



1 O ye children^{H1121} of Benjamin^{H1144}, gather yourselves to flee^{H5756} out of the midst^{H7130} of Jerusalem^{H3389}, and blow^{H8628} the trumpet^{H7782} in Tekoa^{H8620}, and set up^{H5375} a sign^{H4864} of fire in Bethhaccerem^{H1021}: for evil^{H7451} appeareth^{H8259} out of the north^{H6828}, and great^{H1419} destruction^{H7667}. 2 I have likened^{H1820} the daughter^{H1323} of Zion^{H6726} to a comely^{H5116} and delicate^{H6026} woman.¹ 3 The shepherds^{H7462} with their flocks^{H5739} shall come^{H935} unto her; they shall pitch^{H8628} their tents^{H168} against her round about^{H5439}; they shall feed^{H7462} every one^{H376} in his place^{H3027}. 4 Prepare^{H6942} ye war^{H4421} against her; arise^{H6965}, and let us go up^{H5927} at noon^{H6672}. Woe^{H188} unto us! for the day^{H3117} goeth away^{H6437}, for the shadows^{H6752} of the evening^{H6153} are stretched out^{H5186}. 5 Arise^{H6965}, and let us go^{H5927} by night^{H3915}, and let us destroy^{H7843} her palaces^{H759}. 6 For thus hath the LORD^{H3068} of hosts^{H6635} said^{H559}, Hew ye down^{H3772} trees^{H6097}, and cast^{H8210} a mount^{H5550} against Jerusalem^{H3389}: this is the city^{H5892} to be visited^{H6485}; she is wholly oppression^{H6233} in the midst^{H7130} of her.² 7 As a fountain^{H953} casteth out^{H6979} her waters^{H4325}, so she casteth out^{H6979} her wickedness^{H7451}: violence^{H2555} and spoil^{H7701} is heard^{H8085} in her; before me^{H6440} continually^{H8548} is grief^{H2483} and wounds^{H4347}. 8 Be thou instructed^{H3256}, O Jerusalem^{H3389}, lest my soul^{H5315} depart^{H3363} from thee; lest I make^{H7760} thee desolate^{H8077}, a land^{H776} not inhabited^{H3427}.³

9 Thus saith^{H559} the LORD^{H3068} of hosts^{H6635}, They shall thoroughly^{H5953} glean^{H5953} the remnant^{H7611} of Israel^{H3478} as a vine^{H1612}: turn back^{H7725} thine hand^{H3027} as a grapegatherer^{H1219} into the baskets^{H5552}. 10 To whom shall I speak^{H1696}, and give warning^{H5749}, that they may hear^{H8085}? behold, their ear^{H241} is uncircumcised^{H6189}, and they cannot^{H3201} hearken^{H7181}: behold, the word^{H1697} of the LORD^{H3068} is unto them a reproach^{H2781}; they have no delight^{H2654} in it. 11 Therefore I am full^{H4392} of the fury^{H2534} of the LORD^{H3068}; I am weary^{H3811} with holding in^{H3557}: I will pour it out^{H8210} upon the children^{H5768} abroad^{H2351}, and upon the assembly^{H5475} of young men^{H970} together^{H3162}: for even the husband^{H376} with the wife^{H802} shall be taken^{H3920}, the aged^{H2205} with him that is full^{H4390} of days^{H3117}. 12 And their houses^{H1004} shall be turned^{H5437} unto others^{H312}, with their fields^{H7704} and wives^{H802} together^{H3162}: for I will stretch out^{H5186} my hand^{H3027} upon the inhabitants^{H3427} of the land^{H776}, saith^{H5002} the LORD^{H3068}. 13 For from the least^{H6996} of them even unto the greatest^{H1419} of them every one is given^{H1214} to covetousness^{H1215}; and from the prophet^{H5030} even unto the priest^{H3548} every one dealeth^{H6213} falsely^{H8267}. 14 They have healed^{H7495} also the hurt^{H7667} of the daughter^{H1323} of my people^{H5971} slightly^{H7043}, saying^{H559}, Peace^{H7965}, peace^{H7965}; when there is no peace^{H7965}. 15 Were they ashamed^{H3001} when they had committed^{H6213} abomination^{H8441}? nay^{H1571}, they were not at all^{H954} ashamed^{H954}, neither^{H1571} could^{H3045} they blush^{H3637}: therefore they shall fall^{H5307} among them that fall^{H5307}: at the time^{H6256} that I visit^{H6485} them they shall be cast down^{H3782}, saith^{H559} the LORD^{H3068}. 16 Thus saith^{H559} the LORD^{H3068}, Stand^{H5975} ye in the ways^{H1870}, and see^{H7200}, and ask^{H7592} for the old^{H5769} paths^{H5410}, where is the good^{H2896} way^{H1870}, and walk^{H3212} therein, and ye shall find^{H4672} rest^{H4771} for your souls^{H5315}. But they said^{H559}, We will not walk^{H3212} therein. 17 Also I set^{H6965} watchmen^{H6822} over you, saying, Harken^{H7181} to the sound^{H6963} of the trumpet^{H7782}. But they said^{H559}, We will not hearken^{H7181}.

