16 may cross in their shoes. A path will be there for the remnant of His people,
those who remain, from Assyria, as there was for the people of Israel on the
12 1 day they came up from the land of Egypt. And you will say on that day: *I*
thank You, LORD for You raged against me, but You turned back Your rage, and
2 *now You console me. Behold the God of my salvation; I trust and will not fear, for*
3 *God, the LORD, is my strength and song, and now my salvation.* With joy you
4 will draw water from the flowing springs of rescue. And you will say upon
that day: *Give thanks to the LORD; call on His name; proclaim His acts among*
5 *the peoples; recount: His name is transcendent. Sing out to the LORD: He has*
6 *performed grandeur; all across the world this thing is known. Cry out, sing out*
joy, all you who dwell in Zion; for great in your midst is the Holy One of
13 1 *Israel.* The burden of Babylon seen by Yeshayahu son of Amotz:
2 Raise a banner upon the high mountain, and lift your voice toward them;
3 gesture with your hand and let them come to the nobles' gates. I command
those I have consecrated and call up the mighty men of My rage, exuberant
4 with My own pride. The clamor of the horde fills the mountains, the image
of a mass of men, the roar of whole kingdoms, of nations called together: the
5 LORD of Hosts is gathering a host for war. They come from a distant land,
from the skies' edge, the LORD and His armaments of fury, to wreak violence
6 across the world. Wail, for the day of the LORD is nigh; like assault from
7
8 Shaddai it strikes, so all hands give way, so each mortal heart dissolves. The
throes take hold of them; agony grips them; they writhe like a woman in labor.
9 They stare in horror at each other as at faces dragged through the flames. Here
it is coming: the day of the LORD, cruel with fury, with flaming rage, turning
10 the land to desolation, routing out all her sinners, for the stars of the sky in
their patterns will shine no more their light; the sun will rise in darkness, and
11 the moon not beam its light. I shall repay this earth its evil, and the wicked
ones their wrongs. I shall halt the vicious ones' majesty and fell the tyrants'
12 pride. Human life will be prized higher than gold; I shall make it so: people
13 scarcer than fine gold. For this I shall jolt the heavens, shake the land out of
its resting place through the fury of the LORD of Hosts on the day His rage
14 flames high. And they will be like a hounded gazelle, a flock with none to
15 herd it; each man will turn to his people and flee back to his land. Whoever
is found will be run through with the sword, they will fall, all who are caught
16 in flight. Their little ones will be battered to death before their eyes, their
17 houses sacked, their women raped. I shall rouse Media against them, who
18 care not for silver, who have no desire for gold.[40] And their bows will crush
children; they will show infants no mercy, their eyes spare no one's child.
19 Babylon: splendor among kingdoms, crowning glory of Chaldean pride, her
20 end like God's overturning of Sedom and Amora, it will never again be
inhabited, and never be settled, in any generation, nor any Arab nomad pitch
21 his tent there, nor shepherds lay their flocks down in that place. Desert beasts
will lie down there and owls fill the houses. Ostriches will make their homes,

40 | Koresh (Cyrus) of Persia, which had been a vassal state of the Median empire, conquered Babylon in 539 BCE.

