THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET
JEREMIAH.
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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 his history be "cut up"? Zekedikia 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. 2, 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 15th year of Josiah was 585 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. 50, 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 Jehovah 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. 1. | XIV. 21. 1. | XXVII. 34. 1. | XL. 45. 1. |
| II. 1. 11. | XV. 24. 4. | XXVIII. 34. 4. | XLI. 46. 1. |
| III. 1. 13. | XVI. 25. 1. | XXIX. 34. 12. | XLII. 47. 3. |
| IV. 2. 1. | XVII. 26. 1. | XXX. 34. 1. | XLIII. 47. 1. |
| V. 3. 6. | XVIII. 27. 1. | XXXI. 35. 12. | XLIV. 48. 1†. |
| VI. 7. 1. | XIX. 28. 12. | XXXII. 35. 18. | XLV. 49. 1†. |
| VII. 11. 1. | XX. 30. 1. | XXXIII. 36. 27. | XLVI. 49. 7†. |
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| XI. 16. 1. | XXIV. 33. 1. | XXXVII. 42. 7. | L. 50. 1. |
| XII. 18. 1. | XXV. 33. 19. | XXXVIII. 43. 8. | LL. 51. 29. |
| XIII. 18. 5. | XXVI. 33. 23. | XXXIX. 44. 1. |

* 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.
A 1. The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

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

3 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 camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

6 Then said I, "Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child."

7 But the LORD said unto me, "Say not, 'I am a child,' and thou shalt go to all the people whom I shall send thee unto; and whatsoever I command thee, thou shalt speak.

8 Be not afraid of their faces:

9 For the word of the LORD, fear they not; and they shall not be distressed."

B 1. 1-3 (A, p. 1016). INTRODUCTION. (Division.)

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1 words: or, prophesies (v. 4, 9; 21, 1, &c.). Cp. 36. 1, 2; but better "words," as the historic portions are also Jehovah's words. Op. Amos 1, 1.

Jeremiah. Heb. y'hôm'ôh'hôh'-whom Jehovah raises up, or launches forth.

Hilkiah. Not the high priest of that name, who was of the line of Eleazar (1 Chron. 6. 4, 19); whereas Anathoth belonged to that of Ithamar (1 Chron. 24, 4, 6). Cp. 2 Chron. 84.

of the priests. Beside Jeremiah, Nathan (1 Kings 4. 6), Ezekiel (1. 3), and probably Zech (2. 1), were of priestly origin.

Anathoth. Now 'Anâthôth, three miles north-east of Jerusalem. Jeremiah was persecuted there before he prophesied in Jerusalem (11. 21; 12. 8). This prepared him for later conflicts (cp. 12, 4, 6).

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. 82. Cp. Gen. 15, 1. 1 Sam. 3, 27; 15, 10. 2 Sam. 7, 4; 12, 11. 1 Kings 12, 22. 1 Chron. 17, 5; 29, 2. 2 Chron. 11, 2; 12, 7. Ezek. 1, 3; 14, 12.

Hos. 1, 1. Joel. 1, 1. &c.


Josiah. Three months named here and in v. 2. Two others not named here (Joahaz and Jehoiachin), who reigned only three months each (2 Kings 23, 31; 24, 8).

Josiah. Sixty-six years after Jeremiah ended. For the chronology of Jeremiah, see Ap. 77 and Ap. 83. From 2 Chron. 34, 22, Jerusalem was probably still at Anathoth.

3 It came also in the days. See note on Gen. 14, 1.

Jerusalem. The month that Jerusalem was destroyed (22, 12, 2 Kings 25, 3, 5).

C 1. 4-19 (B, p. 1016). JEREMIAH'S COMMISSION GIVEN. (Introductions and Alternations.)

1 Then: i.e. in the thirteenth year of Josiah. word. Sing., because referring to this special prophecy.

2 I knew. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for choosing. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 33, 12, 17). Ap. 92.

3 I sanctified thee = set thee apart, or, hallowed thee. See note on Ex. 6, 1, and cp. John Baptist (Luke 1, 16-17); Paul (Gal. 1, 14, 15); Samson (Judg. 13, 5).

4 The nations. This distinguishes Jeremiah from some of the prophets, and shows that the legend of his martyrdom is only legend.


6 I cannot speak, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 4, 10). Ap. 92. This is true of all God's messengers.

7 A child. Heb. na'ar, a youth. Probably about Josiah's age; for he began to reign at 8 years of age, and 9 + 13 would make him 21. But this refers more to inefficiency than to age; &c. Ref. to Pent. (Num. 22, 26). Ap. 92.


9 saith the Lord = is. Jehovah's oracle.

10 10.
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 thy mouth. 10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and 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 Z® 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 the LORD said unto me, "Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. 15 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." 16 And I will set My judgments between thee and them. 17 Therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them. 18 For, behold, Z® have made thee this day a defended city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. 19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for Z® am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee." 20 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus saith the LORD; Remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wast sought of Me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

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

4 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?

5 Neither said they, Where is the LORD, that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

6 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled My land, and made Mine heritage an abomination.

7 The priests said not, Where is the LORD, that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

8 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled My land, and made Mine heritage an abomination.

9 Wherefore I will plead with you, saith the LORD, and with your children's children will I plead.

10 For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing.

11 Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but My people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.

12 He emptied My sanctuary as with vanity, he has defiled the house which is called Holy, and has made it a sport to all nations.

13 Israel is a servant, is it a homeborn slave? why is he spoiled? the young lions roared against him, and yelled, and he made his land waste: his cities are burned without inhabitant.

14 Is Israel a servant? is he a homeborn slave? why is he spoiled? the young lions roared against him, and yelled, and he made his land waste: his cities are burned without inhabitant.
18 Also the children of Noph and Tahapanes have broken the crown of thy head.
19 Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way?
20 And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sibor or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river?
21 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that My fear is not in thee, saith the LORD God of hosts.
22 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 didst wander, playing the harlot.
23 Yet 3 had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?
24 For though thou wast with thine nitre, and with thee much soap, yet thinε iniquity is marked before Me, saith the Lord God.
25 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;
26 A wild ass used to the wilderness, that snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure; in her tumult who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.
27 Withthold 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.'
28 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; saith the Lord.
29 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.'
30 But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: 'for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.'
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 the LORD.'
32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet My people have forgotten Me days without number.
33 Why trimmest 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,
3 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 thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; *yet return again to Me,* saith the LORD.

2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast played in the land with thy whoredoms and with thy *wickedness.*

3 Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hast cast away thine hand before thy face, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto Me, *My Father, Thou art the Guide of my youth?* *Will He reserve His anger for ever?* will He keep it to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things; as thou couldest."

6 The L ORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, *Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done?* &c. is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath *played the harlot.*

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 where-by 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 *kiss.*

10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto Me with her whole heart, but *feignedly* 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,* 1 saith the L ORD; and I will not *cause Mine anger to fall upon you:* 2 for 3 am merciful, saith the L ORD, and I will not keep *anger for ever.*

13 Only acknowledge thine *iniquity,* that thou hast *transgressed against* the L ORD thy
God, and hast scattered thy ways to the "strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed My voice, 1 saith 1 the LORD; 14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith 1 the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion. And I will give you "pastors according to Mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, 1 saith 1 the LORD, they shall say no more, 1 The ark of the covenant of 1 the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more. 17 At that time shall she call Jerusalem the "throne of 1 the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it to the Lord out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers. In those days 1 the house of Judah shall walk with 1 the house of Israel, and they shall come 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, 1 How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee the "pleasant land, a good heritage of the nations of 1 the land? and I said, 1 Thou shalt call Me, My Father; and shalt not turn away from Me. Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with Me, O 1 house of Israel, 1 saith 1 the LORD. A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping and supplications of the 19 children of Israel: 1 for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten 1 the LORD their 1 God. 22 Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings." Behold, we come unto Thee: for Thou art 1 the LORD our 1 God. Truly 1 in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains: truly 1 the LORD our 1 God is the salvation of Israel. For 1 shame hath devoured the "labour of our fathers from our youth: their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against 1 the LORD our 1 God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of 1 the LORD our 1 God.

God, Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. L. scattered thy ways = gone hither and thither. strangers = foreigners. every green tree. Referring to the worship of the Asherah (Ap. 42). Turn = Return, as in v. 12, 22. 3.-14-18 (S. p. 1020). THE REASON. (Intron. ex. 14) married = am become your husband. This will be the result of the Restoration here promised. family. Probably a family, or group of cities. pastors. Lit. shepherds; but used in Jeremiah of kings, priests, and prophets, who were the guides of the people. See 2. s. 3. 12.; 10. 21.; 23. 12.; 24. 25.; 35. 36. 14 in these days: i.e. the days of the Restoration spoken of in v. 14, 15. C. p. 31. 38-40.; 33. 12. they: i.e. those who return. shall say no more, 1 The ark", etc. The ark was still in the land in the days of this prophecy (2 Chron. 36. 31.), but it was to disappear with the broken covenant, of which it was the symbol. The ark of the covenant of 1 the LORD. Ref. to Pent. (see notes on Ex. 25. 22.). Ap. 92. C. p. note on 1 Chron. 15. 9. visit it. This is conclusive of the fact that it was kept together with the Temple (as it is not included in the excepted things, in 2 Kings 25. 13-16), notwithstanding the Jewish tradition recorded in 2 Macc. 2. 1-3., and the impossible stories of its being taken over to North Africa, Constantinople, or Ireland. neither shall it be done, etc. = neither shall it be made any more. It disappeared together with the covenant, of which it was the symbol (S. 19.; 12. 7. Pa. 132. 13, 14). The reason follows in v. 17. Jehovah's throne will be substituted for it: the reality will take the place of the symbol. Jehovah Himself will take the place of the Shekinah. At that time. Referring to the future Restoration ("" answering to "" of v. 16). call Jerusalem, etc. C. p. Ps. 87. 2-7.; Isa. 60. 1.; 65. 15.; 66. 7-13, 20. throne. C. p. 14. 21.; 1 Sam. 2. 8.; Ps. 47. 7. with Matt. 2. 4. and Zeph. 8. 8. all the nations. This shows that the prophecy refers to the yet future Restoration. C. 1, 5, 10. the name, etc. C. see note on Pa. 20. 1. imagination = stubbornness. The word is used eight times by Jeremiah, but is found nowhere else outside the Pentateuch, except Jer. 29. 14., 21. The ref. to Pent. is in Deut. 29. 13. Ap. 27. evil. Heb. ra'at'. Ap. 44. viii. In those days. Still referring to the future Restoration. The house of Judah. This expression occurs eleven times in this book: here, v. 11.; 11. 10, 17.; 12. 14.; 18. 11.; 22. 4.; 31. 27, 31.; 33. 14.; 36. 3. walk with = go unto, the house of Israel. See note on 2. 4. and they shall = that they may. come = enter. together; or, at the same time. 19 children = sons. pleasant land. Heb. a land of desire; i.e. to be desired. 20 husband = guide, or friend, as in v. 4. 21 the high places = the places where they had sinned. C. p. 2. for = because. Behold, Fig. Asterievos (Ap. 6), to mark the confession which will be made in those days". Truly = Thus continue her confession, as in 25. 1. sinned. Heb. châ'â. Ap. 44. i. in vain, &c. = as certainly as the hills [have proved] false, and the noisy thron on the mountains [an empty sound]; so truly is the salvation of Israel with our God. The "hills" and "mountains" are put by the Fig. Metonymy (of Subject), Ap. 6, for the idolatry practised on them. C. p. Exod. 15. 6, 11, 15. 24 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, their sons. Some early printed editions, Aram., Sept., and Syr., read "and their", thus completing the Fig. Polysemeton (Ap. 6), to emphasise the completeness of the Restoration.
4. 1. JEREMIAH.

4. 18.

1 "If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto Me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of My sight, then shalt thou not remove. 2 And thou shalt swear, 'The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in Him, and in Him shall they glory.'

Q2 U1 W (p. 102a)

3 For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.

4. 3–6. 30 (Q2, p. 1020). JUDAH. (Repeated Alteration.)


4. 3–31 (U1, above). WARNINGS. THREATENINGS. ALARM. (Alteration.)

U1 W 4. 3–4. Call to repentance.

X 5. 1–7. Alarm.

W 4. 8–18. Call to repentance.


Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest My fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

6 Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, ‘Blow ye the trumpet in the land; cry, gather together, and say, ‘Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities.’

7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

8 For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl:

for the fierce anger of the Lord is not turned back from us.

9 And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the Lord, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.

10 Then said I, “Ah, Lord GOD! surely they have greatly deceived this People and Jerusalem, saying, ‘Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.’

11 At that time shall it be said to this People and to Jerusalem, “A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of My People, not to fan, nor to cleanse, 12 Even a full wind from those places shall come unto Me: now also will I give sentence against them.”

13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind; his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled.

14 O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?

15 For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim.

16 Make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, that watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah.

17 As keepers of a field, are they against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against Me, saith the Lord.

18 Thy way and thy doings have procured.
these things unto thee; this is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart.

19 My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.
20 Destruction upon destruction is cried for; 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 me; 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, void; and the heavens, and they had no light.
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 the LORD, and by His fierce anger.
27 For thus hath 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 up upon the rocks; every city shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell therein.
30 And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest 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 of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

5 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.
2 And though they say, The LORD liveth; surely they swear falsely.
3 O LORD, are not Thine eyes upon the truth? Thou hast stricken them, but they 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.
4 Therefore 3 said, Surely these are poor;

19 My bowels. Fig. Epithalamus (Ap. 6), for emphasis. Note the Fig. Hypotypogeion, vv. 1–11 (“X”). Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Effect), Ap. 6, for the emotions which produce and affect their movement.
20 curtains. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for tents, in which a large proportion of the people lived (1 Sam. 18. 17; 2 Kings 8. 6). Cp. 10. 29.
22 known = acknowledged.
23 sottish = stupid. Probably from Celt. Breton soth, or stad = stupid.
25 I beheld. Note the Fig. Anaphora (Ap. 6), commencing this and the three following verses.
10. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.
27 and by. Some codices, with five early printed editions, Soph., Sync., and Vulg., read “and because of”.
28 I have purposed it, and, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Num. 23. 18). Ap. 92.
29 city. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Subject), Ap. 8, for its inhabitants.
30 Fig. Prosopopoeia (Ap. 6). Put for idiom.

