

SCROLLS OF EZEKIEL
UNVEILED
(Chronological Sequence — 2nd
scroll of 13)

2nd Scroll — 6th year (591 B.C.)

Ezekiel sitting (unbound) in his house with the elders of Judah sitting before him.

(8:1) And it was in the sixth year, in the sixth (11th) month, on the fifth (11th) of the month, I was sitting in my house, and the elders of Judah were sitting before me.

Ezekiel taken in a vision to Jerusalem

→ 11th day

And the hand of the Lord Yahweh fell on me there. (8:2) And I looked, and behold! A likeness as the appearance of fire; from the appearance of His loins and downward, like fire. And from His loins and upward as the appearance of brightness, like the color of polished bronze. (8:3) **And He put out the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my head. And the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heavens, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the opening of the inner gate facing north, where there was a seat of the image of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy.** (8:4) **And, behold! The glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.**

Image of jealousy

(8:5) And He said to me, Son of man, lift up your eyes now to the way of the north. So I lifted up my eyes the way toward the north, and **behold, northward at the gate of the altar the image of jealousy was at the entrance.** (8:6) And He said to me, Son of man, do you see what they do; even the great abominations, which the house of Israel is doing here, that I should go far off from My sanctuary? But turn again, and you shall see greater abominations. (8:7) And He brought me to the opening of the court; and I looked, and behold, a hole in the wall.

Evil abominations in the temple

(8:8) And He said to me, Son of man, dig in the wall now. And I

dug in the wall, and, behold, an opening. (8:9) And he said to me. Go in and see the evil abominations that they do here. (8:10) And I went in and saw. And behold, every kind of creeping thing, and hateful beast, and all the idols of the house of Israel, were carved on the wall all around. (8:11) **And seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, standing among them, these were before them, and each man with his censor in his hand. And the odor of the cloud of incense was rising.**

Image room

(8:12) And He said to me, Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, each man in his image room? For they are saying, Yahweh does not see us; Yahweh has forsaken the earth.

Women weeping for Tammuz

(8:13) He also said to me, You turn again, and you shall see greater evils that they are doing. (8:14) And He brought me to the opening of the gate of Yahweh's house, toward the north. And behold, women were sitting there, weeping for Tammuz.

Twenty-Five men worshiping the sun

(8:15) And He said to me, Have you seen, O son of man? Turn yet again, and you shall see greater evils than these. (8:16) And He brought me into the inner court of Yahweh's house, and behold, at the opening of the temple of Yahweh, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men with their backs toward the temple of Yahweh and their faces toward the east; and they bowed themselves eastward to the sun.

Hateful things the House of Judah does

(8:17) **And He said to me, Have you seen, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they do the hateful things which they do here? For they have filled the land with violence and have turned to provoke Me to anger.** And lo, they put the branch to their nose. (8:18) And I will also deal with fury; My eye shall not spare, nor will I have pity. And though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them.

Yahweh cries in a loud voice

(9:1) **And He cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, let the overseers of the city draw near, even each with his destroying weapon in his hand.** (9:2) And behold, six men came from the way of the Upper Gate, which faces north, and each had his shattering weapon in his hand. **And one man among them was clothed with linen, and a writer's inkhorn by his side.** And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

Put a mark of the foreheads of the men who are groaning and mourning

(9:3) And the glory of the God of Israel had gone on from the cherub, where it was on it, to the threshold of the house. And He called to the man clothed in linen, with the writer's inkhorn by his side. (9:4) **And Yahweh said to him, Go through in the midst of the city, in the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark on the foreheads of the men who are groaning and are mourning because of all the abominations that are done in her midst.** (9:5) **And He said to those in my hearing, Go over in the city after him, and strike. Let not your eye spare, nor have pity.** (9:6) **Fully destroy old men, young men and virgins, and little children and women. But do not come near any man on whom is the mark. And begin at My sanctuary. And they began at the old men who were before the house.** (9:7) **And He said to them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain. Go out! And they went out and killed in the city.**

Iniquity of the House of Israel and Judah

(9:8) And it happened as they were slaying them, and I remained, then I fell on my face and cried, and said, Ah Lord Yahweh! Will You destroy all the remnant of Israel in Your pouring out of Your fury on Jerusalem? (9:9) And He said to me, **The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is great, and the land is full of blood, and the city is full of perversity.** For they say, Yahweh has forsaken the land; and, Yahweh does not see. (9:10) And even I, My eye shall

not spare, nor will I have pity, *but* I will put their way on their head. (9:11) **And behold, the man clothed with linen, with the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as You have commanded me.**

Yahweh's Throne

(10:1) **And I looked, and behold! In the expanse over the head of the cherubs was seen the appearance of the form of a throne, like a sapphire stone, above them.** (10:2) And He spoke to the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in among the wheels, under the cherub, and fill your hands with coals of fire from between the cherubs, and scatter *them* on the city. And he went in before me. (10:3) And the cherubs were standing on the right side of the house when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.

