. 2 with 28. 2; 7. 3 with 26. 13; 7. 12-14 with 26. 4-6. Ch. 26 was in the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim, probably his fourth year. Ch. 28 is the historical appendix of ch. 7.


7 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
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2 "Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, 'Hear the word of the Lord, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord.'"

3 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel. Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

5 For if ye throughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;

6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:

7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

8 Behold, I will cast you out of My sight, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of My People Israel.

10 And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, which is called by My name, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of My People Israel.

12 But go ye now unto My place which was in Shiloh, where I set My name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of My People Israel.

13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the Lord, and spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not;

14 Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by My name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh;

15 And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim,'

16 Therefore pray not thou for this People, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to Me: for I will not hear thee.

17 Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger.

19 Do they provoke Me to anger? saith the Lord: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord: God;

Behold, Mine anger and My fury shall be poured out upon this place,
trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.”

21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; If ye will walk in mine statutes, and hearken unto my commandments, which I command you, and hearken unto them;

22 For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices, and feast flesh.

23 But I spake unto your fathers, and said, Go ye not after other gods to serve them; but keep my commandments, and do them.

24 But they refused, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.

25 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

26 Yet they hearkened not unto Me, nor inclined their ear; but hardened their neck, as their fathers did, saying, We will not hearken unto thee.

27 Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hear thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not hearken to thee.

28 But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

29 Cut off thine hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of His wrath.

30 For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, and have made Me to be blasphemed; they have set abominations in the house which is called by My name, to pollute it.

31 And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into My heart.

32 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter:

33 And the carcases of this People shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray them away.

34 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride:

for the land shall be desolate.

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At that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves:

2 And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved; and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.

3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 Moreover thou shalt say unto them, "Thus saith the LORD: Shall they fall, and not rise? shall he turn away, and not return? Why therefore is this People of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual slidding?

5 they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.

6 I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, 'What have I done?' every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.

7 Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but My People know not the judgment of the LORD.

8 How do ye say, 'We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us?'

9 Lo, certainly in vain made He it; the pen of the scribes is in vain.

10 The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD;

11 and what wisdom is in them?

10 Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

12 For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly, saying, 'Peace, peace;' when there is no peace.

13 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush:

therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

14 I will surely consume them, saith the LORD: there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them.

15 Why do ye sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defended cities, and let us be silent there: for the LORD our God hath put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD.
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15 We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!
16 The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan: the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones; for they are come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those that dwell therein.

17 "For, behold, I will send serpents, cockatrice, among you, which will not be charmed, and they shall bite thee, saith the LORD."

18 (When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint in me.)

19 "Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of My People because of them that dwell in a far country: Is not the LORD in Zion? is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities?"

20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and ye are not saved.
21 For the hurt of the daughter of My People am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me.
22 Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of My People recovered?

9. 1 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of My People!
2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfarers; that I might leave My People, and go from them!

4 d "for they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.
3 And they bend their tongues like their bow for deceit: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and know not My ways, saith the LORD.
4 Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders.
5 And they will deceive every one his neighbour... and wailing, and for the wilderness a lamentation, because they are gone, and are come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those that dwell therein.
6 Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know My ways, saith the LORD.
7 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of My People?
8 Their tongue is as an arrow shot out; it speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in heart he layeth his wait.
9 Shall I not visit them for these things? saith the LORD: shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this?
10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitation of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through them; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone.
11 And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant."
12 "Who is the wise man, that may understand this? and who is he to whom the
mouth of the LORD hath spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perisheth and is burned up like a wilderness, that none passeth through it.

13 And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, neither walked therein;

14 But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them:

15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.

16 I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither their fathers nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come:

18 And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with water.

19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out."

20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of His mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour mourning.

21 For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets.

22 Speak, Thus saith the LORD, Even the carcases of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvest, and none shall gather them.

23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither the mighty man glory in his might, nor the rich man glory in his riches.

24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth that I am the LORD. Which exerciseth lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

25 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will punish all them which are circumcised with the uncircumcised;

26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that are in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart."
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2 “Thus saith the LORD, 'Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

3 For of the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.

4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

5 They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.”

6 Forasmuch as there is none like unto Thee, O Lord; Thou art great, and Thy name is great in might.

7 *Who would not fear Thee, O King of nations?* for to Thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, *there is none like unto Thee.*

8 But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock is a doctrine of vanities.

9 Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple is their clothing: they are all the work of cunning men.

10 But the Lord is the true God, *the living God,* and an everlasting king: at His wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide His indignation.

11 *Thus shall ye say unto them,* “The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

12 He hath made the earth by His power, He hath established the world by His wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by His discretion.

13 When He uttereth His voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; He maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of His treasures.

14 Every man is brutish in his knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.

15 They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

16 Behold, The Portion of Jacob is not like them: for *he is the Former of all things; and Israel is the rod of His inheritance:* The Lord of hosts is His name.”

17 *Gather up thy wares out of the land, O inhabitant of the fortress.*

18 For thus saith the Lord, "Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this once, and will distress them, that they may "find it so."

19 Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, "Truly this is a grief, and I must bear it."

20 My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they are not: there is none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.

21 For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the Lord: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.

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The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

2 "Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

3 And say thou unto them, 'Thus saith the Lord of Israel; Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant,

4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey My voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be My People, and I will be your God;

5 That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord directeth to direct his steps.

6 Therefore thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, and do them.

7 For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey My voice; yet ye obeyed not, nor inclined your ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart:

Therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded your fathers, and I will bring an alarm of war unto them, and a great commotion out of the north country, and a great east wind, and great south wind, and great west wind, and great north wind, and a great famine, and a great sword, and a great pestilence, and a great bruit out of the south country, and great war; and all these evils shall come upon them, as the Lord hath spoken of them.

3 And they shall ask for a king, and they shall give him a king, and when he shall have sung to them, they shall take him, and bring him to the city gate, and set him upon the throne, and the whole country shall be one king, and they shall be one nation.

4 Then shall there come to them out of the land of Assyria shall the God Jehovah, which is the Holy one of Israel, and shall save them, and shall deliver them: He shall pass over before them on the sea, and shall go over before them through the sea:

5 And of the city of Assyria shall Jehovah save them as he saved them out of the hand of all their enemies. And they shall dwell in their own land, and shall be the delights of Jehovah's people, and the holy people of the Lord's inheritance; they shall fear thee, O Jehovah, for thou hast proved them; for thou art a God that seest the heart, and art fill with understanding.

6 Therefore thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring upon them a calamity, the uttermost calamity from the north country, and great bruit out of the south country, with fire and sword, and famine: and it shall devour them, and shall leave them neither small nor great, young nor old, of heart bitter nor kind.

7 And it shall come to pass in the same day, that he shall call upon the name of Jehovah, and Jehovah shall answer him out of the midst of hell:

8 And he shall be answered out of hell; and all his bones shall be numbered as the sand of the sea: and all shall be brought up from the corners of the earth; for Jehovah shall cast out all the nations out of the path of Jacob.

9 And they shall be returned, after many days. For many nations and great peoples shall go up to seek Jehovah of hosts in Jerusalem, and to prorate with one another, saying, 'Whom have we seen greater than Jehovah, that is seated upon the throne of the house of David?'

10 And they shall say, 'This is our God; there is no other god.' And they shall make haste, and shall not tarry, saying, 'Hear us, Jehovah!'

11 In those days, and in that time, saith Jehovah, shall I make a name for myself exceedingly great, and wonderful in the earth; and in every nation, and in every language, and in every tongue, Jehovah shall make himself known.

12 For Jehovah will save Jacob, and shall not forget the congregation of Israel; for they are Jehovah's firstfruits to his people Israel, saith Jehovah, upon Jacob, and upon Judah his holy one, whom he hath loved: and Jehovah shall make his glory to appear upon them.

15 What hath My beloved to do in Mine house, seeing she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest.

16 The Lord called thy name, A green olive tree, fair, and of goody fruit: with the noise of a great tumult He hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken.

17 For the Lord of hosts, That planted hath, pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke Me to anger in offering incense unto Baal.

18 And the Lord hath given me knowledge of it, and I know it: then thou shewest me their doings.

19 But was like a lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered."

20 But, O Lord of hosts, That judgest righteously, That triest the reins and the heart, let me see Thy vengeance on them: for they have devised devices against me, and I knew not that they had taken root: the herbs of every field wither, for the way of the wicked prosper.

21 Therefore thus saith the Lord of the men of Anathoth, that seek thy life, saying, "Prophecy not in the name of the Lord, that thou die not by our hand:"

22 Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, I will punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine:

23 And there shall be no remnant of them: for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, even the year of their visitation."

12 Righteous art Thou, O Lord, when I plead with Thee: yet let me talk with Thee of Thy judgments: "Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they happy that deal very treacherously?"

2 How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, "He shall not see our last end."

3 If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustest, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

4 For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee; yea, they have called a multitude after thee: believe them not, though they speak fair words unto thee.

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15 the holy flesh: i.e. the sacrifices. Cp. 7. 21; Hag. 2. 12. Sept. reads, "shall vows (or litanies) and holy flesh," &c.

16 olive tree. The symbol of Israel's religious privileges. See note on Judg. 9. 8-12.

17 the Lord of hosts. See note on 6. 6. 1 Sam. 1. 3.


19 like a lamb. See Ap. 85.

20 saying. Note the Fig. Elopiseis (Ap. 6), as frequently with this verb. See notes on Psa. 109. 5, 6; 144. 12, &c.


seek = are seeking.


hand. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "hands".

22 punish = visit upon.


24 the year of their visitation. See note on 8. 12.

12. 1 Righteous, &c. Fig. Synchrēsēs. Ap. 6.


Wherefore, . . .? Fig. Erotēsis. Ap. 6.

wicked = lawless. Heb. rā'ah. Ap. 44. x.

deal very treacherously. Fig. Polyptōton. Ap. 6.

2 near. Anathoth was a city of priests.

mouth. Put by Fig. Metonomy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for the words uttered by it.

reins = kidneys. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Subject), Ap. 6, for the affections.

3 prepare = separate, or devote.

4 How long . . .? Fig. Erotēsis. Ap. 6.


swelling. Heb. pride. Put by Fig. Metonomy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for proud beasts in the undergrowth on the banks of the Jordan. See 49. 13; 50. 44, and Job 41. 34.

6 called = called loudly.

12. 7-17 (R. p. 1038). THE BELOVED PEOPLE THREATENED. (Division.) R | 518-500 (1033)

7 the dearly beloved. Heb. love. Put by Fig. Metonomy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for one loved.


3 Fig. Anthrophopoeia. Ap. 6.

7 I have forsaken Mine house, I have left Mine heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of My soul into the hand of her enemies.
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8 Mine heritage is unto Me as a lion in the forest: it crieth out against Me: therefore have I hated it.
9 Mine heritage is unto Me as a speckled bird, the birds round about are against her; come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.
10 Many pastors have destroyed My vineyard, they have trodden My portion under foot, they have made My pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.
11 They have made it desolate, and being desolate it morneth unto Me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart.
12 The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness: for the sword of the LORD shall devour from the one end of the land even to the other end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.
13 They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, but shall not profit: and they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the LORD.
14 Thus saith the LORD against all Mine evil neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit;
"Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.
15 And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.
16 And it shall come to pass, if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck out the house of Judah from among them.
17 But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck out My vineyard, and build in the midst of My People.
18 Therefore I hated it, and the house of Judah and the great house of Israel: I have made them to inherit;
19 I hated it, and the house of Judah and the great house of Israel. I have caused My people Israel o to inherit;
20 Many pastors have destroyed My vineyard, they have trodden My portion under foot, they have made My pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.
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27 But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck out My vineyard, and build in the midst of My People.
28 Therefore I hated it, and the house of Judah and the great house of Israel: I have caused My people Israel o to inherit;
29 Many pastors have destroyed My vineyard, they have trodden My portion under foot, they have made My pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.
30 They have made it desolate, and being desolate it morneth unto Me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart.
31 The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness: for the sword of the LORD shall devour from the one end of the land even to the other end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.
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35 But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck out the house of Judah from among them.
36 I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.
37 And it shall come to pass, if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck out the house of Judah from among them.
38 But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck out My vineyard, and build in the midst of My People.
39 Therefore I hated it, and the house of Judah and the great house of Israel: I have caused My people Israel o to inherit;
40 Many pastors have destroyed My vineyard, they have trodden My portion under foot, they have made My pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.
41 They have made it desolate, and being desolate it morneth unto Me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart.
42 The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness: for the sword of the LORD shall devour from the one end of the land even to the other end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.
43 They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, but shall not profit: and they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the LORD.  

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bottle = an earthenware jar; not leathern or skin bottles.


(Division.)


Z9 21-47. Punishment.

13. 15-20 (Z2, above). PRIDE.

(Alteration.)

Z2 s | 15-17-. Exhortation.

t | -17. Jehovah's flock.

s | 18, 19. Exhortation.


15 ye. Now addressing all.

hath spoken. Jehovah's words, not Jeremiah's.


Fig. Anthropopathia. Ap. 6.

weep ... weep sore ... run down. Fig. Anabasis.


18 the king and to the queen. This was Je-hoachin, and the queen-mother. See 2 Kings 24. 12. 15. Je-hoachin was only eighteen, so that the queen-dowager would hold a position of some influence (490, or 499 b. c.).

principalities = head-gear.

19 cities. So in Codex "Mugah"; but Codex "Hallel" (both quoted in the Massoroth) reads "eyes".

the south = the Negeb. See note on Ps. 126. 4. Cp. Gen. 12. 9; 13. 3.

20 the north. See notes on 1. 13; 3. 12; 6. 1, &c.

13. 21-27 (Z2, above). PUNISHMENT.

(Alteration.)

