



1 And the word^{H1697} of the LORD^{H3068} came unto me, saying^{H559}, 2 Son^{H1121} of man^{H120}, put forth^{H2330} a riddle^{H2420}, and speak^{H4911} a parable^{H4912} unto the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}; 3 And say^{H559}, Thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}; A great^{H1419} eagle^{H5404} with great^{H1419} wings^{H3671}, longwinged^{H83} ^{H750}, full^{H4392} of feathers^{H5133}, which had divers colours^{H7553}, came^{H935} unto Lebanon^{H3844}, and took^{H3947} the highest branch^{H6788} of the cedar^{H730}. 4 He cropped off^{H6998} the top^{H7218} of his young twigs^{H3242}, and carried^{H935} it into a land^{H776} of traffick^{H3667}; he set^{H7760} it in a city^{H5892} of merchants^{H7402}. 5 He took^{H3947} also of the seed^{H2233} of the land^{H776}, and planted^{H5414} it in a fruitful^{H2233} field^{H7704}; he placed^{H3947} it by great^{H7227} waters^{H4325}, and set^{H7760} it as a willow tree^{H6851}. 6 And it grew^{H6779}, and became a spreading^{H5628} vine^{H1612} of low^{H8217} stature^{H6967}, whose branches^{H1808} turned^{H6437} toward him, and the roots^{H8328} thereof were under him: so it became a vine^{H1612}, and brought forth^{H6213} branches^{H905}, and shot^{H7971} forth sprigs^{H6288}. 7 There was also another^{H259} great^{H1419} eagle^{H5404} with great^{H1419} wings^{H3671} and many^{H7227} feathers^{H5133}: and, behold, this vine^{H1612} did bend^{H3719} her roots^{H8328} toward him, and shot forth^{H7971} her branches^{H1808} toward him, that he might water^{H8248} it by the furrows^{H6170} of her plantation^{H4302}. 8 It was planted^{H8362} in a good^{H2896} soil^{H7704} by great^{H7227} waters^{H4325}, that it might bring forth^{H6213} branches^{H6057}, and that it might bear^{H5375} fruit^{H6529}, that it might be a goodly^{H155} vine^{H1612}. 9 Say^{H559} thou, Thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}; Shall it prosper^{H6743}? shall he not pull up^{H5423} the roots^{H8328} thereof, and cut off^{H7082} the fruit^{H6529} thereof, that it wither^{H3001}? it shall wither^{H3001} in all the leaves^{H2964} of her spring^{H6780}, even without great^{H1419} power^{H2220} or many^{H7227} people^{H5971} to pluck it up^{H5375} by the roots^{H8328} thereof. 10 Yea, behold, being planted^{H8362}, shall it prosper^{H6743}? shall it not utterly^{H3001} wither^{H3001}, when the east^{H6921} wind^{H7307} toucheth^{H5060} it? it shall wither^{H3001} in the furrows^{H6170} where it grew^{H6780}. 11 Moreover the word^{H1697} of the LORD^{H3068} came unto me, saying^{H559}, 12 Say^{H559} now to the rebellious^{H4805} house^{H1004}, Know^{H3045} ye not what these things mean? tell^{H559} them, Behold, the king^{H4428} of Babylon^{H894} is come^{H935} to Jerusalem^{H3389}, and hath taken^{H3947} the king^{H4428} thereof, and the princes^{H8269} thereof, and led^{H935} them with him to Babylon^{H894}; 13 And hath taken^{H3947} of the king's^{H4410} seed^{H2233}, and made^{H3772} a covenant^{H1285} with him, and hath taken^{H935} an oath^{H423} of him: he hath also taken^{H3947} the mighty^{H352} of the land^{H776}. 14 That the kingdom^{H4467} might be base^{H8217}, that it might not lift itself up^{H5375}, but that by keeping^{H8104} of his covenant^{H1285} it might stand^{H5975}. 15 But he rebelled^{H4775} against him in sending^{H7971} his ambassadors^{H4397} into Egypt^{H4714}, that they might give^{H5414} him horses^{H5483} and much^{H7227} people^{H5971}. Shall he prosper^{H6743}? shall he escape^{H4422} that doeth^{H6213} such things? or shall he break^{H6565} the covenant^{H1285}, and be delivered^{H4422}? 16 As I live^{H2416}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}, surely in the place^{H4725} where the king^{H4428} dwelleth that made him king^{H4427}, whose oath^{H423} he despised^{H959}, and whose covenant^{H1285} he brake^{H6565}, even with him in the midst^{H8432} of Babylon^{H894} he shall die^{H4191}. 17 Neither shall Pharaoh^{H6547} with his mighty^{H1419} army^{H2428} and great^{H7227} company^{H6951} make^{H6213} for him in the war^{H4421}, by casting up^{H8210} mounts^{H5550}, and building^{H1129} forts^{H1785}, to cut off^{H3772} many^{H7227} persons^{H5315}. 18 Seeing he despised^{H959} the oath^{H423} by breaking^{H6565} the covenant^{H1285}, when, lo, he had given^{H5414} his hand^{H3027}, and hath done^{H6213} all these things, he shall not escape^{H4422}. 19 Therefore thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}, As I live^{H2416}, surely mine oath^{H423} that he hath despised^{H959}, and my covenant^{H1285} that he hath broken^{H6331}, even it will I recompense^{H5414} upon his own head^{H7218}. 20 And I will spread^{H6566} my net^{H7568} upon him, and he shall be taken^{H8610} in my snare^{H4686}, and I will bring^{H935} him to Babylon^{H894}, and will plead^{H8199} with him there for his trespass^{H4603} that he hath trespassed^{H4604} against me. 21 And all his fugitives^{H4015} with all his bands^{H102} shall fall^{H5307} by the sword^{H2719}, and they that remain^{H7604} shall be scattered^{H6566} toward all winds^{H7307}: and ye shall know^{H3045} that I the LORD^{H3068} have spoken^{H1696} it.

22 Thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}; I will also take^{H3947} of the highest branch^{H6788} of the high^{H7311} cedar^{H730}, and will set^{H5414} it; I will crop off^{H6998} from the top^{H7218} of his young twigs^{H3127} a tender one^{H7390}, and will plant^{H8362} it upon an high^{H1364} mountain^{H2022} and eminent^{H8524}. 23 In the mountain^{H2022} of the height^{H4791} of Israel^{H3478} will I plant^{H8362} it:

and it shall bring forth^{H5375} boughs^{H6057}, and bear^{H6213} fruit^{H6529}, and be a goodly^{H117} cedar^{H730}: and under it shall dwell^{H7931} all fowl^{H6833} of every wing^{H3671}; in the shadow^{H6738} of the branches^{H1808} thereof shall they dwell^{H7931}. **24** And all the trees^{H6086} of the field^{H7704} shall know^{H3045} that I the LORD^{H3068} have brought down^{H8213} the high^{H1364} tree^{H6086}, have exalted^{H1361} the low^{H8217} tree^{H6086}, have dried^{H3001} up the green^{H3892} tree^{H6086}, and have made the dry^{H3002} tree^{H6086} to flourish^{H6524}: I the LORD^{H3068} have spoken^{H1696} and have done^{H6213} it.

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1. divers...: Heb. embroidering
2. planted...: Heb. put it in a field of seed
3. soil: Heb. field
4. taken an...: Heb. brought him to an oath
5. but...: Heb. to keep his covenant, to stand to it