

YWAM Biblical Studies Inductive Bible Method NKJV

# **THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS**



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*“The gospel is not a book; it is a living being, with an action, a power, which invades every thing that opposes its extension, behold! It is upon this table: This book, surpassing all others. I never omit to read it, and every day with some pleasure.”*

*Napoleon, Emperor of the French (1804-1814), 1769-1821*

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# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS

EXODUS

LEVITICUS

NUMBERS

DEUTERONOMY

JOSHUA

JUDGES

RUTH

1 SAMUEL

2 SAMUEL

1 KINGS

2 KINGS

1 CHRONICLES

2 CHRONICLES

EZRA

NEHEMIAH

ESTHER

JOB

PSALMS

PROVERBS

ECCLESIASTES

SONG OF SOLOMON

ISAIAH

JEREMIAH

LAMENTATIONS

EZEKIEL

DANIEL

HOSEA

JOEL

AMOS

OBADIAH

JONAH

MICAH

NAHUM

HABAKKUK

ZEPHANIAH

HAGGAI

ZECHARIAH

MALACHI

NEW TESTAMENT

MATTHEW

MARK

LUKE

JOHN

ACTS

ROMANS

1 CORINTHIANS

2 CORINTHIANS

GALATIANS

EPHESIANS

PHILIPPIANS

COLOSSIANS

1 THESSALONIANS

2 THESSALONIANS

1 TIMOTHY

2 TIMOTHY

TITUS

PHILEMON

HEBREWS

JAMES

1 PETER

2 PETER

1 JOHN

2 JOHN

3 JOHN

JUDE

REVELATION

\\ LAW \\ HISTORY \\ POETRY & WISDOM \\ MAJOR PROPHETS \\ MINOR PROPHETS  
\\ GOSPELS \\ HISTORY \\ LETTERS OF PAUL \\ GENERAL LETTERS \\ PROPHECY



# 2 APPROACHES TO BIBLE READING

## DEDUCTIVE APPROACH

- One comes to the text with a thesis and then seeks out passages to support that thesis.
- One has already, to a certain extent, drawn conclusions before reading the whole text of Scripture in context.
- One is dictating to the Scriptures, rather than letting the Scriptures speak.

## INDUCTIVE APPROACH - our aim

- One lays aside preconceived ideas and first lays a groundwork of observations.
- Conclusions are drawn from what one has observed. A thorough examination of the content becomes the basis for one's conclusions.
- One is letting the Scriptures speak for themselves.



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## STEPS OF THE INDUCTIVE APPROACH

Always PRAY  
The Holy Spirit is your teacher  
Think for yourself  
Don't only rely on other people  
Let the text speak for itself  
Conclusions come from what you have observed

### 1. OBSERVATION

- What does the text say? Look, look, look until looking becomes seeing.
- Observation does not determine what the text mean.
- It makes you familiar with the text before you interpret.
- Read through the whole book in one setting.
- If you are looking at one passage, look at the surrounding context.

### OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

1. Repeated Words | Phrases | Ideas | Themes
2. Key words
3. Who - People: Main characters, people groups, etc. Pronouns.
4. When - Time elements, Verb tenses
5. Where - Geographical locations, General locations.
6. Contrasts
7. Comparisons
8. Commands - Advice, Promises, Warnings, Predictions.
9. Conditional statements
10. Connectives
11. Atmosphere, Mood, Emotion
12. Figures of speech
13. Lists
14. Illustrations
15. Emphatic statements
16. Progression - of events, thought, author's logic.



## 2. INTERPRETATION

- What does it mean to the original Audience?
- It is not asking what it means to us today, but what it meant for the original hearers or readers.
- It involves understanding the author's viewpoint, as well as the view point of his audience.
- Imagine yourself thousands of years back in time. Put yourself in the shoes of the Original Audience. Try and see the passage through their eyes.

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- Who is the Original Audience?
- Why was the book written?
- What is the cultural situation?
- What is the political situation?
- What is the social and geographical situation?
- What did they think or believe?
- What is their religious background?
- What is happening in history or in their church at this time?
- Is the audience facing any problems?
- What are their strong points?

### **ASK:**

- Ask: WHY?
- Ask: What does it mean?
- Ask: What does this imply?
- Ask: What is the significance?
- What are the author's concerns?
- What are the original audience's concerns, questions, struggles



### 3. APPLICATION How does the timeless truths apply?

- Application is the GOAL of Bible study!
- As God teaches us His Word, we want Him to work in our hearts. The study of Scripture should result in changed lives.

*James 1:22-25*

*22 You must be doers of the word and not only hearers who mislead themselves. 23 Those who hear but don't do the word are like those who look at their faces in a mirror. 24 They look at themselves, walk away, and immediately forget what they were like. 25 But there are those who study the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continue to do it. They don't listen and then forget, but they put it into practice in their lives.*

*They will be blessed in whatever they do.*

*Common English Bible (CEB)*



## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What are the basic timeless truths in this book or passage?
2. How do these truths apply to my life?

### **Be specific.**

- What am I to believe?
- Do I need to change anything I have previously believed?
- Are there attitudes or actions that I need to change?
- How does this truth encourage me? In what area of my life?
- What do I see about the character of God?
- How does this aspect of God's character speak or minister to me?

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- What have I learned about myself from my study?
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# **THE PROCESS:** From observation to application

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- Observe!
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## **3rd Reading**

- Find the key verse in the book, and one in each chapter.

## **4th Reading**

- Write down your observations

## **5th Reading**

- Write a summary of this book
- Do application of book.



# OBSERVATION - OLD TESTAMENT

## Old Testament - Basic Required Information (BRI)

### THE PROPHETS

#### 1. Literary Question

a. What kind of literature is the book?

#### 2. Critical Question

- a. Who wrote the book?
- b. When was it written?
- c. To whom was it written?
- d. From where was it written?

#### 3. Historical Question

- a. Give any personal details about the prophet
- b. Give dates of significant historical events
  - What was the political situation
  - What was the international situation
  - Political situation in Israel or Judah & ruling kings
  - Any alliances or important battles
- c. What was the religious situation in Israel and Judah
- d. Which prophets were contemporaries

#### 4. Survey Question

- a. Which aspects of God's character does this book emphasize?
- b. What is the major reason this book was written?

### WISDOM BOOKS

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# MAIN DIVISIONS

Old Testament (39 books); New Testament (27 books).

## The Old Testament has the following categories:

Law (5 books), History (12 books), Poetry and Wisdom (5 books), Major Prophets (5 books), and Minor Prophets (12 books).

### Law

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy

### Poetry & Wisdom

Job  
Psalms  
Proverbs  
Ecclesiastes  
Song of Solomon  
Major Prophets

### Major Prophets

Isaiah  
Jeremiah  
Lamentations  
Ezekiel  
Daniel

### History

Joshua  
Judges  
Ruth  
1st Samuel  
2nd Samuel  
1st Kings  
2nd Kings  
1st Chronicles  
2nd Chronicles  
Ezra  
Nehemiah  
Esther

### Minor Prophets

Hosea  
Joel  
Amos  
Obadiah  
Jonah  
Micah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk  
Zephaniah  
Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi



# OBSERVATION - NEW TESTAMENT

## New Testament - Basic Required Information (BRI)

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### 2. Critical Question

- a. Who wrote the book?
- b. When was it written?
- c. To whom was it written?
- d. From where was it written?

### 3. Historical Question

New Testament - Letters and Revelation

- a. What is the historical setting of the book:  
What is the culture of the audience?  
What historical and cultural information is important to understand the book?
- b. When was the church founded
- c. Who makes up the church
- d. What are their strengths and weaknesses / problems?

## New Testament - Gospels and Acts

- e. What was the historical setting for the readers of the book?

### 4. Survey Question

- a. What is the main idea of the book  
(The message in one sentence)
- b. What is the major reason that the book was written?
- c. Which particular aspect of Jesus does the book portray?



## Moods of Communication

- Indicative Mood      a statement of fact
- Interrogative Mood    asking a question
- Imperative Mood      making a command
- Subjunctive Mood     statement of desire

## Application

- What fundamental universal truths are presented in this passage?
- State the issues in your own life/culture that this truth address.
- State the implications of the principle when applied to your life and the world around you. What change does it require? What value is reinforce? What difference does it make?
- Make a heartfelt decision to change. State this decision in a plan to accomplish the task. This is a specific course of action.

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General Letters (8 books), Prophecy (1 book).

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Matthew	Acts	Romans	Hebrews	Revelation
Mark		1st Corinthians	[perhaps by Paul]	
Luke		2nd Corinthians	James	
John		Galatians	1st Peter	
		Ephesians	2nd Peter	
		Philippians	1st John	
		Colossians	2nd John	
		1st Thess	3rd John	
		2nd Thess	Jude	
		1st Timothy		
		2nd Timothy		
		Titus		
		Philemon		





# HOSEA



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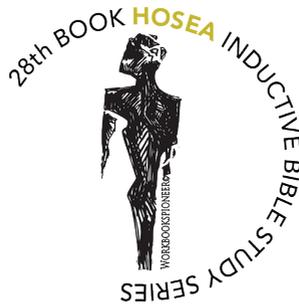
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# HOSEA



1 The word of the Lord that came unto Hosea, the son of Beerai, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

2 The beginning of the word of the Lord by Hosea: And the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms; for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the Lord."

3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, who conceived and bore him a son.

4 And the Lord said unto him, "Call his name Jezreel; for in yet a little while I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

5 And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel."

6 And she conceived again, and bore a daughter. And God said unto him, "Call her name Loruhamah [that is, Not having obtained mercy]; for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel, but I will utterly take them away.

7 But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the Lord their God,

**LEFT****Observe:**

and will not save them by bow,  
nor by sword, nor by battle, by  
horses, nor by horsemen."

8 Now when she had weaned  
Loruhamah, she conceived and  
bore a son.

9 Then said God, "Call his name  
Loammi [that is, Not My people],  
for ye are not My people, and I  
will not be your God.

10 Yet the number of the chil-  
dren of Israel shall be as the  
sand of the sea, which cannot  
be measured nor numbered;  
and it shall come to pass that in  
the place where it was said unto  
them, 'Ye are not My people,'  
there it shall be said unto them,  
'Ye are the sons of the living  
God.'

11 Then shall the children of Ju-  
dah and the children of Israel be  
gathered together, and appoint  
themselves one head; and they  
shall come up out of the land,  
for great shall be the day of  
Jezreel.

2:1 "Say ye unto your brethren,  
'Ammi' [that is, My people], and  
to your sisters, 'Ruhamah' [that  
is, Having obtained mercy].

2 "Plead with your mother,  
plead; for she is not My wife,  
neither am I her Husband. Let  
her therefore put away her  
whoredoms out of her sight, and  
her adulteries from between her  
breasts,

3 lest I strip her naked and set  
her as in the day that she was  
born, and make her as a wilder-  
ness, and set her like a dry land,  
and slay her with thirst.