Z2 u | 21-. Question. "What . . . ?"


w | -22-. Question. "Wherefore . . . ?"


accomsted = schooled, or trained.

evil. Heb. ra'â'. Ap. 44. viii.

stubble = (Heb. kash), not crushed straw (Heb. teben).


25 when shall it once be? how long ere it yet be?


Jeremiah's Tablets Prophecy (p. 1015).

1 The word, &c. = That which proved to be the word of Jehovah. Not the usual phrase in the Hebrew.

the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

dearth. Heb. "the restraints", the holding back of rain, put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for the famine caused by it. One of thirteen recorded famines. See Gen. 12. 10. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 28. 23, 24). Ap. 92.

Before the first siege (497 b. c.), or before the third siege (480 b. c.). See Ap. 85.

Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? when shall it once be?"

U A!
2. Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.

3. And their nobles have sent their little ones against Thee. the prophets say unto them, "Ye shall not see the prophets that prophesy in My name, and their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour them out, and the deceit of their heart.

4. Because the ground is chapt, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads.

5. Ye, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook it, because there was no grass.

6. And the wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like "dragons;" their eyes did fail, because there was no grass.

7. O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us, do Thou it for Thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against Thee.

8. O the Hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest Thou be as a stranger in the midst of us, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night?

9. Why shouldst Thou be as a man astonied, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet likewise, O Lord, art "in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy name; leave us not.

10. Thus saith the Lord unto this People, "Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the Lord doth not accept them; He will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins."

11. Then said the Lord unto me, "Pray not for this People for their good.

12. When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

13. Then said I, "Ah, O Lord God! behold, the prophets say unto them, 'Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place."

14. Then said unto me, "The prophets prophesy lies in My name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

15. Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that prophesy in My name, and I sent them not, yet they say, 'Sword and famine shall not be in this land;' By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed. And the People to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them.

16. Thus shalt thou say this word unto them: 'Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of My People is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow. If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they know not.'

17. Hast Thou utterly rejected Judah? hath Thy soul lothed Zion? why hast Thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us?"
11. The Lord said, Verily it shall be well with them that do thus, and evil shall be upon them. 12. Then said the Lord unto me, 13. Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and that for all thy sinners, even in all thy borders. 14. And I will make thee to pass with thine enemies into a land which thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in Mine anger, which shall burn upon thee. 15. O Lord, 3:61 knowest: remember me,
and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in Thy longsuffering: know that for Thy sake I have suffered rebuke.

16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by Thy name, "O 1 LORD 0 God of hosts.

17 I sat not in the assembly of the 0 mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of Thy 0 hand: for Thou hast filled me with indignation.

18 Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt Thou be altogether unto me as 0 a liar, and as waters that fail?

19 Therefore thus saith 1 the LORD, "If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before Me: and if thou takest forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as My mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.

20 And 0 I will make thee unto this People a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee against them, saith 1 the LORD.

21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of 0 the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible."

The word of 0 the LORD came also unto me, saying,

2 "Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place.

3 For thus saith 1 the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land;

4 They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; but they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcasses shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

5 For thus saith 1 the LORD. Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them:

6 For I have taken away My 0 peace from this people, 0 saith 1 the LORD, even lovingkindness and 0 mercies.

6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor 0 cut themselves, nor 0 make themselves 0 bald for them:

7 Neither shall 0 men 0 tear themselves for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother.

8 Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink.

9 For thus saith 0 the 1 LORD of hosts, the 0 God of Israel; "Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of 0 the bride.

10 And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt show this People all these words, and they shall say unto thee, "Wherefore hast 1 the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against 1 the LORD 0 our 0 God?"
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11 Then shalt thou say unto them, 'Because your fathers have forsaken Me, and have served other gods, and have not kept My law;
12 And have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hear My word;
13 Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither shall your fathers know it; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour.

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17. 1-18 (U, p. 1035). LITERAL. SIN OF JUDAH.

(Alteration and Introversio)

18 Behold, I will send for many fishers into the land of Judah, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

(Alternation.)

19 O LORD, my Strength, and my Fortress, and my Refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto Thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have forsaken their land, which they removed out of the land of Egypt; for they have filled Mine inheritance with violence and iniquity; they have defiled My land, they have filled Mine inheritance with the carcases of their detestable and abominable things.'

K c s. Curse.
K c t. Blessing.
K j f. True.
K c t. Tree in garden.
K c 1. Note the Alteration above.
K c 2. Cursed.
K c 3. Note.
K c 6. in. Some codices, with Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read this word "in" in the text.
K c 7. hope = confidence. Heb. ba\'a\'. as in the preceding line. Not the same word as in vv. 13, 17.
K c 8. as a tree. Ref. to an earlier book (Ps. 1. 1-3).

5 Thus saith the LORD; 6 o cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places, the wilderness, o in a salt land and not inhabited.

7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD.

8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the

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waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the "river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaves shall never be dried: and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

G 9 The heart is "deceitful above all things, and "desperately wicked: "who can know it?

10 "I am the LORD: the "heart of a man knoweth the "heart of another man; as "I know my "reins, "even to give every "man according to his "ways, and according to the "fruit of his "doings.

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11 As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not;

so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his "days, and at his end shall be a fool."

f 12 A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

13 O "LORD, the Hope of Israel, all that forsake Thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from Me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken "the LORD, the Fountain of living waters.

14 Heal me, O "LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for "Thou art my Praise.

J (p. 1040)

15 "Behold, they say unto me, "Where is the "sorcery of "the LORD? let it come now;"

16 As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow Thee: neither have I desired the "woeful day; "Thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was "right before Thee.

17 "Be not a terror unto me: "Thou art my Hope in the day of "evil.

18 Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of "evil, and destroy them with "double destruction.

F g1 (p. 1041)

19 Thus said "the LORD unto me; "Go and stand in "the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;

20 And say unto them, 'Hear ye the word of "the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all Jerusalem, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates:

21 Thus saith "the LORD: Take heed to "yourselves, and "bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;

22 Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, "as I commanded your fathers."

h1 23 But they "obeied not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

h2 24 "And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto Me, saith "the LORD, to bring in the knowledge of this city through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein;

25 Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on

river = stream. Heb. yābāl, from yābâl, to flow.

9 deceitful = crooked. Referring to the old nature of the natural man.

desperately wicked = sick unto death = it is sick unto death: i.e. it is incurable.

who can know it? — Fig. Erotēsis (Ap. 6), for emphasis.

3 the LORD. Quoted in Rom. 8. 27. Rev. 2. 23. heart. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for the mind, or intellect.

reins. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for the thoughts, or affections.

even to give = giving. But some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept. reads, "to give", or "that He may give", and Vulg., "who gives".


ways. Heb. text reads "way" (sing.); but some codices, with two early printed editions, Aram., Sept., Syr., and Heb. text marg., read "ways" (pl.).

and. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read this "and" in the text.

fruit of his doings. Cp. 6. 19; 82. 18.

17. 11-14 (K, p. 1040). TRUST. FALSE AND TRUE. (Introversion.)

K o | 11.-- Forsaking. Partridge her eggs.

f | 11. False trust.

j | 12, 13. True trust.

f | 13-14. Forsaking. People their God.


13 the Hope of Israel. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for Jehovah, in Whom Israel hoped.

14 "Thou art my praise. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 10. 21).

15 Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

Where ... ? Fig. Erotēsis. Ap. 6.

16 woeful. Same word as "desperately wicked" (in v. 9.) = incurable.

right. Omit.


18 double. Cp. 16. 18, and see note on Isa. 40. 2.

17. 19-27 (F, p. 1018). PROPHECIES. (Repeated Alternation.)


h1 | 23. Disobedience.


h3 | 27-29. Disobedience.


22 as = according as.

23 obeyed = hearkened.


26 the plain. Called Shephēlah = Phildista, between Jerusalem and the Mediterranean Sea.

mountains = the central land.

the south = the Negeb. See notes on Gen. 12. 9; 13. 1. Deut. 1. 7. Ps. 126. 4.

bringing burnt offerings, &c. Ref. to Pent. Lev. 1. 1, 2, 3c.


incense = frankincense.

horses, their, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever. Ap. 69. 17. 18.

26 And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plains, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing
27 But if ye will not hearken unto Me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day;

g then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.'"

18 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear My words."
3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, it was working on the wheels.
4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

M 5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
6 "O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in Mine hand, O house of Israel.

Q1 7 At what instant shall I speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it;

k 8 If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

i 9 And at what instant shall I speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it;

q 10 If it do evil in My sight, that it obey not My voice, then will I repent of the good, wherewithal I said I would benefit them.

Q2 11 Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.'

m 12 And they said, "There is no hope: but we will pull away from our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart."

m 13 Therefore saith the LORD; "Ask ye now among the heathen, which hath heard such things: the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing.

14 Will a man leave the snow of Lebanon which cometh from the rock of the field? or shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken?

15 Because My people hath forgotten Me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they
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have caused them to stumble in their ways or from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up; 16 To make their land desolate, and a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head. 17 I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will shew them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity."

18 Then said they, "Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words."

19 Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me. 20 Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before Thee to speak good for them, and to turn away Thy wrath from them.

21 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their blood by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows; and let their men be put to death; let their young men be slain by the sword in battle.

22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet.

23 Yet, O LORD, Thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay me:

24 Forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from Thy sight, but let them be fallen in the day of their calamity."

Thus saith the LORD, "Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests, and of the ancients of the Levites; 2 And go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee, 3 And say, 'Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth shall tingle."

4 Because they have forsaken Me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither the fathers nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents; 5 They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into My mind: 6 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of slaughter."

7 And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause from. Supply the Ellipsis from vs. 14, 18 thus: "in that they forsook". The way not cast up: i.e. a causeway. Prov. 16. 15. Isa. 57. 14; 62. 10.

16 hissing. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Effect), Ap. 6, for the contempt felt.

17 as. Some codices, with five early printed editions, read "as", instead of "of as".


in the day. See Ap. 18.


with the tongue— with hard words. "Tongue" put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for the hard words spoken by it.

19. 18-23 (P. 1042). JEREMIAH. PRAYER.

(Alternation.)

P n (p. 1043).

10 Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me. 20 Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before Thee to speak good for them, and to turn away Thy wrath from them.

19. 1-10 (p. 1042). THE POTTER'S BOTTLE.

(Intercession.)

L p 1 Bottle taken.

q | 2, 3. Threatening. (General.)

r | 4. Cause.

s | 5. Cause.

q | 6. Threatening. (Particular.)


1 saith the LORD. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Aram., Sept., and Syr., read "Jehovah said unto me", the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

bottle—pitcher. Often seen hanging by a wall to this day. Not a leathern wine-skin.

2 the east gate: i.e. the pottery gate. See Ap. 59. Not from haras—east, but from hars—ablissakish. See note on Isa. 15. 19 and Ap. 81.

3 the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 7. 3.


Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

evil—calamity. Heb. ra'a'. Ap. 44. viii.

his ears shall tingle. Ref. to earlier books (1 Sam. 3. 11; 2 Kings 21. 12). Cp. the ref. to Samuel in 16. 1.


whom . . . they . . . have known. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 32. 17). Ap. 92.

innocents—people, not merely babes.


My mind. Heb. My heart. Fig. Anthropopathia. Ap. 6. "Mind" put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for the thoughts that saith the LORD—[is] Jehovah's oracle.


The valley of slaughter. Cp. 7. 32.


them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives: and their carcases will I give to be
meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the
beasts of the earth.
6 And I will make this city 8 desolate, and
an hissing; every one that passeth thereby
shall be astonished and hiss because of all
the plagues thereof.
7 And I will cause them 8 to eat the flesh of
their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and
they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend
in the siege and straitness, wherewith their
enemies, and they that seek their 7 lives, shall
straiten them.'
8 Then shalt thou break the 8 bottle in the
sight of the 7 men that go with thee,
9 And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the
8 Lord of hosts; Even so will I break this
People and this city, and all the labours thereof,
and all shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt
sures of the kings of Judah will
have upon his name 1P as hush, but 0M a-
hath 0n Ot called thy name 1P ashur, but 0M a-
the sword.
10 If 8 this city, and all the labours thereof, and all shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt
sures of the kings of Judah will
have upon his name 1P as hush, but 0M a-
hast made thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy
enemies, and they that seek their 7 lives, shall
straiten them.'
11 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the
8 Lord of hosts; Even so will I make this place as
8 Tophet, because of all the
12 Thus will 8 this city be to all the kings of
Judah, as 8 Tophet, whi­
13 And the houses of Jerusalem, and the
houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled
14 Then came Jeremiah from
15 8 Thus saith the 8 Lord of hosts, the
16 My words.'”

20 Now 8 Pashur the son of 8 Immer 8 the
priest, who was also 8 chief governor in the
house of 8 the Lord, heard that Jere­

2 Then 8 Pashur 8 smote Jeremiah the
prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in
the 8 high gate of Benjamin, which was by
the house of 8 the Lord.
3 And it came to pass on the morrow, that
8 Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the
stocks.
4 Then said Jeremiah unto him, 1 “The
8 Lord hath 8 not called thy name 8 Pashur, but 8 Ma-
gor-missabib.
5 For thus saith the 8 Lord, 8 Behold, I will
make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy
friends: and they shall fall 8 by the sword
of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it;
6 And (8) Pashur, and all that dwell in
8 desolate . . . hissing. See note on 18. 16.
11 the Lord of hosts. See note on 6. 6.
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I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me; for since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.

9 Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, nor speak any more in His name." But His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I could not stay.

10 For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. "Report," say they, "and we will report it." All my familiar watched for my halting, saying, "Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible One: therefore my persecutors shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.

12 But, O LORD of hosts, That triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, let me see Thy vengeance on them: for unto Thee have I opened my cause.

13 Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for He hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

14 Cursed be the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed.

15 Cursed be the man that brought tidings to my father, saying, "A child is born unto thee;" making him very glad.

16 And let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noon tide;

17 Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb become my grave?