Glory of Yahweh and the likeness of the Cherubs

(10:4) And the glory of Yahweh rose from the cherub, over the threshold of the house. And the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of Yahweh's glory. (10:5) And the sound of the cherubs' wings was heard over the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when He speaks. (10:6) And it happened when He had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubs; he went in then and stood beside the wheels. (10:7) And a cherub stretched out his hand from between the cherubs to the fire between the cherubs, and he lifted it and put *it* into the hands of the one clothed with linen. And he took *it* and went out. (1:8) And the form of a man's hand was seen under the wings of the cherubs. (10:9) And I looked, and behold, the four wheels *were* beside the cherubs, one wheel was by one cherub, and another wheel by one cherub; and the wheels looked like the color of a stone of Tarshish. (10:10) And their appearance was as one, the four of them, **as if the wheel were in the midst of the wheel.** (10:11) When they went, they went on their four sides. They did not turn as they went, for to the place where the head faces, after it they

went. They did not turn as they went. (10:12) And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels were full of eyes all around, *even* their wheels that the four of them had. (10:13) **As for the wheels, it was cried to them in my hearing, Whirling wheel!**

The likeness of the four faces of the Cherubs

(10:14) And four faces were to each one. The **first face was the face of a cherub**, and the **second face was the face of a man**, and the **third the face of a lion**, and the **fourth the face of an eagle.** (10:15) And the cherubs rose up. **This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar.** (10:16) And when the cherubs went, **the wheels went beside them**; and when the cherubs lifted their wings to soar from the earth, **the wheels did not turn from beside them**, *even* they. (10:17) When they stood still, *these* stood still, and when they rose up, *these* lifted up. **For the spirit of the living creature was in them.**

Glory of Yahweh over the cherubs

(10:18) **And the glory of Yahweh went from the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubs.** (10:19) And the cherubs lifted up their wings and rose up from the earth in my sight. When they went out, the wheels also *were* beside them. And he stood at the door of the eastern gate of Yahweh's house. And the glory of the God of Israel was over them from above. (10:20) **This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river Chebar, and I knew that they were cherubs.** (10:21) Four, *even* four faces *are* to each; and four wings to each. And the form of a man's hands was under their wings. (10:22) And the form of their faces, they *are* the faces that I saw by the **river Chebar**, their appearances *even* theirs. They each went straightforward.

Evil rulers of the people

(11:1) **And the Spirit lifted me up** and brought me to the eastern gate of Yahweh's house, which faces eastward. And behold, twenty-five men were at the opening of the gate; among whom

I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, rulers of the people. (11:2) **And He said to me, Son of man, these are the men who plot evil and give wicked advice in this city; (11:3) who say, It is not near; let us build houses; this city is the pot, and we are the flesh.**

Prophecy judgement upon the twenty-five rulers of the people

(11:4) Therefore prophecy against them. Prophecy, O son of man! (11:5) And the Spirit of Yahweh fell on me, and said to me, Speak: So says Yahweh: So you have said, O house of Israel, for I Myself know the elevations of your spirit. (11:6) You have multiplied your dead in this city, and you have filled its streets with the dead. (11:7) Therefore so says the Lord Yahweh: Your slain whom you have laid in her midst, they *are* the flesh, and this *city is* the pot. But I will bring you out of her midst. (11:8) You have feared the sword, and I will bring a sword on you, says the Lord Yahweh. (11:9) And I will bring you out of her midst, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments on you. (11:10) You shall fall by the sword. I will judge you in the border of Israel, and you shall know that I *am* Yahweh. (11:11) This *city* shall not be your pot, nor shall you be the flesh in her midst. But I will judge you in the border of Israel, (11:12) and you shall know that I *am* Yahweh. **For you have not walked in My statutes, nor have you done My judgments, but have done after the customs of the nations all around you.**

Pelatiah son of Benaiah dies

(11:13) **And it happened when I prophesied, Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died.** And I fell on my face and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord Yahweh! Will You make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

Yahweh to be a little sanctuary to exiles

(11:14) **Again the Word of Yahweh came to me, saying,** (11:15) Son of man, your brothers, *even* your brothers, the men of your kindred, and all the house of Israel, all that have heard the inhabitants of

Jerusalem saying to all of them, Go far away from Yahweh; this land is given to us for a possession. (11:16) Therefore say, So says the Lord Yahweh: **Though I have sent them far off among the nations, and though I scattered them among the lands, yet I will be to them as a little sanctuary in the lands where they had gone.**

Promise of Restoration In Yeshua

(11:17) Therefore say, So says the Lord Yahweh: I will even gather you from the people and assemble you out of the lands, in those where you were scattered, and **I will give you the land of Israel.** (11:18) And they shall come there, and they shall take away all its hateful things and all its abominations from it.