4 And I will not have mercy upon  
her children, for they are the  
children of whoredoms.

5 For their mother hath played  
the harlot; she that conceived  
them hath done shamefully. For  
she said, 'I will go after my lovers  
that give me my bread and my  
water, my wool and my flax, mine  
oil and my drink.'

6 "Therefore, behold, I will  
hedge up thy way with thorns  
and make a wall, that she shall

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not find her paths.

7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them. Then shall she say, 'I will go and return to my first husband, for then was it better with me than now.'

8 For she did not know that I gave her corn and wine and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal.

9 Therefore will I return and take away My corn at the harvest thereof, and My wine in the season thereof, and will recover My wool and My flax given to cover her nakedness.

10 And now will I uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of Mine hand.

11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her Sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

12 And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, 'These are my rewards that my lovers have given me'; and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

13 And I will visit upon her the days of the Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot Me," saith the Lord.

14 "Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortingly unto her.

15 And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the Valley of Achor for a door of hope; and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

16 "And it shall be at that day," saith the Lord, "that thou shalt call Me 'Ishi' [that is, My husband], and shalt call Me no more 'Baali' [that is, My Lord].

17 For I will take away the names

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of the Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.  
18 And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of the heavens, and with the creeping things of the ground; and I will break the bow and the sword and warfare out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.  
19 And I will betroth thee unto Me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto Me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.  
20 I will even betroth thee unto Me in faithfulness, and thou shalt know the Lord.  
21 "And it shall come to pass in that day I will hear," saith the Lord, "I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth.  
22 And the earth shall hear the corn and the wine and the oil, and they shall hear Jezreel.  
23 And I will sow her unto Me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to those who were not My people, 'Thou art My people'; and they shall say, 'Thou art my God.'"

3:1 Then said the Lord unto me, "Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend yet an adulteress, according to the love of the Lord toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love flagons of wine."  
2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver, and for a homer of barley and a half homer of barley.  
3 And I said unto her, "Thou shalt abide for me many days. Thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man. So will I also be for thee."  
4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim.

**RIGHT**  
**Interpret:**

**LEFT****Observe:**

5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God and David their king, and shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days.

**RIGHT****Interpret:**

4:1 Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel; for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth nor mercy nor knowledge of God in the land.

2 "By swearing and lying, and killing and stealing and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.

3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish with the beasts of the field and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

4 Yet let no man strive with, nor reprove another; for this people are as they that strive with the priest.

5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night; and I will destroy thy mother.

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to Me. Seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

7 "As they were increased, so they sinned against Me; therefore will I change their glory into shame.

8 They eat up the sin of My people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.

9 And it shall be: like people, like priest; and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.

10 For they shall eat and not have enough; they shall commit whoredom and shall not increase, because they have left off taking heed of the Lord.

11 "Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.

**LEFT****Observe:**

12 My people ask counsel from their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them; for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from their God.

13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good; therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery.

14 I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery; for the men themselves consort with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: Therefore the people that doth not understand shall fall.

15 "Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Bethaven, nor swear, 'The Lord liveth.'

16 For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer; now the Lord will feed them as a lamb in a large place.

17 "Ephraim is joined to idols; leave him alone.

18 Their drink is sour; they have committed whoredom continually; her rulers with shame do love, 'Give ye.'

19 The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

5:1 "Hear ye this, O priests! And hearken, ye house of Israel! And give ye ear, O house of the king! For judgment is against you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor.

2 And the revoltors are deep in slaughter, though I have been a rebuker of them all.

3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from Me; for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, and Israel is defiled.

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4 "They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God; for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the Lord.

5 And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face; therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them.

6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the Lord, but they shall not find Him; He hath withdrawn Himself from them.

7 They have dealt treacherously against the Lord, for they have begotten strange children. Now shall a month devour them with their portions.

8 "Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah! Cry aloud at Bethaven! After thee, O Benjamin!

9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke; among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be.

10 The princes of Judah were like them that remove the landmarks; therefore I will pour out My wrath upon them like water.

11 Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment.

12 Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness.

13 "When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to King Jareb. Yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound.

14 For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah; I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him.

15 I will go and return to My place, till they acknowledge their offense and seek My face; in their affliction they will seek Me early."

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6:1 Come, and let us return unto the Lord; for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, and He will bind us up.

2 After two days will He revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight.

3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord; His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

4 "O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? For your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.

5 Therefore have I hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth; and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth.

6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

7 But they like Adam have transgressed the covenant; there have they dealt treacherously against Me.

8 Gilead is a city of them that work iniquity, and is polluted with blood.

9 And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder on the way by consent; for they commit lewdness.

10 I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel; there is the whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled.

11 Also, O Judah, he hath set a harvest for thee, when I returned My people from captivity.

7:1 "When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was uncovered, and the wickedness of Samaria. For they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers despoileth without.

2 And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness. Now their own doings have beset them about;

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they are before My face.

3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.

4 They are all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, who ceaseth from raising after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened.

5 In the day of our king, the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.

6 For they have made ready their heart like an oven, while they lie in wait; their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire.

7 They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen; there is none among them that calleth unto Me.

8 "Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.

9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not; yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.

10 And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face; and they do not return to the Lord their God, nor seek Him for all this.

11 "Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart; they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.

12 When they shall go, I will spread My net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard.

13 Woe unto them, for they have fled from Me! Destruction unto them, because they have transgressed against Me! Though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against Me.

14 And they have not cried unto Me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds; they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against Me.

15 Though I have bound and strengthened their arms, yet do they contrive evil against Me.

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16 They return, but not to the Most High; they are like a deceitful bow. Their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue; this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

8:1 "Set the trumpet to thy mouth! He shall come as an eagle against the house of the Lord, because they have transgressed My covenant, and trespassed against My law.

2 Israel shall cry unto Me, 'My God, we know Thee!'

3 Israel hath cast off the thing that is good; the enemy shall pursue him.

4 They have set up kings, but not by Me; they have made princes, and I knew it not. Of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.

5 "Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; Mine anger is kindled against them. How long will it be ere they attain to innocency?

6 For from Israel was it also: the workman made it, therefore it is not God; but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.

7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. It hath no stalk; the bud shall yield no meal. If so it shall yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

8 "Israel is swallowed up; now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.

9 For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself; Ephraim hath hired lovers.

10 Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes.

11 "Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin.

12 I have written to him the great things of My law, but they were counted as a strange thing.

13 They sacrifice flesh for the

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sacrifices of Mine offerings, and eat it; but the Lord accepteth them not. Now will He remember their iniquity and visit their sins; they shall return to Egypt. 14 For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fortified cities. But I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof."

**RIGHT****Interpret:**

9:1 Rejoice not for joy, O Israel, as other people, for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God; thou hast loved for reward upon every threshing floor.

2 The floor and the wine press shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her.

3 They shall not dwell in the Lord'S land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean things in Assyria.

4 They shall not offer wine offerings to the Lord, neither shall they be pleasing unto Him; their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners. All that eat thereof shall be polluted, for their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the Lord.

5 What will ye do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the Lord?

6 For lo, they are gone because of destruction. Egypt shall gather them up; Memphis shall bury them. Nettles shall possess the pleasant places for their silver; thorns shall be in their tabernacles.

7 The days of visitation have come, the days of recompense have come; Israel shall know it. The prophet is a fool; the man of the spirit is mad because of the multitude of thine iniquity and great hatred.

8 The watchman of Ephraim was with my God; but the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God.

9 They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days

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of Gibeah. Therefore He will remember their iniquity; He will visit their sins.

10 "I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the first ripe of the fig tree at her first season. But they went to Baalpeor, and separated themselves unto that shame, and their abominations were according as they loved.

11 As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception.

12 Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left; yea, woe also to them when I depart from them!

13 Ephraim, as I saw Tyre, is planted in a pleasant place; but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer."

14 Give them, O Lord — what wilt Thou give? Give them a miscarriage and dry breasts.

15 "All their wickedness is in Gilgal, for there I hated them; for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of Mine house. I will love them no more; all their princes are revolvers.

16 Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit; yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even the beloved fruit of their womb."

17 My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto Him; and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

10:1 Israel is an empty vine; he bringeth forth fruit unto himself. According to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.

2 Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty. He shall break down their altars; He shall despoil their images.

3 For now they shall say, "We have no king, because we feared not the Lord. What then should a

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4 They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant; thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Bethaven; for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and the priests thereof who rejoiced on it for the glory thereof, because glory has departed from it.

6 It shall be also carried unto Assyria for a present to King Jareb. Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.

7 As for Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water.

8 The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed. The thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, "Cover us!" and to the hills, "Fall on us!"

9 "O Israel, thou hast sinned from the days of Gibeah. There they stood. The battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them.

10 It is in My desire that I should chastise them, and the people shall be gathered against them when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows.

11 And Ephraim is as a heifer that is taught and loveth to tread out the corn, but I passed over upon her fair neck. I will make Ephraim to ride, Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods."

12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy, break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you.

13 Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity, ye have eaten the fruit of lies, because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.

14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be despoiled, as

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Shalman despoiled Betharbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon her children.

15 So shall Bethel do unto you because of your great wickedness; in a morning shall the king of Israel be utterly cut off.

11:1 "When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called My son out of Egypt.

2 As they called them, so they went from them; they sacrificed unto the Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.

3 I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them. 4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love; and I was to them as they that take off the yoke from their jaws, and I laid meat before them.

5 "He shall not return into the land of Egypt; but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return.

6 And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches and devour them, because of their own counsels.

7 And My people are bent on backsliding from Me; though they called them to the Most High, none at all would exalt Him.

8 "How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? How shall I deliver thee, Israel? How shall I make thee as Admah? How shall I set thee as Zeboiim? Mine heart is turned within Me; My repentings are kindled together.

9 I will not execute the fierceness of Mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim; for I am God, and not man, the Holy One in the midst of thee; and I will not enter into the city.

10 "They shall walk after the Lord; He shall roar like a lion. When He shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west.

11 They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria; and I will place them in their houses,"

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saith the Lord.

12 Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit; but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.

12:1 Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind; he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt.

2 The Lord hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will He recompense him.

3 He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God.

4 Yea, he had power over the angel and prevailed; he wept, and made supplication unto Him; he found Him in Bethel, and there He spoke with us,

5 even the Lord God of hosts; the Lord is his memorial.

6 Therefore turn thou to thy God; keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.

7 Canaan is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand; he loveth to oppress.

8 And Ephraim said, "Yet I am become rich, I have found myself substance; in all my labors they shall find no iniquity in me that were sin."

9 "And I that am the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast.

10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes by the ministry of the prophets."

11 Is there iniquity in Gilead? Surely they are vanity. They sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields.