18 Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

21 The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when king Zedekiah sent unto him: Pashur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying,

2 "Enquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war against us; if so be that the LORD will deal with us according to all His wondrous works, that he may go up from us."

3 Then said Jeremiah unto them, "Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah:

4 "Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city.

5 And I Myself will fight against you with an
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shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

And from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

And unto this People thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.

He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey.

For I have set My face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD; and it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

And afterward, saith the LORD, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the People, and such as are left in this city, from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life; and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

And touching the house of the king of Judah, that sitteth upon the throne of David, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, both man and beast: they shall die of the plague.

And afterward, saith the LORD, I will restore the captivity of Jacob, and have compassion upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and they shall build the ruins thereof, and the waste places thereof: and I will make it a place of habitation, and not of terror throughout all generations.

Thus saith the LORD; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, that sitteth upon the throne of David, and speak there this word; Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver him that is spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest My fury go out like fire, and consume the soul and the flesh of man.

For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings, sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, the, and his servants, and his people.

But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by Myself, saith the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation.
7 And I will set destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons: and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cast them into the fire.

8 And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour, 'Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this great city?'

9 Then they shall answer, 'Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.'

10 Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him: but weep sore for him that goeth away: for he shall return no more, nor see his native country.

11 For thus saith the LORD touching Shalum the son of Josiah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josiah his father, which went forth out of this place; He shall not return thither any more:

12 But he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers 'by wrong;' that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his wages.

14 That saith, 'I will build me a wide house, and large chambers; and cutteth him out windows; and it is ciedel with cedar, and painted with vermillion.

15 Shalt thou reign, because that thou closest thyself in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and 'justice, and then it was well with him?

16 'He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him: was not this to know Me? saith the LORD.

17 'But thine eyes and thine heart are not but for thy covetousness, and for thy large chambers, and for all thy windows, and for all thy goodly sons, which meet thy soul with chariots in the低端 of Nebo. Cp. Num. 32.

18 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah; They shall not lament for him, saying, 'Ah my brother!' or, 'Ah sister!' they shall not lament for him, saying, 'Ah Lord!' or, 'Ah his glory!'

19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, 'drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Bashan, and cry from the passages: for all thy lovers are destroyed.

21 I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, 'I will not hear.' This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not My voice.

22 The wind shall eat up all thy pastors, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shall it be, if thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness.

23 'O inhabitant of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how gracious shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail!

24 As 3 live, saith the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon My right hand, yet would I pluck thee hence; And I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, to them that desire thy soul, to make a profane name upon thee, and to cast thee out of thy native land: for I have spoken, saith the LORD.'
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that seek thy 9 life, and into the hand of them
whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of
Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the
hand of the Chaldeans.

26 And I will cast thee out, and thy mother
that bare thee, into another country, where ye
were not born; and there shall ye die.

27 But to the land whitherunto thou 4 desire to
return, that thinkest thou they return.

28 Is this 2 man 49 Nahum a despised broken idol? is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure?
wherefore are they cast out, 8 and is his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?

29 20 earth, earth, earth, hear the word of
the LORD.

30 Thus saith 1 the LORD, Write ye this
man childless, 6 a man 9 that shall not prosper
in his days: for no man of his seed shall pros­
er, nor shall a man childless be strengthened.

11 In his days Judah shall be saved, and
Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His
name whereby He shall be called, 7 THE LORD
OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7 Therefore, behold, 7 the days come, 7 saith 1 the
LORD, that they shall no more say, 14 The
LORD liveth, 7 Which brought up the 7 children
of Israel out of the land of Egypt; 7
8 But, 1 The LORD liveth, Which brought up
and Which led the seed 7 of the house of Israel
out of the north country, and from all countries
whither I had driven them; and they shall
dwell in their own land.

9 Mine heart within me is broken because of
the prophets; all my bones shake: I am like
a drunken man, and like a man whom 6 wine
hath overcome, because of 1 the LORD, and
because 3 of the words of His holiness.

10 For the land is full of adulterers; for be­
because of swearing the land mourneth; the
pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up,
and their course is 7 evil, and 7 their force is not
right.

11 For both prophet and priest are profane;
yet, 7 saith 1 the LORD.

23. 1-8 (A 2, p. 1046). COLLECTIVELY.

(Alternation)

A 2 | c | 1, 2. Shepherds. Woe to false.
d | 3. Restoration. The remnant.
c | 4-c. Shepherd. The true. The Branch.
d | 7, 8. Restoration. The Nation.

1 the pastors = rulers. See notes on 2. 8; 3. 16, &c.
saith the LORD = [as] Jehovah's oracle.
the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

2 the LORD God of Israel. See note on 11. 2.
that seed = that are the seeders of. Fig. Antimereia (of the Verb).

A. behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

3 ye gather, &c. Cp. 81, 10; 32. 7. Ezek. 34, 13, &c.
Branch. Sprout from the root, not from a branch.

23-29. Dehortation.

The LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Heb.
Jehovah 'i dâthânu. See Ap. 4. II. 7. For the reason of
the large type in A.V., see Ap. 48.
O UR. Because the gift of God.
7 the days come. Cp. 16. 14, 15.
which brought up, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 12—15,
children = sons.

The house of Israel. See note on 2. 4.
land = soil.

23. 9-40 (V, p. 1045). WHIRLWIND. FALSE
PROPHETS. REJECTION. (Alternation.)

V e | 9-18. Incrimination.
| f | 16—22. Dehortation.
| e | 23-29. Incrimination.
| d | 30-40. Threatening.
| c | 33. Prophecy.
| b | 9 Mine heart, &c. Fig. Pathoporia. Ap. 6.

12 Wherefore their way shall be unto them
as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall
be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring
7 evil upon them, even 7 the year of their visitation,
7 saith 1 the LORD.

13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of
Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused
My People Israel to err.

14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jeru­
salem an horrible thing: they commit adultery,
and walk in lies: they strengthen also the
hands of evildoers, that none doth return from

16 the LORD of hosts =Jehovah zebaoth. See note on 6. 6 and 1 Sam. 1. 3. 
17 They say still. Fig. Polyptōmōn. Ap. 6. Heb. =saying they say =keep on saying. 
18 imagination =stubbornness. 
19 who . . . Fig. Erotēsis. Ap. 6. Implying that none hath. 
20 the latter days =end of days. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 49. 1, the same word). Ap. 92. 
22 But if, &c. The Heb. accent requires the rendering: "But, had they stood in My Council: then they would have made My People hear My words, and they would have turned", &c. 
23 Am . . . ? Fig. Erotēsis. Ap. 6. 
25 I have dreamed. Thus catching the people's ears. Note Fig. Epizeuxis. Ap. 6. 
26 How long . . . ? Fig. Erotēsis. Ap. 6. 
27 shall this be =shall this exist. Heb. yish. See notes on 31. 6, 16, 17. Prov. 8. 21; 18. 24, and Luke 7. 25. 
28 as =according as. for =in, or through. 
30 chaff =crushed, or chopped straw. Heb. teben. 
31 Is not . . . ? Fig. Erotēsis. Ap. 6. 
32 lightness =reckless boasting. 
33 What burden? Sept., Vulg., and Rashi, read "Ye yourselves are the burden". Cp. v. 36. 
34 forsake =reject. 
35 perverted. See note on 6. 10. 

them, and cause My People to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet 3 sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this People at all, 1 saith 1 the LORD. 
33 And when this People, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, 'What is the burden of 1 the LORD?' thou shalt then say unto them, 'What burden?' I will even 3 forsake 3 thee, 1 saith 1 the LORD. 
34 And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the People, that shall say, 'The burden of 1 the LORD,' I will even punish that 3 man and his house. 
35 Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, 'What hath 1 the LORD answered?' and, 'What hath 1 the LORD spoken?' 
36 And the burden of 1 the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have 3 perverted the words of 0 the living God, of 12 the LORD of hosts our God.
24. 37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, 'What hath the LORD answered thee?' and, 'What hath the LORD spoken?'

38 But since ye say, 'The burden of the LORD;' therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word, 'The burden of the LORD,' and I have sent unto you, saying, 'Ye shall not say, 'The burden of the LORD,' and I have sent unto you, saying, 'Ye shall not say, 'The burden of the LORD;'

39 Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of My presence:

40 And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.'"

25. 38 ye say = ye keep on saying. Fig. Polyptoton. Ap. 6.

40 everlasting ... perpetual. Put by Fig. Synedricho (of the Whole). Ap. 6, for a part of time=life long. Limited here by the promised Restoration.

24. 1-10 (W, p. 1045). CAPTIVES. REMNANT. (FIGS.) (Alternations.)

W | D | 1. Symbol. Two baskets of figs.
E | g | 2. Good figs.
   | h | 2. Bad figs.
   | j | 3. Good figs.
   | k | 3. Bad figs.

D | 4. Signification of Symbol.
E | i | 5. Captives. (Good figs)
   | k | 4, 7. For their good.
   | i, s. Remnant. (Bad figs).
   | k | 9, 10. For their evil.

1 The LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II. shewed me=made me see.

behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

baskets. Heb. dudim. Still used for fruit in Jerusalem.

the temple. See note on 28. 2.

carpenters and smiths=craftsmen (or artificers) and armourers.

2 naughty = worth naught.


Jeremiah's Fifteenth Prophecy (see p. 1015).

8 the LORD, the God of Israel = Jehovah Elohim of Israel.


acknowledge = own. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause). Ap. 6, for regard, or care for.

for . . . good. Connect this with "acknowledge," not with "sent out".

3 For I will set Mine eyes = And I will set Mine eye.


7 I will give, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 30. 4).

8 For I will set Mine eyes = And I will set Mine eye.

Some codices, with Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "eyes" (pl.) with A.V.

9 to be removed = to be tossed to and fro among.


10 to be a reproach = [I will deliver them to be] a reproach.

a taunt. Ref. to Pent. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Arsam., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "and a;" thus completing the Fig. Polyptoton (Ap. 6).


land = soil, or ground. Heb. a'adathah.

25. 1-11 (X, p. 1045). TIME. SEVENTY YEARS. (Introversion.)

X | n | 1, 2. Time of the prophecy.
   | o | 3. Messengers from Jehovah.
   | p | 5-7. Disobedience. The cause.
   | q | 6. Disobedience. The consequence.
   | r | 9-11. Messengers from Babylon.
   | s | 10-11. Duration of the prophecy.

Jeremiah's Sixteenth Prophecy (see p. 1015).

1 to. Heb. "upon." Some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept., and Vulg., read "unto".

all the People=the People at large.

the fourth year of Jehoiakim. An important date, being the first year of Nebuchadnezzar. See Ap. 83 and 84.

25 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the People of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah.
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3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day, that is the three and twentieth year, the word of the LORD hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye have not hearkened.

4 And the LORD hath sent unto you all His servants the prophets, rising early and sending them; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear.

5 They said, Turn ye again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD hath given unto you and to your fathers for ever and ever:

6 And go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke Me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt.

7 Yet ye have not hearkened unto Me, saith the LORD; that ye might provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

8 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Because ye have not heard My words, 9 Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

10 Moreover saith the LORD, and the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, shall be heard in the land: no more shall there be the voice of the millstones, and the light of the candle.

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 And it shall come to pass, when the years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and for the iniquity of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

13 And I will bring upon that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations.

14 For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their doings, and according to the works of their own hands.

15 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at My hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.
19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people;
20 And all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azazah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod,
21 Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon,
22 And all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isles which are beyond the sea;
23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that are in the utmost corners,
24 And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert,
25 And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes,
26 And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.
27 Therefore shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Drink ye, and be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.'
28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at thine hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ye shall certainly drink.
29 For lo, even all the people which have seen thee, shall be drunken, and shall fall, and be utterly unpunished: Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.

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29 which is called by My name—upon which My name is called.
30 Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from on high, and utter His voice from His holy habitation; He shall mightily roar upon His habitation; He shall give a shout, as they that tread grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.
31 A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, He will plead with all flesh; He will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.
32 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, even I will shake mighty nations, and will gather all nations together; and it shall be as the iron is heated in the fire, and the dross is separated therefrom.
33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.
34 Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel.
35 And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape.
36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard: for the LORD hath spoiled their pasture.
37 And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of the fierce anger of the LORD,
26 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, came this word from the LORD, saying, 2 Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; 3 diminish not a word:

4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not hearken, 5 To hearken to the words of My servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened;

6 Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.

7 So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD;

8 Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak unto all the People, that the priests and the prophets and all the People took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die.

9 Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the People were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

10 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the People, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears.

12 Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the People, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city, all the words that ye have heard.

13 Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent Him of the evil that He hath pronounced against you.

14 As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you.

15 But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.
Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spake to all the assembly of the People, saying,

"Thus saith the LORD, and besought the LORD, and repented Him of the evil which He had pronounced against them. Thus might He have put him at all to death? did He not fear the LORD, mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words. Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of Josiah king of Judah, and of Elnathan the son of Achbor, besought the LORD to save Jeremiah.

And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his friends, heard the words of Elnathan the son of Achbor, he came to the king in a rage. Then said the princes, and all the People, saying, 'Thus saith the LORD, and besought the LORD, and repented Him of the evil which He had pronounced against them. Thus might He have put him at all to death? did He not fear the LORD, mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words. Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of Josiah king of Judah, and of Elnathan the son of Achbor, besought the LORD to save Jeremiah.' And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his friends, heard the words of Elnathan the son of Achbor, he came to the king in a rage. Then said the princes, and all the People, saying, 16 'Thus saith the LORD, and besought the LORD, and repented Him of the evil which He had pronounced against them. Thus might He have put him at all to death? did He not fear the LORD, mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words. Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of Josiah king of Judah, and of Elnathan the son of Achbor, besought the LORD to save Jeremiah.'

22 And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, namely, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and certain men with him into Egypt, 23 And they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common People.

24 Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the People to put him to death.