(11:19) **And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will remove the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh,** (11:20) **so that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances, and do them.** And they shall be My people, and I will be their God. (11:21) And as to those whose heart is going after their hateful things, and also their heart is after their disgusting idols, I will give their way on their own heads, says the Lord Yahweh.

Yahweh abandons His Temple

(11:22) And the cherubs lifted up their wings, and the wheels beside them. (11:23) And the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. **And the glory of Yahweh went up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain, which is on the east side of the city.**

Spirit returns Ezekiel to the Babylonian exiles

(11:24) And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God **into Chaldea, to the exiles.** And the vision that I had seen went up from me. (11:25) **And I spoke to the exiles all the things that Yahweh had shown me.**

Ezekiel to act out exile for the remnant of the House of Israel still in Jerusalem

(12:1) **And the Word of Yahweh came to me, saying,** (12:2) Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see and see not. They have ears to hear and hear not, for they are a rebellious house. (12:3) **Therefore, son of man, prepare for yourself vessels for exile, and go into exile by day before their eyes.** And you shall be exiled from your place to another place before their eyes. It may be they will consider, though they are a rebellious house. (12:4) **And you shall bring out your vessels, as vessels for exile, by day before their eyes. And you shall go out at evening before their eyes, as those going into exile.** (12:5) Dig through the wall before their eyes, and carry out through it. (12:6) Before their eyes you shall carry it on your shoulders, carry it out in the dark. You shall cover your face so that you do not see the ground, **for I have set you as a sign to the house of Israel.** (12:7) And I did as I was commanded. By day I brought out my vessel as a vessel for exile. And in the evening I dug by hand through the wall. I brought *it* out in the dark, and I carried *it* on *my* shoulder before their eyes. [See Ch 5:1-4](#)

This burden concerns the King of Jerusalem and all the House of Israel

→ **12th day**

(12:8) **And in the morning the Word of Yahweh came to me, saying,** (12:9) Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, What are you doing? Say to them, (12:10) **So says the Lord Yahweh: This burden concerns the king in Jerusalem and all the house of Israel among them.**

Ezekiel a sign to the Captives

(12:11) **Say, I am your sign:** As I have done, so it shall be done to them. **They shall go into exile, into captivity.** (12:12) And the king (*Zedekiah*) who *is* among them shall carry *burdens* on *his* shoulder in the dark, and shall go out. They shall dig through the wall to carry out by it. He shall hide his face so that he does not

see the ground with his eye. (12:13) I will also spread My net on him, and He shall be taken in My snare. And I will bring him to **Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans.** Yet he shall not see it, though he shall die there. (12:14) And I will scatter to every wind all who *are* around him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them. (12:15) And they shall know that I *am* Yahweh, when I shall scatter them among the nations and scatter them in the countries. (12:16) But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the plague, so that they may declare all their abominations among the nations where they come. And they shall know that I *am* Yahweh.

Ezekiel to eat his bread in fear and trembling as a sign

(12:17) **And the Word of Yahweh came to me, saying,** (12:18) Son of man, eat your bread with quaking and drink your water with trembling and anxiety. (12:19) And say to the people of the land: So says the Lord Yahweh of the people of Israel: They shall eat their bread with anxiety and drink their water with horror, so that her land may be desolated of her fullness, because of the violence of all those who dwell in it. (12:20) And the cities that have people shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate. **And you shall know that I am Yahweh.**

Proverb

(12:21) **And the Word of Yahweh came to me, saying,** (12:22) Son of man, what *is* this proverb *that* you have in the land of Israel, saying, The days will go on and every vision shall fail? (12:23) Therefore tell them, So says the Lord Yahweh: I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel. But say to them, **The days are at hand, and the fulfillment of every vision.** (12:24) For there shall never again be any vain vision nor slippery divination within the house of Israel. (12:25) For I, Yahweh, will speak, and the Word that I shall speak shall be done. It shall no more be delayed; for in your days, O rebellious house, I

will say the Word and will do it, says the Lord Yahweh.