12 And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep.

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13 And by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.  
14 Ephraim provoked Him to anger most bitterly; therefore shall He leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.

13:1 When Ephraim spoke, trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died.

2 And now they sin more and more, and have made for themselves molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen. They say of them, "Let the sacrificers of men kiss the calves!"

3 Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.

4 "Yet I am the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but Me; for there is no savior besides Me.

5 "I knew thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought.

6 According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten Me.

7 Therefore I will be unto them as a lion; as a leopard by the way will I observe them.

8 I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion; the beast of the field shall tear them.

9 "O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself, but in Me is thine help.

10 I will be thy King. Where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities, and thy judges of whom thou saidst, 'Give me a king and princes'?

11 I gave thee a king in Mine anger, and took him away in My wrath.

12 "The iniquity of Ephraim is

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bound up; his sin is hid.

13 The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him. He is an unwise son, for he should not stay long in the place of the breaking forth of children.

14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O death, I will be thy plagues! O grave, I will be thy destruction! Repentance shall be hid from Mine eyes."

15 Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come; the wind of the Lord shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up; He shall despoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels.

16 Samaria shall become desolate, for she hath rebelled against her God. They shall fall by the sword, their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

14:1 O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God, for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.

2 Take with you words, and turn to the Lord; say unto Him, "Take away all iniquity and receive us graciously, so will we offer the calves of our lips.

3 Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses, neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, 'Ye are our gods'; for in Thee the fatherless findeth mercy."

4 "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, for Mine anger is turned away from him.

5 I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.

7 They that dwell under his shadow shall return. They shall revive as the corn and grow as the vine; the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.

8 Ephraim shall say, 'What have

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I to do any more with idols?' I have heard him, and observed him; I am like a green fir tree. From Me is thy fruit found."  
9 Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? Prudent, and he shall know them? For the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them; but the transgressors shall fall therein.

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# JOEL



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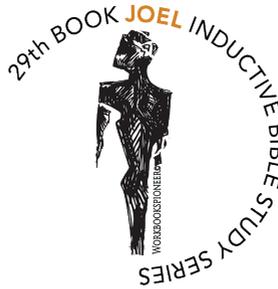
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- What have I learned about others?
  
- What impact does this have on my life?
  
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- Is there anything that needs to change in how I relate to others?
  
- How am I challenged or encouraged by the lives of the people in the Bible? What can I learn from them? Is there anything I can identify with their lives?



# JOEL



1 The word of the Lord that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.  
2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?  
3 Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.  
4 That which the palmer worm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten.  
5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine, for it is cut off from your mouth.  
6 For a nation has come up upon my land, strong and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.  
7 He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree; he hath made it clean bare and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white.  
8 Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.  
9 The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the Lord; the priests, the Lord'S ministers, mourn.

**LEFT****Observe:**

10 The field is wasted, the land mourneth, for the corn is wasted; the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.

11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley, because the harvest of the field is perished.

12 The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree—even all the trees of the field are withered, because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

13 Gird yourselves and lament, ye priests; howl, ye ministers of the altar. Come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God; for the meat offering and the drink offering is withheld from the house of your God.

14 Sanctify ye a fast; call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord!

15 Alas for the day! For the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

16 Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God?

17 The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered.

18 How the beasts do groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

19 O Lord, to Thee will I cry! For the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

20 The beasts of the field cry also unto Thee; for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

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2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand—

2 a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains. A great people and a strong, there hath not been ever the like; neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

3 A fire devoureth before them, and behind them a flame burneth. The land is as the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

6 Before their face the people shall be much pained; all faces shall gather blackness.

7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks.

8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path; and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

9 They shall run to and fro in the city, they shall run upon the wall; they shall climb up upon the houses, they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

10 The earth shall quake before them, the heavens shall tremble; the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

11 And the Lord shall utter His voice before His army, for His camp is very great. For He is strong that executeth His word;

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for the day of the Lord is great and very terrible, and who can abide it?

12 "Therefore also now," saith the Lord, "turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning."

13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth of the evil.

14 Who knoweth if He will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind Him—even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the Lord your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast! Call a solemn assembly,

16 gather the people! Sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth from his chamber and the bride out of her retreat.

17 Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar; and let them say, "Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them. Why should they say among the people, "Where is their God?""

18 Then will the Lord be jealous for His land, and pity His people.

19 Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto His people: "Behold, I will send you corn and wine and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith; and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen.

20 But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea. And his stink shall come up, and his ill savor shall come up" because He hath done great things.

21 Fear not, O land; be glad

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and rejoice, for the Lord will do great things! 22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness spring up, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God; for He hath given you the early rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the early rain and the latter rain in the first month.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 "And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm and the caterpillar and the palmer worm, My great army which I sent among you. 26 And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God that hath dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be ashamed.

27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else; and My people shall never be ashamed.

28 "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions;

29 and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit.

30 "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth—blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come.

32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.

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3 "For behold, in those days and in that time, when I shall bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,

2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for My people and for My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted My land.

3 And they have cast lots for My people, and have given a boy for a harlot and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

4 Yea, and what have ye to do with Me, O Tyre and Sidon and all the coasts of Palestine? Will ye render Me a recompense? And if ye recompense Me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompense upon your own head,

5 because ye have taken My silver and My gold, and have carried into your temples My goodly, pleasant things.

6 The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border.

7 Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompense upon your own head.

8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off; for the Lord hath spoken it."

9 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles: Prepare war! Wake up the mighty men! Let all the men of war draw near; let them come up.

10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, "I am strong."

11 Assemble yourselves and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about; thither cause Thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord.

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13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, get you down; for the press is full, the vats overflow—for their wickedness is great!"

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision; for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

16 The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth shall shake; but the Lord will be the hope of His people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

17 "So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. Then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

18 "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk; and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth from the house of the Lord and shall water the valley of Shittim.

19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

20 "But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

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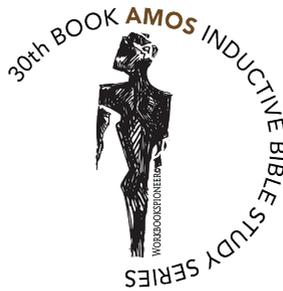
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# AMOS



1 The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

2 And he said: "The Lord will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither."

3 Thus saith the Lord: "For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof, because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron.

4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hazeal, which shall devour the palaces of Benhadad.

5 I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the scepter from the house of Eden; and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir," saith the Lord.

6 Thus saith the Lord: "For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof, because they carried away captive the whole captivity to deliver them up to Edom.

7 But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof.

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8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the scepter from Ashkelon; and I will turn Mine hand against Ekron, and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish," saith the Lord God.

9 Thus saith the Lord: "For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof, because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant.

10 But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre, which shall devour the palaces thereof."

11 Thus saith the Lord: "For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof, because he pursued his brother with the sword, and cast off all pity; and his anger tore perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever.

12 But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah."

13 Thus saith the Lord: "For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof, because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border.

14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind.

15 And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together," saith the Lord.

2:1 Thus saith the Lord: "For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof, because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime.

2 But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth; and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting and with the sound of the

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trumpet.

3 And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him," saith the Lord.

4 Thus saith the Lord: "For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof, because they have despised the law of the Lord, and have not kept His commandments; and their lies caused them to err, after which their fathers have walked.

5 But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem."

6 Thus saith the Lord: "For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof, because they sold the righteous for silver and the poor for a pair of shoes.

7 They pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek; and a man and his father will go in unto the same maid to profane My holy name.

8 And they lay themselves down upon clothes laid in pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned in the house of their god.

9 "Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above and his roots from beneath.

10 Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness to possess the land of the Amorite.

11 And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazirites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel?" saith the Lord.

12 "But ye gave the Nazirites wine to drink, and commanded the prophets, saying, 'Prophecy not.'

13 "Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.

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14 Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself.

15 Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow, and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself; neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself.

16 And he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day," saith the Lord.

3:1 Hear this word that the Lord hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,  
2 "You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities."

3 Can two walk together, unless they be agreed?

4 Will a lion roar in the forest when he hath no prey? Will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing?

5 Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth where no trap is for him? Shall one take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all?

6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? Shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it?

7 Surely the Lord God will do nothing, unless He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets.

8 The lion hath roared! Who will not fear? The Lord God hath spoken! Who can but prophesy?

9 Proclaim in the palaces at Ashdod and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, "Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof and the oppressed in the midst thereof.

10 For they know not to do right," saith the Lord, "who store up violence and robbery in their

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palaces."

11 Therefore thus saith the Lord God: "An adversary there shall be even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be despoiled."

12 Thus saith the Lord: "As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs or a piece of an ear, so shall the children of Israel be taken out, that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed and in Damascus on a couch.

13 "Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob," saith the Lord God, the God of hosts,

14 "that in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him, I will also visit the altars of Bethel; and the horns of the altar shall be cut off and fall to the ground.

15 And I will smite the winter house and the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end," saith the Lord.

4 Hear this word, ye cows of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to their masters, "Bring, and let us drink."

2 The Lord God hath sworn by His holiness that: "Lo, the days shall come upon you, that He will take you away with hooks and your posterity with fishhooks.

3 And ye shall go out at the breaches, every cow at that which is before her, and ye shall cast them into the palace," saith the Lord.

4:1 "Come to Bethel and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning and your tithes after three years.

5 And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings; for so ye love, O ye children of Israel," saith the Lord God.

6 "And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cit-

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ies, and want of bread in all your places; yet have ye not returned unto Me," saith the Lord.

7 "And also I have withheld the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest; and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city. One piece was rained upon, and the piece upon which it rained not withered.

8 So two or three cities wandered unto one city to drink water, but they were not satisfied; yet have ye not returned unto Me," saith the Lord.

9 "I have smitten you with blight and mildew; when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmer worm devoured them; yet have ye not returned unto Me," saith the Lord.

10 "I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt; your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils; yet have ye not returned unto Me," saith the Lord.

11 "I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning; yet have ye not returned unto Me," saith the Lord.

12 "Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel; and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel!"

13 For lo, He that formeth the mountains and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is His thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth—the Lord, the God of Hosts, is His name.

5:1 Hear ye this word which I take up against you, even a lamentation, O house of Israel:  
2 The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise. She is forsak-

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en upon her land; there is none to raise her up.

3 For thus saith the Lord God:

"The city that went out by a thousand shall be left a hundred, and that which went forth by a hundred shall be left ten to the house of Israel."

4 For thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel: "Seek ye Me, and ye shall live;

5 but seek not Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beersheba; for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nought.

6 Seek the Lord, and ye shall live; lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel—

7 ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth!"

8 Seek Him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night, who calleth for the waters of the sea and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is His name, 9 who strengtheneth the despoiled against the strong, so that the despoiled shall come against the fortress.

10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.