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

"Thus saith the LORD to me; Make thee bonds and yokes, and put them upon thy neck, 3 And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of Ammonites, and to the king of Tyre, 4 And to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah;

4 And command them to say unto their masters, 'Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say unto your masters; 5 Thus saith the LORD; As ye have heard, so shall ye do. 6 Make this word known unto the men of Judah, and to Jerusalem, saying, 'Tell them, Thus saith the LORD; If ye forsake Me, and go away to serve strange gods, in the land of the Gentiles, 7 So shall ye be to Me as this neck bond and yoke, which I put upon your neck, 8 And when ye go to serve strange gods, I will also send upon you the sword, and the famine, and the pestilence, and will make you a horror, a byword, and a reproach among all the nations which ye shall go into. 9 And I will set My face against you for evil, and will cause you to perish from off the land which ye go to possess. And I will make you a horror, a byword, and a reproach among all the nations whither ye shall go. 10 For I have spoken, saith the LORD, if ye follow after other gods, and serve them, or worship them, ye shall surely perish. 11 But if ye shall hearken unto Me, and keep My charge, and do not that which I command you not, and make an altar unto the LORD your God, and take bread of the Presence from the Presence of the LORD your God, 12 And eat it in the place which the LORD shall choose, 13 Then shall ye do the thing which I command you: Buy thee a field of the men of Judah, and take witnesses; and let them witness the buying of it before the elders of Judah: 14 And let it be written in a book, and be sealed up in the presence of the witnesses; 15 And let it be brought to the priest the son of Aaron, and give unto the Levites the parcel of land for a possession.

16 And I will surely raise them up a king over his kingdom, 17 And the king shall be his friend, and he shall deal with him according to the word of the LORD: 18 And it shall come to pass, when he shall come unto him, and shall look upon the image of the calf whom they have made, and shall revile the image which they have made, 19 And shall say, I have found the image which ye made of Baal, which ye said ye would bring forth, and ye have done evil in My sight, and have made me to err from the way of My judgments, and have gone backward. 20 Therefore will I cause thee to be removed from off the throne, and this kingdom shall be removed from off thee. 21 And I will bring upon thee sudden fear and sudden alarms, which shall cause thee to be driven back, and to fall among the nations, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and thou shalt be an astonishment unto all round about thee.'

22 It came to pass in the fourth year of king Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this vision was revealed unto me. Now Zedekiah was prince of the Kingdom, 23 And Yehochanan the son of Addekar was chief priest, and Joshua the son of Suba was the scribe. 24 And Zedekiah was the first year over the captivity. 25 Now in the seventh year of the captivity, in the second month, the seven and thirtieth day of the month, were they come to Babylon: and there the king of Babylon had placed the captain of the guard, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and Neriah the son of Maaseiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, in the house of the princes, which was in the court of the prison, to give them victuals. 26 And Zedekiah was a year and a half years old when he began to reign.
And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him. 7 And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son’s son, 8 until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him. 9 Therefore hearken not to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, ‘Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon’: 10 For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and you should perish. 11 But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, saith the Lord; and they shall till it, and dwell therein. 12 I spake also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, ‘Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, and his people, and live: 13 Why will ye die, ye publicans and priests, and all the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? 14 Therefore hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, ‘Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon’: for they prophesy a lie unto you. 15 For I have not sent them, saith the Lord, yet they prophesy a lie in My name; that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.’ 16 Also I spake to the priests and to all this People, saying, ‘Thus saith the Lord; 17 Hearken not unto the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, ‘Behold, the vessels of the Lord’s house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon:’ for they prophesy a lie unto you. 18 But if they be prophets, and if the word of the Lord be with them, let them now make it known unto the Lord of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the Lord, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon. 19 For thus saith the Lord of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain in this city, 20 Which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem; 21 Ye also, thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of the Lord, and in the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem; 22 They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall be until the day that I visit them, saith the Lord, 23 then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.’ ”
28 And it came to pass the same year, in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azur, the prophet, which was of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the People, saying,

1 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon:

2 Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them into Babylon:

3 Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them into Babylon:

4 And I will bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them into Babylon:

5 Therefore thus saith I the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, For I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

6 Even the prophet Jeremiah said unto Hananiah the son of Azur, Hananiah, in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the People that stood in the house of the LORD:

7 When the word of the prophet Jeremiah, which was from the LORD, had not come to pass within the space of two full years, the word of the false prophet, which prophesieth of peace, was proving itself false:

8 To which word the Lord saith, Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all these nations within the space of two full years:

9 The same year, as 27. 12, when Jeremiah spoke to Zedekiah; not 27. 1, when he received the message which was to be delivered. The same year in which Jeremiah had counselled Zedekiah not to hearken to the false prophets (27. 11).}

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2 Then saith the LORD unto Jeremiah, the prophet, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

3 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt make them yokes of iron.

4 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

5 Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The Lord hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie.

6 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth this year; and thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the LORD.

17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.
which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the People whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;

2 (After that Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem; By the hand of Elasar the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon saying,

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon;

5 Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; that ye may be in the midst of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the place thereof shall ye have peace.

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8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceiveth you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

9 For the prophecy falsely unto you in My name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.

10 For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform My good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

12 Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you.

13 And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.

14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

15 Because ye have said, The LORD hath raised up prophets in Babylon; I Know that thus saith the LORD of the kind that sixtheth upon the throne of David, and of all the People that dwellleth in this city, and of your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity;

17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

18 And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence; and will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them:

19 Because they have not hearkened to My words, saith the LORD, which I sent unto them by My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD.

20 Hear therefore the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon:

21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto the prophets: i.e. Ezekiel (1.1); Daniel (1.6). Nebuchadnezzar. Same spelling as throughout ch. 28 and v. 3 here. Not the same as in v. 21, Jeconiah: i.e. Jehoiachin. The queen = the queen-mother Nebushta, the wife of Jehoiakim. Cp. 13. 18. See 2 Kings 24. 11, 12, eunuchs = chamberlains. carpenters = artificers, smiths. Cp. 24. 1. 3 Shaphan. See note on 2 Kings 22. 3. 26. 74. Hilkiah. As in 2 Kings 22. 4. Zedekiah . . . sent. Cp. 51. 59. 4 the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 7. 3. God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. 1. 7 seek the peace = seek the welfare. Cp. Ezek. 6. 50 captives. For sixty-three years. From Jehoiachin's captivity to Cyrus (459-426 B.C.). the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II. 9 saith the LORD = [is] Jehovah's oracle. 10 seventy years. See special note on p. 615. Cp. 25. 12. 11 evil. Heb. ra'da'. Ap. 44. viii. an expected end. Fig. Rendiadya. Ap. 6. Heb. an end and an expectation = an end, yes, an end which I have caused you to hope for: i.e. a hoped-for end. 13 ye shall seek Ya. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 4. 28; 30. 2). 14 away = back. captivity. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Subject), Ap. 6, for captives. 18 of concerning the LORD of hosts. See note on 6. 6. 1 Sam. 1. 3. Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6. I will send . . . the sword, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 26. 25, 34; Deut. 28. 21-14). 18 with. Some codices, with three early printed editions (one in margin), Aram., Syr., and Vulg., read and famine, thus completing the Fig. Polygramdon (Ap. 6). And. Note the Fig. Polygramdon in vv. 17, 18 (Ap. 6). 20 sent. Some codices, with Aram., read caused to be carried captive. Cp. 24. 5.
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489 Israel, 1 of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesied in the name of; 17 Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes;

22 And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah which are in Babylon, saying, 1 The LORD make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon shall lead forth in the stocks.

23 Because they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken lying words in My name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and am a witness, saith the LORD.

24 Thus shalt thou also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying, 25 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the People that are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

26 The LORD hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be officers in the house of the LORD; for every man that is mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldest put him in prison, and in the stocks.

27 Now therefore why hast thou not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, which maketh himself a prophet; that thou shouldest put him in prison, and in the stocks.

28 For therefore he sent unto us in Babylon, saying, This captivity is long; build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

29 And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

30 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith the LORD concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite, because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he causeth you to trust in a lie:

32 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed; he shall not have a man to dwell among this People; neither shall he be the good that shall do for My People, saith the LORD; because he hath taught rebellion against the LORD.

30 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.

3 For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of My people Israel and Judah; saith the LORD; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

4 And these are the words; the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.
23 Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, and the continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked.

24 The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until He have done it, and until He have performed the intents of His heart: in the latter days shall ye consider it.

31 At the same time, saith the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My People.

2 Thus saith the LORD, The People which Q 1
were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, ‘when I went to cause him to rest.’”

3. The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, “Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

4. Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the valleys of them that make merry.

5. Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things.

6. For thus saith the Lord; ‘Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, be glad for the glory of Jacob, and shout among the nations.

7. For thus saith the Lord, ‘Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, be glad for the glory of Jacob, and shout among the nations.’”

8. Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and will gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.

9. They shall come with weeping, and with suppilcations will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is My firstborn.”

10. Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, ‘He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

11. For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and will have mercy upon Israel, in the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, be glad, O Jacob: sing, O nations.”

12. Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the mount of Samaria, to the mountains of Jeroboam, and shall say, ‘The Lord hath redeemed his people, the remnant of Jacob.’

13. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

14. And I will satiate the soul of the priest with fatness, and My people shall be satisfied with My goodness, saith the Lord.”

15. Thus saith the Lord: “A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

16. Thus saith the Lord; ‘Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.

17. And there is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come again to their own border.”

18. I have surely heard Ephraim moaning himself thus, ‘Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke; turn Thou me, and I shall be turned; for I am the Lord my God.”

19. Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon
489 my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.'

20 Is Ephraim My dear son? is he a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore My bowels are troubled: I was ashamed, yea, even confused, because I did bear the reproach of children.

21 And they shall teach no more every man his brother, and every man his neighbour, saying, Know the Lord; for they shall all have knowledge from the least of them unto the greatest of them, 1saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

22 Thus saith the Lord, Which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the 'ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, Which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; 'The Lord of Hosts is His name:

23 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the Lord of Israel; As yet have they spoken words which I have not commanded them, and I will punish them for their words which they have spoken.

24 And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they that go forth with flocks.

25 For I have sitted the weary in the house of Judah, and have replenished every sorrowful soul.

26 Upon this I waked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.

27 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.

28 And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the Lord.

29 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge.

30 But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

31 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand, and brought them out of the land of Egypt; which My covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord.

32 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel: After those days, saith the Lord, I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be My People.

33 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for they shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

34 Thus saith the Lord, Which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the 'ordinances of the earth in the land. This is another condition. A woman = A spouse; i.e. Israel shall turn and cleave to the Mighty One. See Gen. 1. 27; 2. 25; 6. 18; 13. 15; Lev. 3. 1; 9. 6; 24. 6, &c. Here, the virgins of Israel, compass = turn about (so as to return to and seek the favour of) the man. A 'new thing' for a woman to become the son of. See 31. 14 and Deut. 24. 4. Hos. 2. 19, &c. Heb. gabab, to turn about, used in Ps. 28. 6, "so will I compass Thine altar", not go round it, but keep close to it. Cp. Ps. 7. 7. (Jonah 2. 5, "closed me round"). Instead of "going about", wandering (first line), the virgin of Israel will seek, and cleave close to the Mighty One, even Jehovah, as a girdle cleaves to a man.

35 The Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 7. 3.


37 The house of Israel. See note on 2. 4. the house of Judah. See note on 3. 18. Here we have the union of the two houses. Israel is always named first, for this was the name of the whole nation, which Judah was not.


39 and. Note the Fig. Polyysyndeton (Ap. 6).

40 set on edge. A proverb, mentioned here for the first time. Here resited, and corrected in v. 30.


42 Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6. Quoted in Heb. 8. x-12; 10. 16, 17. I will make. See Matt. 22. 28. 32 that I made. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 24. 3-8). Ap. 92. 29 took them by the hand, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 19. 6; Deut. 1. 31; 32. 11, 12). Ap. 92. although 3 was an husband unto them. The Heb. ba'dal is a Homonym with two meanings: (1) to be lord, or master, hence to be a husband; (2) to disdain, or reject. If it be the latter here, the last clause will read, "and I rejected (or abhorred) them, declareth Jehovah", So the Syr. and other ancient interpreters. Moreover, it is quoted thus in Heb. 8. 9, "and I regarded them not, saith the Lord".

43 the house of, &c. Some codices, with four early printed editions (one in marg.), read "the sons of": i.e. of the whole nation.

44 in their hearts = on their hearts. Cp. Ezek. 11. 19; 10. 14, and will be their God. Cp. 24. 7; 30. 22; 32. 38.


46 giveth the sun, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 1. 16). ordinances = statutes. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 8. 22). Cp. 33. 20, 26. divideth = stirreth up, or excite.

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32. 1–33. 29 (U, p. 1045). PROMISE OF THE BRANCH. (Division.)

1 The word that came, &c. This chapter commences an historical part of the book, describing the incidents of the two years preceding the capture of Jerusalem by Nebuchadrezzar. See v. 2.

2 besieged — was besieging.

3 had shut him up. One of the eleven rulers who were offended with God's messengers. See note on Ex. 10. 28.

4 his eyes shall behold his eyes; — see Jer. 29. 1. 

5 And he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him... — see Jer. 22. 31. 

6 And Jeremiah said, — see Jer. 28. 14.

7 Behold, Hanameel... — see Jer. 32. 5, 10. 

8 So Hanameel... — see Jer. 22. 31, 32.

9 And I bought the field of Hanameel... — see Jer. 32. 9. 

10 the evidence — the deed.

The Twenty-First Prophecy of Jeremiah (p. 1015).

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10 the evidence — the deed.
11 So I took the evidence of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and that which was open:

12 And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison.

13 And I charged Baruch before them, saying, 14 Baruch saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days.'

15 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land. '"

16 Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed unto the LORD, saying,

17 "Ah Lord God! behold, I have made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for Thee:

18 Thou shewest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is His name.

19 Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for Thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:

20 Which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day: and in Israel, and among other men: and hast made Thee a name, as at this day;

21 And hast brought forth Thy People Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs and wonders, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror;

22 And hast given them this land, upon which Thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey;

23 And they came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not Thy voice, neither walked in Thy law; they have done nothing of all that Thou commandedst them to do: therefore Thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them:

24 Behold the mounts, they are come unto the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans, that fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence: and what Thou hast spoken is come to pass; and, behold, Thou seest it.