5. 1–31 (V1, p. 1022). INVESTIGATION.
(Repeated Alternation.)

VI Y' | 1–5. Incrimination.
Z' | 6. Threatening. Invasion. (Fig)
Y' | 7, 8. Incrimination.
Y' | 10–12. Incrimination.
Z' | 11–13. Threatening. Invasion. (Lit.)

1 streets = out places, or outskirts.
2 market = market, or open places of concourse.
3 if ye can find. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 18. 24, &c.). Ap. 92.
4 Points to reign of Jehoiakim rather than that of Josiah.
3 the truth = faithfulness. The same word as in v. 1, have not grieved = have felt no pain.
4 poor = become poor, or impoverished, reduced in means. Heb. dal. See note on “poverty”, Prov. 8. 11.
6 altogether = together, or with one accord.
7 evenings = deserts.

they are foolish; for they know not the way of the LORD, nor the judgment of their God.
5 I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, and the judgment of their God; but they have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds.
6 Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, and a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch over their cities:
5:6. JEREMIAH.

518-500 every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings are increased.’

Y' 7 "How shall I pardon thee for this thy children have forsaken Me, and sworn by them that there is no God: when I fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.

8 They were as fed horses in the morning; every one neighed after his neighbour's wife.

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

Y' 10 Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end; take away her battlements; for they are not the LORD's.

11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against Me, saith the LORD.

12 They have belied the LORD, and said, 'It is not of Me; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine:

13 And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

Z' 14 Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make My words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

15 Lo, 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 understandest what they say.

16 Their quiver is as an open sepulchre, they are all mighty men.

17 And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, which thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thy herd of camels; they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword.

18 Nevertheless in those days, saith the LORD, I will not make a full end with you.

19 And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, 'Wherefore doeth the LORD our God all these things unto us?' then shall thou answer them, 'Like as ye have forsaken Me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours.'

Y' n 20 Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,

Y' 21 Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not:

22 Fear ye not Me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at My presence,

o 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 themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?

P 23 But this People hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone.

backslidings = apostasies. increased = strong, or many. children = sons.

sent them to the full. So in many codices, with two early printed editions, Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg.; but some codices, with five early printed editions, read "made them swear".


in the morning: i.e. morning at large.

shall I not visit ... Fig. Erotētēs. Ap. 6.
saith the LORD = is] Jehovah's oracle.
My soul = I Myself, for emphasis. Heb. nephesh.

avenged = avenge herself. Cp. a.; 9, 8.
not a full end. Cp. v. 11, and 4, 27.

the house of Israel. See note on 2, 4.
the house of Judah. See note on 2, 4.


15, 16, 35, 17, and 49, 5.

Lo. Fig. Asterias. Ap. 6.

a nation: i.e. the Chaldeans, but not yet named as such.
understandest = nearest. Put by Fig. Melonymy (of Cause). Ap. 6, for what is understood. Op. 1 Cor. 14, 2.

they shall eat up. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 26, 18).

Repeated three times by Fig. Anaphora (Ap. 6), for great emphasis.
harvest. &c. Note the similar enumeration in Hab. 3, 17.
impovery = beat down. Only again in Mal. 1, 4.

strange ... strangers = foreign ... foreigners, or aliens.

5. 20-28 (Y', p. 1039). INCIRAMINATION.

(Extended Alteration.)

Y' n 20-22. Call to fear God.
21 On account of His power.
22 Rebellions in heart.
24-26. Call to Repentance.
25 Notwithstanding His bounty.
26 Rebellion in acts.

20 Declare ... publish. Cp. 4, 15.
21 in the house of Jacob. Only here, and Amos 3, 13.
22 understanding. Heb. "heart".
24 That giveth rain. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 11, 14).
both = even. Some codices omit this word.

the appointed ... harvest. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 8, 23).
good = the good (sing).

Neither say they in their heart, 'Let us now fear the LORD our God,

That giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: He reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.'

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. 27. JEREMIAH.

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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 avenge on such a nation as this?

30 A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land;

31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and My People love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?"

8. 12.

6 O ye children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow ye 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 go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.

5 Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces.

6 For thus hath the LORD of hosts said, Hew ye down trees, and cast a mount against Jerusalem: this is the city to be visited; it is wholly oppression in the midst of her.

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

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

9 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer into the baskets.

10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them reproach; they have no delight in it.

11 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 even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days.

12 And their houses shall be turned unto others, with their fields and wives together: for I will stretch out My hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD.
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, S 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 S, 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 travall.

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 wail 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 wicked are not plucked away.

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

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, 2 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.

4 'Trust ye not in lying words, saying, 'The temple of the LORD, 3 the temple of the LORD, 3 the temple of the LORD, are these.'

5 For if ye thoroughly 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, 2 for ever and ever.

8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;

10 And come stand before Me in this house, 2 which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered to do all these abominations.'

11 Is this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? 3 Behold, even I have seen it, saith the LORD.

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 I spake unto you, 3 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, 2 as I have done to 12 Shiloh.

15 And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, 2 even the whole seed of Ephraim.'

16 Therefore pray not 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? 2 saith the LORD: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord of Hosts; 2 Behold, Mine anger and My fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the
trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched."  

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.

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 and sacrifices:

But this thing commanded I them, saying, "Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be My people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you."

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.

Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them:

Yet they hearkened not unto Me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.

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

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.

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.

For the children of Judah have done evil in My sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by My name, to pollute it.

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.

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:

for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.

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.

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.
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: 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 worshiped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth. 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.

Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return? Why then is this People of Jerusalem slipped back by a perpetual backsliding?

they hold fast deceit; they refuse to return. 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.

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.

How do ye say, He is wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made He it; the pen of the scribes is in vain.

The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?

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.

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

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.

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."

Why do ye sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defenced 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.
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 o 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.

Oth. 9. 17 "For, behold, I will send serpents, cockatrices, among you, which will not be charmed, and they shall bite you, saith the Lord." 18 (When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint in me.)

Ninth. 18 "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?"

P. 20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

For the 11th, the daughter of my People am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath hold on me.

Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my People recovered?

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!

Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my People, and go from them!

"for they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.

And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies; but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not good; saith the Lord.

Take ye every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders.

And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.

Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the Lord.

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?

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.

Shall I not visit them for these things? saith the Lord; shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

For the mountains I will take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations 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.

And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of "dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant."

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?

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 send a sword, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.

16 I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither thou nor thy 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 the 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 waters.

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 lamentation.

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 carcasses of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather them.

23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might; let not the rich man glory in his riches:

24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, 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 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."

10 Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel:

13 forsaken. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 32, 15, 21). Ap. 92. My law. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 20, 24). Ap. 92. set before them. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 4, 6, 11). Ap. 92. therein. In the law, not the voice. 14 imagination = stubbornness. Ref. to Pent. (see note in 3, 17). Ap. 92. 15 the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 7, 5. Behold. Fig. Asterisms. Ap. 8. wormwood . . . gall. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 29, 14). Repeated in 23, 15. Occurs also in Lam. 3, 19. Amos 8, 12. water of gall. Ap. 8, 14. 16 I will scatter. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 26, 32, Deut. 28, 64). Ap. 92. 17 thus saith, &c. This (vv. 17-20) develops the calamity, for which this chapter gives the reason. mourning women. A class still hired for the purpose. Op. 2 Sam. 1, 24. Chron. 55, 25. Eccles. 12, 5. Matt. 9, 23. Mark 5, 28. cunning = skillful (in this business). 19 How! . . . Supply Ellipsis: "[saying], How is it?", &c. because. Some codices, with three early printed editions (one Rabbinic), read "yea, for", or "for indeed", our dwellings, &c. or, they have cast down our habitations. Op. Dan. 8, 11. Job 8, 12. Ezek. 19, 17. 20 Yet; or, For, or Yea. women. These had been largely the instrumental cause; now they share the calamities. 21 children = infants. 22 Speak. This shows that Jerome's Heb. text was unpointed, for he read 0-b-r-as dober = pestilence, instead of dabar = word, or dober = speak. men. Heb. kadim (with Art.). Op. 14, I. open field. Some codices, with one early printed edition, read "ground". none shall gather them. Op. Ps. 79, 3. 23 Thus saith, &c. The lesson which follows is of universal application. let not. Note the Fig. Sympleokē, or Anaphora (Ap. 6), for emphasis. wisdom . . . might . . . riches. These are the three things which men boast of, and trust in. This was Jerusalem's sin. let not. Some codices, with six early printed editions (one in margin), Aram., Sept., Syr., Vulg., read "neither let". 24 let him, &c. Quoted in 1 Cor. 1, 25. 24th verti. This lies at the foundation of everything: of all trust in God (for One unknown cannot be trusted at all); of all pleasing (Eph. 1, 17). Col. 1, 9, 10. 1 John 5, 20. The want of it led to Gentile corruption (Rom. 1, 29); to Israel's fall (Isa. 1, 5. Luke 19, 42, 44); all future blessing is wrapped up in it. for Israel (51, 34. Isa. 54, 13); and for creation (Isa. 11, 9). This is why we have the written Word (2 Tim. 3, 16), and the living "Word" (John 1, 14). Which exerciseth, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 34, 6). Ap. 92. lovingkindness = favour shown to the unworthy. 11, 18. judgment = justice to the oppressed. One school of Massorites (Ap. 30) read "and justifies", emphasizing the statement by the Fig. Polysemudon. Ap. 6. 25 circumcised, &c. in the flesh, but not in "ears" (6, 10), nor in "heart" (4, 4). Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 26, 41, 42. Deut. 10, 16; 30, 6). Elsewhere only in Ezek. 44, 7, 5. Nis the uncircumcised - circumcised in uncircumcision: i.e. "circumcised externally, but uncircumcised", as explained at the end of the next verse. Hence the contrast with the nations mentioned, which practised (external) circumcision (Rom. 2, 25-29). 26 children = sons. that are in the utmost corners; or, all that have the corners of their beard polled. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 19, 27). Ap. 92. Cp. Jer. 49, 32. uncircumcised. Supply Ellipsis (Ap. 6), from the next clause: "uncircumcised [in heart], and all", &c. the house of Israel. See note on 2, 4.
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 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 go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do "evil, neither also is it in them to do good."' 

8 Forsasmuch as "there is none like unto Thee, O "LORD; "great 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 "Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the bands 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, "eternally 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 The Portion of "Jacob is not like them: for "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 "shepherds "are become brutish, and have not sought "the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.
22 Behold, the noise of the *bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the *north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, and a den of *dragons.
23 O *LORD, I know that the way of *man *is not in himself: *it is not in *man that walketh to *direct his steps.
24 O *LORD, correct me, but *with judgment; not in Thine anger, lest Thou bring me to nothing.

11 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 *God of Israel; *Cursed be the 2 men 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 2 them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be My People, and 2 will be your 2 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 it is this day." Then answered I, and said, "So be it, O *LORD.
6 Then 2 the LORD said unto me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, *Hear ye 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.
8 Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the *imagination of their *evil heart:

n therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do; but they did them not.

9 And 2 the LORD said unto me, "A conspiracy is found among the 2 men of 2 Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
10 They are turned back to the *iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear My words; and they *went after other gods to serve them; *the house of Israel and *the house of 2 Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers.

n Therefore thus saith 2 the LORD, *Behold, I will bring 8 evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto Me, I will not hearken unto them.
12 Then shall the cities of 2 Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem 2 go, and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not profit them in the time of their "trouble.
13 For according to the number of the thy cities were thy gods, O 2 Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye

11. 1-12. 17 (H. p. 1018). PROPHECY TO JUDAH AND JERUSALEM. (Alteration.)

H | Q | 11.1-14. Against the People.
R | 11.15-17. The beloved People threatened.
Q | 11.18-12. 6. Against the men of Anathoth.
R | 12.7-17. The beloved People threatened.


Q | m | 1-8. Covenant disobeyed.
| n | 9-10. Threatening.
| | m | 9-10. Covenant broken.
| n | 11-14. Threatening.

Jeremiah's Speech (p. 1016).

1 word. Sing, indicating this as a special prophecy, to the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.
2 the words. PI, indicating the many utterances of this covenant.
this covenant. The old covenant of Exodus had been specially renewed by Judah in Jeremiah's days, under Josiah, in his eighteenth year (2 Kings 23. 1-5).
| v. 7, 6, 9, 15, 12, 13, 17.
| 3 the LORD God of Israel. This title occurs in Jeremiah fourteen times (11. 13; 14. 12; 21. 4; 23. 2; 24. 5; 25. 15; 30. 2; 32. 35; 33. 4; 34. 2; 13; 37. 7; 42. 9; 46. 3).
the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.
Israel. Still used of Judah as representing the whole nation. See note on 1 Kings 12. 17.
Curset be the man, &c. Ref. to Penta. (Deut. 27. 24; 4 in the day. See Ap. 18.
from the iron furnace. Ref. to Penta. (Deut. 4. 10).
Obey = Hear, with Beth (=2 = B) = Listen or attend to. Obey My voice. Ref. to Penta. (Ex. 15. 24).
Ap. 92.
| i.e. "the words" of 11. 14.
| 2 will be your God. Ref. to Penta. (Lev. 26. 3-19).
| 3 the oath which I have sworn. Ref. to Penta. (Deut. 7. 12).
| Ap. 92.
| Outside the Pent. it is found only in Josh. 6. 6. Jer.
| 11. 4; 92. 22; and Ezek. 20. 6, 15; 25. 4). Ap. 92.
| So be it, O LORD. Ref. to Penta. (Deut. 27. 15-25; the same word). Ap. 92.
| 7 rising early, &c. See note on 7. 15.
| 3 Imagination = stubbornness.
| evil. Heb. ra'at'. Ap. 44. viii.
| 10 iniquities. Heb. 'avel'. Ap. 44. iv.
| went = are gone.
| the house of Israel. See note on 2. 4.
| the house of Judah. See note on 3. 18.
| 11 Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.
| 12 go, and cry, &c. Ref. to Penta. (Deut. 32. 27, 28).
| 13 shameful thing. Heb. "shamo": put by Fig. Metonymy (of Effect), Ap. 6, for the idol which was the cause of the shame. Cp. 9. 24.

set up altars to that shameful thing, even altars to burn incense unto Baal.
11. 14. **Therefore pray not;** for this People, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto Me "for their trouble."