No More Delay

(12:26) **And the Word of Yahweh came to me, saying,** (12:27) Son of man, behold, the house of Israel says, The vision that he sees *is* for many days to come, and he prophesies of the times that are far off. (12:28) Therefore say to them, **So says the Lord Yahweh: There shall none of My Words be delayed any more, but the Word which I have spoken shall be done, says the Lord Yahweh.**

Prophecy to the foolish Prophets

(13:1) **And the Word of Yahweh came to me, saying,** (13:2) Son of man, prophecy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy. And say to those who prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear the Word of Yahweh: (13:3) **So says the Lord Yahweh, Woe to the foolish prophets** who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing! (13:4) O Israel, your prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. (13:5) You have not gone up into the breaks, nor built the wall for the house of Israel, that it might stand in the battle in the day of Yahweh. (13:6) They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, Yahweh says. And Yahweh has not sent them; but they hoped to confirm *their* word. (13:7) Did you not see a vain vision, and speak a lying divination? Yet you say, Yahweh says; although I have not spoken? (13:8) Therefore so says the Lord Yahweh: Because you have spoken vanity and seen a lie, therefore, behold, I *am* against you, says the Lord Yahweh. (13:9) And My hand shall be against the prophets who see vanity and who divine a lie. They shall not be in the council of My people, nor shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter into the land of Israel. **And you shall know that I am the Lord Yahweh.**

(13:10) Because, even because they made My people go astray, saying, Peace; and *there was* no peace; and he builds a wall, and lo, *others* daubed it with lime. (13:11) Say to those who daub with lime, yes, it shall fall; there will be a flooding rain; and you, O hailstones, shall fall, and a stormy wind will break. (13:12) And,

behold, when the wall has fallen, shall it not be said to you, where *is* the daubing with which you have daubed?

(13:13) Therefore so says the Lord Yahweh: I will even break *it with* a stormy wind in My fury. And there shall be a flooding rain in My anger, and hailstones in fury to destroy it. (13:14) And I will break down the wall that you have daubed *with* lime, and touch it to the ground; yea, I will bare its base. And it shall fall, and you shall be destroyed in her midst; and you shall know that I *am* Yahweh. (13:15) And I will fulfill My wrath on the wall and on those who daubed it with lime. And I will say to you, The wall is no more; and, Those who daubed *are* no more; (13:16) the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, says Yahweh.

Ezekiel sets his face against the daughters of his people

(13:17) And you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart. And prophecy against them, (13:18) and say, So says the Lord Yahweh: Woe to those sewing bands to all joints of my hands, and make long veils for the head of every *man* of stature, to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and will you save alive the souls for yourselves? (13:19) And will you profane Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to kill the souls that should not die; and to save alive the souls that should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies.

(13:20) Therefore so says the Lord Yahweh: Behold, I *am* against your bands with which you are hunting the souls there, to make them fly. And I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, the souls which you are hunting, to make them fly. (13:21) Also I will tear your long veils and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall no more be in your hand to be hunted. And you shall know that I *am* Yahweh. (13:22) Because with lies you have saddened the heart of the righteous, whom I have not made sad; and have made the hands of the wicked strong, so that he should not turn from his wicked

way, by promising him life; (13:23) therefore you shall not see vanity, and you shall not divine any divination. And I will deliver My people out of your hands; and you shall know that I *am* Yahweh.

Elders come and sit before Ezekiel

(14:1) **And some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me.** (14:2) **And the Word of Yahweh came to me, saying,** (14:3) Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put the stumbling-block of their iniquity before their face. Should I at all be inquired of by them? (14:4) Therefore speak to them, and say to them, So says the Lord Yahweh: Every man of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet; I Yahweh will answer him in it by the host of his idols; (14:5) so that I may capture the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are estranged from Me by their idols, all of them.

Repent

(14:6) Therefore say to the house of Israel, so says the Lord Yahweh: **Repent and turn from your idols, and turn away your faces from all your abominations.** (14:7) For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger who lives in Israel, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to a prophet to ask of him concerning Me; I Yahweh will answer him Myself. (14:8) And I will set My face against that man, and I will make him desolate for a sign and for proverbs. And I will cut him off from the midst of My people; and you shall know that I *am* Yahweh. (14:9) And the prophet, if he is deceived, and he speaks a word, I Yahweh have deceived that prophet. And I will stretch out My hand on him and will destroy him in the midst of My people Israel. (14:10) And they shall bear their iniquity. As the iniquity of the inquirer, so the iniquity of the prophet shall be. (14:11) So that the house of Israel may never again go astray from Me, nor be defiled again with all their transgressions, **but they are to Me My people, and I will be**

to them for God, says the Lord Yahweh.