25 And Thou hast said unto me, O Lord God, 'Buy thee the field for money, and take witnesses; 'for the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.'"
poured out drink offerings unto other gods, *to provoke Me to anger.

30 For the *children of Israel and the *children of Judah have only done *evil before Me from their youth; for the *children of Israel have only *provoked Me to anger, with the work of their hands, *saith the LORD.

31 For this city hath been to Me as a provocation of Mine anger and of My fury from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before My face.

32 Because of all the *evil of the *children of Israel and of the *children of Judah, which they have done to provoke Me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the *men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

33 And they have turned unto Me the back, and not the face; though I taught them, *rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction.

34 But they set their abominations in the house, *which is called by My name, to defile it.

35 And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither *came it into My mind.

36 And now therefore thus saith the LORD, *the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereby ye say, *It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; *it shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon in My anger.

37 *Behold, *I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in Mine anger and in My fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and *I will cause them to dwell safely:

38 And they shall be My People, and *I will be the *God of all their children after them.

39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may *fear Me for ever, for the good of them, and of their *children after them:

40 And I will make an *everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts, that they *shall *not depart from Me.

41 Yea, *I will rejoice over to do them good, and I will *plant them in this land assuredly with My whole heart and with My whole *soul.

42 For thus saith *the LORD; *Like as I have brought all this great *evil upon this people, so will I *bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

43 And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, *It is desolate without *man or beast; *it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

44 *Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe *evidences, and seal them, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the *mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south:

Moreover the word of *the LORD came unto Jeremiah *the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

2 *Thus saith *the LORD *to the Maker thereof, *the LORD That formed it, to establish it; *the LORD is His name;
3 7 Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

4 For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by the mounts, and by the sword;

5 a They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but it is to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in Mine anger and in Mine fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid My face from this city.

6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

7 And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.

8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against Me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against Me.

9 And it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear in this place, which is desolate without and without beast.

10 Thus saith the LORD; Again there shall be heard in this place, which sry say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast;

11 The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, 'Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for His mercy endureth for ever,' and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD.

For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

12 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof,

shall be an habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down.

13 In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that telleth them, saith the LORD.

14 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

3 mighty = inaccessible; i.e. too high for Jeremiah to know, apart from revelation.


5 thrown down, &c.: i.e. demolished to serve as a fence against the mounts and the sword.

6 They come: i.e. the demolished houses are coming to be used for defence, &c. For this sense of "come", see Mark 4. 21 (Gr.), with. Some codices, with two early printed editions and Sept., read "against".


8 wickedness = lawlessness. Heb. rasha'. Ap. 44. x.

9 Behold. Fig. Asterism. Ap. 6.

10 captivity. As in 32. 44.

11 I will cleanse. This is the foundation of all the blessing.


13 sinned . . . sinned. Heb. chattu'. Ap. 44. i.


15 transgressed = rebelled. Heb. 'rasha'. Ap. 44. ix.

16 them. The Severs Codex (Ap. 34) reads "it".

17 ye say. Jeremiah had been saying this.


19 cities. See the Structure ("w$", "w'$", n), p. 1064.

20 The voice of joy, &c. Cp. 7. 34; 16. 6; 25. 10. the LORD of hosts = Jehovah (with 'eth) 2baath. See note on 6. 6, and 1 Sam. 1. 2.

21 mercy = loving-kindness, or grace. Not the same word as in v. 16.

22 for ever = age-abiding. Therefore the fulfilment is still future.

23 them = shall bring. Implying a settled order of worship.

24 sacrifice of praise = thank-offering, or confession (of praise).

25 as at the first. Note the Structure ("y'"y"), p. 1064.

26 saith the LORD = [is] Jehovah's Oracle.

27 mountains = hill country.

33. 15-18 (E2, p. 1064). THE BRANCH OF JEOVAH. (Alternation.)

E2  a | 15. The Branch raised up.


a | 17. Heir of David not lacking.


15 the Branch of righteousness. Cp. 23. 5. Isa. 61. 11.

He shall execute, &c. As David is more than once said to have done. Some codices, with three early printed editions and Syr., read —

"And a King will reign, and prosper,

And will execute", &c.

land. Heb. 'retz= earth, or land.

16 this is the name, &c. or, "this is that which shall be proclaimed to her (as her name)."

The LORD our righteousness. The term is here applied to the city, which has been applied to the king in 29. 6.


18 the priests the Levites. Ref. to Pent. (Dent 17. 9, Num. 25. 10-13). Ap. 92. Mal. 2. 5.

16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and 'this is the name wherewith she shall be called, 'The Branch of righteousness.'

17 For thus saith the LORD; 'David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

18 Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.'
33. 19

JEREMIAH.

19 And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying,
20 Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break 
My covenant of the day, and My covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;
21 Then may also 
My covenant be broken with David My servant, and My mercy on them, My ministers.
22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured:
so will I multiply the seed of David My servant, and the Levites that minister unto Me.
23 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,
24 Considerest thou not what this People have spoken, saying, 'The two families which are before thee, so shall they have despoiled My People, that they should be no more a nation before them.
25 Thus saith the LORD; If My covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;
26 Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David My servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will give their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.'

34. 1-35. 19 (Twentieth Prophecy of Jeremiah (p. 1015).)

DEFEAT AND CAVEN TIVITY OF ZEDEKIAH PROCLAIMED.

(Twentieth Prophecy of Jeremiah (p. 1015).)

The Twenty-Fifth Prophecy of Jeremiah (p. 1015).

If My covenant, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 8. 22).

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. See note on Gen. 50. 24.

mercy = compassion. Heb. r¡kam. Not the same word as in v. 11.

34. 1-7 (P, above). THREATENING TO ZEDEKIAH. (Introversion.)

The word. This chapter is ch. 32, 1-5, told over again more fully.

the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.
Nebuchadnezzar. Not that he was necessarily present, fought = were fighting, or about to fight.

2 the LORD, the God of Israel. See note on 11. 3.
Behold. Fig. Aristosmos. Ap. 6.
3 thine eyes shall behold, &c. See note on 32. 4.
5 with. Some codices, with Sept., Syn., and Vulg., read "like his
burn odours. Cp. 2 Chron. 16. 14, and observe the word is seiraph (Ap. 43. 1. viii), not kešar (Ap. 43. 1. vii).
saith the LORD, (in) Jehovah's oracles.
7 Lachish. Now Tell el Hesy, south of Eglon, ten and a half miles from Eleutheropolis.

Azekah. Now Tell Zakaria, in the valley of Elah.

34. 8-16 (H, above). ILLUSTRATION. (Negative.) COVENANT OF ZEDEKIAH AND PRINCES. BROKEN. (Alteration.)

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12 Therefore the word of 1 the LORD came to Jeremiah from 1 the LORD, saying, 13 "Thus saith 1the LORD, 1the God of Israel: 13 1made a covenant with your fathers 0 in the day that I brought them forth out of the house of Egypt, out of the house of 'bondmen, saying, 14 'At the end of seven years let ye go every man his brother an Hebrew, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids. 15 And ye were now turned, and had done right in My sight, in proclaiming liberty to every man his brother, and ye had made a covenant before Me in the house 0 which is called by My name: 16 But ye turned and 'polluted My name, and caused 'every man his servant, and 'every man his handmaid, whom 0he had set at liberty 0at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids. 17 Therefore thus saith 1the LORD; 'if ye have not hearkened unto Me, in proclaiming liberty to every man to his neighbour: and ye had made a covenant before Me in the house 0 which is called by My name; 18 And ye turned and 'polluted My name, and caused 'every man his servant, and 'every man his handmaid, whom 0he had set at liberty 0at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids. 19 The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the People of the land, which passed between the parts thereof, 20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life; and their dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth. 21 And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you. 22 Behold, I will command, saith 1the LORD, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.
35. 2. JEREMIAH.

35. 17.

2 "Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink."

3 Then I took Jazaaniah the son of Jedaiah, the son of Habuziniah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites;

4 And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door;

5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, "Drink ye wine."

6 But they said, "We will drink no wine; for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, 'Ye shall drink no wine; neither ye, nor your sons, nor your daughters, neither build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any; but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye be strangers.'"

8 Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he commanded us; neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed: none, but obey their father's commandment: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed: none, but obey their father's commandment: and we have done according to all that Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us.

10 But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, 'Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we dwell at Jerusalem.'

12 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

13 'Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, 'Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to My words? saith the LORD.'

14 The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment:

notwithstanding have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking;

but ye hearkened not unto Me.

15 I have sent also unto you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, 'Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and do not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers:'

but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto Me.

16 'Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this People hath not hearkened unto Me:

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto you, O people of Israel, and unto the priests, and unto the prophets, and unto those that dwell in Jerusalem;"
hosts, the ‘God of Israel; ‘Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the ‘evil that I have pronounced against them:

q because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.’”

18 And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, “Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the ‘God of Israel:

q Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he had commanded you:

19 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the ‘God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before Me “for ever.”

And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 “Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words of that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, even from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.

3 It may be that the house of Judah shall hear all the ‘evil which I purpose to do unto them; and they may return every man from his ‘evil way; that I may forgive their ‘iniquity and their ‘sin.”

4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which He had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, “I am ‘shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD:

6 Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD’s house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.

7 It may be they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his ‘evil way; for great is the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pronounced against this people.”

8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD’s house.

9 And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ‘ninth month, that ‘they proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the People in Jerusalem, and to all the People that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem.

10 Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in thehigher court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD’s house, in the ears of all the People.

Behold, Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6. Used to emphasize further what follows.

evil. Heb. ra‘. Ap. 44. viii.

19 for ever =all the days.

BARUCH. MISSION TO JEHOIAKIM. (Introversions and Alternations)

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[p. 1015]

1 the fourth year of Jehoiakim. This was after Nebuchadnezzar had left Jerusalem with his band of young captives, including Daniel. See Ap. 86. The city had become quieted down again.

the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

2 roll =a writing scroll. Heb. megillah. Occurs twenty-one times (fourteen times in this chapter. Ps. 40. 7; Ezek. 2. 2; 8. 1, 2; Zech. 5. 1, 2). The name given to the five books called the megillath (Song of Solomon, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther). words. Pl. Cpt. “word” (sing.) (v. 1).

Israel. These words were now to be written as they were when Judah alone was concerned. Cp. 25. 2.

from the days of Josiah. See 1. 1–3. Not only what is recorded in ch. 25, but what Jehovah had spoken to him for the past twenty-three years.

3 evil =calamity. Heb. ra‘. Ap. 44. viii.


sin. Heb. chata’. Ap. 44. i.

Baruch—Blessed. The first mention of him chronologically. Other references to him are in 32. 12; 43. 3, 5; 45. 1–5. He was brother to Seraiah. Cp. 32. 12 with 51. 55.

5 shut up. Not in prison (for cp. v. 19), but in hiding, or from some unexplained reason.

6 the fasting day =a fast day. Being in the ninth month (v. 9), it was not that prescribed in the Law, which was in the seventh month (Lev. 16. 29; 23. 27).

9 the fifth year. The reading was deferred for some months, the ninth month. Our December. See Ap. 51. V.

they proclaimed, &c. =all the People of Jerusalem, and all the People who were coming in and out of the cities of Jerusalem, had proclaimed a fast before Jehovah.

10 Gemariah. He was brother of Ahikam (26. 24), and not the Gemariah of 29. 3, who was Hilkiah’s son.

Shaphan. See note on 2 Kings 22. 2.

the scribe: i.e. Shaphan (not Gemariah), who was the scribe in Josiah’s days. See 2 Kings 22. 3, 5, 8, 10, 12.

At the time of this history Elashma was the scribe (unless there were more than one). See vv. 12, 20, 21.

11 of =from.

When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard 2 of the book all the words of 1 the LORD,
12 Then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, lo, all the princes sat there, even Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes.

13 Then Michaiah declared unto all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the People.

14 Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, "Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the People, and come." So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them.

15 And they said unto him, "Sit down now, and read it in our ears." So Baruch read it in their ears.

16 Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said unto Baruch, "We will surely tell the king of all these words."

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, "Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at the mouth of Jeremiah?"

18 Then Baruch answered them, "He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book."

19 Then said the princes unto Baruch, "Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where thou art."

20 And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king.

21 So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber.

And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

22 Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him.

23 And it came to pass, when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, that he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.

24 Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.

25 Nevertheless Elhanan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them.

26 But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them.

27 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

"Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned.

28 And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, 'Thus saith the LORD: 'I have burned this roll, saying, 'Why hast thou written therein, saying, 'The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from hence 'man and beast?'

29 Therefore thus saith the LORD of Jehoiakim king of Judah: He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

31 And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the.
496 the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they hearkened not.

32 Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neheims, whom Jehovah made king in the land of Judah; and they wrote from the mouth of Jehovah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

DQUX (p. 101) 37 And king Zedekiah the son of Josia was carried away out of Jerusalem by Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. 2 But neither ke nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the LORD, which He spake by the prophet Jeremiah.

Yx 3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Jeboiakim, o whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.

z 4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had not put him into prison.

X 5 Then Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt: and when the Chaldeans that fought against you, shall return to Egypt into their own land.

6 Then came the word of the LORD unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

7 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent put unto Me to enquire of Me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land.

8 And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire.

9 Thus saith the LORD; Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart.

10 For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained but wounded men among them, yet should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

Yz 11 And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusalem before Pharaoh's army, 12 Then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to separate himself thence in the midst of the people.