**R** (p. 1033) 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 goodly 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 thine 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.

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 there may be no tree upon it, when it be burned.""

20 But, O LORD of hosts, That judgest righteousness, That "reigns the trees and the heart, let me see Thy vengeance on them: for unto Thee have I revealed my cause.

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 thy "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 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: Thou "art" near in their "mouth, and far from their "reins.

3 But Thou, O LORD, knowest me: Thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward Thee. Thou wilt put them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.

4 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."

5 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 they trusted, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the "swelling of Jordan?"

6 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."


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

is passed from thee? = taketh away from thee [thy wickedness]? or, removeth thy evil (i.e. calamity)? then thou rejoicest: i.e. if such false worship will remove thy calamity, then thou mayest rejoice; but this was impossible.

14 olive tree. The symbol of Israel's religious privileges. See note on Judg. 9. 8-11.

15 the LORD of hosts. See note on 6. 6; 1 Sam. 1. 3; done = wrought.

11. 18-12. 6 (Q, p. 1039). **PROPHECIES AGAINST THE MEN OF ANATHOTH.** (Alternation.)


18 hath given = gave. Jeremiah a type of Messiah. See Ap. 85. know = know.

19 like a lamb. See Ap. 85. saying. Note the Fig. Ellipsis (Ap. 6), as frequently with this verb. See notes on Isa. 10. 6, &c.; 144. 12, &c.

10. 19. the tree with the fruit thereof. Heb. "the dish in his food." Fig. Hypallage (Ap. 6), for the food in his dish.


20 trist the reins and the heart. Cp. 11. 22; 17. 10; 20. 12. Found elsewhere only in Pst. 7. 2; 98. 2, &c. See Ap. 85.


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

22 punish = visit upon.


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


Wherefore ... ? Fig. Erotisis. Ap. 6.


deal very treacherously. Fig. Polyptoton. Ap. 6.

Heb. are traitors of treachery = are utter traitors.

Anathoth was a city of priests.

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

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

prepare = separate, or devote.

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


swelling. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for proud beasts in the undergrowth on the banks of the Jordan. See 49. 12; 50. 44, and cp. Job 41. 34.

6 called = called loudly.

12. 7-17 (R, p. 1039). **THE BELoved PEOPLE THREATENED.** (Division.)

12. 7 the dearly beloved. Heb. love. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for one loved.


12. 7-17. The beloved People. Themselves.

7 the dearly beloved. The beloved People. Their enemies.

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.

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.
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 mourneth 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. And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, with a view to bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.

16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of My People, to swear by My name, 

17 But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the Lord.

13. Thus saith the Lord unto me, Go and get thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in water.

2 So I go a girdle according to the word of the Lord, and put it on my loins.

3 And the word of the Lord came unto me the second time, saying,

4 "Take the girdle that thou hast got, which is upon thy loins, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock."

5 So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the Lord commanded me.

6 And it came to pass after many days, that the Lord said unto me, "Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there."

7 Then I went to Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it:

8 Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

"Thus saith the Lord; After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.
13. 11. JEREMIAH.

(Division.)

Y2 12 Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word; 'Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Every 5 bottle shall be filled with 6 wine; and they shall say unto thee, "Do we not certainly know that every 5 bottle shall be filled with 6 wine?"

Y3 13 Then shalt thou say unto them, 'Thus saith the LORD, 'Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness.

14 And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, 11 saith the LORD: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them.'

V3 15 Hear 3 ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken.

16 Give glory to the LORD your 3 God, before He cause 4 darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, He turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness.

17 But if ye will not hear 5 it, 5 my soul shall 6 weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall 6 weep sore, and 6 run down with tears,

because 7 the LORD'S flock is carried away captive.

s 18 Say unto 6 the king and to the 7 queen, 'Humble yourselves, sit down: for your 8 principalities shall come down, even the crown of your glory.

19 The 6 cities of 7 the south shall be shut up, and none shall open them: 10 Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive.

20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where 6 is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?

Z3 21 What wilt thou say when He shall punish thee?

v for 7 thou hast taught them to be captains, and as chief over thee; shall not sorrows take thee, 6 as a woman in travail?

22 And if thou say in thine heart, 'Wherefore come these things upon me?'

v For the greatness of thine 1 iniquity are thy skirts discovered, and thy heels made bare.

23 6 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? 7 then may ye also do good, that are 4 accustomed to do 5 evil.

24 Therefore will I scatter them as the 5 stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness.

25 This 6 is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from Me, 8 saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten Me, and 5 trusted in falsehood.

26 Therefore will I 3 discover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear.

27 I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations on the hills in the fields.

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

Jeremiah's Tetraphth Prophecy (p. 1015).

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


3 the earth. 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, 16. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 28, 23, 24). Ap. 92. Before the first siege (497 B.C.), or before the third siege (492 B.C.). See Ap. 83.

14. "The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the earth.
14. 2. JEREMIAH.

497 or 490

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 to the waters: they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads.

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 moved in the field, and forsook it, because there was no grass.

6. And the wild ass 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 shouldst Thou be as a stranger in the land, 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 the 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 doeth 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, by the famine, and by the pestilence.

13. Then said I, "Ah, 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 the LORD 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 sent them not, yet they say, ‘Sword and famine shall not be in this land;’ By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.

16. And the People to whom the 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 upon the wickedness upon them.

17. Then 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.

18. 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.’"

19. Hast Thou utterly rejected Judah? Hath Thy soul loathed Zion? why hast Thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? we looked
for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!
20 "We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against Thee.
21 Do not abhor us, for Thy name’s sake, do not disgrace the throne of Thy glory: remember, break not Thy covenant with us.
22 Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? or not the LORD? or the God of Jacob, our God? therefore we will wait upon Thee: for Thou hast made all these things.

15 Then said the LORD unto me, "Though Moses and Samuel stood before Me, yet My mind could not be toward this People: cast them out of My sight, and let them go forth.
2 And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, 'Whither shall we go forth?' then thou shalt tell them, 'Thus saith the LORD: Such are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to the captivity.'
3 And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy.
4 And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem.
5 For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or whom shall bemoan thee? or whom shall go aside to ask how thou dost? 6 Except the LORD hath forsaken Me, to destrueth me, and the Lord, thou art gone backward: for then will I stretch out My hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary of repining.
7 And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave them of children, I will destroy My People, since they return not from their ways.
8 Their widows are increased to Me above the sand of the sea: I have brought upon them against the mother of the young men a spoiler at noon day: I have caused him to fall upon it suddenly, and terror upon the city.
9 She that hath borne seven languisheth: she hath given upon the ghost; her sun is gone down while it was yet day: she hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.

10 Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; yet every one of them doth curse me.

11 "The LORD said, 'Verily it shall be well with the remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to entreat thee well in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.
12 Shall iron break the northern iron and the steel?
13 Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, 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 you.'
16 revenge = avenges. rebuke = reproach.
16 found = discovered. In the eighteenth year of Josiah, 513 B.C. Heb. məṣa. Not used of revelation.
Ref. to 2 Kings 22:6, 6, 2 Chron. 34:14, 15.
I am called by Thy name = Thy name was called upon me.
17 mockers = merry-makers.
hand. Put by Fig. Melonomy (of Cause), Ap. 6, for guidance,
18 a liar = deceitful (broke). The Ellipse (Ap. 6),
20 I will make thee, &c. Cp. 1. 18, 19, 6, 27.
deliver = rescue. Not the same word as in v. 9.
redeem: i.e. by power. Heb. pāḏāk. Ex. 6:6 and 13:13,

16. 1-9 (F1, above). SYMBOL. NO WIFE.
(Division.)

Jeremiah's Eleventh Prophecy (p. 1015).

16. 10-21 (F2, above). SIGNIFICATION.
(Alternation.)

shall say unto thee. Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God?
11 Then shalt thou say unto them, 'Because your fathers have forsaken Me, 5 saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken Me, and have not kept My law;
And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto Me:
Therefore will I cast thee out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour.

14 Therefore, 9 behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, 'The LORD liveth, That brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;' But, 41 The LORD liveth, That brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither He had driven them: and I will give them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, 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.

For Mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from My face, neither is their iniquity hid from Mine eyes.

And first will I recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled My land, they have filled Mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.'

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 inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods?

Therefore, ye behold, I will this once cause Mine anger to know Mine hand and My might; and they shall know that My name is 1 the LORD.'

The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of 5 your altars;
Whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills.

My mountain in the field, I will give thy substance and all thy treasures to the spoil, and thy high places for 5 sin, throughout all thy borders.
And thou, even thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not: for ye have kindled a fire in Mine anger, which shall burn 5 for ever.'

Thus saith 1 the LORD; 'Cursed be 5 the man that trusteth in "man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.
For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.
Blessed is 5 the man that trusteth in 5 the LORD, and whose hope 5 the LORD is.
For he shall be 5 as a tree planted by the
waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the *river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought; neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and *deceitful above me, who can know it?

10 *I* the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, *even to give every man according to his ways,* and according to the fruit of his doings.

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

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

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 *thee art* my Praise.

15 *Behold,* ify say unto me, "*Where* is the word 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: let knowest: that which came out of my lips was *right* before Thee.

17 *Be* not a terror unto me: *thee 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.

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 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 Judah, 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."

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

24 "And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, *saith* *the* LORD, *to bring* in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but declare 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 *horses,* and their princes, the *men* of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever, *as* the plain, and from *the* mountains, and from *the* south, *bringing* burn offerings, and sacrifices, and *meat offerings,* and *incense,* and bringing
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, the vessel that he had made was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

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.

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

9 And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it;
10 If it do evil in My sight, that it obey not My voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

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."

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

13 Therefore thus saith the LORD; "Ask ye now among the heathen, who 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 unto vanity, and they

16 Ex. 17. 6, 11. 18. 18. (G, p. 1018). SYMBOLS.
17 Ex. 34. 29. 18. 18. Signification. House of Israel.
19 18. 17. Threatening.
24 18. 17. Threatening.

Jeremiah's Twelfth Prophecy (p. 1015)
1 the LORD, Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.
2 the potter's house. Note the lesson, set to Jeremiah there; that Jehovah never mends what man has marred. He always substitues something new. The interpretation belongs to "The House of Israel"; and, that being "marred", the new "nation" is to be substituted. See Matt. 21. 41. 24. Rom. 11. 7. Ezek. 36. 25-28. The application belongs to (1) The Covenant (Deut. 6. 24), but it was marred (Jer. 31. 32) for the New Covenant, see Heb. 8. 7-13. (2) Ordinances, marred (Jer. 1. 11-14); new (Heb. 10. 1-14; Col. 2. 14, 17). Gal. 4. 5, 8-11. (3) Pardoning (Heb. 7. 25-28). (4) King (2 Sam. 7. 12-16). Cp. Ps. 72. Isa. 56. 7, 11, 19. 21, 18. Luke 1. 31-33. (5) Man, marred (Gen. 3. Rom. 8. 7). Jer. 17. 5. Ps. 14. 2. 63. 2. John 3. 6; new (2 Cor. 5. 17, 18). (6) The Body, marred (Gen. 3. Heb. 9. 27). The new (2 Cor. 5. 17, 18). (7) The heavenly and earth, marred (Gen. 3. 2. Pet. 3. 7); the new (2 Pet. 3. 13). Ps. 85. 10. 13. Isa. 65. 17. & (8) The Church, marred (2 Tim. 1. 13; act. 19. 10; 20. 29); 1. 12; 8. 8; 4. 3-5; new (Eph. 2. 20-22; 4. 4).

wrought was working.

Jeremiah's Thirteenth Prophecy (p. 1015)
8 house of Israel. See note on 2. 4. saith the LORD is Jehovah's oracle.
Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

18. 7-17 (N, above). THREATENING. (Division)

18. 7-10 (Q, above). DECLARATION.

Concerning pulling down.

Concerning building up.

7 to pluck up — to declare that it should be plucked up. Heb. idiom. Cp. 1. 12.


I will repent. Fig. Anthropopathia. Ap. 6.

To build, etc. — to declare that it should be built and planted.

18. 11-17 (Q, above). APPLICATION.

Concerning pulling down.

Concerning building up.


12. Ex. 17. 5. 12. Ex. 17. 5. 13. 12. Ex. 17. 5. 14. Will a man leave... 2? Note the Fig. Erosthes and the Fig. Ellipsis (Ap. 6), and render: —

Will [a man] leave the snow [water] of Lebanon for the rock of the field?

Or shall the cold flowing waters be forsaken for strange waters?

snow: i.e., snow [water], used for mixing with wine; or for washing, as in Job 9. 18. which cometh. Omit, and supply the word "leaves" in the second clause from the first clause. 15 forgotten. Showing that the emphasis is on the leaving and forsaking of s. 16 vanity. Used of idols. Fig. Metonymy of Subject, Ap. 6.
have caused them to stumble in their ways * 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."

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."

Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me. 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. 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; that Thy young men may be slain by the sword in battle. 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.

Yet, O LORD, Thou knowest all their counsell against me to slay me; forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from Thy sight, but let them be overthrown before Thee; deal thus with them in the time of Thine anger.

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 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, 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, his ears shall tingle. Because they have forsaken Me, and have strangled this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither their fathers nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents; 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: Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor The valley of slaughter. And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the bands 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.
18 And I will make this city desolate, and an hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof.
19 And I will cause them 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 his enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them.

10 Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee,
11 And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Even so will I break this People and this city, as one breaketh a potter’s vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury.
12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith the LORD, and to the inhabitants thereof, and even make this city as Tophet:
13 And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled as the place of Tophet, because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings unto other gods.

14 Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, whither the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD’s house; and said unto all the People,
15 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear My words.

20 Now Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who was also chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things,
21 Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks in the middle of the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the LORD.
22 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks.