11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat, ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine from them.

12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor at the gate from their right.

13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.

14 Seek good and not evil, that ye may live; and so the Lord, the

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God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate. It may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

16 Therefore the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord saith thus:

“Wailing shall be in all streets, and they shall say in all the highways, ‘Alas! Alas!’ And they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skillful in lamentation to wailing.

17 And in all vineyards shall be wailing, for I will pass through thee,” saith the Lord.

18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! To what end is it for you? The day of the Lord is darkness, and not light:

19 as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

20 Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light? Even very dark, and no brightness in it?

21 “I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell the scent in your solemn assemblies.

22 Though ye offer Me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them; neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

23 Take thou away from Me the noise of thy songs, for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

24 But let judgment run down like waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

25 “Have ye offered unto Me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?

26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god which ye made for yourselves.

27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus,” saith the Lord, whose name is The God of Hosts.

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6:1 Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, who are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!  
2 Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are they better than these kingdoms? Or their border greater than your border?

3 Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near,  
4 that lie upon beds of ivory and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock and the calves out of the midst of the stall;  
5 that chant to the sound of the viol, and invent for themselves instruments of music, like David;  
6 that drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments— but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

7 Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.

8 The Lord God hath sworn by Himself; saith the Lord the God of hosts: "I abhor the pretensions of Jacob, and hate his palaces; therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein."

9 And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die.

10 And a man's kinsman shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is by the side of the house, "Is there yet any with thee?" And he shall say, "No." Then shall he say, "Hold thy tongue, for we may not make mention of the name of the Lord."

11 For behold, the Lord commandeth, and He will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts.

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12 Shall horses run upon the rock? Will one plow there with oxen? For ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock,  
13 ye that rejoice in a thing of nought, who say, "Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?"

14 "But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel," saith the Lord the God of hosts; "and they shall afflict you from the entrance of Hemath unto the river of the wilderness."

7:1 Thus hath the Lord God shown unto me: And behold, He formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings.

2 And it came to pass, when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, "O Lord God, forgive, I beseech Thee! By whom shall Jacob arise? For he is small."

3 The Lord repented concerning this. "It shall not be," saith the Lord.

4 Thus hath the Lord God shown unto me: And behold, the Lord God called to contend by fire; and it devoured the great deep and ate up a part.

5 Then said I, "O Lord God, cease, I beseech thee! By whom shall Jacob arise? For he is small."

6 The Lord repented concerning this. "This also shall not be," saith the Lord God.

7 Thus He showed me: And behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand.

8 And the Lord said unto me, "Amos, what seest thou?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then said the Lord, "Behold, I will set a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.

9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid

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waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.

11 For thus Amos saith, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.'"

12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos, "O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread and prophesy there.

13 But prophesy not again any more at Bethel; for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is the king's court."

14 Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was a herdsman and a gatherer of sycamore fruit.

15 And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, 'Go, prophesy unto My people Israel.'

16 Now therefore, hear thou the word of the Lord. Thou sayest, 'Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac.'

17 Therefore thus saith the Lord: 'Thy wife shall be a harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword; and thy land shall be divided by line, and thou shalt die in a polluted land. And Israel shall surely go into captivity forth from his land.'"

8:1 Thus hath the Lord God shown unto me: And behold, a basket of summer fruit.

2 And He said, "Amos, what seest thou?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then said the Lord unto me: "The end is come upon My people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.

3 And the songs of the temple

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shall be howlings in that day," saith the Lord God. "There shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence."

4 Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail,

5 saying, "When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? And the Sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit,

6 that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of shoes, yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat?"

7 The Lord hath sworn for the pretensions of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their works.

8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? And it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as by the flood of Egypt.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day," saith the Lord God, "that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day.

10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning for an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day.

11 "Behold, the days come," saith the Lord God, "that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.

12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.

13 "In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.

14 They that swear by the sin of Samaria and say, 'Thy god, O

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Dan, liveth,' and, 'The manner of Beersheba liveth' — even they shall fall and never rise up again."

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9:1 I saw the Lord standing upon the altar, and He said: "Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake, and wound them on the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword. He that fleeth from them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth from them shall not be delivered.

2 Though they dig into hell, thence shall Mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down.

3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from My sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them.

4 And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them. And I will set Mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good."

5 And the Lord God of hosts is He that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn; and it shall rise up wholly like a flood, and shall be drowned as by the flood of Egypt.

6 It is He that buildeth His spheres in the heaven, and hath founded His troop on the earth. He that calleth for the waters of the sea and poureth them out upon the face of the earth—the Lord is His name.

7 "Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto Me, O children of Israel?" saith the Lord. "Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? And the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?"

8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from

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off the face of the earth, except that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob," saith the Lord.  
9 "For lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, as corn is sifted in a sieve; yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.

10 All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, who say, 'The evil shall not overtake nor come before us.'

11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old,

12 that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen that are called by My name," saith the Lord that doeth this.

13 "Behold, the days come," saith the Lord, "that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

14 And I will bring back the captives of My people of Israel, and they shall build the wasted cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them," saith the Lord thy God.

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b. Give dates of significant historical events

- What was the political situation

- What was the international situation

- Any alliances or important battles

#### **4. Survey Question**

a. What is the main idea of the book  
(The message in one sentence)

b. What is the major reason that the book was written?

c. How can we connect Jesus in this book?

## Application



- What fundamental universal truths are presented in this passage?

- State the issues in your own life/culture that this truth address.

- State the implications of the principle when applied to your life and the world around you.

What change does it require?

What value is reinforce?

What difference does it make?

- Make a heartfelt decision to change. State this decision in a plan to accomplish the task. This is a specific course of action.



**Be specific.**

- What am I to believe?



- Do I need to change anything I have previously believed?

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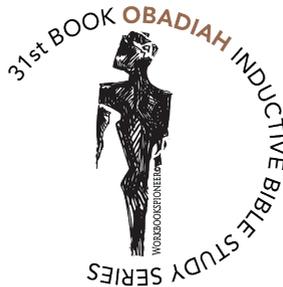
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2 "Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen; thou art greatly despised.

3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high, that saith in his heart, 'Who shall bring me down to the ground?'

4 Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, from thence will I bring thee down," saith the Lord.

5 "If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night (how thou art cut off!), would they not have stolen till they had enough? If the grape-gatherers came to thee, would they not leave some grapes?

6 How the things of Esau are searched out! How his hidden things are sought out!

7 All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee even to the border; the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee and prevailed against thee. They that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee; there is no understanding in him.

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8 Shall I not in that day," saith the Lord, "even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?"

9 And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

10 "For thy violence against thy brother Jacob, shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

11 In the day that thou stoodest on the other side—in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates and cast lots upon Jerusalem" even thou wast as one of them.

12 But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

13 Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of My people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity.

14 Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that remained in the day of distress.

15 "For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen. As thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

16 For as ye have drunk upon My holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually; yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

17 "But upon Mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of

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Jacob shall possess their possessions.

18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble; and they shall kindle them and devour them. And there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau, for the Lord hath spoken it."

19 And they of the south shall possess the mount of Esau, and they of the plain the Philistines. And they shall possess the fields of Ephraim and the fields of Samaria, and Benjamin shall possess Gilead.

20 And the captives of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath; and the captives of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad shall possess the cities of the south.

21 And saviors shall come up on Mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord'S.

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3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord; and he went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

4 But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was likely to be broken.

5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea to lighten it of them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner parts of the ship, and he lay and was fast asleep.

6 So the shipmaster came to him and said unto him, "What meanest thou, O sleeper? Arise, call upon thy God, if it so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not."

7 And they said every one to his fellow, "Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell

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upon Jonah.

8 Then said they unto him, "Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us: What is thine occupation? And from whence comest thou? What is thy country? And of what people art thou?"

9 And he said unto them, "I am a Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who hath made the sea and the dry land."

10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, "Why hast thou done this?"

For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.

11 Then said they unto him, "What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous.

12 And he said unto them, "Take me up and cast me forth into the sea. So shall the sea be calm unto you, for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you."

13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not, for the sea was wrought up and was tempestuous against them.

14 Therefore they cried unto the Lord and said, "We beseech Thee, O Lord, we beseech Thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood! For Thou, O Lord, hast done as it pleased Thee."

15 So they took up Jonah and cast him forth into the sea, and the sea ceased from her raging.

16 Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the Lord and made vows.

17 Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

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2 and said: "I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and He heard me. Out of the belly of hell cried I, and Thou heardest my voice.

3 For Thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas, and the floods compassed me about; all Thy billows and Thy waves passed over me.

4 Then I said, 'I am cast out of Thy sight; yet I will look again toward Thy holy temple.'

5 The waters compassed me about, even to the soul; the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapp'd about my head.

6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever; yet hast Thou brought up my life from corruption, O Lord my God.

7 "When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord; and my prayer came in unto Thee, into Thine holy temple.

8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy,

9 but I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that which I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord."

10 And the Lord spoke unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

3:1 And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying,

2 "Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee."

3 So Jonah arose and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.

4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown."

5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a

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fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes.

7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, "Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, nor drink water.

8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth and cry mightily unto God. Yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.

9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from His fierce anger, that we perish not?"

10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way. And God repented of the evil that He had said that He would do unto them, and He did it not.

4:1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

2 And he prayed unto the Lord and said, "I pray Thee, O Lord, was not this what I said when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish; for I knew that Thou art a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and repentest of the evil.

3 Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech Thee, my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

4 Then said the Lord, "Doest thou well to be angry?"

5 So Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city, and there made himself a booth and sat under it in the shadow till he might see what would become of the city.

6 And the Lord God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up

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over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad for the gourd.

7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd so that it withered.

8 And it came to pass, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, so that he grew faint and wished in himself to die, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

9 And God said to Jonah, "Doest thou well to be angry over the gourd?" And he said, "I do well to be angry, even unto death."

10 Then said the Lord, "Thou hast had pity on the gourd for which thou hast not labored, neither madest it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night.

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2 Hear, all ye people! Hearken, O earth, and all that is therein! And let the Lord God be a witness against you, the Lord from His holy temple.

3 For behold, the Lord cometh forth out of His place, and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth.

4 And the mountains shall be molten under Him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as waters that are poured down a steep place.

5 For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what are the high places of Judah? Are they not Jerusalem?

6 "Therefore I will make Samaria as a heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard; and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will uncover the foundations thereof.

7 And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned with fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate; for she gathered it from the hire

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of a harlot, and they shall return to the hire of a harlot."

8 Therefore I will wail and howl; I will go stripped and naked; I will make a wailing like the dragons and mourning as the owls.

9 For her wound is incurable; for it has come unto Judah; he has come unto the gate of My people, even to Jerusalem.

10 Declare ye it not at Gath, weep ye not at all; in the house of Aphrah roll thyself in the dust.

11 Pass ye away, thou inhabitant of Shaphir, having thy shame naked. The inhabitant of Zaanan came not forth in the mourning of Bethazel; he shall receive from you his standing.