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נְחָלִים וְהִדְרַיִךְ בַּנְּעָלִים: וְהָיְתָה מְסִלָּה לִשְׁאָר עַמּוֹ אֲשֶׁר יִשָּׁאֵר
יב א מֵאַשּׁוּר כַּאֲשֶׁר הָיְתָה לְיִשְׂרָאֵל בְּיוֹם עֲלֹתוֹ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם: וְאָמַרְתָּ
ב בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא אוֹדְךָ יְהוָה כִּי אָנַפְתָּ בִּי יָשָׁב אַפְּךָ וּתְנַחֲמֵנִי: הִנֵּה אֵל
יְשׁוּעָתִי אֶבְטַח וְלֹא אֶפְחָד כִּי־עָזִּי וְזִמְרָת יָהּ יְהוָה וַיְהִי־לִי לִישׁוּעָה:
ג ד וּשְׁאַבְתֶּם־מַיִם בְּשָׂשׂוֹן מִמַּעַיְנֵי הַיְשׁוּעָה: וַאֲמַרְתֶּם בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא הוֹדוּ
לַיהוָה קִרְאוּ בִשְׁמוֹ הוֹדִיעוּ בָעַמִּים עֲלִילֹתָיו הַזְכִּירוּ כִּי נִשְׂגָּב שְׁמוֹ:
ה ו זַמְּרוּ יְהוָה כִּי גְאוּת עָשָׂה מוּדַעַת זֹאת בְּכָל־הָאָרֶץ: צַהֲלִי וְרֹנִּי יוֹשֶׁבֶת מוּדַעַת
יג א צִיּוֹן כִּי־גָדוֹל בְּקִרְבֵּךְ קְדוֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל: מַשָּׂא בָּבֶל אֲשֶׁר
ב חֲזָה יְשַׁעְיָהוּ בֶּן־אָמוֹץ: עַל הַר־נָשֵׂא שְׂאוּ־נֵס הָרִימוּ קוֹל לָהֶם
ג הָנִיפוּ יָד וְיָבֹאוּ פִּתְחֵי נְדִיבִים: אֲנִי צִוִּיתִי לִמְקֻדָּשָׁי גַּם קָרָאתִי גִבּוֹרַי
ד לְאַפִּי עַלִּיזֵי גַאֲוָתִי: קוֹל הָמוֹן בֶּהָרִים דְּמוּת עַם־רָב קוֹל שְׁאוֹן
ה מַמְלְכוֹת גּוֹיִם נֶאֱסָפִים יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת מְפַקֵּד צְבָא מִלְחָמָה: בָּאִים
מֵאֶרֶץ מֶרְחָק מִקְצֵה הַשָּׁמַיִם יְהוָה וּכְלֵי זַעְמוֹ לְחַבֵּל כָּל־הָאָרֶץ:
ז ו הֵילִילוּ כִּי קָרוֹב יוֹם יְהוָה כְּשֹׁד מִשַּׁדַּי יָבוֹא: עַל־כֵּן כָּל־יָדַיִם תִּרְפֶּינָה
ח וְכָל־לְבַב אֱנוֹשׁ יִמָּס: וְנִבְהָלוּ ו צִירִים וְחֶבָלִים יֹאחֵזוּן כַּיּוֹלֵדָה יְחִילוּן
ט אַיִשׁ אֶל־רֵעֵהוּ יִתְמָהוּ פְּנֵי לְהָבִים פְּנֵיהֶם: הִנֵּה יוֹם־יְהוָה בָּא אַכְזָרִי
י וְעֶבְרָה וְחָרוֹן אָף לָשׂוּם הָאָרֶץ לְשַׁמָּה וְחַטָּאֶיהָ יַשְׁמִיד מִמֶּנָּה: כִּי־
כוֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם וּכְסִילֵיהֶם לֹא יָהֵלּוּ אוֹרָם חָשַׁךְ הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ בְּצֵאתוֹ וְיָרֵחַ
יא לֹא־יַגִּיהַ אוֹרוֹ: וּפָקַדְתִּי עַל־תֵּבֵל רָעָה וְעַל־רְשָׁעִים עֲוֹנָם וְהִשְׁבַּתִּי
יב גְּאוֹן זֵדִים וְגַאֲוַת עָרִיצִים אַשְׁפִּיל: אוֹקִיר אֱנוֹשׁ מִפָּז וְאָדָם מִכֶּתֶם
יג אוֹפִיר: עַל־כֵּן שָׁמַיִם אַרְגִּיז וְתִרְעַשׁ הָאָרֶץ מִמְּקוֹמָהּ בְּעֶבְרַת יְהוָה
יד צְבָאוֹת וּבְיוֹם חֲרוֹן אַפּוֹ: וְהָיָה כִּצְבִי מֻדָּח וּכְצֹאן וְאֵין מְקַבֵּץ אִישׁ