Then said Jeremiah unto him, The LORD hath not called thy name Pashur, but Magor-missabib.
4 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it; and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword.

5 Moreover I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labours thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon.

6 And if thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied lies.

7 So the LORD said, Deceived have I deceived thee; therefore, thou hast not连连deceived me, and I was deceived: Thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed.
20. 7. JEREMIAH.

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.

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 was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

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 revenges on him."

But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible One; therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.

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.

Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD:

for He hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

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

Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, "A son is born unto thee," making him very glad.

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;

Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb to be always great with me.

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

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."

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
479. And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence.

7. 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 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. For I have set My face against this city for evil, and for evil, saith the LORD; it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

x. And touching the house of the king of Judah, say, Hear ye the word of the LORD; thus saith the LORD; In the morning, and in the evening, and in the middle of the day, and in the haught of the oppressor, lest My fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

y. Behold, I am against thee, O inhabitant of the valley, and rock of the plain, saith the LORD; which say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations?

14. But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD; and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it.

22. Thus saith the LORD; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word.

2. And say, Hear ye the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, that sitteth upon the throne of David, and, and thy servants, and thy People that enter in by these gates:

3. Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoil out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

4. For ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings, riding chariots and on horses, him, and his servants, and his people.

5. But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by Myself, saith the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation.

6. For thus saith the LORD unto the king's house, and unto the head of Lebanon, and the head of Lebanon, yet surely I will make thee a wilderness, and cities which are not inhabited.
7 And I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons: and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cast them into the fire.

b 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 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 work;

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

15 Shall thou reign, because thou art the nearest unto me 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 to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it.

18 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah; He 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 passes: 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 obeyest not My voice.

22 The wind shall eat up all thy pastures, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shall 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 of a woman in travail!

24 As I 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 thence;

25 And I will give thee into the hand of them...
that seek thy life, and into the hand of them whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezar 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 whereunto I sware unto thy father to return, thither shall they not return. 28 Is this man Coniah a despised broken idol? Is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, ye and his seed, and are cast into a land which I knew not? 29 O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD. 30 Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

23 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the flock of My pasture! saith the LORD. 2 Therefore thus saith the LORD of Israel against the pastors that feed My people; ye have scattered My flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them, saith the LORD; behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD. 3 And I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD. 5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His name whereby He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7 Therefore, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; 8 But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed 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 wine hath overcome, because of the words of His holiness. 10 For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and the course of the wilderness is evil, and their force is not right. 11 For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in My house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD.


9 Mine heart, &c. Fig. Pathopia. Ap. 8. man. Heb. 'ish. Ap. 14. II. a man = a strong man. Heb. geber. Ap. 14. IV. wine. Heb. yahin. Ap. 27. I. 10 their = i.e. the false prophets. wickedness. Heb. ra'a. Ap. 44. viii. 12 the year of their visitation. See note on 8. 12. 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 evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith 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 Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from
14. wickedness = lawlessness. Heb. צדק'. Ap. 44. x. 3
15. the LORD of hosts = Jehovah  מלח. See note 
on 6. 6 and 1 Sam. 1. 3.
17. They say still. Fig. Polyptoton. Ap. 6. Heb. 
=saying they say = keep on saying. 
Imagination = stubbornness. Fig. Ap. 6. 
18. who ? Fig. Erotettos. Ap. 6. Implying that 
none hath. 
His. Heb. text, with R. V., reads "My"; but marg. 
of Heb. text, the Babylonian Codex, with eight early 
identified editions, Aram, Syr, and Vulg., read "His" 
with A.V.
heard: or, announced. Cp. v. 22.
19. fall grievously = burnt.
the wicked = lawless ones. Heb. רעה'. Ap. 44. x.
20. the latter days = end of days. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 
49. 1, the same word). Ap. 96.
22. But if, &c. The Heb. accent requires the rendering: 
"But, had they sinned in My Council: then 
they would have made My People hear My words, and 
they would have turned", &c.
and not, &c. Fig. Ptenoas (Ap. 6), for emphasis.
fill. The Heb. accent ("תפנית") puts the emphasis 
on "filling" (not on "earthen", demoting the fulness of the 
Divine presence which no place can include, or exclude. 
A fulness of grace, of the prophetic word of judgment, 
and of promise.
I have dreamed. Thus catching the people's 
ears. Note Fig. Epicureas. Ap. 6.
dsfall this = shall this exist. Heb. ישת. See notes 
27. as = according as. for = in, or through.
chaff = crushed, or chopped straw. Heb. תחת.
30. I am against, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 18. 20). 
words. Edition of A.V., 1611, read "word".
31. say, He saith = uttered it as an oracle. Heb. 
נעה. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 22. 12. Num. 14. 12; 24. 3, 
32. lightness = reckless boasting.
33. What burden ? Sept., Vulg., and Rashi, read 
"Ye yourselves are the burden". Cp. v. 36.
forsake = reject.
36. perverted. See note 6. 10.
the living God. Both words are plural.
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, saith the LORD.
33. And when this People, or the prophet, or 
a priest, shall ask thee, saying, "What is 
the burden of the LORD?" thou shalt then say 
unto them, "What burden?" I will even forsake 
you, saith the LORD.
34. And as for the prophet, and the priest, 
and the People, that shall say, "The burden of 
the LORD," I will even punish that man and 
his house.
35. Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, 
and every one to his brother, "What hath 
the LORD answered?" and, "What hath the 
LORD spoken?"
36. And the burden of the LORD shall ye 
mention no more: for every man's word shall 
be his burden; for ye have perverted the words 
of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our 
God.
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';'
39 Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that gave you, and your fathers, and carry you out of My presence:
40 And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.'

24 The Lord showed me, and behold, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of the Lord, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

2 One basket had very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe:
and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.
3 Then said the Lord unto me, 'What seest thou, Jeremiah?' And I said, 'Figs; the good figs, very good;
and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.'

4 Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,
5 'Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good.
6 For I will set Mine eyes upon them for good, and will bring them again to this land; and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.
7 And I will give them an heart to know Me, that I am the Lord, and they shall be My People, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto Me with their whole heart.

8 And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are very evil; surely thus saith the Lord, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt:
9 And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them.
10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.'

25 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the People of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah
25. 1. JEREMIAH.

25. 18.

The first year, &c. See Ap. 80.
Babylon. Assyria not mentioned, for it had already fallen.

2 Jeremiah the prophet spake. This is the first occurrence of the expression. We find "said" later, and "prophet" in 1. 2; 20. 1; 23. 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15; 29. 1, 7; 32. 2; 36. 8, 10; 34. 6; 46. 1.

spake. In ch. 36. 2 he is told to "write," because "Israel" (being dispersed), could not be spoken to, as Judah was here.

3 thirteenth year of Josiah. Cp. 1. 2.

the three and twentieth year. I.e. of Jeremiah's prophesying: 18 years under Josiah + 8 months under Jehoahaz + 4 years under Jehoiakim.


rising early and speaking. See note on 7. 12.


in the land is the soil. Heb. 'adam.

for over and ever—of age to age. This must be read with "giving," and refers to God's counsel. See note on Isa. 44. 7 ("ancient").


prove Me to anger, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 32. 21).

7 the LORD of hosts. See note on 6. 6, and 1. Sam. 1. 3.
8 My servant. Cp. Isa. 45. 1. and. Note the Fig. Polyandemon, Ap. 6.

astonishment. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 28. 37). Cp. v. 18; 24. 9. perpetual=age-abiding. Pat. by Fig. Synecdoche (of the Whole), Ap. 6, for a long time.

10 I will take from them. Quoted in Rev. 19. 23. Cp. 7. 24; 16. 18; 32. 11.

candle=lamp.

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

seventy years. From 460 to 426. See the special note on p. 615.


Y | q | 12-14. Literal.
q' | 15-29. Symbol. The Cup.
q | 30-33. Literal.
q' | 34-38. Symbols. Shepherds and Foldes.

12 when. No necessary sequence with v. 11. Verse 12 commences a fresh paragraph re the seventy years. punish=visit upon, exactly seventy years later. iniquity. Heb. 'atal. Ap. 44. iv.

1. Heb. mas. = the House rather than the land.

14 of them: i.e. of the Chaldeans.

15 the LORD God of Israel. See note on 11. 3.


16 be moved=real, to and fro.


17 Jerusalem. Comes first (cp. v. 29), because of 1 Pet. 4. 17; Amos 8. 2.

and. Some codices, with five early printed editions, Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg. Others omit this "and." as it is this day. Probably added by Jeremiah when this prophecy had been fulfilled.

16 And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that shall send among them.'

17 Then took I the cup at the hand of the LORD, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me:

18 To wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse; as it is this day;

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Ashkelon. Now Ashkelan.
11 children = sons.
12 children = sons.
and the kings. So in the Mugah Codex (quoted in the Masoretic); but other codices, with one early printed edition, read "and all the kings.
Isles = coast-land, or maritime country.
are. Supply "is", referring to coast-land.
Tema, and Buz. The country of Elisha. See Job 32. 2 and note on p. 666.
that are in the utmost corners = all with their hair clipped at the corners.
25 Zimri. Etymology uncertain. Perhaps the country of Zimran, a son of Abraham by Keturah (Gen. 25. 2).
26 the world. Heb. 'ereq (with Art), the earth.
the earth = the ground, or soil. Heb. 'adam (with Art).
Sheshach. The Masoretic explains that this word is "Babel", being a cypher by which the last letter of the alphabet is put for the first, and the next to the last for the second, &c., by which Sh. Sh. Ch. becomes B. B. L. "Babel" (cp. 61. 41, where both words are used).
There is another example in 61. 1. See note there.
Four classes of nations are to drink of this cup of the fury of Jehovah Elohim of Israel (v. 16): (1) Jerusalem and Judah (v. 18); (2) Egypt, &c. (v. 18); (3) the mingled nations (vv. 20-22); and (4) the more distant nations (vv. 23-25). Daniel fills in these "times of the Gentiles", which are not within the scope of Jeremiah and Ezekiel.
But the point here is that the final judgment of the nations is yet future: when "Great Babylon" comes into remembrance, it will "drink after them". Cp. 49. 12.
For this, "Sheshach" must be rebuilt and restored.
the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 7. 4.
29 which is called by My name = upon which My name is called.
the earth. Heb. ha'arets. Same word as "the world" in v. 28.
30 roar. Cp. v. 38, "as a lion".
holly. See Ex. 3. 5.
upon His habitation = against His fold.
the grapes = the vinepress. Cp. Isa. 63. 1-6.
31 plead with = judge.
wicked = lawless. Heb. râshâ. Ap. 44. x.
32 coasts = sides; i.e. utmost parts.
Shepherds = rulers (of all kinds). Cp. 2. 2; 6. 2.
All three had miserable ends: Jehoiakim (22. 18; 39. 18); Jehoiachin, taken to Babylon; and Zedekiah, after his eyes were put out.
principal = strong ones.
of your dispersions: or, when ye are dispersed.
so in the Mugah Codex (quoted in the Masoretic), with three early printed editions. pleasant = precious (i.e., fair, but fragile).
37 peaceable habitations = pastures of peace.
cut down = silenced.
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,
In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, came this word from the Lord, saying:

1 "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; diminish not a word:

2 If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, so that I may repent Me of the evil, which I have purposed to do unto them because of the evil of their doings.

3 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord; If ye will not hearken unto My words, to walk in My law, which I have set before you,

4 To hearken unto the words of My servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened;

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

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 When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the Lord, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the Lord's house.

11 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 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 ye say, 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."
(Introversion and Alternation.)

L v 18. Case of Micah.

16 Then said the princes, &c. In favour of Jeremiah. Note the Structure "Z", p. 1053; and contrast "G" (v. 7-11) with "G" (v. 12-24).
17 This man, &c. See Ap. 55.
18 Micah. The prophet whose book is called after his name. Contemporary with Hosea and Amos in Israel, and with Isaiah in Judah. See Ap. 67.
19 The LORD. Heb. 'ehoh Jehovah=Jehovah Himself. Ap. 4, II.
21 And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death:
22 And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, namely, Ethnan 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 the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the People to put him to death.

27 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 "Thus saith the LORD to me; Make thee bonds and yokes, and put them upon thy neck, and send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyrus, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah;
3 And command them to say unto thy masters, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say unto thy masters;"

Jeremiah's Eighteenth Prophecy (p. 1016).

Some codics, with Syr., read "Zedekiah", as in v. 3 and 12. 1 In the beginning. The Masorah (Ap. 23) notes a fact that this expression occurs thrice at the commencement of a verse (Gen. 1, 3; Jer. 26, 1; 27, 1). The beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim; but it referred to a future time, as shown in v. 12. the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4, II. 2 put them, &c. This was literally done, as a prophetic symbol; and at that time prophetic was to happen in the reign of Zedekiah, eleven years later.
3 and. Note the Fig. Polyptoton (Ap. 6), to emphasise each respectively. which come=that are coming. Part. Post. as in Gen. 37, 19; 41, 29, 35; Jer. 4, 16; 6, 22; 7, 28; 9, 29; 18, 14; 28, 17; 31, 31; 32, 32; 33, 11, 14, &c. This was to take place eleven years later unto Zedekiah. Then and there we have the fulfilment of this prophecy. 4 the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 7, 3. God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4, I.

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5 "They have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto Me.

6 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 *tūm, and his son, and his son's son, until *the very time of his land come: and then many nations and *great kings shall serve themselves of *tūm.

8 And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve *the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the Lord, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed *tūm by his hand.

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 ye 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 *tūm and his people, and live.

13 Why will ye die, *nēth and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as I have spoken against 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 to 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 Hearken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: wherefore should this city be laid waste?

19 But if *thou be prophets, and if the word of the Lord be with them, let them now make intercession to the Lord of hosts, that the vessels which remain in the house of the Lord, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon.