12 For the inhabitant of Maroth waited anxiously for good, but evil came down from the Lord unto the gate of Jerusalem.

13 O thou inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast (she is the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion), for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.

14 Therefore shalt thou give presents to Moreshethgath; the houses of Achzib shall be a lie to the kings of Israel.

15 Yet I will bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah: he shall come unto Adullam, the glory of Israel.

16 Make thyself bald, and shear thy beard because of thy pleasant children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle, for they are gone into captivity from thee.

2:1 Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! When the morning is light they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand.

2 They covet fields and take them by violence, and houses, and take them away. So they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

3 Therefore thus saith the Lord: "Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks,

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neither shall ye go haughtily; for this time is evil.

4 In that day shall one take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation and say, 'We are utterly despoiled; He hath changed the portion of my people. How hath He removed it from me! Turning away, He hath divided our fields.'

5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the Lord.

6 "Prophecy ye not," say they to them that prophesy: "They shall not prophesy to them, that they shall not suffer shame."

7 Oh thou that art named the house of Jacob: Is the Spirit of the Lord straitened? Are these His doings? Do not My words do good to him that walketh uprightly?

8 "Even of late My people have risen up as an enemy; ye pull off the robe with the garment from them that pass by trustingly as men returning from war.

9 The women of My people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away My glory for ever.

10 Arise ye and depart, for this is not your rest; because it is polluted it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction.

11 If a man walking in the spirit of falsehood lieth, saying, 'I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink,' he shall even be the prophet of this people!

12 "I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel. I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold; and they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.

13 The Breaker has come up before them; they have broken forth and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it; and their king shall pass before them, and the Lord at the head of them."

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2 you who hate the good and love the evil, who pluck off their skin from off them and their flesh from off their bones,

3 who also eat the flesh of My people and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones and chop them in pieces, as for the pot and as flesh within the caldron?"

4 Then shall they cry unto the Lord, but He will not hear them; He will even hide His face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.

5 Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth and cry "Peace"; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him:

6 "Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine. And the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded; yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer from God."

8 But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord, and of judgment and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment and pervert all equity:

11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money. Yet will they lean upon the Lord and say, "Is not the Lord among us? No evil can come upon us."

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sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

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2 And many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths." For the law shall go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

3 And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it.

5 For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

6 "In that day," saith the Lord, "will I assemble her that is halt, and I will gather her that is driven out and her that I have afflicted.

7 And I will make her that is halt a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation; and the Lord shall reign over them in Mount Zion from hence forth, even for ever.

8 And thou, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem."

9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? Is there no king in thee?

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Is thy counselor perished? For pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.

10 Be in pain and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail; for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field. And thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the Lord shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

11 Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, "Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion!"

12 But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither understand they His counsel; for He shall gather them as the sheaves onto the threshing floor.

13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion; for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass. And thou shalt beat in pieces many people, and I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

5:1 Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops; he hath laid siege against us; they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

2 "But thou, Bethlehem Ephra-  
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come into our land; and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men. 6 And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod at the entrances thereof; thus shall He deliver us from the Assyrian when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders. 7 And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people, as a dew from the Lord, as the showers upon the grass that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men.

8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles, in the midst of many people, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, who, if he go through, both treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

9 Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.

10 "And it shall come to pass in that day," saith the Lord, "that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots. 11 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds.

12 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand, and thou shalt have no more soothsayers.

13 Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands.

14 And I will pluck up thine Asherah poles out of the midst of thee: so will I destroy thy cities.

15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard."

6:1 Hear ye now what the Lord saith: "Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

2 Hear ye, O mountains, the Lord'S controversy, and ye strong

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foundations of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with His people, and He will plead with Israel.

3 O My people, what have I done unto thee? And wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against Me!

4 For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servitude; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O My people, remember now what Balak king of Moab counseled, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, from Shittim unto Gilgal, that ye may know the righteousness of the Lord." 6 With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He hath shown thee, O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

9 The Lord'S voice crieth unto the city (and the man of wisdom shall see Thy name): "Hear ye the rod and who hath appointed it! 10 Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is abominable?

11 Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?

12 For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

13 Therefore also will I make thee sick by smiting thee, in making thee desolate because of thy sins.

14 Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied, and thy casting down shall be in the midst of thee. And thou shalt take hold, but shalt not deliver; and that which thou deliverest will I give up to the sword.

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15 Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.

16 For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab; and ye walk in their counsels, that I should make thee a desolation and the inhabitants thereof a hissing: Therefore ye shall bear the reproach of My people."

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7:1 Woe is me! For I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: There is no cluster to eat; my soul desired the first ripe fruit. 2 The good man is perished out of the earth, and there is none upright among men. They all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. 3 That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man uttereth his wicked desire; so they wrap it up. 4 The best of them is as a brier; the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge. The day of thy watchman and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity. 5 Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide; keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom. 6 For the son dishonoreth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law: a man's enemies are the men of his own house. 7 Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. 8 Rejoice not over me, O mine enemy; when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me. 9 I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I have sinned against Him, until He plead my cause and execute judgment for me. He will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold His

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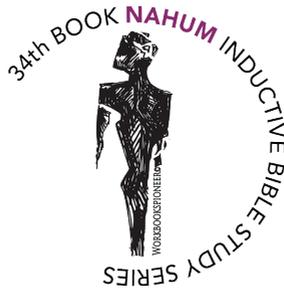
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2 God is jealous, and the Lord avengeth; the Lord avengeth and is furious. The Lord will take vengeance on His adversaries, and He reserveth wrath for His enemies.

3 The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked. The Lord hath His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet.

4 He rebuketh the sea and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers; Bashan languisheth and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth.

5 The mountains quake at Him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at His presence, yea, the world and all that dwell therein.

6 Who can stand before His indignation? And who can abide in the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by Him.

7 The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him.

8 But with an overrunning flood He will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue His enemies.

9 What do ye contrive against

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the Lord? He will make an utter end; affliction shall not rise up the second time.

10 For while they are folded together as thorns and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

11 There is one that comes out of thee, that imagineth evil against the Lord, a wicked counselor.

12 Thus saith the Lord: "Though they be quiet and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down when he shall pass through.

Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more;

13 for now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds asunder."

14 And the Lord hath given a commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: "Out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image. I will make thy grave, for thou art vile."

15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows; for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

2:1 He that dasheth in pieces has come up before thy face. Man the defenses! Watch the way! Make thy loins strong! Fortify thy power mightily!

2 For the Lord hath turned away the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel; for the emptiers have emptied them out and marred their vine branches.

3 The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet; the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken.

4 The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad

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ways; they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightning.

5 He shall muster his worthies; they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the defense shall be prepared.

6 The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved.

7 And Huzzab shall be led away captive, she shall be brought up; and her maids shall lead her as with the voice of doves, beating upon their breasts.

8 But Nineveh is of old like a pool of water; yet they shall flee away. "Stand, stand!" shall they cry, but none shall look back.

9 Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold; for there is no end of the store and glory of all the pleasant furnishings.

10 She is empty and void and waste; and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together; and much pain is in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness.

11 Where is the dwelling of the lions and the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion, even the old lion, walked, and the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid?

12 The lion tore in pieces enough for his whelps and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey and his dens with rapine.

13 "Behold, I am against thee," saith the Lord of hosts, "and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions; and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard."

3:1 Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not.

2 The noise of a whip and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the prancing horses and of the jumping

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3 The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear, and there is a multitude of slain and a great number of carcasses. And there is no end of their corpses—they stumble upon their corpses”

4 because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the wellfavored harlot, the mistress of witchcraft, that selleth nations through her whoredom, and families through her witchcraft.

5 “Behold, I am against thee,” saith the Lord of hosts, “and I will uncover thy skirts upon thy face; and I will show the nations thy nakedness and the kingdoms thy shame.

6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazing-stock.

7 And it shall come to pass that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee and say, ‘Nineveh is laid waste! Who will bemoan her?’ From whence shall I seek comforters for thee?”

8 Art thou better than populous No, that was situated among the rivers, that had the waters round about it, whose rampart was the sea and her wall was from the sea?

9 Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was infinite; Put and Lubim were thy helpers.

10 Yet was she carried away; she went into captivity. Her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets; and they cast lots for her honorable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.

11 Thou also shalt be drunken; thou shalt be hid; thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy.

12 All thy strongholds shall be like fig trees with the first ripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater.

13 Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are women; the gates of thy land shall be set

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wide open unto thine enemies;  
the fire shall devour thy bars.

14 Draw thee waters for the  
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Go into clay and tread the mor-  
tar; make strong the brickkiln!

15 There shall the fire devour  
thee; the sword shall cut thee  
off; it shall eat thee up like the  
cankerworm. Make thyself many  
as the cankerworm, make thyself  
many as the locusts.

16 Thou hast multiplied thy mer-  
chants above the stars of heav-  
en. The cankerworm despoileth,  
and fleeth away.

17 Thy crowned ones are as the  
locusts, and thy captains as the  
great grasshoppers, which camp  
in the hedges in the cold day;  
but when the sun ariseth they  
flee away, and their place is not  
knownwhere they are.

18 Thy shepherds slumber, O  
king of Assyria; thy nobles shall  
dwell in the dust; thy people are  
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19 There is no healing of thy  
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- 3 Why dost Thou show me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? For despoiling and violence are before me, and there are those that raise up strife and contention.
- 4 Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth. For the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.
- 5 "Behold ye among the heathen and regard, and wonder marvelously; for I will work a work in your days which ye will not believe, though it be told you.
- 6 For lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs.
- 7 They are terrible and dreadful; their judgment and their dignity shall proceed from themselves.
- 8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves. And their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from afar; they shall

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fly as the vulture that hasteneth to eat.

9 They shall come all for violence; their faces shall consume as the east wind, and they shall gather the captives as the sand.

10 And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them. They shall deride every stronghold, for they shall heap up dirt and take it.

11 Then shall his mind change; and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god."

12 Art Thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One? We shall not die. O Lord, Thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, Thou hast established them for correction.

13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity. Why lookest Thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest Thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

14 And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things that have no ruler over them?

15 They take up all of them with the hook; they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag; therefore they rejoice and are glad.

16 Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag, because by them their portion is fat and their meat plenteous.

17 Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?

2:1 I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what He will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

2 And the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain upon tablets, that he may run that readeth it.

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3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak and not lie. Though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come; it will not tarry.

4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith.

5 "Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people.

6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, 'Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his (how long?) and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay'?

7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake, that shall vex thee? And shalt thou be for booty unto them?

8 Because thou hast despoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall despoil thee, because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

9 "Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness for his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!