טו אֶל־עַמּוֹ יִפְנוּ וְאִישׁ אֶל־אַרְצוֹ יָנוּסוּ: כָּל־הַנִּמְצָא יִדָּקֵר וְכָל־הַנִּסְפֶּה
טז יִפּוֹל בֶּחָרֶב: וְעֹלְלֵיהֶם יְרֻטְּשׁוּ לְעֵינֵיהֶם יִשַּׁסּוּ בָּתֵּיהֶם וּנְשֵׁיהֶם
יז תְּשֻׁגָּלְנָה: הִנְנִי מֵעִיר עֲלֵיהֶם אֶת־מָדַי אֲשֶׁר־כֶּסֶף לֹא יַחְשֹׁבוּ וְזָהָב תְּשֻׁכַּבְנָה
יח לֹא יַחְפְּצוּ־בוֹ: וּקְשָׁתוֹת נְעָרִים תְּרַטַּשְׁנָה וּפְרִי־בֶטֶן לֹא יְרַחֵמוּ עַל־
יט בָּנִים לֹא־תָחוּס עֵינָם: וְהָיְתָה בָבֶל צְבִי מַמְלָכוֹת תִּפְאֶרֶת גְּאוֹן
כ כַּשְׂדִּים כְּמַהְפֵּכַת אֱלֹהִים אֶת־סְדֹם וְאֶת־עֲמֹרָה: לֹא־תֵשֵׁב לָנֶצַח
וְלֹא תִשָּׁכֵן עַד־דּוֹר וָדוֹר וְלֹא־יֶהֱלַל שָׁם עֲרָבִי וְרֹעִים לֹא־יַרְבִּצוּ שָׁם:
כא וְרָבְצוּ־שָׁם צִיִּים וּמָלְאוּ בָתֵּיהֶם אֹחִים וְשָׁכְנוּ שָׁם בְּנוֹת יַעֲנָה וּשְׂעִירִים

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22 and wild goats will dance. Wild cats will scream in her palaces and jackals in
her pleasure halls. Her time is coming close now; her days draw to a close.
14 1 For the LORD will show compassion to Yaakov, choose Israel again. He will
set them down upon their land, and strangers will join them – add themselves
2 to the House of Yaakov – while they will take of those peoples and bring them
to their place, and the House of Israel will possess them on the LORD's own
land, slaves and bondswomen; be captors to their captors and rule those who
3 oppressed them. On the day when the LORD lets you rest from your
4 pain and your turmoil, and all the hard labor to which you are subjected, then
you shall bear this speech to the king of Babylon; say: How could the
5 oppressor be halted so, the city of gold be halted? The LORD has broken the
6 staff of the wicked, the tyrants' scepter, the rod that beat peoples in fury,
beating and never letting up; the one who ruled nations by wrath is now
7 pursued unrelentingly. Now all the land rests, stilled, then breaks out in song.
8 Even the juniper trees rejoice over you; even cedars of Lebanon: "Since you
9 have fallen, no one will rise again to cut us down." Sheol shakes below you,
waiting for your coming. It rouses the shades to meet you, all leaders of this
10 earth, commanding the kings of all nations to rise up from their thrones. Each
one will speak up to you: "Are you fallen like us now? Are you like one of us?"