20 For thus saith the Lord of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea,
And it came to pass in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, and in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, which was of Gibeon, spoke unto me in the house of the Lord, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. 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 to Babylon. And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that were carried away thither, saith the Lord: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon. Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah, that spake to me, saying, Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, Within two full years will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon: Yet hear thou the word of the Lord, O Hananiah; Thus saith the Lord, Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from off the neck of all nations within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way. Then the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Thou hast broken the yokes of wood: but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron. 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. 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. Therefore thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth; this year shalt thou die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the Lord, saying, Within two full years will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar. So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month. Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders.
29. 1-22 (W p. 1045). CAPTIVES AND REMNANT. (Introversion and Repeated Alternation.)

W O I-7. Letter of Jeremiah to the Captivity.
d 22. Message of Jehovah to the Captivity.

the prophets: i.e. Ezekiel (1. 1); Daniel (1. 6).
Nebuchadnezzar. Same spelling as throughout ch. 29 and v. 3 here. Not the same as in v. 21.
2 Jehoiachin: i.e. Jehoiakim.
the queen = the queen-mother, Nehushta, the wife of Jehoiakim.
Zedekiah, the king of Jerusalem, 2 Kings 25: 1, 25.
eunuchs = chamberlains.
carpenters = artificers, smiths.
Zedekiah . . . sent. 2 Kings 25: 25.
4 the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 2 Kings 25: 24.
5. God.
captives. For sixty-three years. From Jehoiachin's captivity to Cyrus (459 — 425 B.C).
9 the LORD = the Lord of Hosts.
11. seventy years. See special note on p. 615.
an expected end. Fig. Hendaya. Ap. 44. Heb. "an end and an expectation." an end, yes, an end which I cause you to hope for: i.e. a hoped-for end.
16 ye shall seek Me. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 4: 29; 80: 2).
19 away = back.
captivity. Put by Fig. Melony (of Subject), Ap. 6, for captives.
19 of - concerning.
17 the LORD of Hosts. See note on 6. 6. 1 Sam. 1. 2.
Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.
the famine. Some codices, with three early printed editions (one in margin). Aram. Sur', and Vulg. read "and famine", thus completing the Fig. Polygymnetaon (Ap. 6). and. Note the Fig. Polygymnetaon in vv. 17, 18 (Ap. 6). vile figs = worthless figs. See 24, 2, &c.
19 unto them. Some codices, with four early printed editions, read "unto you".
19 rising up early. &c. See note on 7. 13.
20 sent. Some codices, with Aram, read "caused to be carried captive." Cp. 24: 6.

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 a 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 ye 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
29. 21. JEREMIAH.

21 Ahab ... Zedekiah. *These were false prophets whom Nebuchadnezzar treated as stated in v. 22.
22 Koliyhu ... roasted. Note the Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 8). Heb. *koliyhu ... *koliyhu.
23 Nebuchadnezzar. Some codices read Nebuchadnezzar Cap. 23.
24 Nebuzaradan ... a curse. A curse.
25 Nebuzaradan. See the first occ. Gen. 54.
30 Nehemiah. See Ap. 86.
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8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: 9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them. 10 Therefore fear not, O My servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

11 For thus saith the LORD, Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous. There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mightest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines. 12 All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not. For I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased. 13 Why criest thou for thine affliction? Thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.

14 Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.

15 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

16 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob’s tents, and have mercy on his dwellingplaces; and the city shall be built up upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.

17 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving, and the voice of them that make merry; and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

18 Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before Me, and I will punish all that oppress them. 19 And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto Me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto Me? saith the LORD.

20 And ye shall be My People, and I will be your God.

8 the LORD of hosts—Jehovah Zebaoth. See note on 6. 6. break his yoke. Reminding us of 28. 10, 11. 9 David their king. This is yet future. Cp. Ezekiel, Jeremiah’s contemporary (Ezek. 34. 22, 23; 37. 24, 25. Isa. 55. 3. Hos. 8. 5) for seven years (484–477). See Ap. 77. 10 fear thou not, &c. Taking up Isa. 41. 10, 11; 43. 5; 44. 2. shall be in rest will be [again] in rest. 11 in measure = to the due measure. unpunished = guiltless. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 20. 7; 34. 7. Num. 14. 18. Ap. 82. 13 that thou mayest, &c. = for binding thee up. 14 iniquity. Heb. êdath. Ap. 44. iv. sins. Heb. êkhâfâ. Ap. 44. i. 16 all they that devour thee, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 23. 22). Ap. 82. Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6. upon her own heap. This cannot have a spiritual application; still less interpretation. It is literally Zion. This was written in the book, before the siege, which had already been foretold (chs. 7; 19; 21. 10; 34. 10; 37. 10). heap = ruins. palace = fortress. after the manner thereof: or, upon its own site.


| k | 30. 22. People accepted.
| k | 31. 1. People accepted.

19 them: i.e. the restored cities and palaces. I will multiply. Note the Alternation:—
| multiply.
| not to be few.
| glorify.
| not to be despised.

small = small (in number).

20 children = sons. oppress. First used by God Himself (Ex. 3. 9).
21 their nobles. Heb. his Prince. i.e. Jacob’s.
23 continuing whirlwind = a tempest rolling itself upward; i.e. a roaring tempest. the wicked = lawless ones (pl.). Heb. râshîth. Ap. 44. x.
24 the latter days = the end of the days. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 49. 1). Cp. 23. 20. Ap. 82. consider = understand. Cp. 23. 20.

31. 1 At the same time, saith the LORD, with fury, a 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 ye shall consider it.

31 The People which 489

2 Thus saith the LORD, The People which 489

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JEREMIAH.

31. 2-26 (Q. p. 1058). VISION.

(Extended and Repeated Alternation.)


1 | 1-3. Restoration.

2 | 4. Sorrow ended.

3 | 14-17. Joy.

4 | 15-17. Restoration.

5 | 18-22. Sorrow ended.

6 | 23. Blessing.

7 | 24. Restoration.

8 | 25. Sorrow ended.


3. Everlasting love. See notes on Isa. 44. 7.

4. Again... Again, &c. Ap. 92. Fig. Anaphora. Ap. 6. tabrets. See note on Ex. 15. 20. 1 Sam. 10. 5.

5. Vineyards on mountains. A special reading called Sevir (Ap. 84), reads "citizens".


7. Yr.. See note on Prov. 8. 21, 22. and 15. 24.

8. Jacob. Note the frequent use of "Jacob" in these chapters, referring to the natural seed.


11. Gather; gather out.

12. Coasts; borders, or extremities.

13. Company = an organized community.

14. Thither; thither.

15. Rivers; streams. Heb. nahal = a way.

16. Ephraim is My firstborn. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 4. 22). Ap. 92. "My firstborn" ecc. nowhere else. Cp. Ps. 89. 27. Ephraim is put by Fig. Synecdoche (of the Part), Ap. 6, for all the ten tribes.

17. Isles = coastslands, or maritime countries.

18. He that scattered, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 8. 2). 11 redeemed. Liberated, or redeemed (by power).


20. Ransomed = redeemed (by blood) and avenged. Heb. qatel. See note on Ex. 6. 6.

21. Stronger. See note on Ps. 35. 10.


25. My. A. V., 1611, omits this "My".


27. In Ramah = on the high place. Evidently a "high place" near Bethlehem. A common name in Palestine. The Targum and Vulg. read "in a high place".

28. Rahel = Rachel. The mother of Joseph and Benjamin (i.e. Ephraim); thus uniting the two kingdoms and the two peoples. Ov. 5. 2. Children = sons.


32. I have surely heard, &c. Fig. Prophecy. Ap. 6.

33. Hast chastised = didst chastise.

34. Was chastised = I have been chastised.

35. Turn Thou me = cause Thou me to return.

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 Egypt; and Israel shall be re-established among them; and they shall come again from the land of Assyria to dry the waters of Jordan.

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 bemoaning 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 Thou art the Lord my God.

19. Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon...
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 for him; I surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.

21 Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps; set thine heart toward the highway, which thou wentest in no more, turn again; let O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.

22 How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah, and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity;

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

25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.

26 Upon this I awoke, 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 a 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 break down, and to throw over, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD.

29 In those days shall they 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:

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which My covenant e[gg brake, although S was an husband unto them, saith the LORD;

33 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.

34 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.

35 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:

36 child = a young child. Heb. yâlâd.
37 Set thee up = Erect.
make thee = set up. high heaps: i.e. figure posts.
22 go about: i.e. in order to elude by withdrawing. Elsewhere only in Song 6. 6.
27 in 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. 27, 5; 6, 19; 7, 18, 16; Lev. 3, 1, 2; 4, 28; 5, 6. &c. Here, the virgin of Israel, compass transition, as [go as to return to and seek the favour of] the man. A new thing for a woman to become the savior. See 31. 14 and Deut. 24. 1. Hos. 2, 19.
28 Heb. gebûr, 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. (Jonas 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.
30 the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 7. 3. 31-37. People. Restoration (Introversion and Alternation.)
32. 1-44 (Y1, above). THE FIRST WORD. (Division.)

Y1 | 1-5. Question of Zedekiah.
Z2 | 6-44. Answer of Jeremiah.

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

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 Nebuchadnezzar. See v. 2. The LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II. the tenth ... eighteen years. Another contact between Biblical and secular chronology. See Ap. 89. besieged = was besieging.

The court of the prison: to which Jeremiah had access. Cp. vv. 8, 12, and 33. 1. had shut him up. One of the eleven rulers who were offended with God's message. See note on Ex. 10, 24. his eyes shall behold his eyes: he should go to Babylon (34. 3). Yet Ezekiel (12, 13) declared that he should not "see" Babylon. Both statements were true; for we read that Zedekiah did "see" the king of Babylon at Riblah, but his eyes being put out there (2 Kings 25, 6, 7), he never saw Babylon, though he was led there. See 52. 10, 11.

5 saith the Lord =[is] Jehovah's oracle.

32. 6-44 (Z2, above). ANSWER OF JEREMIAH. (Alternation.)

B | 36-44. Signification. Repossession.

32. 6-14 (A, above). SYMBOL PURCHASE OF THE FIELD. (Alternation.)

A | q | 6-7. The word of Jehovah. Coming.
| r | 8-12. The field. Request.
q | 13-5. The word of Jehovah. Known.
| r | 5-14. The field. Compliance.

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7 Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6. thine uncle: i.e. Shallum, not Hanameel, who was Jeremiah's cousin. See next verse.

my field. Ac. to Num. 26, 5, this would be within 2,000 cubits of Anathoth.

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 And in the days of 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 The LORD God of Hosts, 18 Thou savest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers upon the children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of Hosts, is His name.
18 Great in counsel, and mighty in work; for His Thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to His doings, and according to the fruit of His doings:
19 Which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day, and in Israel, and among all the heathen, and hast made Thee a name, as at this day;
20 And hast brought forth Thy People Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror;
21 And hast given them this land, which Thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey;
22 And they came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not Thy voice, neither walked in Thy law;
23 And 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 if 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:"

C 26 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,
27 Behold, 3 am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for Me?
poured out drink offerings unto other gods, to provoke Me to anger.
30 For the 18 children of Israel and the 18 children of Judah have only done 3 evil before Me from their youth; for the 18 children of Israel have only 3 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 3 evil of the 18 children of Israel and of the 18 children of Judah, which they have done to provoke Me to anger, 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 early and early, and gave them 3 the plant, 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 Molesch; which I commanded them not, neither came it into My mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.
36 And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the 18 God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof 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;
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 3 shall be My God:
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 3 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 them to do them good, and 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 3 evil upon this people, so will 3 bring upon them all the good that 3 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 3 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

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time, while 3 was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying,
2 Thus saith the LORD the Maker thereof, the LORD That formed it, to establish it; the LORD is His name;
3. 3

Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

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;

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 My fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid My face from this city.

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

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

And I will cleanse 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.

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 all the good that 3 do unto them; and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that 3 procure unto it.

Thus saith the Lord: 'Again shall be heard in this place, which 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

mighty — inaccessible: i.e. too high for Jeremiah to know, apart from revelation.

the Lord, the God of Israel. See note on 11. 3.


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

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".


Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

7 captivity. As in 32. 44.

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

Sing. = the principles. Heb. ṭōdāh. Ap. 44. iv.

sinned . . . sinned. Heb. ṣāhālā. Ap. 44. i.


54m. The Severus Codex (Ap. 54) reads "it".

10 Je. Jeremiah has been saying this.


cities. See the Structure ("w 2 w 4 w 3"), p. 1064.


The Lord of hosts — Jehovah (with 'ēth) 'ēḇbāth. Some cite on 6. 6, and 1 Sam. 1. 3.

mercy — loving-kindness, or grace. Not the same word as in v. 26.

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

that shall bring. Implying a settled order of worship.

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

as at the first. Note the Structure ("w 1") , p. 1044.

saith the Lord = [is] Jehovah's Oracle.

mountains — hill-country.

33. 15—19 (EA p. 1064). THE BRANCH OF JEHOWAH. (Alternation.)

E 2 a 15. The Branch raised up.


a 17. Heir of David not lacking.


15 the Branch of righteousness, Op. 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. 'ārets = 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 23. 6.


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

18 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, 'The Lord our 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.'"

E' c' 19 And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying,
   (p. 1066)
   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;
   d' 21 Then may also "My covenant be broken
   with David My servant, that he should not
   have a son to reign upon his throne; and with
   the Levites *the priests, My ministers.
   c' 22 As *the host of heaven cannot be num-
   bered, neither *the sand of the sea measured:
   so will I multiply the seed of David My serv-
   ant, and the Levites that minister unto Me.
   c' 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
   *the LORD hath chosen, He hath even cast" them off?' thus they have despised Me, 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;
   d' 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 cause
   their captivity to return, and have mercy on
   them."

34. 1-30. 19 (T. p. 1064). DEFEAT AND CAPTIVITY OF ZEDEKIAH PROCLAIMED.