13 And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou hast fallen away to the Chaldeans.

14 Then said Jeremiah, "It is false; I fall not away to the Chaldeans." But he hearkened not to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.

y 15 Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe; for they had made that the prison.

x 16 When Jeremiah was entered into the
478 dungeon, and into the "cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days; 19 "Ebed-melech the king sent, and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, "Is there any word from the Lord?" And Jeremiah said, "There is for," said he, "thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon." 18 Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, "What have I offended against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison? 19 Where are now your prophets which prophesied unto you, saying, 'The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land?' 20 Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there." 21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the "prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the "prison. 38 Then Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying, "This city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Babylon. 2 "Thus saith the Lord, 'He that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live.' 3 Thus saith the Lord, 'This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it.' 4 Therefore the princes said unto the king, "We beseech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this People, but the hurt." 5 Then Zedekiah the king said, "Behold, he is in your hand: for the king is not he that can do any thing against you." 6 Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the "dungeon of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that was in the court of the "prison: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. 7 Now when Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the "dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin; 8 Ebed-melech went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king, saying, "My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the "dungeon; and he is like to die for hunger in the dungeon =house of the pit. Heb. bôr. See notes on Gen. 21. 19 ("well"). Isa. 14. 19 ("pit"). cabins =cells. remained =abode. Note the Fig. Cycloides (Ap. 6), marking the refrain, which is repeated in v. 21, and in 38. 13, 19; as shown in the Structure. 18 Are there =Does there exist...? Does there exist. Heb. yâhâth. See notes on Prov. 8. 21; 18. 24; and Luke 7. 26. 19 Offended =sinned. Heb. châda. Ap. 44. 1. prison =house of detention. See v. 19. 20 Your prophets. Not Jehovah's. From the beginning they had prophesied falsely. See 6. 14; 27. 16; 26. 21 Prison =guard-house. Not the same word as in v. 15. piece =a cake. Op. 52. 4. Three were reckoned as a meal (Luke 11. 8); a soldier's ration at that time. 38. 1-13 (T, p. 1071). PERSECUTION OF JEREMIAH. (Extended Alteration.)
38. 14. Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third entry that is in the house of the LORD: and the king said unto Jeremiah, "3 will ask thee a thing; hide nothing from me." (p. 1072)

B 15 Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, "If I declare it unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, wilt thou not hearken unto me?" (p. 1073)

B 16 So Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, "Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt assuredly go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house: But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand." (p. 1073)

A e 17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, "Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt hearken unto me, and wilt break off thy necks from the potsherd of the house of David; and wilt go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and say unto them, Thus saith the king of Babylon; Even so saith the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Even so shall ye say unto Zedekiah the king of Judah; Thus saith the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Nay but thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire: and there shall not be a man, woman, child, nor beast of the king of Judah, nor any man of Jerusalem that escapeth out of the king of Babylon's hand; but they shall be handed over to the king of Babylon." (p. 1073)

A e 18 But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall thy children be taken captive unto Babylon, and they shall come unto Babylon, and shall dwell there, until the land have accomplished her days; then shall she be built and inhabited. (p. 1073)

A e 19 And Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, "I will not hearken unto thee." (p. 1073)

A e 20 But Jeremiah said, "They shall not deliver thee. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the Lord; and return into the house of the Lord's servants unto whom I have sent thee." (p. 1073)

A e 21 But if they refuse to go forth, this is the word that the Lord hath shewed me: And behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say, 'Thy friends have set thee up, and have prevailed against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned away back.'" (p. 1073)

A e 22 And, behold, all the women that are left in the house of the king of Judah shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say, 'Thy feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned away back.'" (p. 1073)

A e 23 So they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children unto the Chaldeans: and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon; and thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire." (p. 1073)

A e 24 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, "Let no man know these words, and thou shalt not die. But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, 'Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what the king said unto thee:' Then thou shalt say unto them, '3 presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.'" (p. 1073)

A e 25 Then came all the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived. (p. 1073)

A e 26 Then Jeremiah "abode in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken: and he was there when Jerusalem was taken. (p. 1073)
by the gate. On the south corner of Ophel See Ap. 68.
the plain. To avoid the Jordan.
5 Jericho. Thus, Jericho was the scene of Israel's first victory (Josh. 6), and final defeat.

II. Riblah. Now Riblah, on the east bank of the Orontes, thirty-five miles north-east of Baalbek, the base and head-quarters of Nebuchadnezzar. Some twenty-two years before, Jehoahaz was put in bonds here by Pharaoh-nechoh, to be led captive to Egypt. See 2 Kings 23. 31.
gave judgment — pronounced sentence: i.e. for his perjury. See 2 Chron. 36, 10, 13. Ezek. 17, 15, 18.
6 before his eyes. A specimen of the inhumanity of those days.
7 put out Zedekiah's eyes. So that Ezekiel was quite correct when he said that Zedekiah should be taken to Babylon, though he should not see it (Ezek. 12, 13),
with chains — with two fetters.
to carry him — to carry him home.
8 The Chaldeans burned, &c. On the tenth day of the fifth month, Cp. 52, 12, 13. The same day as the capture of the city by the Romans in A. D. 69.
9 Nebuzar-adan = the prince favoured by Nebuchadnezzar.
the guard — the executioners (2 Kings 25, 8). Cp. Gen. 37, 34; 39, 1.

39. 10—44. 30 (R, p. 1071). THE PEOPLE TAKEN, AND LEFT. (Introversion.)

The Thirty-fifth Prophecy of Jeremiah (p. 1015).
19 Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Pt 10.
20 LORD of hosts, the "God of Israel;": Behold, I will bring My words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished in that day, saith the LORD.
17 But I will deliver thee in that day, saith the LORD: and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou art afraid.
18 For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee: because thou hast put thy trust in Me, saith the LORD.'

The Thirty-sixth Prophecy of Jeremiah (p. 1015).
40 1 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4, II.
20 Go and speak: Not the history, this incident as to Ebed-melech is reserved till now, the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 7, 3.
21 Behold. Fig. Asterisms. Ap. 6.
17 saith the LORD = saith Jehovah's oracle.
a prey: i.e. he should save it. Cp. 21, 9.

40. 1 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4, II.
20 chains = the two letters, as in 38, 7.
3 the guard. See note on 39, 9.
said. Nebuzar-adan takes all the credit to himself.
Cp. 39, 11.

3 Now the LORD hath brought it, and done according as He hath said: because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not
to the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him.
6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.
7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon.
8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the People, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem.
9 Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the People that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the People that remained.
10 But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the People, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

D 11 Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, saying, 12 Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee.
13 So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushassan, Rab-saris, and Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, and all the king of Babylon's princes;
14 Even they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he dwelt among the People.
15 Now the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying, 16 Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the "God of Israel;": Behold, I will bring My words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished in that day, saith the LORD.

E 478 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive unto Babylon.
2 And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, The LORD thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place.

477 the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain.
5 But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him.
6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.
7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon.
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<td>Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam the son of Ahikam, and to Mizpah, and dwelt with him among the People: or go wheresoever it seemeth convenient unto thee to go.” So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward, and let him go.</td>
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41 Now it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah.

2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land.

3 Ishmael also slew all the Jews that were with him, even with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and with the Chaldeans that were found there, and the ten men of war.

4 And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew it.

5 That there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even fourscore men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring them to the house of the LORD.

6 And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met Ishmael, he said unto them, “Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam.”

7 And it was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, and cast them into the midst of the pit, htw, and the men that were with him.

8 But ten men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, “Slay not us: for we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of wine, and of hides, and of raiment, and of hidden treasures.

9 Now the pit wherein Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the men, whom he had slain because of Gedaliah, was it which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel; and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with them that were slain.

10 Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the People that were in Mizpah, even the king’s daughters, and all the People that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive,

and departed to go over to the Ammonites.

11 But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done,

12 Then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and gathered = gathered out.

41. 1-16 (L2, p. 1075). TREACHERY. AVENGED. (Extended Alternation.)

1 Elishama. A seal has been found with his name on it, even = and. Captives rescued.

2 Ishmael. See note on 40. 8.

3 Shechem. See note on 39. 9.


5 Gedaliah. See note on 26. 24; and cp. 39. 14, and 40. 5.

6 Mizpah. See note on 40. 6.

7 Ishmael. See note on 40. 8.

8 Shiloh. The last of five references to Shilo in Jeremiah. Cp. 7. 12, 14; 26. 6, 9. Offerings. These would be meal-offerings, according to Lev. 2. 1. Flesh sacrifices were now impossible. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 2. 1). Probably for the feast of the fifteenth (Lev. 23. 27, 34. Num. 29. 12. Deut. 16. 13), to the house, &c. Still recognised as the place where Jehovah had chosen the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

9 weeping = going on and on weeping.

10 treasures = hidden [treasures, or stores].

11 pit or, cistern. Not mentioned elsewhere, but see 1 Kings 15. 22 and 2 Chron. 16. 6. because of = besides.

12 was it. By regrouping the letters, this reads “was” = a large pit which,” &c.

13 the king’s daughters. See note on 43. 7.

14 Nebuzar-adan. See note on 39. 9.


17 Gideon. Now El Jib, about five miles north of Jerusalem, where Joab treacherously slew Amasa (2 Sam. 20. 8–10). Cast about = turned round.

18 eight. Two had been slain in the encounter above.

41. 16–43. 7 (F2, p. 1075). UNDER JOHANAN IN THE LAND. (Introversion and Alternation.)

1 Intention to go to Egypt.

2 Supplication to Jeremiah.

3 Jeremiah. Answer given.

4 Supplication to Jeremiah.

5 Jeremiah. Answer promised.

6 Jeremiah. Answer given.

7 Intention carried out.

8 Conclusion.

9 Conclusion.

10 Conclusion.

11 Conclusion.

12 Conclusion.

13 Conclusion.
42 Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Zezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the People from the least even unto the greatest, came near,

2 And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, "Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and, we beseech thee, the Lord thy God, even for all this remnant; (for we are left but a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us.)

3 That the Lord thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

3 Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, "I have heard you; "behold, I will pray unto the Lord your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, that whatsoever thing the Lord shall answer you, I will declare it unto you; I will keep nothing back from you."

5 Then [they said] to Jeremiah, "The Lord be a true and faithful Witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for which the Lord thy God shall send thee to us.

6 Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the Lord our God, to Whom we sent for; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the Lord our God."

7 And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah.

8 Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces which were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest.

9 And said unto them, "Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, unto Whom ye sent me to present your supplication before Him;

10 If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up: for I repent Me of the evil that I have done unto you.

11 Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the Lord for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.

12 And I will shew mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.

13 But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of the Lord your God,'
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of Jerusalem; so shall My fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more."

q 19 "The Lord hath said concerning you, "O ye remnant of Judah; O go ye not into Egypt:"

r 20 For ye have not obeyed the voice of the Lord your God, nor any thing for which He hath sent me unto you.

p 22 Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go and to sojourn."

M s 43 And it came to pass, that when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the Lord their God, for which the Lord their God had sent him to them, even all these words, 2 Then spake Azariah the son of Hosheaiah, andJoahanan the son of Kaahah, and all the men, saying unto Jeremiah, 3 And now I have this day declared it to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the Lord your God, nor any thing for which He hath sent me unto you.

t 4 So Joahanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the Lord, to dwell in the land of Judah.

s 5 But Joahanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations, whether they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah;

r 6 Even men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah.

t 7 So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of the Lord: thus came they even to Tahpanhes.

F s u 8 Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

9 Take great stones in thine hand, and hide them in the clay in the brickkiln, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah;

t 10 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.
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11 And when he cometh, he shall smite the land of Egypt, and deliver "such as are for death to death; and such as are for captivity to captivity; and such as are for the sword to the sword.

12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives:

13 He shall break also the "images of Beth-shemesh, that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire."

44. 1-14. (W, p. 1078.) IDOLATRY. DECLARATION. (Repeated and Extended Alternation.)

W Y¹ 1, 2. Infatuation. Past. Jehovah, &c.
Z w 3. Provocation. Incense.

1 I which dwell, &c. See longer note on p. 1096.

2 Noph. See note on Ex. 14. 2.

3 Wherefore My fury and Mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein;

4 Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke Me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, and to serve other gods, whom they knew not, neither their father's, nor their fathers.

5 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods.

6 Therefore My fury and Mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as at this day.'

7 Therefore now thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel;


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7 Therefore now thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel;

8 Wherefore commit ye this great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of Judah, to leave you none to remain;

9 In that ye provoke Me unto wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whither ye shall go; &c.

10 Have ye forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?

11 They are not humbled even unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in My law, nor in My statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.'
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Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed, and fall in the land of Egypt; they shall ever be consumed by the sword and by the famine: they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine: and they shall be an execution, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.

13 For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence:

14 So that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they have a desire to return to dwell there:

15 for none shall return but such as shall escape:"

16 Then all the men which knew that their wives had burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, answered Jeremiah, saying,

16 As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee.

17 But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem:

b for then had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.

18 But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.

19 And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?

20 Then Jeremiah said unto all the People, to the men, and to the women, and to all the People which had given that answer, saying,

21 The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the People of the land, did not the LORD remember them, and came not into His mind?

22 So that the LORD could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at this day.

23 Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor walked in His law, nor in His statutes, nor in His testimonies; therefore this evil is happened unto you, as at this day."

24 Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the People, and to all the women, "Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah that are in the land of Egypt:

25 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows.

26 Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt:

27 Behold, I have sworn by My great name, saith the LORD, that My name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, the Lord God liveth.

28 Also all the men of Judah that are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them.

29 Yet a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, Mine, or theirs.

30 And this shall be a sign unto you, saith the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that My words shall surely stand against you for evil:"

31 Thus saith the LORD; 11 Behold, I will give Pharaoh-hophra king of Egypt into the
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45 The word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying:

2 Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch:

3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now for the Lord hath added grief to my sorrow; I faint in my sighing, and I find no rest.

4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, The Lord saith thus; Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.

5 And seest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not:

for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord; but thy life will I give unto thee, for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

46 The word of the Lord which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles;

1 Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim king of Judah.