11 All your majesty has gone down to Sheol along with the crooning of your
12 harps; grubs are laid as sheets beneath you; worms are your covers. How you
have fallen from heaven now, shining one, son of the dawn light; how you are
13 cut down to earth, you who decided nations' fates. You once said in your heart,
"I shall ascend to the sky, raise my throne to the godly stars; I shall sit on the
14 mount where the gods meet, at the farthest reach of the north. I shall mount
15 the clouds' summits and be like the Most High."[41] Instead you fell down into
16 Sheol, to the lowest depths of the pit. Those who see it will gaze down; they
will scrutinize you well: "Is this really the man who shook the world, who
17 overturned all kingdoms, making the earth like a wasteland, razing its towns,
18 his captives never to come home?" All the kings of nations, each lies down
19 in glory in his home. But you – you are cast out of your grave like a rejected
branch, dressed in the dead whom the sword cut through, thrown down on
20 the rocks of the pit, a trampled carcass.[42] No, you will not be one with kings
in burial, for you have destroyed your own land, killed your own people; let
21 no child ever bear your evil-wreaking name. Prepare the slaughter for his sons
for their forefathers' iniquities; let them not rise to inherit the earth; let the
22 world be filled again with towns. I rise up against them, so says the LORD of
Hosts, and I shall cut off from Babylon name and remnant, child and child's
23 child, so says the LORD. I shall make her the inheritance of wild owls and
water bogs, sweep her with the broom of extinction: the LORD of Hosts has
24 spoken. The LORD of Hosts swears an oath: As I envisioned it,

41 | Hebrew "Elyon." This term is often used as an epithet for Israel's God, but here refers ambiguously to a Canaanite god of that name.

42 | Sargon II, king of Assyria, who deported Israelites from Shomron and then crowned himself king of Babylon, was killed on the battlefield in 705 BCE and not buried.

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כב יַרְקִדוּ־שָׁם: וְעָנָה אִיִּים בְּאַלְמְנוֹתָיו וְתַנִּים בְּהֵיכְלֵי עֹנֶג וְקָרוֹב לָבוֹא
יד א עִתָּהּ וְיָמֶיהָ לֹא יִמָּשֵׁכוּ: כִּי יְרַחֵם יְהוָה אֶת־יַעֲקֹב וּבָחַר עוֹד בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל
וְהִנִּיחָם עַל־אַדְמָתָם וְנִלְוָה הַגֵּר עֲלֵיהֶם וְנִסְפְּחוּ עַל־בֵּית יַעֲקֹב:
