



1 And it came to pass in the seventh^{H7637} year^{H8141}, in the fifth^{H2549} month, the tenth^{H6218} day of the month^{H2320}, that certain^{H582} of the elders^{H2205} of Israel^{H3478} came^{H935} to enquire^{H1875} of the LORD^{H3068}, and sat^{H3427} before^{H6440} me. 2 Then came the word^{H1697} of the LORD^{H3068} unto me, saying^{H559}, 3 Son^{H1121} of man^{H120}, speak^{H1696} unto the elders^{H2205} of Israel^{H3478}, and say^{H559} unto them, Thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}; Are ye come^{H935} to enquire^{H1875} of me? As I live^{H2416}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}, I will not be enquired^{H1875} of by you. 4 Wilt thou judge^{H8199} them, son^{H1121} of man^{H120}, wilt thou judge^{H8199} them? cause them to know^{H3045} the abominations^{H8441} of their fathers^{H1}.

5 And say^{H559} unto them, Thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}; In the day^{H3117} when I chose^{H977} Israel^{H3478}, and lifted up^{H5375} mine hand^{H3027} unto the seed^{H2233} of the house^{H1004} of Jacob^{H3290}, and made myself known^{H3045} unto them in the land^{H776} of Egypt^{H4714}, when I lifted^{H5375} up mine hand^{H3027} unto them, saying^{H559}, I am the LORD^{H3068} your God^{H430}, 6 In the day^{H3117} that I lifted up^{H5375} mine hand^{H3027} unto them, to bring them forth^{H3318} of the land^{H776} of Egypt^{H4714} into a land^{H776} that I had espied^{H8446} for them, flowing^{H2100} with milk^{H2461} and honey^{H1706}, which is the glory^{H6643} of all lands^{H776}: 7 Then said^{H559} I unto them, Cast ye away^{H7993} every man^{H376} the abominations^{H8251} of his eyes^{H5869}, and defile^{H2930} not yourselves with the idols^{H1544} of Egypt^{H4714}: I am the LORD^{H3068} your God^{H430}. 8 But they rebelled^{H4784} against me, and would^{H14} not hearken^{H8085} unto me: they did not every man^{H376} cast away^{H7993} the abominations^{H8251} of their eyes^{H5869}, neither did they forsake^{H5800} the idols^{H1544} of Egypt^{H4714}: then I said^{H559}, I will pour out^{H8210} my fury^{H2534} upon them, to accomplish^{H3615} my anger^{H639} against them in the midst^{H8432} of the land^{H776} of Egypt^{H4714}. 9 But I wrought^{H6213} for my name's^{H8034} sake, that it should not be polluted^{H2490} before^{H5869} the heathen^{H1471}, among^{H8432} whom they were, in whose sight^{H5869} I made myself known^{H3045} unto them, in bringing them forth^{H3318} out of the land^{H776} of Egypt^{H4714}.

10 Wherefore I caused them to go forth^{H3318} out of the land^{H776} of Egypt^{H4714}, and brought^{H935} them into the wilderness^{H4057}. 11 And I gave^{H5414} them my statutes^{H2708}, and shewed^{H3045} them my judgments^{H4941}, which if a man^{H120} do^{H6213}, he shall even live^{H2425} in them. 12 Moreover also I gave^{H5414} them my sabbaths^{H7676}, to be a sign^{H226} between me and them, that they might know^{H3045} that I am the LORD^{H3068} that sanctify^{H6942} them. 13 But the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478} rebelled^{H4784} against me in the wilderness^{H4057}: they walked^{H1980} not in my statutes^{H2708}, and they despised^{H3988} my judgments^{H4941}, which if a man^{H120} do^{H6213}, he shall even live^{H2425} in them; and my sabbaths^{H7676} they greatly^{H3966} polluted^{H2490}: then I said^{H559}, I would pour out^{H8210} my fury^{H2534} upon them in the wilderness^{H4057}, to consume^{H3615} them. 14 But I wrought^{H6213} for my name's^{H8034} sake, that it should not be polluted^{H2490} before^{H5869} the heathen^{H1471}, in whose sight^{H5869} I brought them out^{H3318}. 15 Yet also I lifted up^{H5375} my hand^{H3027} unto them in the wilderness^{H4057}, that I would not bring^{H935} them into the land^{H776} which I had given^{H5414} them, flowing^{H2100} with milk^{H2461} and honey^{H1706}, which is the glory^{H6643} of all lands^{H776}; 16 Because they despised^{H3988} my judgments^{H4941}, and walked^{H1980} not in my statutes^{H2708}, but polluted^{H2490} my sabbaths^{H7676}: for their heart^{H3820} went^{H1980} after^{H310} their idols^{H1544}. 17 Nevertheless mine eye^{H5869} spared^{H2347} them from destroying^{H7843} them, neither did I make^{H6213} an end^{H3617} of them in the wilderness^{H4057}. 18 But I said^{H559} unto their children^{H1121} in the wilderness^{H4057}, Walk^{H3212} ye not in the statutes^{H2706} of your fathers^{H1}, neither observe^{H8104} their judgments^{H4941}, nor defile^{H2930} yourselves with their idols^{H1544}: 19 I am the LORD^{H3068} your God^{H430}; walk^{H3212} in my statutes^{H2708}, and keep^{H8104} my judgments^{H4941}, and do^{H6213} them; 20 And hallow^{H6942} my sabbaths^{H7676}; and they shall be a sign^{H226} between me and you, that ye may know^{H3045} that I am the LORD^{H3068} your God^{H430}. 21 Notwithstanding the children^{H1121} rebelled^{H4784} against me: they walked^{H1980} not in my statutes^{H2708}, neither kept^{H8104} my judgments^{H4941} to do^{H6213} them, which if a man^{H120} do^{H6213}, he shall even live^{H2425} in them; they polluted^{H2490} my sabbaths^{H7676}: then I said^{H559}, I would pour out^{H8210} my fury^{H2534} upon them, to accomplish^{H3615} my anger^{H639} against them in the wilderness^{H4057}. 22 Nevertheless I withdrew^{H7725} mine