3 Order ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

4 Harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; furnish the spears, and put on the coat brigandines.

5 Wherefore have I seen them dismayed and turned away back? and their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back: for fear was round about, saith the Lord.

against = concerning. Cp. 49. 1. the. Some codices, with six early printed editions (one Rabbinic), read "all the. Gentiles - nations. 2 Egypt. Comes first because most important in connection with Judah, as well as coming second to Babylon at that time (with which it corresponds in position in the Structure above). Judah was indeed, then subject to Egypt. The policy of Judah’s rulers was to lean on Egypt instead of heeding Jeremiah. These prophecies are designed to assure the nation that it could not rely on Gentile powers to thwart God’s word by Jeremiah. Carchemish. Cp. 2 Chron. 35. 20-24. The Gargamish of the Inscriptions, now known as Jerablus, or Membiji, &c. the fourth year of Jehoiakim. A critical era in the history of Egypt, Babylon, Judah, and the world. See Ap. 86. Four years before, Pharaoh-necho, on his way to Carchemish, had defeated and slain Josiah at Megiddo, and afterward taken his son Shallum as a vassal to Egypt, and set up Jehoiakim in his stead (2 Kings 23. 29-30).

46. 3-12 (F, above). EGYPT. ITS OVERTHROW.

(Extended Alternation.)

F e | 3, 4. Call to battle.
f | 5, 6. Dismay of Egypt.
g | 7, 8. Boast of Egypt.
e | 9. Call to battle.
f | 10. Vengeance of Jehovah.
g | 11, 12. Fall of Egypt.

3 Order ye = Prepare ye, or Put in order. 4 brigandines = coats of mail. 5 beaten down = crushed. fled apace. Fig. Polyptoton (Ap. 6). Heb. fled a flight. Well rendered “fled apace.” fear was round about. Heb. nisguoterisahih - terror round about. See note on 6. 25. saith, &c. See note on 45. 5.
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6 Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.

7 Who is this that cometh up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers? 

8 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, 

9 O Man of the south, hearing my words, shew me the sign thereof; 

10 For this is the day of the Lord God of hosts, as a day of vengeance, that he may revenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour round about thee.

11 Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines; for thine heart shall not be comforted.

12 The nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry hath filled the land: for the Lord hath stumbled against the mighty, and they are fallen both together.

13 The word that the Lord spake to Jeremiah the prophet, saying, 

14 Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and in Noph and in Tahapanes: say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee.

15 Why are thou so valiant? thou wast swept away? 

16 He made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another, and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword.

17 They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath passed the time appointed.

18 As 3 live, saith the King, Whose name is the Lord of hosts, Surely as Tabor is among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, so shall he come.

19 O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, furnish thyself to go into captivity: for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant.

20 Egypt is like a very fair heifer, but destruction cometh; it cometh out of the north.

21 Also her hired men are as the midst of her like fatted bullocks; for 1f they also are turned back, and are fled away together: they did not stand, because the day of their calamity was come upon them, and the time of their visitation.

22 The voice thereof shall go like a serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood.

23 They shall cut down her forest, saith the Lord, though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the grasshoppers, and are innumerable.

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7 as a flood = as the river: i.e. the Nile, in flood.
8 I will go up. Egypt at this time was so strong that Jeremiah's prophecy seemed most unlikely to come to pass.
9 Come up, &c. Fig. Ecromia. Ap. 6. Cp. v. 11.
10 the Ethiopians = Cush. Mercenaries, forming the chief part of the Egyptian forces, the Libyans. Heb. Phut. Cp. Ezek. 27. 10; 30. 5; and Acts 2. 10.
11 the Lydians. Not those in Western Asia (Gen. 10. 22), but belonging to Africa.
12 the Lord God of hosts. Heb. Adonai Jehovah Z b. Ap. 4. VIII (2) and II. See note on 2. 19. a day of vengeance. On the Egyptians, made drunk = bathed. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 22. 42). the sword, and publish in Migdol = Noph and in Tahapanes: say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee. For this I will go up. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept., and Vulg., read one (sing.), perhaps referring to Apis their sacred bull. the sword shall devour round about thee. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept., and Vulg., read one (sing.), perhaps referring to Apis their sacred bull.

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16 fall = be stumbling. one . . . upon another. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 26. 37).

17 noise = sound. passed = let pass over. Cp. 2 Sam. 20. 5.

18 saith the King = is the King's oracle. Cp. 48. 15. the Lord of hosts. See note on 6. 6.

19 dwelling in = inhabiting. Probably = the Jews, as in Ezek. 12. 2. Jer. 48. 18.

20 furnish thyself to go into captivity = baggage for captivity prepare thee.

46. 20-26 (H,Above). FALL OF EGYPT.

(Extended Alternation.)

H h | 20. The north.


k | 22, 23. Enemies.

h | 24. The North.

i | 25. Multitudes.

k | 26. Enemies.

20 heifer. Probably an allusion to Apis, the sacred bull.

destruction = piercing. Heb. kerez. Occurs only here. R.V. margin suggests giddily. If it be so, the attack is on the heifer.

cometh. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read 'attacketh her'.

21 they did not stand = they made no stand. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Syr., and Vulg., read and they have made', &c.

22 searched = reconníteer. grasshoppers = locusts.

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24 The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north."

25 "The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saith; " Behold, I will punish the multitude of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and all them that trust in him:

26 And I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their "lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants: and afterward it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, "saith the Lord.

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27 But fear not thou, O My servant "Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, "behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

28 'Fear thou not, O Jacob My servant, saith the Lord:

29 For I am with thee: for I will make a full end of all the nations whither thou hast driven thee; but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I "not leave thee wholly unpunished."

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47 The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah the prophet "against the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote Gaza.

K 1 n 1 2 Thus saith the Lord; "Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein:

o 3 then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.

K 4 n 2 3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his "strong horses, at the "rushing of his chariots, and at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to their "children for feebleness of hands;

K 3 n 3 4 Because of "the day that cometh to spoil all the Philistines, and to cut off from "Tyre and Zidon every helper that remaineth: for "the Lord will spoil the Philistines, the remnant of "the country of "Caphtor.

o 3 5 "Baldness is come upon "Gaza;

J 6 "Ashkelon is cut off with the remnant of "their valley; how long will thou cut thou thyself?"

0 O thou "sword of "the Lord, how long wilt it be ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into thy scabbard, rest, and be still.

7 How can it be quiet, seeing "the Lord hath given it a charge against Ashkelon, and against the sea shore? there hath He appointed it.

C L M 48 "Against "Moab "thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel;"


46. 27, 28 (E, p. 1081). ISRAEL. ENCOURAGEMENT. (Alteration)

E 1 [7-] Encouragement. m 1-7. Reason.

l 1-7. Encouragement.


47. 1-7 (B, p. 1081). THE PHILISTINES. (Introduction and Repeated Alteration)

B J 1. The word of the Lord against the Philistines.

K 1 n 1 2. Invasion.

K 2 n 3 3. Invasion. o 3 2- Effect. Mourning.

K 3 n 3 4. Invasion. o 3 5- Effect. Mourning.


1 the Lord. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II. against = concerning. Cp. 48. 1; 49. 1, 7, 23. before. To show that this prophecy was not the anticipation of human foresight. Pharaoh. Pharaoh-necho, after his victory over Josiah (2 Kings 23. 29. 2 Chron. 35. 20). Gaza. Heb. 'azza': (with 'eth). Now 'aziz: Still standing at the time of this prophecy (the fourth year of Jehoiakim). Not Carchemish, for 2 Kings 24. 7.

2 Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.


children = sons.


6 sword of the Lord. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 32. 41).

7 How. . . . F Fig. Erotasis. Ap. 6.

48. 1-49. 6 (C, p. 1081). MOAB AND AMMON. (Division.)


48. 1-47 (L, above). MOAB.

| N 1-46. The present state.
| N 47-48. The latter state.
| M 47. Conclusion.

1 Against = concerning. Moab. Always hostile to Israel. Cp. Judg. 3. 12, 28. 1 Sam. 14. 47. 2 Sam. 8. 2. 2 Kings 1. 1; 3. 4-27; 18. 50. In the reign of Jehoiakim they joined with the Chaldeans. thus and the. As in Num. 21. 24, 28; 24. 17 (cp. Ec. 44. 14), and Amos 2. 2 (cp. Ec. 24. 41, p. 1085) and Zeph. 2. 9 (cp. Ec. 26. 42, p. 1085).

31. the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 7. 2. the Lord.

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21 And judgment is come upon the plain country; upon 1 Holon, and upon 2 Jahazah, and upon 3 Mephaath. 22 And upon 1 Dibon, and upon 1 Nebo, and upon 2 Beth-biletham. 23 And upon 1 Kiriataim, and upon 2 Beth-gamul, and upon 1 Beth-meon. 24 And upon 1 Kerioth, and upon 2 Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of 1 Moab, far or near. 25 The horn of 1 Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, 13 saith 1 the LORD.

S 26 Make ye him drunken: for he magnified himself against 1 the LORD: Moab also shall be aslow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision. 27 For was not Israel a derision unto thee? 28 O ye that dwell in 1 Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove that maketh her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.

P 29 We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogance, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.

R 30 I know his wrath, 12 saith 1 the LORD; but it shall not be so; his lies shall not so effect it. 31 Therefore will I howl for 1 Moab, and I will cry out for all 1 Moab; 3 mine heart shall mourn for the 11 men of 1 Kir-heres.

T 32 O vine of 1 Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of 1 Jazer: thy 1 plants are gone over the sea, they reach even to the sea of 1 Jazer: the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage. 33 And joy and gladness is taken from the fruitful field, and from the land of 1 Moab; 34 and he that is at ease shall sorrow for wine, and he that hath 3 pipes shall have sighing.

S 35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, 12 saith 1 the LORD, him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods. 36 Therefore Mine heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and Mine heart shall sound like pipes for the 11 men of 1 Kir-heres: because the riches that he hath gotten are perished.


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40 For thus saith 1 the LORD; 12 Behold, 6 he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over 1 Moab. 41 Kerieth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs. 42 And 1 Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he hath magnified himself against 1 the LORD. 43 Fear; and the pit, and the snare, shall be upon thee, O inhabitant of 1 Moab, 12 saith 1 the LORD.
44 He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare; for I will bring upon it, even upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

45 They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the force: but a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.

46 Woe be unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives.

47 Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD."

Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

49 Concerning the Ammonites, thus saith the LORD; Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why then doth his king inherit of Gad, and his people dwell in his cities?

2 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her hedge shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD.

3 Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled: cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the hedges; for their king shall go into captivity, and his princes together.

4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trust in her treasures, saying, Who shall come unto me?'

5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts, from all those that be about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather him up that wandereth.

6 And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD."

7 Concerning Edom, thus saith the Lord of hosts; Is wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?

8 Flee ye, turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time that I will visit him. If grapegatherers come to thee, would they not leave some gleanings? if thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough.

11 Leave thy fatherless children, and preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

12 For thus saith the Lord; Behold, they whose judgment was not to drink of the cup that thou shalt altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt drink of it.

13 For I have sworn by Myself, saith the Lord, that Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.

14 I have heard a rumour from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, saying, “Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.”

15 For, lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, and despised among men.

16 Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, and the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill; though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the Lord.

17 Also Edom shall be a desolation; every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof.

18 The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the strong; but thou shalt be for the mount of the daughter of Sinim: surely the least of the presidents shall be confounded, and Arpad; for they have heard that shall go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt drink of it.

19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the strong; but I will suddenly make him run away from her; and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like Me? and who will appoint Me the time? and who is that shepherd that shall stand before Me?

20 Therefore hear the counsel of the Lord, that He hath taken against Edom; and His purposes, that He hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out; surely He shall make their habitations desolate with them.

21 The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard in the Red sea.

22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah:

23 Concerning Damascus.

24 Damascus is waxed feeble, and turned herself to flee, and fear hath seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travails.

25 How is the city of praise left, the city of my joy!

26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the Lord of hosts.
49. 28.  **Concluding.** Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus saith the LORD: "Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the men of the east.

29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take away; they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, "Fear is on every side.'

Yec. 30 Flee, get you far off, dwell deep. O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you.

31 Arise, get you up unto the wealthy nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the LORD, which have neither gates nor bars, which dwell alone.

d 32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter into all winds them that are in the utmost corners; and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the LORD.

33 And Hazor shall be a dwelling for dragons, and a desolation for ever: there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Hazor shall not come.

Yec. 34 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,

35 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their mighty.

36 And upon Elam will I bring the four winds of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

c 37 For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, even My fierce anger, saith the LORD; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them:

f 38 And I will set My throne in Elam, and will destroy from hence the king and the princes, saith the LORD.

A2 39 But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the LORD."

50. 1. **The word of the LORD to Jeremiah.**

A B 50 The word that the LORD spake against Babylon and against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet.

Cl 2 Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, "Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces."

Bel. Contracted from the Aramaic form of Baal, the national god of Babylon. See Isa. 46:1. Merodach = Bel. Another name for Bel (= Baal), Babylon's god.
50. 3. JEREMIAH. 50. 17.

3 For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

4 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God.

5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

6 My People hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, and they have turned them away upon the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.

7 All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We have sinned against the LORD, the Habitation of justice, even the LORD, the Hope of their fathers.

8 Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the flocks.

9 For, lo, 3 will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain.

10 And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD.

11 Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of Mine heritage, because ye are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as bulls;

12 Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

13 Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

14 Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the LORD.

15 Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down:

16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickness in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

17 *Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebu-
18 the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 7. 3.
20 mount=the hill country of.

50. 21-39 (D4, p. 1098). BABYLON.
(Alteration.)

D4 | 1 | 21-27. Invasion.
| m | 27. Day of visitation.
| l | 28-30. Invasion.
| m | 31, 32. Day of visitation.