ב וּלְקָחוּם עַמִּים וֶהֱבִיאוּם אֶל־מְקוֹמָם וְהִתְנַחֲלוּם בֵּית־יִשְׂרָאֵל ו
עַל אַדְמַת יְהוָה לַעֲבָדִים וְלִשְׁפָחוֹת וְהָיוּ שׁבִים לְשׁוֹבֵיהֶם וְרָדוּ
ג בְּנֹגְשֵׂיהֶם: וְהָיָה בְּיוֹם הָנִיחַ יְהוָה לְךָ מֵעָצְבְּךָ וּמֵרַגְזֶךָ
ד וּמִן־הָעֲבֹדָה הַקָּשָׁה אֲשֶׁר עֻבַּד־בָּךְ: וְנָשָׂאתָ הַמָּשָׁל הַזֶּה עַל־מֶלֶךְ
ה בָּבֶל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֵיךְ שָׁבַת נוֹגֵשׂ שָׁבְתָה מַדְהֵבָה: שָׁבַר יְהוָה מַטֵּה רְשָׁעִים
ו שֵׁבֶט מֹשְׁלִים: מַכֶּה עַמִּים בְּעֶבְרָה מַכַּת בִּלְתִּי סָרָה רֹדֶה בָאַף גּוֹיִם
ז ח מְרֻדָּף בְּלִי חָשָׂךְ: נָחָה שָׁקְטָה כָּל־הָאָרֶץ פָּצְחוּ רִנָּה: גַּם־בְּרוֹשִׁים
ט שָׂמְחוּ לָךְ אַרְזֵי לְבָנוֹן מֵאָז שָׁכַבְתָּ לֹא־יַעֲלֶה הַכֹּרֵת עָלֵינוּ: שְׁאוֹל
מִתָּחַת רָגְזָה לְךָ לִקְרַאת בּוֹאֶךָ עוֹרֵר לְךָ רְפָאִים כָּל־עַתּוּדֵי אָרֶץ
י הֵקִים מִכִּסְאוֹתָם כֹּל מַלְכֵי גוֹיִם: כֻּלָּם יַעֲנוּ וְיֹאמְרוּ אֵלֶיךָ גַּם־אַתָּה
יא חֻלֵּיתָ כָמֹונוּ אֵלֵינוּ נִמְשָׁלְתָּ: הוּרַד שְׁאוֹל גְּאוֹנֶךָ הֲמִיַּת נְבָלֶיךָ תַּחְתֶּיךָ
יב יֻצַּע רִמָּה וּמְכַסֶּיךָ תּוֹלָעָה: אֵיךְ נָפַלְתָּ מִשָּׁמַיִם הֵילֵל בֶּן־שָׁחַר נִגְדַּעְתָּ
יג לָאָרֶץ חוֹלֵשׁ עַל־גּוֹיִם: וְאַתָּה אָמַרְתָּ בִלְבָבְךָ הַשָּׁמַיִם אֶעֱלֶה מִמַּעַל
יד לְכוֹכְבֵי־אֵל אָרִים כִּסְאִי וְאֵשֵׁב בְּהַר־מוֹעֵד בְּיַרְכְּתֵי צָפוֹן: אֶעֱלֶה
טו עַל־בָּמֳתֵי עָב אֶדַּמֶּה לְעֶלְיוֹן: אַךְ אֶל־שְׁאוֹל תּוּרַד אֶל־יַרְכְּתֵי־בוֹר:
טז רֹאֶיךָ אֵלֶיךָ יְשֻׁגֶּיחוּ אֵלֶיךָ יִתְבּוֹנָנוּ הֲזֶה הָאִישׁ מַרְגִּיז הָאָרֶץ מַרְעִישׁ
יז מַמְלָכוֹת: שָׂם תֵּבֵל כַּמִּדְבָּר וְעָרָיו הָרַס אֲסִירָיו לֹא־פָתַח בֵּיתָה:
יח יט כָּל־מַלְכֵי גוֹיִם כֻּלָּם שָׁכְבוּ בְכָבוֹד אִישׁ בְּבֵיתוֹ: וְאַתָּה הָשְׁלַכְתָּ
מִקִּבְרְךָ כְּנֵצֶר נִתְעָב לְבֻשׁ הֲרֻגִים מְטֹעֲנֵי חֶרֶב יוֹרְדֵי אֶל־אַבְנֵי־בוֹר
כ כְּפֶגֶר מוּבָס: לֹא־תֵחַד אִתָּם בִּקְבוּרָה כִּי־אַרְצְךָ שִׁחַתָּ עַמְּךָ הָרָגְתָּ
כא לֹא־יִקָּרֵא לָעוֹלָם זֶרַע מְרֵעִים: הָכִינוּ לִבְנָיו מַטְבֵּחַ בַּעֲוֹן אֲבוֹתָם
כב בַּל־יָקֻמוּ וְיִרְשׁוּ אָרֶץ וּמָלְאוּ פְנֵי־תֵבֵל עָרִים: וְקַמְתִּי עֲלֵיהֶם נְאֻם
כג יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת וְהִכְרַתִּי לְבָבֶל שֵׁם וּשְׁאָר וְנִין וָנֶכֶד נְאֻם־יְהוָה: וְשַׂמְתִּיהָ
לְמוֹרַשׁ קִפֹּד וְאַגְמֵי־מָיִם וְטֵאטֵאתִיהָ בְּמַטְאֲטֵא הַשְׁמֵד נְאֻם יְהוָה
כד צְבָאוֹת: נִשְׁבַּע יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת לֵאמֹר אִם־לֹא כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּמִּיתִי

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