Noah, Daniel and Job

(14:12) **The Word of Yahweh came again to me, saying,** (14:13) Son of man, when a land sins against Me by traitorous betraying, then I will stretch out My hand on it, and will break the staff of its bread, and will send famine on it, and will cut off man and beast from it. (14:14) *And though* these three men, **Noah, Daniel, and Job,** were in it, they should deliver *only* their own souls by their righteousness, says the Lord Yahweh. (14:15) If I cause destroying beasts to come through the land, and they spoil it so that it is deserted, so that no one may pass through because of the beasts, (14:16) *though* these three men were in its midst, as I live, says the Lord Yahweh, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters. They only shall be delivered, but the land shall be deserted. (14:17) Or *if* I bring a sword on that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it; (14:18) *though* these three men were in it, as I live, says the Lord Yahweh, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they *only* shall be delivered themselves. (14:19) Or *if* I send a plague into that land, and pour out My fury on it in blood, to cut off man and beast from it; (14:20) *though Noah, Daniel, and Job* were in it, as I live, says the Lord Yahweh, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter. They shall *only* deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

(14:21) For so says the Lord Yahweh: **How much more when I send My four evil judgments on Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the destroying beast, and the plague, to cut off man and beast from it.** (14:22) **Yet, behold, there shall be left a remnant in it that shall be brought out, sons and daughters.** Behold, they shall come out to you, and you shall see their way and their doings. (14:23) And you shall be comforted concerning the evil that I brought on Jerusalem; *for* all that I have brought on it. (14:23) And they shall comfort you when you see their way and their doings. And you shall know that I have not done without cause all

that I have done in it, says the Lord Yahweh.

Parable of the Vine

(15:1) **And the Word of Yahweh came to me, saying,** (15:2) Son of man, how is the vine tree more than any other tree, *or than* a branch which is among the trees of the forest? (15:3) Shall wood be taken from it to do work? Or will *men* take from it *for* a peg to hang any vessel on it? (15:4) Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel. The fire devours both its ends, and its middle is charred. Is it fit for *any* work? (15:5) Behold, when it was whole, it was not made for work. How much less when the fire has devoured it, and it is charred? Shall it yet be made to work? (15:6) Therefore so says the Lord Yahweh, As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so I will give the people of Jerusalem. (15:7) And I will set My face against them; they shall go out from the fire, and the fire shall devour them. And you shall know that I *am* Yahweh when I set My face against them. (15:8) **And I will make the land to be desolate, because they have committed a treacherous act, says the Lord Yahweh.**

Origin of Jerusalem

(16:1) **Again the Word of Yahweh came to me, saying,** (16:2) Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations. (16:3) And say, **So says the Lord Yahweh to Jerusalem, Your origin and your birth is of the land of Canaan. Your father was an Amorite, and your mother a Hittite.** (16:4) And as *for* your birth, in the day you were born your navel was not cut, nor were you washed with water to cleanse you. And you were not salted, nor swaddled at all. (16:5) No eye pitied you, to do any of these to you, to have compassion on you. But you were thrown out into the open field, because your life was despised in the day that you were born.

(16:6) And when I passed by you and saw you squirming in your blood, I said to you in your blood, Live! Yes, I said to you in your blood, Live! (16:7) I have caused you to multiply like the bud of the field, and you are grown, and you are great; and you come *in* the finest ornaments. Your breasts

are formed, and hair is grown, yet you were naked and bare.

(16:8) And I passed by you and looked on you, and, behold, your time was the time of love. **And I spread my skirt over you and covered your nakedness. And I swore to you and entered into a covenant with you, says the Lord Yahweh.** And you became Mine. (16:9) And I washed you with water; I washed away your blood from you, and I anointed you with oil. (16:10) I also clothed you *with* embroidered work, and I shod you *with* dugong sandals. And I wrapped you in fine linen, and I covered you *with* silk. (16:11) And I adorned you *with* ornaments, and I put bracelets on your hands and a chain on your neck. (16:12) And I put a ring on your nose, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. (16:13) And you were adorned with gold and silver; and your clothing was of fine linen and silk and embroidered work. You ate fine flour and honey and oil; and you were exceedingly beautiful. And you advanced to regal estate.

(16:14) And your name went out among the nations, because of your beauty; for it was perfect in My beauty, which I had put on you, says the Lord Yahweh.