hand^{H3027}, and wrought^{H6213} for my name's^{H8034} sake, that it should not be polluted^{H2490} in the sight^{H5869} of the heathen^{H1471}, in whose sight^{H5869} I brought them forth^{H3318}. **23** I lifted up^{H5375} mine hand^{H3027} unto them also in the wilderness^{H4057}, that I would scatter^{H6327} them among the heathen^{H1471}, and disperse^{H2219} them through the countries^{H776}; **24** Because they had not executed^{H6213} my judgments^{H4941}, but had despised^{H3988} my statutes^{H2708}, and had polluted^{H2490} my sabbaths^{H7676}, and their eyes^{H5869} were after^{H310} their fathers^{H1} idols^{H1544}. **25** Wherefore I gave^{H5414} them also statutes^{H2706} that were not good^{H2896}, and judgments^{H4941} whereby they should not live^{H2421}; **26** And I polluted^{H2930} them in their own gifts^{H4979}, in that they caused to pass through^{H5674} the fire all that openeth^{H6363} the womb^{H7356}, that I might make them desolate^{H8074}, to the end that they might know^{H3045} that I am the LORD^{H3068}.

27 Therefore, son^{H1121} of man^{H120}, speak^{H1696} unto the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, and say^{H559} unto them, Thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}; Yet in this your fathers^{H1} have blasphemed^{H1442} me, in that they have committed^{H4603} a trespass^{H4604} against me.⁴ **28** For when I had brought^{H935} them into the land^{H776}, for the which I lifted up^{H5375} mine hand^{H3027} to give^{H5414} it to them, then they saw^{H7200} every high^{H7311} hill^{H1389}, and all the thick^{H5687} trees^{H6086}, and they offered^{H2076} there their sacrifices^{H2077}, and there they presented^{H5414} the provocation^{H3708} of their offering^{H7133}: there also they made^{H7760} their sweet^{H5207} savour^{H7381}, and poured out^{H5258} there their drink offerings^{H5262}. **29** Then I said^{H559} unto them, What is the high place^{H1116} whereunto ye go^{H935}? And the name^{H8034} thereof is called^{H7121} Bamah^{H1117} unto this day^{H3117}. **30** Wherefore say^{H559} unto the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, Thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}; Are ye polluted^{H2930} after the manner^{H1870} of your fathers^{H1}? and commit ye whoredom^{H2181} after^{H310} their abominations^{H8251}? **31** For when ye offer^{H5375} your gifts^{H4979}, when ye make your sons^{H1121} to pass through^{H5674} the fire^{H784}, ye pollute^{H2930} yourselves with all your idols^{H1544}, even unto this day^{H3117}: and shall I be enquired^{H1875} of by you, O house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}? As I live^{H2416}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}, I will not be enquired^{H1875} of by you. **32** And that which cometh^{H5927} into your mind^{H7307} shall not be at all, that ye say^{H559}, We will be^{H1961} as the heathen^{H1471}, as the families^{H4940} of the countries^{H776}, to serve^{H8334} wood^{H6086} and stone^{H68}.