(T. p. 1066)

T' e 34 (p. 1064)

The word which came unto Jeremiah
from the LORD, when Nebuchadnez-
zar king of Babylon, and all his army,
and all the kings of the earth of his
dominion, and all the people, fought against Jerusalem,
and against all the cities thereof, saying,
2 "Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel;
Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, 'Thus saith the LORD; '*Behold,
I will give this city into the hand of the king of the
Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire:
3 And thou shalt not escape out of his hand,
but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into
his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the
eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall
speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou
shalt go to Babylon.
4 Yet hear the word of the LORD, 0 Zede-
kiah king of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of
thine, Thou shalt not die by the sword:
5 But thou shalt die peace; and *with the
burnings of thy thorns, the former kings
which were before thee, so shall they burn
odours for thee, and they will lament thee:
saying, 'Ah Lord!' for 3 have pronounced
the word, 'saith the LORD.'"
6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these
words unto Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusa-
lem.
7 When the king of Babylon's army fought
against Jerusalem, and against all the cities
of Judah that were left, against *Lachish, and
against *Azekah; for these defenced cities re-
maind of the cities of Judah.

G H g 8 This is the word that came unto Jeremiah

from the LORD, after that the king Zedekiah
had made "a covenant with all the People
479 which were at Jerusalem, "to proclaim liberty unto them;"
9 That every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant, being an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, "go free;" that none should "serve himself of them, to will, of a Jew his brother.
10 Now when all the princes, and all the People, which had entered into the covenant, heard that "every one should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, they would "serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed, and let them go.

11. But afterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

g 12 Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
13 "Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying,
14 "At the end of seven years let ye go every man his brother an Hebrew, which hath been sold unto thee; and when he hath served thee these years, thou shalt let him go free from thee:" but thy fathers hearkened not unto Me, neither inclined their ear.
15 And ye were now turned, and had done right in My sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant between Me in the house of thine own -- which is called by My name:

h 16 But ye turned and polluted My name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom he had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

I 17 Therefore thus saith the LORD: Ye have not hearkened unto Me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every one to his neighbour:

"Behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the LORD, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

k 18 And I will give the men that have transgressed My covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before Me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof,
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 of the calf;
20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of the band of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you.

m 21 And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, *which are gone up from* you.

22 Behold, I will command, saith the 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 The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,
35. 2. JEREMIAH.

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 Jazaiah the son of Jeremia, the son of Habaziniah, 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 for ever: neither shall ye build houses, 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.'"

7 Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, our daughters;

8 Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed:

9 But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

10 But it came to pass, when Nebuchadnezzar 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:

15 notwithstanding they have spoken unto you, 'rising early and speaking;

16 but ye hearkened not unto Me.

17 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 go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers:'

18 but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto Me.

19 Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them;

20 but this People hath not hearkened unto Me:

21 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel:
36 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 that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.

3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I will do unto them; that 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, "3 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 before me, the words of the Lord in the ears of the people in the Lord's house upon the fast day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.

7 It may be that 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 of 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 the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the Lord's house, in the ears of all the People.
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 Delahah 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 Michalad declared unto them 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 of the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto **Baruch, saying, **Take in thine hand the 2 roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the People, and come." So **Baruch the son of Neriah took the 2 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 his mouth?"

18 Then **Baruch answered them, **"He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and 3 wrote them with ink in the book."

19 Then said the princes unto **Baruch, **"Go, hide thee, **Jeremiah; and let no one man know where ye be."

20 And they went in to the king into the court, but laid up the 2 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.

22 And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

23 Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the 9th month: and there was a fire 2 on the hearth burning before him.

24 And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four 4 leaves, **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.

25 Yet they were **not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.

26 Nevertheless **Elnathan and Delahah and **Gemariah had **made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them.

27 But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of **Hammenech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take **Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the *king hid them.

28 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,

29 "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.

30 And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, **"Thus saith the *Lord; **If thou hast 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 thence man and beast?"

31 And I will *punish him and his seed and his servants for their 3iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the 11men of Judah, all..."
32 Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah 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.

37 And king Zedekiah the son of Josiah, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah,
cabin = cells.
remained = abode.  Note the Fig. Cycloides (Ap. 6),
marking the refrain, which is repeated in v. 21, and in
8. 13. 28; as shown in the Structure.
478  17 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took
him out; and the king asked him secretly in
his house, and said, 6 Is there any word from
the LORD?  And Jeremiah said, 6 Is there
a for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into
the hand of the king of Babylon.
18 Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zede-
kiah, 6 What have I offended against thee, or
against thy servants, or against this people,
that ye have put your servant 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, 0 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 6 prison, and that they should give him
daily a 6 piece of bread out of the bakers'

court, until all the bread in the city were
spent.  Thus Jeremiah 6 remained in the
court of the 6 prison.

38. 1-13 (T. p. 1071). PERSECUTION OF JEREMIAH. (Extended Alternation.)


c 6. The dungeon.

c 11. 12. The dungeon.
d 11. Drawing out of the mire.

1 Pashur.  See note on 20. 1.
2 the LORD.  Heb. Jehovah.  Ap. 4. II.
goeth forth.  Some codices add "and falleth",
welfare = peace.  6 dungeon.  See note on 87. 16.
Hammelach = the king.  See note on 86. 26.
prison = house of detention.
sunk in the mire.  To be preferred to the moral
sense of the word, as in Zech. 12. 1.
7 Ebed-melech = the Ethiopian.  See 88. 16; and cp.
Acts 8. 27-38.
8 Ebed-melech.  Some codices add "the Ethiopian",
10 thirty.  The king knew the danger.  No need to
suppose that "thirty" is a copyist's error for "three"!
11 old cast = cast-off clothes.
cloths = patches.  Ang.-Sax. clat = a patch.
armholes = arm pits.
13 remained.  See note on 87. 13.

38. 14-27 (U. p. 1071). PRIVATE CONFERENCE. (Introversion.)

b 15. Jeremiah.  Stipulation with king.

14 Then, &c.  This is the last picture of Zedekiah,
and of the house of Judah.

place where he is: for there is no more bread
in the city:

10 Then the king commanded 6 Ebed-melech
the Ethiopian, saying, 6 Take from hence
thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the
prophet out of the 6 dungeon, before he die.

11 So Ebed-melech took the 4 men with him,
and went into the house of the king under the
treasury, and took old cast 6 cloths and
old rotten rags, and let them down by cords
into the dungeon to Jeremiah.

12 And 6 Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said unto
Jeremiah, 6 Put now these 10 old cast cloths
and rotten rags under thine 6 armholes under
the cords."  And Jeremiah did so.

13 So they drew up Jeremiah with cords,
and took him up out of the 6 dungeon: and Jeremiah
6 remained in the court of the 6 prison.

14 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took
Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third entry that is in the house of the LORD; and the king said unto Jeremiah, "I will ask thee a thing; hide nothing from me."  

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?"

16 So Zedekiah the king spake secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, "As the LORD liveth, That made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy soul."

17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, "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 shalt escape out of their hand."

19 And Zedekiah the king spake unto Jeremiah, "I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me."

20 But Jeremiah said, "They shall not deliver thee. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD, which I speak unto thee: so shall it be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live."

21 But if thou refuse to go forth, this is the word that the LORD hath shewed me: 22 And, behold, all the women that are left in the city of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall speak, 'Thy friends have set thee on, and have prevailed against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned away back.' 23 So they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to 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."

24 Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, "Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die. 25 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.' 26 Then thou shalt say unto them, 'I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.'"

27 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. 28 So Jeremiah abode in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken: and he was there when Jerusalem was taken.


In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up.

And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsichim, Rab-saris, Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, with the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon.

And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fell, and went forth out of
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 plain 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 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 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.

478 R C (p. 1074) 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 Nebushasban, 3 *Rab-saris, and 3 Ner-gal-sharee, 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.

E 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, 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 before thee."
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."'

D 477 40 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 out of the 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.

by the gate. On the south corner of Ophel See Ap. 68.
the plain. To avoid the Jordan.
Jericho. Thus, Jericho was the scene of Israel's first victory (Josh. 6), and final defeat.
Riba. Now Riblah, on the west bank of the Orontes, thirty-five miles north-east of Balbek, the base and head-quarters of Nebuchadrezzar. Some twenty-two years before, Jehuahaz was put in bonds here by Pharaoh-nechoh, to be led captive to Egypt. See 2 Kings 23. 33.
gave judgment = pronounced sentence: i.e. for his perjury. See 2 Chron. 36. 10. Ezek. 17. 15, 16.
8 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. Ch. 52. 11, and 2 Kings 25. 7, show that this purpose was executed. It was not so with Jehoiakim (2 Chron. 36. 6).
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.
Nebuzar-adan = the prince favoured by Nebu.
39. 10–44. 30 (p. 1071). THE PEOPLE TAKEN, AND LEFT. (Introversion.)
R C | 39. 10. The poor of the People.
E | 39. 15–18. Promise to Ebed-melech.
C | 40. 7–44. 30. The poor of the People.
10 poor. Heb. dal. See note on "poverty", Prov. 6. 11.
11 to = the hand of, or through.
12 look well to him. Not the first, rejected by the Jews, who was honoured by the Gentiles.
14 prison = house of detention: as in Is. 6. 13, 20.
Shaphan. See note on 2 Kings 22. 2.
40 carry him home. Some codices, with one early printed edition (Rabbinic), read "out of the [prison] house". From the next chapter we learn that he was taken north to Ramah with other captives, and from that place was set free, and went to Gedaliah to Mizpah (40. 6). This verse (v. 14) is only a brief summary.
so and.

The Thirty-Fifth Prophecy of Jeremiah (p. 1015).
16 Go and speak. Not to interrupt the history, this incident as to Ebed-melech is reserved till now.
evill = calamity. Heb. r'da'. Ap. 44. viii.
17 saith the LORD = [is] Jehovah's oracle.
19 a prey: i.e. he should save it. Cp. 21. 9.

The Thirty-Sixth Prophecy of Jeremiah (p. 1015).
40. 1 the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.
2 chains = the two fetters, as in 39. 7.
3 the guard. See note on 39. 9.
said. Nebuzar-adan takes all the credit to himself.
Cp. 39. 11.
evill = calamity. Heb. r'da'. Ap. 44. viii.
3 Now the LORD hath brought it, and done according as He hath said. because ye have sinned against the Lord, and have not
477 obeyed His voice, therefore this thing is come upon you.

4 And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which were upon thine hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come; and I will look well unto thee: but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear: 6 behold, all the land is before thee: whither it seemeth good and convenient for thee to go, thither go.

5 Now while he was yet gone back, he said unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over all the land, to dwell in the cities of Judah, and dwell 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.

6 Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and dwelt with him among the People that were left in the land.

7 Now when all the captains of the forces which were in the fields, even Ishmael and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon;

8 Then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael, and the men of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kedah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the son of Netophathite, and Jezeaniah the son of Maachah, and their men.

9 And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan spake unto them and to their men, saying, “Fear not to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

10 As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to serve the Chaldeans, which will come unto us; but ye, gather ye wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye have taken.”

11 Likewise when all the Jews that were in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and that were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan;

12 Even all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

13 Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,

14 And said unto him, “Dost thou certainly know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to slay thee?”

But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them not.
wherefore should he slay thee, that all the Jews which are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish?"

16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, "Thou shalt not do this thing: for Ishmael spake falsely of "Ishmael."

Now it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nathaniel 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 of the land.

3 Ishmael also slew all the Jews that were with him, even with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, and the men of war.

4 And it passed 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 sleeves rent, and mourning for 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, in the flesh pit, and the men that were with him.

8 But ten men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, "Slay us not: for we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey." So he forbore, and slew them not among their brethren.

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 (F2, p. 1075). TREACHERY. AVENGED. (Extended Alternation.)

1 Ishmael's treachery.
2 Captives taken.
3 Ammonites.
4 Johanan's treachery.
5 Captives rescued.
6 Ammonites.

1 Eliaschah. A seal has been found with his name on it.
3 Gedaliah. See note on 26, 24; and op. 39, 14, and 40, 5.
4 Mizpah. See note on 40, 6.
5 Ishmael. See note on 40, 8.
6 had made. Cp. 40, 5.
7 and. Some codices, with Vulg. and three early printed editions, read this "and" in the text.
9 Shiloh. The last of five references to Shiloh in Jeremiah. Cp. 7, 12, 14; 26, 6, 9.
10 offerings. These would be meal-offerings, according to Lev. 2. 1. Flesh sacrifices were now impossible.
11 Pent. (Lev. 12, 1). Probably for the feast of the fifteenth (Lev. 23, 27, 34; Num. 29, 2. Deut. 16, 19), to the house, &c. Still recognised as the place where Jehovah had chosen.
13 weeping all along as he went = going on and on weeping.
14 treasures = hidden [treasures, or stores].
15 the pit: or, cistern. Not mentioned elsewhere, but see 1 Kings 15, 22 and 2 Chron. 16, 6.
16 because of = besides.
17 was it. By regrouping the letters, this reads "[was] a large pit which", etc.
18 the king's daughters. See note on 43, 7.
19 Nebuzar-adan. See note on 39, 9.
20 the guard = the executioners (2 Kings 25, 4). Cp. Gen. 37, 36; 39, 1.
22 Gibeah. Now el Jib, about five miles north of Jerusalem, where Joab treacherously slew Amasa (2 Sam. 20, 8, 10).
23 cast about = turned round.
24 eight. Two had been slain in the encounter above.

41. 16-43. 7 (F2, p. 1075). UNDER JOHANAN IN THE LAND. (Intervention and Alternation.)

16-18. Intention to go to Egypt.
19-22. Suppression to Jeremiah.
26-28. Intention carried out.

found him by the great waters that are in Gibeah.

13 Now it came to pass, that when all the People which were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, then they were glad.

14 So all the People that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned, and went unto Johanan the son of Kareah.

15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites.

16 Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, all the remnant of the People whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of
477 Nathaniah, from Mizpah, after that he had slain Gedaliah the son of Abikam, even mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon:

17 And they departed, and dwelt in the habitation of Chimham, which is by Beth-lehem, to go into Egypt.

18 Because of the Chaldeans: for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nathaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Abikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

42. 1 Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshiaiah, 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 pray for us unto 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.