(16:15) But you trusted in your beauty, and played the harlot because of your name, and poured out your fornications on all who passed by; it was his. (16:16) And you took from your clothes and adorned your high places with different colors, and fornicated on them, *such as* had not come, nor shall be. (16:17) And you have taken beautiful things of My gold and of My silver, which I had given you, and made images of males, and fornicated with them. (16:18) And you took your embroidered dresses and covered them, and you have given to their face My oil and My incense. (16:19) Also My food, which I gave you, fine flour and oil and honey *with which* I fed you, you have given it to their face for a soothing aroma. **And it happened, says the Lord Yahweh?**

(16:20) And you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne to Me, and you gave these to them for food. Are your fornications small? (16:21) You have slaughtered My sons and gave them to cause these **to pass through the fire** for them. (16:22) And in all your hateful deeds and your fornications you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, and squirming in your blood.

(16:23) **Woe, woe to you says the Lord Yahweh!** For it happened after all your evil (16:24) that you have also built yourself a mound, and you have made yourself a high place in every street. (16:25) You have built your high place at the head of every way, and have made your beauty to be despised, and have opened your feet to everyone who passed by, and have multiplied your fornications. (16:26) You have also whored with the Egyptians, your neighbors great of flesh, and have multiplied your fornications to provoke Me to anger.

(16:27) And, behold, therefore I have stretched out My hand over you, and drew back your portion. And I gave you to the will of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your wicked way. (16:28) You have whored with the Assyrians, without your being satisfied; yea, you whored and yet you were not satisfied. (16:29) And your whoredom is idolatry in the land of Canaan, to the Chaldean, and yet you were not satisfied with this. (16:30) How weak is your heart, says the Lord Yahweh, since you do all these, the work of a woman, an overbearing harlot; (16:31) in that you build your mound at the head of every way, and make your high place in every street. Yet you have not been as a harlot, scorning wages. (16:32) Like the adulterous wife, instead of her husband, she takes strangers. (16:33) They give a gift to all harlots, but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and bribe them to come to you from all around, for your fornication. (16:34) And in you was the opposite from those women in your fornications, since no one whores after you, and in your giving wages, and hire is not

given to you. In this you are opposite.

Jerusalem indicted as a Harlot
(16:35) **Therefore, O harlot, hear the Word of Yahweh.** (16:36) So says the Lord Yahweh: Because your lewdness was poured out and your nakedness was bared in your fornications with your lovers, and with all the idols of your abominations, and by the blood of your sons whom you gave to them; (16:37) behold, therefore I will gather all your lovers, with whom you have been pleased, even all whom you loved, with all whom you have hated; I will even gather them against you from all around, and will uncover your nakedness to them, and they will see all your nakedness.

(16:38) And I will judge you with judgments of adulteresses, and with shedders of blood. (16:39) And I will give you blood and fury and jealousy. And I will also give you into their hand, and they will tear down your mound, and will demolish your high places. (16:40) They shall also strip you of your clothes, and shall take your beautiful things, and leave you naked and bare. They shall also raise a company against you, and they shall stone you with stones, and cut you with their swords. (16:41) And they shall burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women.

And I will make you stop whoring; and also, you shall not give hire again. (16:42) And I will make My fury to rest against you, and My jealousy shall depart from you, and I will be quiet and will be angry no more. (16:43) Because you have not remembered the days of your youth, but have troubled Me in all these things; so, behold, I will also repay your way on your head, says the Lord Yahweh.

And you shall not commit this wickedness above all your abominations. (16:44) Behold, all who use proverbs shall use *this* proverb against you, saying, As the mother, so is her daughter. (16:45) You are your mother's daughter, who despises her husband and her sons. And you are the sister of your sisters, who despise their husbands and their sons. **Your mother was a Hittite, and your father an Amorite.**

(16:46) And your older sister is Samaria, she and her daughters who dwell at your left hand. And your younger sister, who dwells at your right hand, is Sodom and her daughters. (16:47) Yet you have not walked according to their ways, nor done according to their hateful deeds; but, as if it were a very little thing, you were corrupted more than they were in all your ways.

(16:48) As I live, says the Lord Yahweh, Sodom your sister, she nor her daughters, has not done as you have done, you and your daughters. (16:49) Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom; pride. Fullness of bread and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters. Nor did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. (16:50) And they were haughty and did abominable things before Me, so I turned away as I saw fit. (16:51) Nor has Samaria sinned as much as half your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters in all your abominations, which you have done.