10 Thou hast devised shame to thy house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned against thy soul.

11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

12 "Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city by iniquity!

13 Behold, is it not of the Lord of hosts that the people shall labor in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?

14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

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15 "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on his nakedness!

16 Thou art filled with the shame for glory; drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered. The cup of the Lord'S right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory.

17 For the violence of Lebanon shall cover thee, and the spoil of beasts which made them afraid, because of men's blood and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

18 "What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it, the molten image and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein to make dumb idols?

19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood, 'Awake!' To the dumb stone, 'Arise, it shall teach!' Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it.

20 "But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him."

3:1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon "Shigionoth."

2 O Lord, I have heard Thy speech and was afraid; O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years. In the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.

3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise.

4 And His brightness was as the light; He had horns coming out of His hand, and there was the hiding of His power.

5 Before Him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at His feet.

6 He stood and measured the earth; He beheld and drove asunder the nations; and the

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everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow. His ways are everlasting.

7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

8 Was the Lord displeased against the rivers? Was Thine anger against the rivers? Was Thy wrath against the sea, that Thou didst ride upon Thine horses and Thy chariots of salvation?

9 Thy bow was made quite naked according to the oaths of the tribes, even Thy word. Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.

10 The mountains saw Thee and they trembled; the overflowing of the water passed by; the deep uttered his voice and lifted up his hands on high.

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14 Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages; they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me; their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.

15 Thou didst walk through the sea with Thine horses, through the heap of great waters.

16 When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice. Rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble. When he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops.

17 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines, the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat, the flock shall be cut

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off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls—  
18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

19 The Lord God is my strength; and He will make my feet like hinds' feet, and He will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

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2 "I will utterly consume all things from off the face of the land," saith the Lord.

3 "I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling blocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land," saith the Lord.

4 "I will also stretch out Mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chemarim with the priests,

5 and them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops, and them that worship and that swear by the Lord, and that swear by Milcom,

6 and them that are turned back from the Lord, and those that have not sought the Lord nor inquired for Him."

7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand. For the Lord hath prepared a sacrifice; He hath bidden His guests.

8 "And it shall come to pass in the day of the Lord'S sacrifice,

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that I will punish the princes and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.

9 In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, who fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.

10 "And it shall come to pass in that day," saith the Lord, "that there shall be the noise of a cry from the Fish Gate, and a howling from the Second, and a great crashing from the hills.

11 Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off.

12 And it shall come to pass at that time that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their dregs, that say in their heart, 'The Lord will not do good, neither will He do evil.'

13 Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation. They shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof."

14 The great day of the Lord is near; it is near and hasteneth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord; the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of waste and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fortified cities and against the high towers.

17 "And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord; and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung."

18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His

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jealousy, for He indeed shall make a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

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2:1 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired,  
2 before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord'S anger come upon you!  
3 Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, who have wrought His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord'S anger.  
4 For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation; they shall drive out Ashdod at the noonday, and Ekron shall be rooted up.  
5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the seacoast, the nation of the Cherethites! The word of the Lord is against you, O Canaan, the land of the Philistines: "I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant."  
6 And the seacoast shall be dwellings and cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks.  
7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon. In the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening; for the Lord their God shall visit them, and return them from captivity.  
8 "I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached My people, and magnified themselves against their border.  
9 Therefore as I live," saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, "surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah" even the breeding of nettles and salt pits, and a perpetual desolation. The residue of My people shall despoil them, and the remnant of My people shall possess them."  
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11 The Lord will be fearsome unto them; for He will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship Him, every one from his place, even all the isles of the heathen.

12 "Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by My sword."

13 And He will stretch out His hand against the north and destroy Assyria, and will make Nineveh a desolation and dry like a wilderness.

14 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations: both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels of it: their voice shall sing in the windows; desolation shall be in the thresholds; for He shall uncover the cedar work.

15 This is the rejoicing city that dwelt without care, that said in her heart, "I am, and there is none besides me." How she has become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! Every one that passeth by her shall hiss and wag his hand.

3:1 Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!  
2 She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God.

3 Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves, they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

4 Her prophets are light and treacherous persons; her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

5 The just Lord is in the midst thereof; He will not do iniquity: Every morning doth He bring His judgment to light, He faileth not. But the unjust knoweth no shame.

6 "I have cut off the nations; their towers are desolate; I made

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their streets waste, that none passeth by; their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is no inhabitant.

7 I said, 'Surely thou wilt fear Me, thou wilt receive instruction'—so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them; but they rose early and corrupted all their doings.

8 "Therefore wait ye upon Me," saith the Lord, "until the day that I rise up to the prey; for My determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them Mine indignation, even all My fierce anger; for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of My jealousy.

9 For then will I return to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one accord.

10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia My suppliants—even the daughter of My dispersed—shall bring Mine offering.

11 "In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings wherein thou hast transgressed against Me; for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of My holy mountain.

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14 Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

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16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, "Fear thou not"; and to Zion, "Let not thine hands be slack.

17 The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing."

18 "I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.

19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee; and I will save her that is halt, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.

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# HAGGAI



1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying,

2 "Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying: This people say, 'The time has not come, the time that the Lord'S house should be built.'"

3 Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying,

4 "Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceilinged houses, and this house lie waste?"

5 Now therefore, thus saith the Lord of hosts: "Consider your ways!

6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe yourselves, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages, earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes."

7 Thus saith the Lord of hosts: "Consider your ways!

8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified," saith the Lord.

9 "Ye looked for much, and lo,

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it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I blew upon it. Why?" saith the Lord of hosts. "Because of Mine house that is laid waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

10 Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

11 And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labor of the hands."

12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him; and the people feared before the Lord.

13 Then spoke Haggai, the Lord'S messenger, in the Lord'S message unto the people, saying, "I am with you, saith the Lord."

14 And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and began work on the house of the Lord of hosts their God, 15 on the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

2 :1 In the seventh month, on the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the Lord by the prophet Haggai, saying,  
2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying:

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3 'Who is left among you who saw this house in her first glory? And how do ye see it now? Is this not in your eyes by comparison with it as nothing?

4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubabel,' saith the Lord; 'and be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land,' saith the Lord, 'and work, for I am with you,' saith the Lord of hosts.

5 'According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remaineth among you. Fear ye not.'

6 For thus saith the Lord of hosts: 'Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens and the earth, and the sea and the dry land.

7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory,' saith the Lord of hosts.

8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' saith the Lord of hosts.

9 'The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former,' saith the Lord of hosts. 'And in this place will I give peace,' saith the Lord of hosts."

10 In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying,

11 "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying,

12 'If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt toucheth bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy?" And the priests answered and said, "No."

13 Then said Haggai, "If one who is unclean from a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean?" And the priests answered and said, "It shall be unclean."

14 Then answered Haggai and said, "'So is this people, and so

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is this nation before Me,' saith the Lord, 'and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.

15 And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the Lord:

16 Since those days were, when one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten. When one came to the wine vat to draw out fifty vessels out of the press, there were but twenty.

17 I smote you with blight and with mildew and with hail in all the labors of your hands; yet ye turned not to Me,' saith the Lord.

18 'Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the Lord'S temple was laid, consider it:

19 Is the seed yet in the barn? Yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree hath not brought forth. From this day will I bless you."

20 And again the word of the Lord came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,

21 "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying: 'I will shake the heavens and the earth.

22 And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots and those who ride in them, and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.

23 In that day,' saith the Lord of hosts, 'will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel,' saith the Lord, 'and will make thee as a signet; for I have chosen thee,' saith the Lord of hosts."

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# **ZECHARIAH**



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- Out loud, in one setting, read through the book  
Get the BIG picture.



## **2nd Reading**

- Observe!
- Mark what stands out for you during your reading.  
Use different colors. (Names, places, events, etc.)



## **3rd Reading**

- Find the key verse in the book, and one in each chapter.



## **4th Reading**

- Write down your observations



## **5th Reading**

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2 "The Lord hath been sorely displeased with your fathers.  
3 Therefore say thou unto them: Thus saith the Lord of hosts: 'Turn ye unto Me,' saith the Lord of hosts, 'and I will turn unto you,' saith the Lord of hosts.  
4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying: Thus saith the Lord of hosts: 'Turn ye now from your evil ways and from your evil doings.' But they did not hear, nor hearken unto Me, saith the Lord.  
5 Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live for ever?  
6 But My words and My statutes, which I commanded My servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? And they returned and said, 'As the Lord of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways and according to our doings, so hath He dealt with us.'"  
7 Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord unto Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying:  
8 I saw by night, and behold, a

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man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white.

9 Then said I, "O my lord, what are these?" And the angel that talked with me said unto me, "I will show thee what these be."

10 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, "These are they whom the Lord hath sent to walk to and fro throughout the earth."

11 And they answered the angel of the Lord who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, "We have walked to and fro throughout the earth, and behold, all the earth sitteth still and is at rest."

12 Then the angel of the Lord answered and said, "O Lord of hosts, how long wilt Thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which Thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?"

13 And the Lord answered the angel who talked with me, with good words and comforting words.

14 So the angel who communed with me said unto me, "Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts: 'I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

15 And I am very sorely displeased with the heathen who are at ease; for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.'

16 Therefore thus saith the Lord: 'I have returned to Jerusalem with mercies. My house shall be built in it,' saith the Lord of hosts, 'and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.'

17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts: 'My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.'"

18 Then I lifted up mine eyes and saw, and behold, four horns.

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19 And I said unto the angel who talked with me, "What are these?" And he answered me, "These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."

20 And the Lord showed me four carpenters.

21 Then said I, "What come these to do?" And he spoke, saying, "These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man lifted up his head; but these have come to frighten them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles who lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it."

2:1 I lifted up mine eyes again and looked, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand.

2 Then said I, "Whither goest thou?" And he said unto me, "To measure Jerusalem to see what is the breadth thereof and what is the length thereof."

3 And behold, the angel who talked with me went forth; and another angel went out to meet him

4 and said unto him, "Run, speak to this young man, saying, 'Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls, because of the multitude of men and cattle therein.

5 For I,' saith the Lord, 'will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.'"

6 "Ho! Ho! Come forth, and flee from the land of the north," saith the Lord; "for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven," saith the Lord.

7 "Deliver thyself, O Zion, ye that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon."

8 For thus saith the Lord of hosts: "After the glory hath He sent me unto the nations which despoiled you, for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye.

9 For behold, I will shake Mine hand upon them, and they shall

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be a spoil to their servants. And ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me.

10 "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion; for lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee," saith the Lord.

11 "And many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day, and shall be My people; and I will dwell in the midst of thee. And thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

12 And the Lord shall inherit Judah as His portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again."

13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord, for He is raised up out of His holy habitation.