4 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 according to all things for the 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 send thee; 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 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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477 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 p 19 "The LORD hath said concerning you, "O ye remnant of Judah; " Go ye not into Egypt;"

and know certainly that I have "admonished you this day.

r 20 For " ye dissembled in your "hearts, when ye sent me unto "the LORD your "2 God, saying, "Pray for us unto "the LORD our "2 God; and according unto all that "the LORD our "2 God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it."

q 21 And now I have "this day declared "it to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of "the LORD your "2 God, nor any "thing for the 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 48 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 "2 God, for which "the LORD their "2 God had sent him to them, even all these words,

2 Ananias the son of Hoshaijah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the "men, saying unto Jeremiah, "If thou speakest falsely: "the LORD our "2 God hath not sent thee to say, "Go not into Egypt to sojourn there:"

3 But "Baruch the son of Neriah setteth himself against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon."

4 So Johanan 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.

5 But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took "all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from "all nations, "whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah;

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.

7 So they came into the land of Egypt; for they obeyed not the voice of "the LORD: thus came they even to "Taphanses.

F S U 8 "Then came the word of "the LORD unto Jeremiah in "Taphanses, 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 "Taphanses, in the sight of the "men of Judah;

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."

42. 19-22 (Q p. 1077). SUPPLICATION. ANSWERED. (Inversion.)


q 19-22. Admonition.

r 20. Incrimination.

q 21. Declaration.

J 22. Threatening.

19 Go ye not into Egypt. This had ever been a standing command for Israel (Dent. 17. 16. Isa. 51. 1. Ezek. 17. 10.). admonished—testified against.


21 this day declared = declared this day. See note on Dent. 4. 26.


43. 1-7 (M p. 1079). INTENTION CARRIED OUT. (Alteration.)


7. The People. Disobedience.

1 all. Put by Fig. Sympochoe (of the Whole), Ap. 6. for the greater part, not all without exception.

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


3 Baruch. A man of noble family (32. 12.) suspected here. The reason may be found in 49. 1-5.


ap. 41. 1.

7 Taphanses. An Egyptian fortress on the eastern or Syrian frontier of Lower Egypt (op. 2. 15), where the Pharaoh had his palace. See v. 9. Now Belzarchemeh; where Petrie discovered (in 1886) a ruin called Zasar el Bint. Jehovah = the palace of the daughter of Judah, assigned doubtless to the daughters of King Zedekiah.

v. 9 above; and 41. 10. See Ap. 87.

43. 8-44. 30 (F p. 1075). UNDER JOHANAN IN EGYPT. (Inversion and Alterations.)

F S U 8. 3-10. Sign. Great stones.

V 43. 11-13. Threatening.


X 44. Escapes of remnant.

T W 44. 15-27. Idolatry. Discussion.

X 44. 28. Escapes of remnant.

S U 44. 29. Sign. Punishment.

V 44. 30. Threatening.

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8 Then —And. The Structure shows that a new member commences here.

9 the brickkiln = the brick pavement before the royal palace. Laid bare in 1888 by Flinders Petrie. See note on 2 Sam. 12. 31. There could be no "brickkiln" close to the entrance of the palace. But such a platform is seen to-day outside all great, and most small, houses in Egypt. It is called mudhwa, and is kept clean, and swept. Often made of beaten clay, edged with bricks. For this particular brickwork pavement, see Ap. 87. See note on v. 7.

10 the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 2. 5. The longer title is used to show the solemnity of the utterance.

Behold, Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

Nebuchadrezzar ... will set, &c. This was fulfilled to the letter. Josephus records it (Ant. x. 9, 10), but Egyptian history is naturally silent. It took place five years after his destruction of Jerusalem.

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.
43. 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.

u 13 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives:

u and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, "as a shepherd putteth on his garment;" and he shall go forth from thence in peace.

v 18 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. The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwell at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

2 Thus saith "the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;" I have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein.

z 3 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 they, gr, nor your fathers.

x 4 Howbeit I sent unto you all My servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, 'Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate.'

y 5 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods.

y² Wherefore My fury and Mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as at this day.

z² Therefore now thus saith "the LORD, the God of hosts;" the God of Israel;" 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;

z 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 be gone to dwell, that ye might cut yourselves off, and that ye might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

z² 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?

v 10 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.'

44. 11-13 (V, p. 1078). Threatening. (Alternation.)

V u 11. Land of Egypt.


x 11 such as are, &c. See note on 2 Sam. 12. 31.

y 12 as according as.

z 13 images = standing images, or obelisks. Probably Ashtoreth. See Ap. 42.

Beth-shemesh. Heb. = House (or Temple) of the Sun; Greek, = "Heliopolis;" Egyptian, "On;" about ten miles north-east of Cairo.

that is in the land of Egypt. This is to distinguish it from the Beth-shemesh of Josh. 15. 10; Judg. 1. 19; 1 Sam. 6. 9, 19. See note on Isa. 19. 19; and Ap. 8.

44. 1-14 (W, p. 1078). Idolatry. Declaration. (Repeated and Extended Alternation.)


y 4. Remonstrance.

x 5. Disregard.


z² 8. Provocation. Incense.

x 9. Remonstrance.

y 10. Disregard.


The Thirty-Ninth Prophecy of Jeremiah (p. 1016).

This was Jeremiah's Thirty-Ninth and latest prophecy (p. 1015) relating to Israel. Chs. 46-51 relate to the Gentiles.


Tahpanhes. See note on 43. 7.


2 the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 7. 5.

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


serve other gods. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 18. 10; 20. 17)." Hence, early, &c. See note on 7. 13.

7 the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 30. 17.


child = little one. out of Judah = out of the midst of Judah.

8 works. Some codices, with five early printed editions (one, marg.), and Syri., read "work" (sing.).

dwell = sojourn.

among. Some codices, with three early printed editions, Sept., and Vulg., read "to;"

9 wickedness = wickednesses, or wicked ways. Heb. ra'a. Ap. 44. viii. Note the Fig. Repetitio (Ap. 6), used for great emphasis. their wives. See v. 16.

10 humbled = contrite.

11 Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6.

I will set My face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.

12 And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of
477 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 execration, 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 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, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

17 "As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee.

18 But well we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth 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.

19 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.

20 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 him that answer, saying,

21 "The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the People of the land, did not the LORD remember it, and came it 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:

26 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: '9] 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.'

28 Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; 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.'

27 Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good; and 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.

28 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.

29 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:

30 Thus saith the LORD: "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 "Thus saith the Lord, Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted will I pluck up, even this whole land.

4 And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not:

5 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 the son of Josiah king of Judah.

2 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 brigandines.

5 Wherefore have I seen them disdained 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.

45. 1-3 (Q. p. 1071). BARUCH. (Repeated Alternation.)

Q c1 [1, 2. Word of Jehovah to Baruch.]

c1 [3. What Baruch had said.]

c1 [4. Word of Jehovah to Baruch.]

c1 [5. What Baruch sought.]

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46. 1-51. 64- (C. p. 1016). PROPHECIES ADDRESSED TO GENTILES. (Introversion.)

A [40. 1-29. Egypt. South.]
B [41. 1-7. Philistines. West.]
C [41. 8-40. 4. Moab and Ammon. East and South.]
D [40. 7-27. Edom. South.]
E [40. 28-27. Damascus. North.]
G [49. 28-33. Kedar and Hazor. North.]

46. 1-28 (A, above) EGYPT. ITS OVERTHROW. (Introversion.)

A [E 1. 2. Egypt. Proclamation.]
B [3-12. Its overthrow.]
D [17, 18. Israel. Encouragement.]

1 the Lord. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II. which came. For the part, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim (see Ap. 66), and may have been included in the roll of ch. 36. This section may be compared with Isaiah's burdens and woes (cp. p. 930), and Ezekiel (25-32), and Amos (1, 1, 2).

46. 3-12 (F, above). EGYPT. ITS OVERTHROW. (Extended Alternation.)

F [e 3, 4. Call to battle.]
f [5. 6. Dismay of Egypt.]

1 Order ye = Prepare ye, or Put in order.
2 brigandines = coats of mail.
3 beaten down = crushed.
4 fled apace. Fig. Polyptoton (Ap. 6). Heb. fled a flight. Well rendered "fled apace," fear was round about. Heb. מַגָּר mageshibi = terror round about. See note on 6. 28.

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5 Wherefore have I seen them disdained 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 Rabbinc), 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. 30. 24.

The Gargamish of the Inscriptions, now known as Jerambas, or Membich, &c. the fourth year of Jehoiakim. A critical era in the history of Egypt, Babylon, Judah, and the world. See Ap. 65. 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 (2 Kings 23. 29-30).
Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape: they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.

Who is this that cometh up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers? Egypt riseth up like a flood, and his waters are moved like the rivers; and he saith, 13: I will go up, and will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.

Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth: the Ethiopians and the Libyans, that handle the shield; and the Egyptians, that handle and bend the bow.

For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that He may avenge Him of His adversaries; and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiated and made drunk with blood; for the Lord of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines; for thou shalt not be cured.

The nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry hath filled the land: for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, and they are fallen both together.

The word that the LORD spake to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon should come and smite the land of Egypt.

Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahapanes: say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee.

Why are thy valiant men swept away? they stood not, because the LORD did drive them.

He made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword.

They cried there, 13: Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath passed the time appointed.

As I 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.

O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, furnish thyself to go into captivity: for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant.

Egypt is like a very fair heifer, but destruction cometh out of the north.

Also her hired men are in the midst of her like fatted bullocks; for 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.

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.

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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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 Noph, 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.

27 But fear not, O My servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel:

for, saith the LORD, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

28 Fear not, O Jacob My servant, saith the LORD:

for I am with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have 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.

47.

The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote Gaza.

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2 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overthrow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein:

then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.

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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;

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 the Canaan.

5 Baldness is come upon Gaza;

6 Ashkelon is cut off with the remnant of their valley; how long wilt thou cut thyself?

6 O thou word of the LORD, how long wilt thou 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.

48. 1-49. 6 (C, p. 1051). MOAB AND AMMON. (Division.)


48. 1-47 (D, above). MOAB.

L1 | M 1-17. Introduction.
N | 1-46. The present state.
| 47-47. The latter state.
M | 47. Conclusion.

1 Against—concerning. Moab. Always hostile to Israel. Cp. Judg. 3. 12, 23; 1 Sam. 14. 47. 2 Sam. 8. 2; 2 Kings 1. 1; 8. 4-27; 18. 29. In the reign of Jehoiakim they joined with the Chaldeans thus saith. As in Num. 21. 22, 23; 24. 17 (cp. vv. 45, 46), and Amos 2. 2 (cp. vv. 22, 47, p. 1065) and Zeph. 2. 8. 9 (cp. v. 22, 49, p. 1065). the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 7. 3.

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48. 1. JEREMIAH.

48. 1-48 (P. 1083). MOAB'S THEN PRESENT STATE. (Introversion and Alternation.)

48. 1-10. Threatening.
48. 16-20. Condition.
48. 31-40. Threatening.
48. 41-44. Flight.


Devised = counselled. Note Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 6).

Heshbon, Mashháh.

2. be cut down = be reduced to silence.
6. f thy shalt also = if thou shalt.
8. be deceitfully = negligently: i.e. this work of judgment.

48. 11-28 (P. above). 29-39 (P. above). MOAB'S CONDITION AND CHARACTER. (Extended Alternation and Introversion.)

P. Q. 11. At ease.

P. Q. 29. In pride.

11 hath been at ease. Since Moab had driven out the Emims (Deut. 2, 19). remains = stood.
20 behold. Fig. Asierima. Ap. 6.
21 the Lord = [is] Jehovah’s oracle.
22 wanderingers, that shall cause him to wander — tills that shall till him. Keeping up the symbol of a vine-jar (v. 11).
23 as = according as.
24 the house of Israel. See note on 2, 4. The last occurrence in Jeremiah.

Bethel. Ref. to the calves of Jeroboam (1 Kings 12, 29, Hos. 10, 5).

48. 14-25 (U. above). JUDGMENTS. (Extended Alternation.)

S. 15, 16. Answer.
T. 17, 18. Lamentation.

S. 20. Answer.
T. 21-25. Lamentation.

15 given up ... her cities = her cities have gone up, or ascended in burning.
16 saith the King — [is] the King’s oracle. Cp. 46, 16, the Lord of hosts. See note on 6, 6.
19 inhabitant = inhabitress. Ref. to “daughter” (v. 18).
20 Aror. Now ‘Ar’air, on the north bank of Wá’i, Moab (Arnon).
21 Arnon. Now Wá’áir, on the east side of the Dead Sea.
21 And judgment is come upon the plain country; upon *Holon, and upon *Jahazah, and upon *Mephaath, 22 And upon *Dibon, and upon *Nebo, and upon *Beth-diblathaim, 23 And upon *Kiriathaim, and upon *Beth-gamul, and upon *Beth-meeon, 24 And upon *Kerioth, and upon *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; 1 saith the LORD. 26 Make ye him drunken: for he magnified himself against the LORD: Moab shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision. 27 For was not Israel a derision unto thee? was he found among thieves? for 2 since thou spakest of him, thou *skippest for joy. 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. 29 We have heard the *pride of 1 Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart. 30 3 know his wrath, 1 saith 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; *mine heart shall mourn for the 1 men of *Kir-heres. 32 O vine of 1 Sibmah, I will weep with thee, with the weeping of 1 Jazer: thy 3 plants are gone over the sea, they reach even to the sea of 1 Jazer: the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer and upon thy vintage. 33 And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of 1 Moab; and I have caused 3 wine to fail from the winepresses: none shall tread with shouting; their shouting shall be no shouting. 34 From the cry of 1 Heshbon even unto 3 Elealeh, and even unto 1 Jahaz, have they uttered their voice, from 1 Zoar even unto 1 Horonaim, *as an heifer of three years old: for the waters also of 1 Nimrim shall be desolate. 35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, 1 saith 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 3 like pipes for the 1 men of 3 Kir-heres: because the riches that he hath gotten are perished. 37 For *every head shall be *bald, and every beard clipped; upon all the hands shall be cuttings, and 4 upon the loins sackcloth. 40 For thus saith the LORD; 1 Behold, *he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over 1 Moab. 41 *Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and the 4 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 the LORD. 43 Fear, *and the pit, and the snare, shall be upon thee, O inhabitant of 1 Moab, 1 saith the LORD.
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.

They that feared the LORD stood under the shadow of Heshbon; and, behold, a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the inhabitants of Moab, and the head of the multitude of the sons of Ammon.

