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and for the finnes 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 an heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard; and I will poure down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof.

7 And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burnt with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for the gathered it of the hire of an harlot; and they shall return to the hire of an harlot.

8 Therefore I will waite and howle, I will go strip and naked; I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls.

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

10 Declare ye it not at Gath, weep ye not at all: in the house of Ashphaz roll thy selfe in the dust.

11 Passe ye away, thou inhabitant of Saphir, having thy shame naked; the inhabitant of Zaanan came not forth in the mourning of Beth-eyel, he shall receive of you his standing.

12 For the inhabitant of Beroth waited carelessly for good; but evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem.

13 Thou inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast; she is the beginning of the sinne to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.

14 Therefore shalt thou give presents to Horebeth-gath: the houses of Achizib shall be a lie to the kings of Israel.

15 Yet will I bring an hire unto thee, O inhabitant of Beersheba; hee shall come unto Adullam the glory of Israel.

16 Make thee bald, and poll thee for thy delicate children, enlarge thy baldness as the eagle, for they are gone into captivity from thee.

CHAP. II.

1 Against oppression. 4 A lamentation. 7 A reproofe of injustice and idolatry. 12 A promise of restoring Jacob.

VVord to them that devile iniquity, and work evil upon their beds: when the morning is light, they practise it because it is in the power of their hand.

2 And 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, 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 dolefull lamentation, and say, Wee be utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people; how hath he removed it from me! turning away hee hath divided our fields.

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

6 Prophesie ye not, say they to them that prophesie: they shall not prophesie to them that they shall not take shame.

7 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 if of late my people is risen up as an enemy: yet pull off the robe with the garment, from them that passe by securely, as men averse from warre.

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 force destruction.

11 If a man walking in the spirit and fall-hood, do lie, saying, I will prophesie 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 heap of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.

13 The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it, and their king shall passe before them, and the LORD on the head of them.

CHAP. III.

1 The cruelty of the princes. 5 The fallshood of the prophets. 8 The security of them both.

AND I said, Heare, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel: is it not for you to know judgement?

2 Who hate the good, and love the evill, 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 skinne from off them, and they break their bones and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the cauldron.

4 Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not heare them: hee 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 erre, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace: and he that putteth not into their mouthes, they even prepare warre 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 sunne 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 of God.

8 But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgement, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sinne.

9 Heare this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhorre judgement, and pervert all equity.

10 They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

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? none shall come upon us.

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

† Heb. daughters of the owle. † Or, she is grievously sick of her wounds.

\* 2. Sam. 1. 20 † That is, dust. \* Jer. 6. 26. † Or, thou that dwellest faithfully.

† Heb. inhabitant. † Isa. 47. 3. † Or, the country of flocks. † Or, a place neare.

† Or, was grieved. † Or, for. † That is, a lie. † Or, the glory of Israel shall come, &c. \* Isa. 22. 12.

\* Isa. 5. 8. † Or, defraud.

† Heb. with a lamentation of lamentations.

† Or, in stead of restoring. \* Deu. 32. 8. 9. † Or, prophesie not as they prophesie. † Heb. drop, &c. \* Isa. 30. 10. † Or, shortened.

† Heb. upright. † Heb. yesterday. † Heb. over against a garment. † Or, wives.

† Or, walk with the winds, and lie fallow.

\* Chap. 2. 11.

† Heb. from a vision. † Heb. from divining.

† Heb. upper lip.

\* Ezek. 22. 27. Zeph. 3. 3. † Heb. floods.

† Heb. saying.

\* Jer. 26. 18.

C H A P. IIII.

1 The glory, 3 peace, 8 kingdome, 11 and victory of the Church.

Isa. 2. 2, &c.

**B**ut in the last dayes it shall come to passe, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills, and people shall flow unto it.

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 wayes, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Isa. 2. 4. Joel 3. 10. Or, fishes.

3 And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations a farre off, and they shall beat their swords into plow-shares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn warre 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 hatheth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted,

Zeph. 3. 19.

7 And I will make her that hatheth, a remnant, and her that was cast farre off, a strong nation: and the Lord shall reigne over them in mount Zion, from henceforth even for ever.

Dan. 7. 14. Luke 1. 33.

8 And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion, the kingdome shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.

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

11 Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be desolled, 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 into the floor.

13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horns 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.

C H A P. V.

1 The birth of Christ. 4 His kingdome. 8 His conquest.

Math. 2. 6. John 7. 42.

**N**ow gather thy selfe in troups, O daughter of troups: hee hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the sudge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

2 But thou \* Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me, that is to be ruler in Israel: whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Heb. the dayes of eternit.

3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that he which travaileth hath brought forth:

then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and seed in the strength of the Lord, in the majestie of the name of the Lord his God, and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

Or, rule.

5 And this man shall be the peace when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principall men.

Heb. princes of men.

6 And they shall waite the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

Heb. cat vp. Or, with her own naked swords.

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 careteth not for man, nor waiteth for the sonnes 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 be go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

Or, goat.

9 Thine hand shall be lift up upon thine adverlaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.

10 And it shall come to passe 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 strong holdes:

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.

Or, statues.

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

Or, enemies.

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

C H A P. VI.

1 Gods controversie for unkindnesse, 6 for ignorance, 10 for injustice, 16 and for idolatry.

**H**ear ye now what the Lord saith. Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills heare thy voice.

Or, with. Isa. 1. 2.

2 Heare ye, O mountains, the Lords controversie, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the Lord hath a controversie 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? testifye against me.

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

Exo. 12. 51. and 14. 30.

5 O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the sonne of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal, that ye may know the right counsell of the Lord.

Num. 22. 5. and 23. 7. Num. 25. Joth. 5.

6 Wherein shall I come before the Lord, and bow my selfe before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves of a yeare old?

Heb. sonnes of a yeare.

7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of ramaies, or with ten thousands of rivers of oyle? shall I give my first born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sinne of my soule?

Heb. belly.

8 Wee hath weaved thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but

Deut. 10. 12.