3:1 And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

2 And the Lord said unto Satan, "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord who hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee! Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?"

3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

4 And He answered and spoke unto those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And unto him He said, "Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment."

5 And I said, "Let them set a clean miter upon his head."

So they set a clean miter upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by.

6 And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying,

7 "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: 'If thou wilt walk in My ways, and if thou wilt keep My ordinance, then thou shalt also judge My house, and shalt also keep My courts, and I will give thee places

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to walk among these who stand by.

8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou and thy fellows who sit before thee; for they are men wondered at. For behold, I will bring forth My Servant the Branch.

9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua: upon one stone shall be seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave the engraving thereof,' saith the Lord of hosts, 'and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 In that day,' saith the Lord of hosts, 'shall ye call every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig tree.'"

4:1 And the angel who talked with me came again and waked me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep,

2 and said unto me, "What seest thou?" And I said, "I have looked and behold, a candlestick all of gold with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps which are upon the top thereof;

3 and two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof."

4 So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What are these, my lord?"

5 Then the angel who talked with me answered and said unto me, "Knowest thou not what these be?" And I said, "No, my lord."

6 Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, "This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' saith the Lord of hosts.

7 Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain; and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, 'Grace, grace unto it!'"

8 Moreover the word of the Lord

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came unto me, saying,  
9 "The hands of Zerubbabel  
have laid the foundation of this  
house; his hands shall also finish  
it. And thou shalt know that the  
Lord of hosts hath sent me unto  
you.

10 For who hath despised the  
day of small things? For they  
shall rejoice and shall see the  
plummet in the hand of Zerub-  
babel with those seven. They  
are the eyes of the Lord, which  
run to and fro through the whole  
earth."

11 Then answered I and said  
unto him, "What are these two  
olive trees upon the right side of  
the candlestick and upon the left  
side thereof?"

12 And I answered again and  
said unto him, "What be these  
two olive branches, which  
through the two golden pipes  
empty the golden oil out of  
themselves?"

13 And he answered me and  
said, "Knowest thou not what  
these be?" And I said, "No, my  
lord."

14 Then said he, "These are the  
two anointed ones, who stand by  
the Lord of the whole earth."

5:1 Then I turned, and lifted  
up mine eyes and looked, and  
behold, a flying scroll.

2 And he said unto me, "What  
seest thou?" And I answered,  
"I see a flying scroll. The length  
thereof is twenty cubits and the  
breadth thereof ten cubits."

3 Then said he unto me, "This is  
the curse that goeth forth over  
the face of the whole earth; for  
every one who stealeth shall be  
cut off as on this side accord-  
ing to it, and every one who  
swareth shall be cut off as on  
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4 'I will bring it forth,' saith  
the Lord of hosts, 'and it shall  
enter into the house of the thief  
and into the house of him that  
swareth falsely by My name.  
And it shall remain in the midst  
of his house and shall consume  
it, with the timber thereof and

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the stones thereof.”

5 Then the angel who talked with me went forth and said unto me, “Lift up now thine eyes and see what is this that goeth forth.”

6 And I said, “What is it?” And he said, “This is an ephah that goeth forth.” He said moreover, “This is their resemblance through all the earth.”

7 And behold, there was lifted up a weighty piece of lead, and this is a woman who sitteth in the midst of the ephah.

8 And he said, “This is wickedness.” And he cast it into the midst of the ephah, and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

9 Then I lifted up mine eyes and looked, and behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings (for they had wings like the wings of a stork), and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.

10 Then said I to the angel who talked with me, “Whither do these bear the ephah?”

11 And he said unto me, “To build it a house in the land of Shinar; and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.”

6:1 And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes and looked, and behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains, and the mountains were mountains of brass.

2 In the first chariot were red horses, and in the second chariot black horses,

3 and in the third chariot white horses, and in the fourth chariot grizzled and bay horses.

4 Then I answered and said unto the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?”

5 And the angel answered and said unto me, “These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country, and the white go forth

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after them, and the grizzled go forth toward the south country.

7 And the bay went forth and sought to go, that they might walk to and fro through the earth." And he said, "Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth." So they walked to and fro through the earth.

8 Then cried he unto me, and spoke unto me, saying, "Behold, these who go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country."

9 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

10 "Take from them of the captivity — even from Heldai, from Tobijah, and from Jedaiah, who have come from Babylon — and come thou the same day and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah.

11 Then take silver and gold and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest,

12 and speak unto him, saying, "Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, "Behold the Man whose name is The Branch! And He shall grow up out of His place, and He shall build the temple of the Lord.

13 Even He shall build the temple of the Lord; and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne. And He shall be a priest upon His throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both."

14 "And the crowns shall be for Helem and for Tobijah and for Jedaiah, and for Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the Lord.

15 And those who are far off shall come and build the temple of the Lord, and ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent Me unto you. And this shall come to pass if ye will diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God."

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7:1 And it came to pass in the fourth year of King Darius that the word of the Lord came unto Zechariah, in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in Chisleu, 2 when they had sent Sherezzer and Regemmelech and their men unto the house of God to pray before the Lord, 3 and to speak unto the priests who were in the house of the Lord of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, "Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself as I have done these so many years?" 4 Then came the word of the Lord of hosts unto me, saying, 5 "Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, 'When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month even those seventy years, did ye fast at all unto Me, even to Me?' 6 And when ye ate and when ye drank, did not ye eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves? 7 Should ye not hear the words which the Lord hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain?" 8 And the word of the Lord came unto Zechariah, saying, 9 "Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, 'Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassions every man to his brother. 10 And oppress not the widow nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.' 11 But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. 12 Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law and the words which the Lord of hosts hath sent in His Spirit by the for-

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mer prophets. Therefore came a great wrath from the Lord of hosts.

13 "Therefore it has come to pass that as He cried and they would not hear, so they cried and I would not hear," saith the Lord of hosts.

14 "But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned; for they laid the pleasant land desolate."

8:1 Again the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying,  
2 "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: 'I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.'

3 "Thus saith the Lord: 'I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts, the Holy Mountain.'

4 "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: 'There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand because of great age.'

5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.'

6 "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: 'If it be marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvelous in Mine eyes?' saith the Lord of hosts.

7 "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: 'Behold, I will save My people from the east country and from the west country;

8 and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. And they shall be My people and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.'

9 "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: 'Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, who were in the day

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that the foundation of the house of the Lord of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.

10 For before these days there was no hire for man nor any hire for beast, neither was there any peace for him that went out or came in because of the affliction; for I set all men, every one, against his neighbor.

11 But now I will not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days,' saith the Lord of hosts.

12 'For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.

13 And it shall come to pass that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing. Fear not, but let your hands be strong.'

14 "For thus saith the Lord of hosts: 'As I thought to punish you when your fathers provoked Me to wrath,' saith the Lord of hosts, 'and I repented not,

15 so again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Fear ye not.

16 These are the things that ye shall do: Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbor; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates;

17 and let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love no false oath. For all these are things that I hate,' saith the Lord."

18 And the word of the Lord of hosts came unto me, saying,

19 "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: 'The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness and cheerful feasts. Therefore love the truth and peace.'

20 Thus saith the Lord of hosts:

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'It shall yet come to pass that there shall come people and the inhabitants of many cities.

21 And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, "Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts. I will go also."

22 Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord.'

23 "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: 'In those days it shall come to pass that ten men out of all the languages of the nations shall take hold, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, "We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."'"

9:1 The burden of the word of the Lord in the land of Hadrach and Damascus, shall be the rest thereof, when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, shall be toward the Lord.

2 And Hamath also shall border thereby; Tyre and Sidon, though it be very wise.

3 And Tyre did build herself a stronghold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.

4 Behold, the Lord will cast her out, and He will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.

5 Ashkelon shall see it and fear; Gaza also shall see it and be very sorrowful, and Ekron for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

6 And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

7 And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth; but he that remaineth, even he shall be for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

8 And I will encamp about Mine house because of the army,

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because of him that passeth by,  
and because of him that returneth;  
and no oppressor shall pass through them any more, for now have I seen with Mine eyes.  
9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, thy King cometh unto thee! He is just and having salvation, lowly, and riding upon an ass and upon a colt, the foal of an ass.

10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off; and He shall speak peace unto the heathen, and His dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.

11 As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant, I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.

12 Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope; even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee,

13 when I have bent Judah for Me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

14 And the Lord shall be seen over them, and His arrow shall go forth as the lightning; and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

15 The Lord of hosts shall defend them, and they shall devour and subdue with slingstones; and they shall drink and make a noise as through wine, and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar.

16 And the Lord their God shall save them in that day, as the flock of His people; for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon His land.

17 For how great is their goodness, and how great is their beauty! Corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new

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wine the maids.

10 :1 Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

2 For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie and have told false dreams. They comfort in vain; therefore they went their way as a flock; they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.

3 "Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats; for the Lord of hosts hath visited His flock, the house of Judah, and hath made them as His goodly horse in the battle.

4 Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

5 And they shall be as mighty men, who tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle; and they shall fight because the Lord is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

6 "And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them back to place them, for I have mercy upon them. And they shall be as though I had not cast them off, for I am the Lord their God and will hear them.

7 And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine; yea, their children shall see it and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the Lord.

8 "I will whistle for them and gather them, for I have redeemed them; and they shall increase as they have increased.

9 And I will sow them among the people, and they shall remember Me in far countries; and they shall live with their children and turn again.

10 I will bring them back also out of the land of Egypt, and gather

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them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, and a place shall not be found for them.

11 And He shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up; and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt shall depart away.

12 And I will strengthen them in the Lord; and they shall walk up and down in His name," saith the Lord.

11:1 Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.

2 Howl, fir tree, for the cedar is fallen, because the mighty are despoiled; howl, O ye oaks of Bashan, for the forest of the vintage is come down.

3 There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds, for their glory is despoiled; a voice of the roaring of young lions, for the pride of Jordan is despoiled.

4 Thus saith the Lord my God: "Feed the flock for the slaughter, 5 whose possessors slay them and hold themselves not guilty; and those who sell them say, 'Blessed be the Lord, for I am rich'; and their own shepherds pity them not.

6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land," saith the Lord. "But lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbor's hand, and into the hand of his king; and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them."

7 And I will feed the flock for slaughter, even you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves: the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock.

8 Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul loathed them and their soul also abhorred me.

9 Then said I, "I will not feed you: that which dieth, let it die,

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and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another.”

10 And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.

11 And it was broken on that day, and so the poor of the flock who waited upon me knew that it was the word of the Lord.

12 And I said unto them, “If ye think it be good, give me my price; and if not, forbear.” So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

13 And the Lord said unto me, “Cast it unto the potter” — a goodly price that I was prized at by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.

14 Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 And the Lord said unto me, “Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

16 For lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land who shall not visit those that are cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that which is broken, nor feed that which standeth still; but he shall eat the flesh of the fat and tear their claws in pieces.