18 Therefore hear^{H8085}, ye nations^{H1471}, and know^{H3045}, O congregation^{H5712}, what is among them. 19 Hear^{H8085}, O earth^{H776}: behold, I will bring^{H935} evil^{H7451} upon this people^{H5971}, even the fruit^{H6529} of their thoughts^{H4284}, because they have not hearkened^{H7181} unto my words^{H1697}, nor to my law^{H8451}, but rejected^{H3988} it. 20 To what purpose cometh^{H935} there to me incense^{H3828} from Sheba^{H7614}, and the sweet^{H2896} cane^{H7070} from a far^{H4801} country^{H776}? your burnt offerings^{H5930} are not acceptable^{H7522}, nor your sacrifices^{H2077} sweet^{H6149} unto me. 21 Therefore thus saith^{H559} the LORD^{H3068}, Behold, I will lay^{H5414} stumblingblocks^{H4383} before this people^{H5971}, and the fathers^{H1} and the sons^{H1121} together^{H3162} shall fall^{H3782} upon them; the neighbour^{H7934} and his friend^{H7453} shall perish^{H6}. 22 Thus saith^{H559} the LORD^{H3068}, Behold, a people^{H5971} cometh^{H935} from the north^{H6828} country^{H776}, and a great^{H1419} nation^{H1471} shall be raised^{H5782} from the sides^{H3411} of the earth^{H776}. 23 They shall lay hold^{H2388} on bow^{H7198} and spear^{H3591}; they are

cruel^{H394}, and have no mercy^{H7355}; their voice^{H6963} roareth^{H1993} like the sea^{H3220}; and they ride^{H7392} upon horses^{H5483}, set in array^{H6186} as men^{H376} for war^{H4421} against thee, O daughter^{H1323} of Zion^{H6726}. **24** We have heard^{H8085} the fame^{H8089} thereof: our hands^{H3027} wax feeble^{H7503}: anguish^{H6869} hath taken hold^{H2388} of us, and pain^{H2427}, as of a woman in travail^{H3205}. **25** Go not forth^{H3318} into the field^{H7704}, nor walk^{H3212} by the way^{H1870}; for the sword^{H2719} of the enemy^{H341} and fear^{H4032} is on every side^{H5439}. **26** O daughter^{H1323} of my people^{H5971}, gird^{H2296} thee with sackcloth^{H8242}, and wallow^{H6428} thyself in ashes^{H665}: make^{H6213} thee mourning^{H60}, as for an only son^{H3173}, most bitter^{H8563} lamentation^{H4553}: for the spoiler^{H7703} shall suddenly^{H6597} come^{H935} upon us. **27** I have set^{H5414} thee for a tower^{H969} and a fortress^{H4013} among my people^{H5971}, that thou mayest know^{H3045} and try^{H974} their way^{H1870}. **28** They are all grievous^{H5493} revolvers^{H5637}, walking^{H1980} with slanders^{H7400}: they are brass^{H5178} and iron^{H1270}; they are all corrupters^{H7843}. **29** The bellows^{H4647} are burned^{H2787}, the lead^{H5777} is consumed^{H8552} of the fire^{H800 H784}; the founder^{H6884} melteth^{H6884} in vain^{H7723}: for the wicked^{H7451} are not plucked away^{H5423}. **30** Reprobate^{H3988} silver^{H3701} shall men call^{H7121} them, because the LORD^{H3068} hath rejected^{H3988} them.⁵

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1. comely: or, dwelling at home
2. cast...: or, pour out the engine of shot
3. depart: Heb. be loosed, or, disjointed
4. hurt: Heb. bruise, or, breach
5. Reprobate...: or, Refuse silver