(16:52) You also, who have judged your sisters, bear your own shame for your sins which you have committed more abominable than they. They are more righteous than you! Yes, blush and bear your shame, since you have justified your sisters. (16:53) When I shall return their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then also the captivity of your captivity in their midst; (16:54) that you may bear your shame, and blush in all that you have done, since you are a comfort to them. (16:55) When your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former state, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former state, then you and your daughters shall return to your former state. (16:56) For your sister Sodom was not mentioned by your mouth in the day of your pride, (16:57) before your wickedness was uncovered, as at the time of your reproach of the daughters of Syria, and of all her neighbors, the daughters of the Philistines who hated you from all around. (16:58) You are bearing your wickedness and your

abominations, says Yahweh.

(16:59) For so says the Lord Yahweh: I will even deal with you as you have done, who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant. (16:60) **But I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish to you an everlasting covenant.** (16:61) And you shall remember your ways and be ashamed, when you shall receive your sisters, your older and your younger. And I will give them to you for daughters, but not by *your* covenant. (16:62) And I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall know that I *am* Yahweh; (16:63) so that you may remember and be ashamed; and it will not be *possible* to open *your* mouth any more because of your shame; in that I am propitiated for all that you have done, says the Lord Yahweh.

Speak a riddle to the House of Israel

(17:1) **And the Word of Yahweh came to me, saying,** (17:2) Son of man, put out a riddle and speak a parable to the house of Israel. (17:3) And say, So says the Lord Yahweh: A great eagle with great wings, long of pinion, full of feathers, who had different colors, came to Lebanon and took the highest branch of the cedar. (17:4) He plucked off the top of its young twigs and carried it into a land of traders. He set it in a city of merchants. (17:5) He also took of the seed of the land and planted it in a fruitful field. He placed *it* by great waters and set *it* as a willow tree. (17:6) And it grew and became a spreading low vine, whose branches turned toward him. And its roots were under him. So it became a vine and brought out branches and shot out boughs.

(17:7) There was also another great eagle *with* great wings and many feathers. And behold, this vine bent its roots toward him and shot out its branches toward him, that he might water it, away from the beds of its planting. (17:8) It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring out branches, and that it might bear fruit, to be a splendid vine. (17:9) Say, So says the Lord Yahweh: Shall it prosper? Shall he not pull up its roots and cut off its fruit, and wither it? All the leaves of its sprouting shall

wither, and not with great arm, nor by many people *shall any* raise it by its roots. (17:10) And behold, *being* planted, shall it prosper? Shall it not utterly wither when the east wind touches it? It shall wither in the beds *where* it sprouted.

Interpretation of the riddle

(17:11) **And the Word of Yahweh came to me, saying,** (17:12) Say now to the rebellious house: Do you not know what these *things mean*? Tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon has come to Jerusalem and has taken its king and its rulers, and brings them to himself to Babylon. (17:13) And he has taken of the king's seed and has made a covenant with him, and has taken an oath from him. He has also taken the mighty of the land, (17:14) so that the kingdom might be low, that it might not lift itself up, *but* that by keeping his covenant it might stand. (17:15) But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, to give him horses and many people. Shall he be blessed? Shall he who does such *things* escape? Or shall he break the covenant and be delivered?

(17:16) As I live, says the Lord Yahweh, surely in the place of the king who made him king, whose oath he despised and whose covenant he broke, even with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die. (17:17) Nor shall Pharaoh with *his* mighty army and great company work for him in the war, by pouring out siege mounds and building forts, to cut off many persons. (17:18) And he has despised the oath by breaking the covenant. And, behold, he had given his hand, and has done all these, he shall not escape.

(17:19) Therefore so says the Lord Yahweh: As I live, surely My oath that he has despised, and My covenant that he has broken, I will even repay it on his own head. (17:20) And I will spread My net on him, and he shall be taken in My snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and I will judge him there with his sin which he has sinned against Me. (17:21) And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and those who remain shall be scattered toward all winds. And you shall know that I Yahweh have spoken.

(17:22) So says the Lord Yahweh: I, *even* I, will also take of the top of the highest cedar and will set *it*; I will crop off from the first of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. (17:23) In a mountain, in a high place of Israel, I will plant it. And it shall bear boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. And under it shall dwell every bird of every wing; in the shadow of its branches they shall dwell. (17:24) And all the trees of the field shall know that I Yahweh have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish. **I Yahweh have spoken and acted.**

Prophecy of Divine Judgement

(18:1) **The Word of Yahweh came to me again, saying,** (18:2) What is it to you that you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the teeth of the sons *are* dull? (18:3) As I live, says the Lord Yahweh, to you there is no longer any *occasion* to use this proverb in Israel. (18:4) Behold, all souls *are* Mine. As the soul of the father, also the soul of the son, they *are* Mine. The soul that sins, it shall die.