17 “Woe to the sham shepherd that leaveth the flock! The sword shall be upon his arm and upon his right eye; his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.”

12:1 The burden of the word of the Lord for Israel, saith the Lord who stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him:

2 “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

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3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people. All who burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

4 In that day," saith the Lord, "I will smite every horse with astonishment and his rider with madness. And I will open Mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness;

5 and the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the Lord of hosts, their God.'

6 "In that day will I make the governors of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf, and they shall devour all the people round about on the right hand and on the left; and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

7 The Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.

8 "In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David, and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 And I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him as one who is in bitterness for his firstborn.

11 "In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as

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the mourning of Hadadrimmon  
in the Valley of Megiddo.

12 And the land shall mourn,  
every family apart: the family of  
the house of David apart, and  
their wives apart; the family of  
the house of Nathan apart, and  
their wives apart;

13 the family of the house of Levi  
apart, and their wives apart; the  
family of Shimei apart, and their  
wives apart;

14 all the families that remain,  
every family apart, and their  
wives apart.

13:1 "In that day there shall be  
a fountain opened to the house  
of David and to the inhabitants  
of Jerusalem, for sin and for  
uncleanness.

2 And it shall come to pass in  
that day," saith the Lord of hosts,  
"that I will cut off the names of  
the idols out of the land, and  
they shall no more be remem-  
bered; and also I will cause the  
prophets and the unclean spirit  
to pass out of the land.

3 And it shall come to pass that  
when any shall yet prophesy,  
then his father and his mother  
who begot him shall say unto  
him, 'Thou shalt not live, for  
thou speakest lies in the name  
of the Lord'; and his father and  
his mother who begot him shall  
thrust him through when he  
prophesieth.

4 And it shall come to pass in  
that day, that the prophets shall  
be ashamed every one of his  
vision when he hath prophesied;  
neither shall they wear a gar-  
ment of hair to deceive.

5 But he shall say, 'I am no  
prophet; I am a husbandman, for  
man taught me to keep cattle  
from my youth.'

6 And one shall say unto him,  
'What are these wounds in thine  
hands?' Then he shall answer,  
'Those with which I was wound-  
ed in the house of my friends.'

7 "Awake, O sword, against My  
Shepherd, and against the Man  
that is My fellow," saith the Lord

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of hosts. "Smite the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered; and I will turn Mine hand upon the little ones.

8 And it shall come to pass that in all the land," saith the Lord, "two parts therein shall be cut off and die, but the third shall be left therein.

9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried. They shall call on My name, and I will hear them. I will say, 'It is My people'; and they shall say, 'The Lord is my God.'"

14:1 Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished. And half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle.

4 And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley, and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north and half of it toward the south.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal. Yea, ye shall flee as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah; and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with Thee.

6 And it shall come to pass in that day that the light shall not be clear nor dark.

7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord —

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neither day nor night; but it shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light.

8 And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the hinder sea; in summer and in winter shall it be.

9 And the Lord shall be king over all the earth; in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one.

10 All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; and it shall be lifted up and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's Gate unto the place of the First Gate unto the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananeel unto the king's wine presses.

11 And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people who have fought against Jerusalem: their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day that a great tumult from the Lord shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbor, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor.

14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem, and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together: gold and silver and apparel in great abundance.

15 And so shall be the plague on the horse, on the mule, on the camel and on the ass, and on all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

16 And it shall come to pass that every one who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem, shall even go up from year to year to worship the King,

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the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

18 And if the family of Egypt go not up and come not, upon whom there is no rain, there shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen who come not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses: "Holiness Unto The Lord." And the pots in the Lord'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar;

21 yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of hosts, and all those who sacrifice shall come and take of them and boil therein. And in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts.

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## **1st Reading**

- Out loud, in one setting, read through the book  
Get the BIG picture.



## **2nd Reading**

- Observe!
- Mark what stands out for you during your reading.  
Use different colors. (Names, places, events, etc.)



## **3rd Reading**

- Find the key verse in the book, and one in each chapter.



## **4th Reading**

- Write down your observations



## **5th Reading**

- Write a summary of this book
- Do application of book.

### **1. Literary Question**

a. What kind of literature is the book?

### **2. Critical Question**

a. Who wrote the book?

b. When was it written?

c. To whom was it written?

d. From where was it written?

### **3. Historical Question**

a. Who are key figures in this book?

b. Give dates of significant historical events

- What was the political situation

- What was the international situation

- Any alliances or important battles

#### **4. Survey Question**

a. What is the main idea of the book  
(The message in one sentence)

b. What is the major reason that the book was written?

c. How can we connect Jesus in this book?

## Application



- What fundamental universal truths are presented in this passage?

- State the issues in your own life/culture that this truth address.

- State the implications of the principle when applied to your life and the world around you.

What change does it require?

What value is reinforce?

What difference does it make?

- Make a heartfelt decision to change. State this decision in a plan to accomplish the task. This is a specific course of action.



**Be specific.**

- What am I to believe?



- Do I need to change anything I have previously believed?

- Are there attitudes or actions that I need to change?

- How does this truth encourage me? In what area of my life?

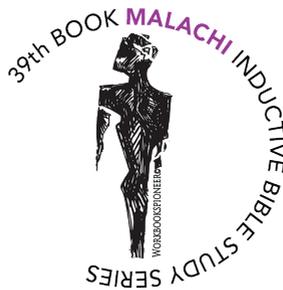
- What do I see about the character of God?

- How does this aspect of God's character speak or minister to me?

## More questions you can ask

- What have I learned about myself from my study?
  
- What have I learned about others?
  
- What impact does this have on my life?
  
- What can I learn about my relationship with God?
  
- Is there anything that needs to change in my relationship with Him?
  
- Is there anything that needs to change in how I relate to others?
  
- How am I challenged or encouraged by the lives of the people in the Bible? What can I learn from them? Is there anything I can identify with their lives?





1 The burden of the word of the Lord to Israel by the hand of Malachi.

2 "I have loved you," saith the Lord. "Yet ye say, 'Wherein hast Thou loved us?' Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" saith the Lord. "Yet I loved Jacob,

3 and I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness."

4 Whereas Edom saith, "We are impoverished, but we will return and rebuild the desolate places," thus saith the Lord of Hosts: "They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them the Border of Wickedness and the people against whom the Lord hath indignation forever.

5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, 'The Lord will be magnified from the border of Israel.'

6 "A son honoreth his father, and a servant his master. If then I be a father, where is Mine honor? And if I be a master, where is the fear of Me? saith the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests, who despise My name. And ye say, 'Wherein have we despised Thy name?'

7 Ye offer polluted bread upon Mine altar; and ye say, 'Wherein have we polluted Thee?' In that ye say: 'The table of the Lord is contemptible.'

8 And if ye offer blind animals

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for sacrifice, is that not evil? And if ye offer the lame and sick, is that not evil? Offer it now unto thy governor! Will he be pleased with thee or accept thy person?" saith the Lord of hosts.

9 "And now, I pray you, beseech God that He will be gracious unto us. This has been by your hand: Will He regard your persons?" saith the Lord of hosts.

10 "Who is there even among you who would shut the doors for nought? Neither do ye kindle fire on Mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you," saith the Lord of hosts, "neither will I accept an offering from your hand.

11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, My name shall be great among the Gentiles. And in every place incense shall be offered unto My name, and a pure offering; for My name shall be great among the heathen," saith the Lord of hosts.

12 "But ye have profaned it in that ye say, 'The table of the Lord is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even His meat, is contemptible.'

13 Ye said also, 'Behold, what a weariness is it!' And ye have sniffed it," saith the Lord of hosts. "And ye brought that which was torn and the lame and the sick; thus ye brought an offering! Should I accept this from your hand?" saith the Lord.

14 "But cursed be the deceiver who hath in his flock a male, and voweth and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing. For I am a great King," saith the Lord of hosts, "and My name is dreadful among the heathen.

2:1 "And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you.

2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart to give glory unto My name," saith the Lord of hosts, "I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yea, I have cursed

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them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

3 Behold, I will corrupt your seed and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it.

4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that My covenant might be with Levi," saith the Lord of hosts.

5 "My covenant was with him of life and peace, and I gave them to him for the fear with which he feared Me and was afraid before My name.

6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found on his lips. He walked with Me in peace and equity, and turned many away from iniquity.

7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.

8 But ye have departed from the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi," saith the Lord of hosts.

9 "Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept My ways but have been partial in the law."

10 Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

11 Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the Lord which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.

12 The Lord will cut off the man who doeth this — the master and the scholar — out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the Lord of hosts.

13 And this have ye done again,

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covering the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping, and with crying out insomuch that He regardeth not the offering anymore, nor receiveth it with good will from thy hand.

14 Yet ye say, "Why?" Because the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously; yet she is thy companion and the wife of thy covenant.

15 And did not He make one? Yet had He the residue of the spirit. And why one? That He might seek a godly seed! Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

16 "For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith that He hateth putting away; for one covereth violence with his garment," saith the Lord of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously."

17 Ye have wearied the Lord with your words. Yet ye say, "Wherein have we wearied Him?" When ye say: "Every one who doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and He delighteth in them," or, "Where is the God of judgment?"

3:1 "Behold, I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in. Behold, He shall come," saith the Lord of hosts.

2 "But who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.

3 And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

4 Then shall the offering of Judah and of Jerusalem be pleas-

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ant unto the Lord, as in the days of old and as in former years.

5 "And I will come near to you in judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers and against the adulterers, and against those who swear falsely, and against those who oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and those who turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not Me," saith the Lord of hosts.

6 "For I am the Lord, I change not. Therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

7 "Even from the days of your fathers, ye have gone away from Mine ordinances and have not kept them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you," saith the Lord of hosts. "But ye said, 'In what manner shall we return?'

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me! But ye say, 'Wherein have we robbed Thee?' In tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and put Me to the proof now herewith," saith the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open to you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground, neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field," saith the Lord of hosts.

12 "And all nations shall call you blessed, for ye shall be a delightful land," saith the Lord of hosts.

13 "Your words have been defiant against Me," saith the Lord. "Yet ye say, 'What have we spoken so much against Thee?'

14 Ye have said: 'It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked mourn-

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fully before the Lord of hosts?  
15 So now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.”  
16 Then those who feared the Lord spoke often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it. And a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who feared the Lord and who thought upon His name.  
17 “And they shall be Mine,” saith the Lord of hosts, “in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son who serveth him.  
18 Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.

4 :1 “For behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly shall be stubble. And the day that cometh shall burn them up,” saith the Lord of hosts, “that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.  
2 But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves from the stall.  
3 And ye shall tread down the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this,” saith the Lord of hosts.  
4 “Remember ye the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.  
5 “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.  
6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”

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