



1 Then came^{H935} certain^{H582} of the elders^{H2205} of Israel^{H3478} unto me, and sat^{H3427} before^{H6440} me. 2 And the word^{H1697} of the LORD^{H3068} came unto me, saying^{H559}, 3 Son^{H1121} of man^{H120}, these men^{H582} have set up^{H5927} their idols^{H1544} in their heart^{H3820}, and put^{H5414} the stumblingblock^{H4383} of their iniquity^{H5771} before^{H5227} their face^{H6440}: should I be enquired^{H1875} of at all^{H1875} by them? 4 Therefore speak^{H1696} unto them, and say^{H559} unto them, Thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}; Every man^{H376} of the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478} that setteth up^{H5927} his idols^{H1544} in his heart^{H3820}, and putteth^{H7760} the stumblingblock^{H4383} of his iniquity^{H5771} before^{H5227} his face^{H6440}, and cometh^{H935} to the prophet^{H5030}; I the LORD^{H3068} will answer^{H6030} him that cometh^{H935} according to the multitude^{H7230} of his idols^{H1544}; 5 That I may take^{H8610} the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478} in their own heart^{H3820}, because they are all estranged^{H2114} from me through their idols^{H1544}. 6 Therefore say^{H559} unto the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, Thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}, Repent^{H7725}, and turn^{H7725} yourselves from your idols^{H1544}; and turn away^{H7725} your faces^{H6440} from all your abominations^{H8441}. 7 For every one^{H376} of the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, or of the stranger^{H1616} that sojourneth^{H1481} in Israel^{H3478}, which separateth^{H5144} himself from me^{H310}, and setteth up^{H5927} his idols^{H1544} in his heart^{H3820}, and putteth^{H7760} the stumblingblock^{H4383} of his iniquity^{H5771} before^{H5227} his face^{H6440}, and cometh^{H935} to a prophet^{H5030} to enquire^{H1875} of him concerning me; I the LORD^{H3068} will answer^{H6030} him by myself: 8 And I will set^{H5414} my face^{H6440} against that man^{H376}, and will make^{H8074} him a sign^{H226} and a proverb^{H4912}, and I will cut him off^{H3772} from the midst^{H8432} of my people^{H5971}; and ye shall know^{H3045} that I am the LORD^{H3068}. 9 And if the prophet^{H5030} be deceived^{H6601} when he hath spoken^{H1696} a thing^{H1697}, I the LORD^{H3068} have deceived^{H6601} that prophet^{H5030}, and I will stretch out^{H5186} my hand^{H3027} upon him, and will destroy^{H8045} him from the midst^{H8432} of my people^{H5971} Israel^{H3478}. 10 And they shall bear^{H5375} the punishment of their iniquity^{H5771}: the punishment^{H5771} of the prophet^{H5030} shall be even as the punishment^{H5771} of him that seeketh^{H1875} unto him; 11 That the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478} may go no more astray^{H8582} from me^{H310}, neither be polluted^{H2930} any more with all their transgressions^{H6588}, but that they may be my people^{H5971}, and I may be their God^{H430}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}.

12 The word^{H1697} of the LORD^{H3068} came again to me, saying^{H559}, 13 Son^{H1121} of man^{H120}, when the land^{H776} sinneth^{H2398} against me by trespassing^{H4603} grievously^{H4604}, then will I stretch out^{H5186} mine hand^{H3027} upon it, and will break^{H7665} the staff^{H4294} of the bread^{H3899} thereof, and will send^{H7971} famine^{H7458} upon it, and will cut off^{H3772} man^{H120} and beast^{H929} from it: 14 Though these three^{H7969} men^{H582}, Noah^{H5146}, Daniel^{H1840}, and Job^{H347}, were in it^{H8432}, they should deliver^{H5337} but their own souls^{H5315} by their righteousness^{H6666}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}. 15 If^{H3863} I cause noisome^{H7451} beasts^{H2416} to pass through^{H5674} the land^{H776}, and they spoil^{H7921} it, so that it be desolate^{H8077}, that no man may pass through^{H5674} because^{H6440} of the beasts^{H2416}. 16 Though these three^{H7969} men^{H582} were in it^{H8432}, as I live^{H2416}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}, they shall deliver^{H5337} neither sons^{H1121} nor daughters^{H1323}; they only shall be delivered^{H5337}, but the land^{H776} shall be desolate^{H8077}. 17 Or if I bring^{H935} a sword^{H2719} upon that land^{H776}, and say^{H559}, Sword^{H2719}, go through^{H5674} the land^{H776}; so that I cut off^{H3772} man^{H120} and beast^{H929} from it: 18 Though these three^{H7969} men^{H582} were in it^{H8432}, as I live^{H2416}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}, they shall deliver^{H5337} neither sons^{H1121} nor daughters^{H1323}, but they only shall be delivered^{H5337} themselves. 19 Or if I send^{H7971} a pestilence^{H1698} into that land^{H776}, and pour out^{H8210} my fury^{H2534} upon it in blood^{H1818}, to cut off^{H3772} from it man^{H120} and beast^{H929}: 20 Though Noah^{H5146}, Daniel^{H1840}, and Job^{H347}, were in it^{H8432}, as I live^{H2416}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}, they shall deliver^{H5337} neither son^{H1121} nor^{H518} daughter^{H1323}; they shall but deliver^{H5337} their own souls^{H5315} by their righteousness^{H6666}. 21 For thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}; How much more when I send^{H7971} my four^{H702} sore^{H7451} judgments^{H8201} upon Jerusalem^{H3389}, the sword^{H2719}, and the famine^{H7458}, and the noisome^{H7451} beast^{H2416}, and the pestilence^{H1698}, to cut off^{H3772} from it man^{H120} and beast^{H929}? 22 Yet, behold, therein shall be left^{H3498} a remnant^{H6413} that shall be brought forth^{H3318}, both sons^{H1121} and daughters^{H1323}: behold, they shall come forth^{H3318} unto

you, and ye shall see^{H7200} their way^{H1870} and their doings^{H5949}: and ye shall be comforted^{H5162} concerning the evil^{H7451} that I have brought^{H935} upon Jerusalem^{H3389}, even concerning all that I have brought^{H935} upon it. **23** And they shall comfort^{H5162} you, when ye see^{H7200} their ways^{H1870} and their doings^{H5949}: and ye shall know^{H3045} that I have not done^{H6213} without cause^{H2600} all that I have done^{H6213} in it, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}.

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1. yourselves: or, others
2. spoil: or, bereave
3. in it: Heb. in the midst of it
4. How...: or, Also when