(18:5) But a man that is just and does what is just and right, (18:6) and has not eaten on the mountains, nor has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, nor has defiled his neighbor's wife, nor has come near a menstruating woman, (18:7) and has not ill-treated any man, *but* has given the debtor's pledge back to him, has robbed none by violence, has given his bread to the hungry and has covered the naked with a garment; (18:8) he has not given out on usury, nor has taken any increase, he has withdrawn his hand from iniquity, has done judgment between man and man, (18:9) has walked in My statutes, and has kept My judgments to deal truly, he *is* righteous, he shall surely live, says the Lord Yahweh.

(18:10) And if he fathers a son *who is* violent, who sheds blood, and who does to a brother *any* of these; (18:11) even if he does do not any of these *himself*, but *his* son has, but has even eaten on

the mountains, and has defiled his neighbor's wife; (18:12) has ill-treated the poor and needy; thieving, he stole; has not given back the pledge; and has lifted up his eyes to the idols; has committed abomination; (18:13) has loaned on usury; and has taken increase; shall he then live? He shall not live! He has done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be on him.

(18:14) And, lo, if he fathers a son who sees all his father's sins which he has done, and fears, and does not do like him; (18:15) who has not eaten on the mountains; nor has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel; has not defiled his neighbor's wife; (18:16) nor has ill-treated any man; has not withheld the pledge; nor has robbed by violence; but has given his bread to the hungry; and has covered the naked with clothes; (18:17) has withdrawn his hand from the poor; has not received usury nor increase; has done My judgments; has walked in My statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father; he shall surely live. (18:18) His father, because he extorted, robbed his brother by robbery, and did what is not good among his people; lo, even he shall die in his iniquity.

(18:19) Yet you say, Why? Does not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son has done justice and right, has kept all My statutes, and has done them, he shall surely live. (18:20) The soul that sins, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, nor shall the father bear the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be on him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be on him.

(18:21) But if the wicked will turn from all his sins which he has committed, and keep all My statutes, and do justice and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. (18:22) All his transgressions that he has done, they shall not be mentioned to him; in his righteousness that he has done he shall live. (18:23) Do I actually delight in the death of the wicked? says the Lord Yahweh. Is it not that he should turn from his ways and live?

(18:24) But when the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked do, shall he live? All his righteousness that he has done shall not be remembered; in his trespass that he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them he shall die.

(18:25) Yet you say, The way of Yahweh is not fair. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is not My way fair? Are your ways not unfair? (18:26) When a righteous one turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity and dies in them; for his iniquity that he has done, he shall die.

(18:27) Again, when the wicked turns away from his wickedness that he has committed and does that which is lawful and righteous, he shall save his soul alive. (18:28) Because he looks carefully, and turns away from all his sins that he has committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

(18:29) Yet says the house of Israel: The way of Yahweh is not fair. O house of Israel, are not My ways fair? Are not your ways unfair? (18:30) So I will judge you, O house of Israel, each one of you according to his ways, says the Lord Yahweh. Turn and be made to turn from all your sins; and iniquity shall not be your stumbling block. (18:31) Cast away from you all your sins by which you have sinned; and make you a new heart and a new spirit; for why will you die, O house of Israel? (18:32) For I have no delight in the death of him who dies, says the Lord Yahweh.

Therefore turn and live. (19:1) And take up a weeping for the rulers of Israel, (19:2) and say: What is your mother? A lioness. She lay down among lions; she multiplied her cubs among young lions. (19:3) And she brought up one of her cubs; it became a strong lion and learned to tear the prey. It ate men. (19:4) The nations also heard of him. He was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains to the land of Egypt. (19:5) And when she saw that she had waited and that her hope was lost, she took another of her cubs and made him a strong lion. (19:6) And he went up and down among the lions; he

became a young lion and learned to tear the prey, and ate men. (19:7) And he knew his widows, and he laid their cities waste, and the land and its fullness was desolated, from the sound of his roaring. (19:8) And the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him. He was taken in their pit. (19:9) And they put him (King Hezekiah) in a cage in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon. They brought him into hunting nets, so that his voice should never again be heard on the mountains of Israel.

(19:10) Your mother is like a vine in your blood, planted by the waters; she was fruitful and full of branches because of many waters. (19:11) And she had strong rods for the scepters of those who bore rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches; and it was seen in her height, with the multitude of her branches. (19:12) But she was plucked up in fury; she was thrown down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit. Her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire burned them up. (19:13) And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground. (19:14) And fire has gone out from a rod of her branches, which has licked up her fruit so that there is no strong rod in her to be a scepter to rule. This is a mourning and shall be for a mourning.

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