21 Merathaim = double rebellion. So called, here, because
the empire was founded in a double rebellion. See
Prideaux, Connection, vol. 1, p. 1. A symbolic name for
Babylon, as Pekod is also (below) and Sheshach (25. 26 ;
51. 41).

Pekod = Visit ation : i.e. in judgment.
destroy = devote to extermination. Heb. ḥərām.
The same word as v. 26; not the same as vv. 11, 22.

22 destruction = smash; or, breaking down. Heb.
shibor. Not the same word as in vv. 11, 21, 26.

23 His armoury. Fig. Anthropopathia. Ap. 6.
the Lord GOD of hosts. Heb. Adonai Jehovah of
hosts. See note on 2. 12.

26 from the utmost border=from the farthest
parts, or every quarter.

27 visitation. See note on “Pekod”, v. 21.

28 vengeance = avenging. So 51. 11. Cp. Dan. 5. 5.
recompense her. See Rev. 18. 8.
according to. See note on “as”, v. 15. Cp. Rev. 18. 4.
the Holy One of Israel. See note on Ps. 71. 22.

33 the Lord of hosts. See note on 6. 4. 1 Sam. 1. 3.
4 Redeemer=Kinsman-Redeemer. Heb. gādāl. See
notes on Isa. 60. 16, and Ex. 6. 6.
strong = strong (to hold fast). Heb. mašāk. Not the
same word as in v. 44.

50. 35-51. 4 (D4, p. 1088). BABYLON.
(Introversion.)

D4 | n | 50. 35-38. Sword and drought.
| o | 50. 39, 40. Depopulation.
| p | 50. 41-43. Invasion. Behold.
| q | 50. 44. Invasion. Behold.
| r | 50. 45, 46. Desolation.
| s | 51. 1-4. Wind and winnowers.

35 A sword. Note the Fig. Anaphora (Ap. 6) in five
successive sentences.
36 liars=praters.
dote=be shown to be foolish.
37 the mingled people=the rabble.
38 idols=horrors.

34 Their Redeemer is strong; §2 the LORD
of hosts is His name: He shall throughly
please their cause, that He may give rest to the
land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

35 A sword is upon the Chaldeans, §3 saith
the Lord, and upon the inhabitants of
Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her
wise men.

36 A sword is upon the liars; and they
shall dote; §2 a sword is upon her mighty
men; and they shall be dismayed.

37 A sword is upon their horses, and upon
their chariots, and upon all the mingled people
that are in the midst of her; and they
shall become as women; §2 a sword is upon her
treasures; and they shall be robbed.

38 A drought is upon her waters; and they
shall be dried up: for it is the land of graven
images, and they are mad upon their idols.

39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert

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with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there, and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

41 Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

42 They shall hold the bow and the lance: they are cruel, and will not shew mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, every one put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.

43 The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble: anguish took hold of him, and pangs as of a woman in travail.

44 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the nations: and his land shall be overthrown, and at that time shall he lift up against Babylon, and against all the inhabitants of the land: for Egypt is fallen and is destroyed: thus saith the LORD.

45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD, that He hath taken against Babylon; and His purposes, that He hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely He shall make their habitation desolate with them.

46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

50. 39. JEREMIAH.

51 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against Me, a destroying wind;

2 And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.

3 Against him that bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against him that lifteth himself up in his girdle: and spare ye not your young men; destroy ye utterly all her host.

4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and they that are thrust through in her streets.

5 For Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Judah of his God. of the 1 LORD of Hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.

6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD's vengeance; & ye will render unto her a recompence.

7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.

8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: her howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country:

for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies.

10 1 The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.
11 Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for His device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of His temple.  
12 Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for the LORD hath both devised and done that which He spake against the inhabitants of Babylon.  
13 O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness.  
14 The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, "Surely I will fill thee with men, with caterpillars; and they shall lift up a shout against thee."  
15 He hath made the earth by His power, He hath established the world by His wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by His understanding.  
16 When He uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens; and He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: He maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of His treasures.  
17 Every man is brutish by his knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.  
18 They are vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.  
19 The Portion of Jacob is not like them; for He is the Former of all things: and Israel is the rod of his inheritance; the LORD of hosts is His name.  
20 "I am the Lord that make battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms;  
21 And with thee will I break in pieces horses and his riders; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariots and his rider;  
22 With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid;  
23 I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers.  
24 And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the LORD.  
25 Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out My hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.  
26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate forever, saith the LORD."  
27 Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillars.  
28 Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion.  
29 And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.
30. The mighty men of Babylon have forborne to fight, they have remained in their holds: their might hath failed; they became as women: they have burned her dwellingplaces; her bars are broken.

31. One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken at one end.

32. And that the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.

33. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; "The daughter of Babylon is like a threshingfloor, it is time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come."
51. 50.  

JEREMIAH.

50 the LORD, Heb. Jehovah (with 'eth). Ap. 4. II.
52 destroyed = caused to perish. Heb. tabar. Not the same as in vv. 1, 3, 8, 11, 20, 25, 54.
54 walls. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept., and Vulg., read "wall".
55 people = peoples. be weary = faint.

51. 59-64- (B, p. 1088). WORD OF JEREMIAH TO SERAI AH. (RATIFICATION.)

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B w | 59, 60. The book sent.
   x | 61. Reading begun.
   y | 62. Words spoken.
   z | 63. Reading ended.
   v | -63, 64-. The book sunk.

The Fifty-first Prophecy of Jeremiah (p. 1015).

59 Serai ah. The brother of Baruch (32. 12, Cp. 45. 1), when he went, &c. Probably to renew his oath of allegiance. Cp. 27. 1, 28. 1. quiet prince. Probably chief chamberlain. R.V. marge, "quartermaster." Heb. = quiet resting-place (Isa. 32. 18). Probably his office was to prepare the night's camping place during the journey to Babylon.

60 wrote in a book - wrote in one scroll.
61 and shall see, &c. = then shalt thou look out and read.
62 desolate for ever = age-abiding desolations, showing that this prophecy must wait a future fulfilment.
63 evil. Heb. ra' 'a'. Ap. 44. viii.

52. 1-34 (A, p. 1015). APPENDIX.

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   P | 4-27. Captivity. The great one.
   R | 31-34. Jehoiakim and Evil-Merodach.

Similar to ch. 39, but with additional details.

1 Zedekiah. Cp. 2 Kings 24. 18-20. Reigned from 490 to 477 B.C.
2 evil. Heb. ra' 'a'. Ap. 44. viii.
3 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

52. 4-27 (P, above). CAPTIVITY: THE GREAT.

(Alternations and Intversion.)

P | Q | a | 4. 5. Jerusalem besieged.
   | a | 7. Jerusalem taken.
   R | 8-11. Exe utions at Riblah.
   Q | c | 12-14. The Temple burned.
   d | 15. The poor taken.
   d | 16. The poor left.
   c | 17-23. The Temple spoiled.
   R | 24-27. Executions at Riblah.


2 And he did that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

3 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till He had cast them out from His presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

4 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about.

5 So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

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8 And in the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, "the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the People of the land. 7 Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were by the city round about:); and they went by the way of the plain. 8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and they went by the way of the gate of the city, and came by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans brake the city about,) and they went by the way of the gate of the city. (p. 1094) 9 Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah, in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgment upon him. 10 And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah, in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land. 11 And they put the army of the Chaldeans that were with the captain of the guard, into Riblah, to the captain of the guard, that certain princes of Judah were there. 12 Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, which served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem. 13 And burned the house of the LORD, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the great men; burned he with fire: 14 And all the army of the Chaldeans, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round about. 15 Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive certain of the people, and the residue of the People that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude. 16 But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left certain of the poor of the land for vine-dressers and for husbandmen. 17 Also the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brassen sea that was in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans brake, and carried all the brass of them to Babylon. 18 The caldrons also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. 19 And the basins, and the firepans, and the bowls, and the caldrons, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the cups; that which was of gold in gold, and that which was of silver in silver, took the captain of the guard away. 20 The two pillars, one sea, and twelve brazen bulls that were under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of the LORD: the brass of all these vessels was without weight. 21 And concerning the pillars, the height of one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a fillet of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof was four fingers: it was hollow. 22 And a chapiter of brass was upon it; and the height of one chapiter was five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the chapiters round about, all of brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates were like unto these. 23 And there were ninety and six pomegranates on a side: and all the pomegranates upon the network were an hundred round about.

6 the famine. Described in the Lamentations of Jeremiah. See note on Gen. 12. 10. 7 men. Heb. pl. of 'three', Ap. 14. III. fled, &c. Cp. 2 Kings 25. 4. between the two walls . . . king's garden. See Ap. 68. Riblah. Now Ribleh. On the east bank of the Orontes, thirty-five miles north-east of Baalbek. 11 put out the eyes. See note on 32. 4. Cp. 2 Kings 25. 6, 7. Ezek. 12. 13. Hence, Zedekiah never saw Babylon, though he was taken thither. 12 twentieth day. In 2 Kings 25. 6 it says "seventh day", but that was "(to) Jerusalem". This is "into Jerusalem". 13 poor of the people. This is supplemental to 2 Kings 25. 12. Heb. did= impoverished. See note on "poverty", Prov. 6. 11. Cp. Neh. 1. 6. 17 pillars of brass. Cp. 27. 19. 18 the shovels, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 27. 3, &c.). bowls=bowls for sprinkling. firepans =censers. candlesticks=lamps. under =beneath. 21 pillars. Cp. 1 Kings 7. 15. 4 Kings 25. 17. cubits. See Ap. 51. III. 2 (1). 22 chapter=capital. 23 ninety and six. There were 100 "round about",-Cp. 2 Chron. 3. 16; 4. 13; with 1 Kings 7. 20. on a side. Heb. riākā. See Ap. 9. ix =towards the air, or open air. The other four being behind, out of sight. 24 Seraiah. See 2 Kings 25. 18. 1 Chron. 6. 14. Cp. 51. 59. 25 seven. In 2 Kings 25. 19 "five"; but the greater includes the lesser. -men. Heb. 'āsh. Ap. 14. II. 27 land=soil. 28 the seventh year. This was at the beginning of Nebuchadrezzar's second siege, the year before Jehoiachin's captivity, 490 B.C. 21 And concerning the pillars, the height of one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a fillet of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof was four fingers: it was hollow. 22 And a chapter of brass was upon it; and the height of one chapter was five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the chapiters round about, all of brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates were like unto these. 23 And there were ninety and six pomegranates on a side; and all the pomegranates upon the network were an hundred round about. 24 And the captain of the guard took Seraijah the chief priest, and Zehaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door: 25 He took also out of the city an eunuch, which had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of them that were near the king's person, which were found in the city:; and the principal scribe of the host, who mustered the People of the land; and threescore and seven men of the People of the land, that were found in the midst of the city. 26 So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. 27 And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land. 28 This is the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive; in the seventh year three thousand Jews and three and twenty:
LONGER NOTE ON JEREMIAH 42-44.

"THE JEWS WHICH DWELL IN THE LAND OF EGYPT" (Jer. 44, 1).

As the end of the kingdom of Judah drew near, many of the Jews were determined to go into Egypt; and this in spite of the warning given by Jehovah through Jeremiah.

In Jer. 44 we have the latest prophecy concerning those who had gone thither; which declared that they should not escape, but should be consumed there (44, 27, &c.). This prophecy must have been fulfilled concerning that generation; but their successors, or others that subsequently followed, continued there a little longer, until the time came for Egypt itself to fall into the hands of Babylon.

Recent discoveries of *Papyri* in the ruins of Elephantine (an island in the Nile, opposite Assouan), dating from the fifth century B.C., bear witness to two great facts:—

(1) That Jews were then dwelling there (in 424-405 B.C.).

(2) That they were observing the Feast of the Passover, "as it is written in the law of Moses".

The importance of these *Papyri* lies in the fact that modern critics confidently assert and assume that the greater part of the Pentateuch was not written till after the Exile; and even then neither collectively as a whole, nor separately in its distinctive books.

In Ap. 92 it is shown that all through the prophets (who lived at the time of the kings in whose reigns they prophesied) there is a constant reference to the books of the Pentateuch, which conclusively proves that their contents were well known both to the prophets themselves and those whom they addressed.

The Pentateuch, being full of legal expressions, technical ceremonial terms, and distinctive phraseology, affords abundant evidence of the above fact, and makes it easy to call continuous attention to it in the notes of The Companion Bible.

But there is further evidence found in the *Papyri* now discovered in the ruins at Elephantine in Upper Egypt.

They show that the Jews who dwelt there had a temple of their own and offered up sacrifices therein. That once, when this their temple was destroyed by the Egyptians, they appealed to the Persian governor of Judah, asking permission to restore it (*Papyri* 1).

There is a list preserved, registering the contributions towards the upkeep of the temple (containing the names of many ladies).

But the most interesting and important of these *Papyri* is one dated in the year 419 B.C., which is a Passover "announcement" of the approaching feast, such as were made from the earliest times to the present day (see Neh. 15), containing a brief epitome of its laws and requirements. This particular announcement shows that the following passages were well known: Ex. 12, 14. Lev. 23, 7, 8. Num. 9, 1-14. Deut. 16, 6.

This *Papyri* has been recently published by Professor Edward Sachau, of Berlin: *Aramäische Papyri und Ostraka aus einer jüdischen Militärkolonie zu Elephantine. Altorientalische Sprachdenkmäler des 5. Jahrhunderts vor Chr., mit 15 Lithographien. Leipzig, 1911. A small edition (texts only) by Professor Ungnad, of Jena, is published also under the title of *Aramäische Papyri aus Elephantine*.

Nearly 2,400 years, since this announcement by Hananjah to the Jews in Egypt, have gone by. Elephantine is now a heap of ruins. The colony of Jews has passed away (unless the "Falashas" of Abyssinia are their descendants), but the Jewish nation still exists, and continues to keep the Passover, a standing witness to their truth of holy Scripture.