Woe be unto thee, Moab! the people of Chemosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives.

Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD.

Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

Concerning the Ammonites, thus saith the LORD: Hath Israel no sons? doth he have no heir? why then doth his king inherit God, and his people dwell in his cities?

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 wilderness, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD.

HOWL, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled; cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird yourselves with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the gates; for their king shall go into captivity, and his priests and his princes together.

Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, saying, Who shall come unto me?

Behold, I will bring upon thee saith the Lord God of hosts, from all those that be about thee; and ye shall be driven out forth; and none shall gather up him that wandereth.

And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the Lord.

Concerning Edom, thus saith the Lord of hosts: Is wisdom perished from Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?

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 grapes come to thee, would they not leave some gleanings? if thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough.

But have made Esau bare, have discovered his secrets, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and he is not.

The fear ... the pit ... the year of their visitation. Note the Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 8). Heb. Happahad ... Happath ... Happath ... Baphal, the year of their visitation. See note on 8. 12. 48 stood ... because of the force = stood strength, or halted.


captives. Fem.

bring again the captivity. Note the Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 6). Heb. "Shabiti eth-shabith, the latter days = in the end, or afterpart of the days.

AMMON.

(Division.)

The former state.

Latter state.

THE FORMER STATE.

(Intercession and Alteration.)

1. Question. Incrimination.


3. Lamentation.

4. Question. Incrimination.

5. Answer. Threatening.

The Forty-fifth Prophecy of Jeremiah (p. 1015).

Concerning, &c. Supply the Ellipsis, from 47. 1. Ammonites = sons of Ammon, north of Moab. When the tribes east of Jordan were carried away by Tiglath-pileser (I Kings 15. 29), Ammon supplanted Gad. This is the sin dealt with here.


Gad. The 1611 edition of the A.V. reads "God.

Behold, Fig. Asterisms. Ap. 6.

saith the Lord = [s] Jehovah's oracle.

Rabbah. Now 'Amman, on the highlands of Gilead.

A large Roman city was built there four centuries later, called "Philadelphia". Its ruins yet remain.

heap = tel.

daughters: i.e., villages, or smaller dependent towns.

Heshbon. Cp. 48. 2.

An Ammonite town, not yet identified.

cry = cry sadly.

hedges = fences.

Wherefore ... Who ... Fig. Erotesis. Ap. 8.

thy flowing valley = thy valley flowing [with blood].


Ap. 69. 1.

Ap. 4. II.

bring again, &c. See note on 48. 47.

children = sons. Not the same word as v. 11.

EDOM.

(Extended Alternation.)

The Forty-sixth Prophecy of Jeremiah (p. 1015).
11 Leave thy fatherless children, let the widows trust in me.

12 For thus saith the LORD: Behold, they whose judgment was not to drink of the cup of the Lord shall be utterly destroyed; thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely 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 oases of the south, shall be as a 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 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the Lord, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in 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 will 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 feast 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 as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 Concerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings: they are fainthearted; there is sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet.

24 Damascus is waxed feeble, and turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travail.

25 How is the city of praise not left.

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.

Concerning 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.

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.'

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.

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.

And Hazor shall be a dwelling for dragons, and a desolation for ever: there shall no man abide there, nor any son of man dwell in it.

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:

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their mighty.

And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

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:

And I will set My throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence the king and the princes, saith the LORD.

But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the LORD.

A B

50. The word that the LORD spake against Babylon and against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet.

Bel. Contrasted from the Aramaic form of Baal, the national god of Babylon. Another name for Bel (= Baal), Babylon's god.
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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, they have turned them away on 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 offend not, because they 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 their 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 flout 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 for it is the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her.

17 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle 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.

18 Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebu-

3 the north. Referring to Medo-Persia, which was on the north-west of Chaldea. But a future enemy is foretold.

none shall dwell therein. Showing that the fulfilment is still future.


50. 4-7 (E1, p. 1058). 17-20 (E2, p. 1058). ISRAEL AND JUDAH. (Introversion.)

Cf. E1g (p. 1059)

4 Repentance.
  h 5. Return.
  D2 7-10. Babylon. [See below.]
  k 13. Restoration.
  g 14. Pardon.

4 In those days. This prophecy awaits its fulfilment. The conquest by Medo-Persia did not exhaust it, saith the LORD is his oracle, children are sons together. Another proof that this prophecy refers to the future. Never yet fulfilled.

going and weeping. Heb. wāpeph as they travel, so shall they journey on.

weeping. For their past sins. Cp. 31. 9, 12. Joel 2.


the LORD, Heb. Jehovah (with 'eth). Ap. 4. II.


6 thitherward. Heb. 'āšāra. Jerusalem was therefore not in Babylon, but in Egypt.

perpetual. Another evidence that this prophecy refers to the future covenant. Cp. 8. 18-21; 11. 1-6; 31. 21.


shepherds: i.e. rulers, they have turned them away on the mountains—on the mountains they seduced them: i.e. by the idolatrous worship practised there.

7 We offend not, &c. Cp. 15, 23, 29; 2, 3; 25. 14, 15; 51. 11, 14, 26. Isa. 10, 5-7, 12, 13, 50. 14-16, 17.


Habitation—pasturage. Cp. 21, 25, justice—righteousness. In ch. 31, 23 this is applied to Jerusalem. Here Jehovah Himself is the pasturage in which His People find rest.

8 the Hope of their fathers. Put by Fig. Metonymy of Adjunct, Ap. 6, by which „hope” is put for the God in Whom their fathers hoped. Cp. 1 Tim. 1. 1.

50. 8-16 (D2, p. 1058). BABYLON.

(Introduction and Alternation.)

D2 F 1. Removal.
  G 3. Invasion.
  F 16. Flight.

8 go forth. Heb. text reads „they will go forth;” but margin, with some codices and two early printed editions, reads „go ye forth.” Cp. 51, 4, 6. Rev. 18. 4.

9 assembly=a gathered host, or confederation.


10 shall be satisfied. Cp. 49, 9.

11 destroyers=spoilers, or plunderers.

12 behold. Fig. Asterism. Ap. 6.

the hindermost=the last. Cp. v. 17; 25, 24.


15 given her hand. Put by Fig. Metonymy of Adjunct, Ap. 6, for what is done by it. Here the token of submission. Cp. Lam. 5, 6. Ezek. 17, 18.

as=according as. Cp. Rev. 18, 17.


17 Israel. Now a united nation. See note on v. 4, last. See note on „hindermost”, v. 12.
50. 17.

chadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones." 18 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; "Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria. 19 And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead.

50. 21-32 (D, p. 1088). BABYLON.

(Alternation.)

D 1 | [21-27.] Invasion.

m | [27-30.] Invasion.

l | [31-32.] Day of visitation.

21 Merathaim = double rebellion. So called, here, because the empire was founded in a double rebellion. See Prideaux, Connexion, vol. 1, p. 1. A symbolic name for Babylon, as Pekod is also (below) and Sheshach (25. 22; 51. 41). Pekod = visitation: i.e. in judgment. Destroy = devote to extermination. Heb. kāram. The same word as v. 28; not the same as vv. 11, 22.

22 destruction = smash; or, breaking down. Heb. šāmar. Not the same word as in vv. 11, 22.


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.

29 recompenses her. See Rev. 18. 4.


33 the Lord of hosts. See note on Ps. 71. 12.

34 Redeemer = Kinsman-Redeemer. Heb. ga'dol. See notes on Isa. 60. 14, and Ex. 6. 4.

35 strong = (to hold fast). Heb. Mazk. Not the same word as in v. 44.

50. 35-51. 4 (D, p. 1088). BABYLON.

(Introduction.)

D 1 | n 50. 35-38. Sword and drought.

m | 50. 39, 40. Desolation.

l | 50. 41-43. Invasion. Behold.

p | 50. 44. Invasion. Behold.

D 1 n | 50. 45, 46. Desolation.

n | 51. 1-4. Wind and winnowers.

35 A sword. Note the Fig. Anaphora (Ap. 6) in five successive sentences.

36 An sword = upon the Chaldeans, saith the Lord, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise men.

37 A sword is upon the highway, and upon her chariots, and upon all her mighty men.

38 A sword is upon her horses, and upon her chariots, and upon all her mingled people that are in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword is upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed.

50. 38-40.

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 o
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496? 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 the God of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith 1 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 strong: but I will make them suddenly 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 will stand before Me?

45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of 1 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.

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 5000 men, 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 brigandine: and spare ye not her 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 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; He 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.

39 no more inhabited, &c. Therefore the fulfilment is still future.


41 a great nation: i.e. Medo-Persia. coasted: sides: i.e. reared parts.

43 his hands, &c. See fulfilment in Dan. 5. 6.

44 like a lion, &c. See note on 49. 19 for this verse and v. 45, there spoken of Edom.

45 taken = counselled. land. Some codices, with three early printed editions and Aram., read "inhabitants of the land."


Me, A Massoretic note (Ap. 38) says that this is a cryptogram (Heb. "Cadinu"), meaning "the Chaldees."


2 fanners = winnowers. winnow. Fig. Polyptoton. Ap. 6.

3 Against him that bendeth, &c. The Massora (Ap. 30), instead of cancelling the repeated word "against," (as in v. 18), directs the substitution of "at," "not . . . . and not." The verse will then read, "Let not the archer bend his bow, nor let him lift himself up in his coat of mail" (i.e. in defence of Babylon). This is so read in two early printed editions, Chald., Syr., Vulg., and K.V.

brigandine = coat of mail.

destroy = break down. Heb. hamar. Same word as v. 44. Not the same as in v. 1, 2, 3, 10, 29, 29, 54, 55.

5 Israel . . . Judah. Now one People again.


the Lord of Hosts. See note on 6. 6., and 1 Sam. 1. 10. Heb. chajah. Ap. 44. I

the Holy One of Israel. See note on Ps. 71. 22.

51. 6-18 (D5, p. 1088). BABYLON.

(Alternation and Interversion.)

D5 | H | J
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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. Thou that dwellest upon many waters, and abidest in treasuries, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness.

14. The LORD of hosts hath sworn by Himself, saying, Surely I will fill thee with men, as 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 He hath stretched out the heavens 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 brings 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. Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee wilt I destroy kingdoms;

21. And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot 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 Mine 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 forborn to fight, they have remained in their holds: their might hath failed; they became as women: they have burned her dwelling-places; 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 threshing-floor, it is time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

34. Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicacies. He hath cast me out.

35. The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon," shall the inhabitants of Zion say; "and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall say.

36. Therefore thus saith the LORD; "Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.

37. And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling-place for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant.

38. They shall roar together like lions: they shall roar as lions' whelps.

39. In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake.

40. I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with goats.

41. How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!

42. The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.

43. Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass thereby.

44. And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

45. My People, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD.

46. And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; a rumour shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall come a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

47. Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confused, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.

48. Then there shall be singing and joy, and there shall be milk and honey, and all kinds of fruit in abundance, when all that is therein is therein. Sing ye, Babylon, for out of the north shall come a singer unto Babylon: to sing against Babylon: to sing a song upon the harp, to sing against the noise of them that refrain.

49. As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth.

50. Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, of Babylon; and his city shall be a desolation among the nations.
496. stand not still; remember 5 the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.”
51. We are confounded, because we have heard reproach; shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORD’s house.

(v) "Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will do judgment upon her graven images: and through all her land the wounded shall groan.
53. Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from Me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD.
54. A sound of a cry cometh from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans:
55. Because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered:

M 57. “And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake,” saith the King, Whose name is the LORD of hosts.

N 58. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: “The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labour in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary.”

B 59. The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded 50 Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon, in the fourth year of his reign. And this Seraiah was a quiet prince.
60. So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written against Babylon.

x 61. And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, "When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see and shalt read all these words;

y 62. Then shalt thou say, ‘O 1 LORD, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever.’

z 63. And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book,

that thou bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates;
64. And thou shalt say, ‘Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary.’

Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

A 497. 52. 5. Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

50. the LORD. Heb. Jehovah (with ’eh). Ap. 4. II.
58. walls. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Sept., and Vulg., read wall”.

people = peoples. be weary = faint.

51. 59-64 (B, p. 1088). WORD OF JEREMIAH TO SERAIAH. (RATIFICATION.) (Introversion.)

52. 1-34 (A, p. 1015). APPENDIX. (Introversion.)

P 4-27. Captivity. The great one.
| O | 31-34. Jehoiakim and Evil-Merodach.

Similar to ch. 39, but with additional details.


52. 4-27 (P, above). CAPTIVITY: THE GREAT. (Alternation and Introversion.)

Q | 4-5. Jerusalem besieged.
| a | 7. Jerusalem taken.
| b | 7. Consequence. Execution at Riblah.

Q | c | 11-14. The Temple burned.
| d | 16. The poor left.
| e | 17-22. The Temple spoiled.
| R | 21-27. 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 Nebuchadrezzar 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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29 In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two persons:

30 In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons; all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.

31 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the fifth and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the first year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison,

32 And spake kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon,

33 And changed his prison garments: and he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life.

34 And for his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

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 Assuan), dating from the fifth century B.C., bear witness to two great facts:

(1) That Jews were then dwelling there (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. 82 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 their temple was destroyed by the Egyptians, they appealed to the Persian governor of Judah, asking permission to restore it (Papyrus I).

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 "annunciation" of the approaching feast, such as were made from the earliest times to the present day (see Neh. 8. 15), containing a brief epitome of its laws and requirements. This particular announcement shows that the following passages were well known: Ex. 12. 16. Lev. 23. 7, 8. Num. 9. 1-14. Deut. 16. 6.

This Papyrus has been recently published by Professor Edward Sachau, of Berlin: Arabische Papyrus und ostraksa aus einer jüdischen Mutterkolonie zu Elephantine, Allorientalische Sprachdenkmäler des 6. Jahrhunderts vor Chr., mit 55 Lithographien. Leipzig, 1911. A small edition (texts only) by Professor Ungnad, of Jens, is published also under the title of Arabische Papyrus aus Elephantine.

Nearly 2,400 years, since this announcement by Hananiah 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.