33 As I live^{H2416}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}, surely with a mighty^{H2389} hand^{H3027}, and with a stretched out^{H5186} arm^{H2220}, and with fury^{H2534} poured out^{H8210}, will I rule^{H4427} over you: **34** And I will bring you out^{H3318} from the people^{H5971}, and will gather^{H6908} you out of the countries^{H776} wherein ye are scattered^{H6327}, with a mighty^{H2389} hand^{H3027}, and with a stretched out^{H5186} arm^{H2220}, and with fury^{H2534} poured out^{H8210}. **35** And I will bring^{H935} you into the wilderness^{H4057} of the people^{H5971}, and there will I plead^{H8199} with you face^{H6440} to face^{H6440}. **36** Like as I pleaded^{H8199} with your fathers^{H1} in the wilderness^{H4057} of the land^{H776} of Egypt^{H4714}, so will I plead^{H8199} with you, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}. **37** And I will cause you to pass^{H5674} under the rod^{H7626}, and I will bring^{H935} you into the bond^{H4562} of the covenant^{H1285}. **38** And I will purge out^{H1305} from among you the rebels^{H4775}, and them that transgress^{H6586} against me: I will bring them forth^{H3318} out of the country^{H776} where they sojourn^{H4033}, and they shall not enter^{H935} into the land^{H127} of Israel^{H3478}: and ye shall know^{H3045} that I am the LORD^{H3068}. **39** As for you, O house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}; Go^{H3212} ye, serve^{H5647} ye every one^{H376} his idols^{H1544}, and hereafter^{H310} also, if ye will not hearken^{H8085} unto me: but pollute^{H2490} ye my holy^{H6944} name^{H8034} no more with your gifts^{H4979}, and with your idols^{H1544}. **40** For in mine holy^{H6944} mountain^{H2022}, in the mountain^{H2022} of the height^{H4791} of Israel^{H3478}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}, there shall all the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, all of them in the land^{H776}, serve^{H5647} me: there will I accept^{H7521} them, and there will I require^{H1875} your offerings^{H8641}, and the firstfruits^{H7225} of your oblations^{H4864}, with all your holy things^{H6944}. **41** I will accept^{H7521} you with your sweet^{H5207} savour^{H7381}, when I bring you out^{H3318} from the people^{H5971}, and gather^{H6908} you out of the countries^{H776} wherein ye have been scattered^{H6327}; and I will be sanctified^{H6942} in you before^{H5869} the heathen^{H1471}. **42** And ye shall know^{H3045} that I am the LORD^{H3068}, when I shall bring^{H935} you into the land^{H127} of Israel^{H3478}, into the country^{H776} for the which I lifted up^{H5375} mine hand^{H3027} to give^{H5414} it to your fathers^{H1}. **43** And there shall ye remember^{H2142} your ways^{H1870}, and all your doings^{H5949}, wherein ye have been defiled^{H2930}; and ye shall lothe^{H6962} yourselves in your own sight^{H6440} for all your evils^{H7451} that ye have committed^{H6213}. **44** And ye shall know^{H3045} that I am the LORD^{H3068}, when I have wrought^{H6213} with you for my name's^{H8034} sake, not according to your wicked^{H7451} ways^{H1870}, nor according to your corrupt^{H7843} doings^{H5949}, O ye house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}.

45 Moreover the word^{H1697} of the LORD^{H3068} came unto me, saying^{H559}, **46** Son^{H1121} of man^{H120}, set^{H7760} thy face^{H6440} toward^{H1870} the south^{H8486}, and drop^{H5197} thy word toward the south^{H1864}, and prophesy^{H5012} against the forest^{H3293} of the south^{H5045} field^{H7704}; **47** And say^{H559} to the forest^{H3293} of the south^{H5045}, Hear^{H8085} the word^{H1697} of the LORD^{H3068}; Thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}, Behold, I will kindle^{H3341} a fire^{H784} in thee, and it shall devour^{H398} every green^{H3892} tree^{H6086} in thee, and every dry^{H3002} tree^{H6086}: the flaming^{H3852} flame^{H7957} shall not be quenched^{H3518}, and all faces^{H6440} from the south^{H5045} to the north^{H6828} shall be burned^{H6866} therein. **48** And all flesh^{H1320} shall see^{H7200} that I the LORD^{H3068} have kindled^{H1197} it: it shall not be quenched^{H3518}. **49** Then said^{H559} I, Ah^{H162} Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}! they say^{H559} of me, Doth he not speak^{H4911} parables^{H4912}?

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1. Wilt...: or, Wilt thou plead for them
2. lifted...: or, sware
3. shewed...: Heb. made them to know
4. committed...: Heb. trespassed a trespass
5. I said...: or, I told them what the high place was, or, Bamah
6. bond: or, delivering
7. firstfruits: or, chief
8. sweet...: Heb. savour of rest