25 1 Zion, Jerusalem, before His elders – in glory. LORD, You are my God,
and I exalt You, declare Your name, for You have worked wonders; commands
2 issued long since faithfully come true. You have turned town to rubble heap,
walled city to ruin, the palace of strangers to no more town, never to be rebuilt.
3 So You are glorified by a fearsome people; the cities of powerful nations fear
4 You. For You have been a stronghold to the vulnerable, the stronghold of the
poor man in his anguish, shelter from the storm, and shade from searing sun,
5 for the spirit of oppression is a storm against the wall, like searing heat in
desert land: You quell the roar of strangers. Like searing heat behind clouds'
6 shadows; the tyrants' song will be subdued. The LORD of Hosts – He
will lay out for all the nations on this hill[71] a feast of fats, a feast of wines; of
7 fats with the marrow, of wine refined. On this hill He will consume the
covering wrapped about the faces of all peoples, the weave that is woven to
8 shroud all nations. He will swallow up death forever; the Lord GOD, He will
wipe every tear from every face. He will sweep His people's shame away from
9 all the earth. The LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day:
This – this is our God; it is Him we waited for, and He has saved us. This, the
10 LORD we waited for, we exult, we rejoice in His salvation, for the hand of the
LORD will rest upon this hill. Moav is trampled beneath Him as straw is
11 trampled in the dung heap; He will spread His hands within her as one
spreads one's arms to swim; her pride will be brought low by the power of
12 His hands. The high defenses of your walls, He has brought them down, has
26 1 brought them low; and they have fallen down to earth, to dust. On
that day, this song will be sung in the land of Yehuda: How mighty – this our
2 city: He has turned wall and bulwark to salvation. Open wide the gates; let a
3 righteous nation in that kept its faith; for a faithful nature You keep peace,
4 peace, for it trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, for in God, the LORD,
5 you will find a Rock everlasting, for He has brought down those who dwelled
on high. Elevated city, He brought it low, brought it down to earth, to dust.
6 7 Feet trample it, poor men's feet, the footsteps of the beaten. The path is
smooth for a righteous man, and You level the straight road of the righteous.
8 But through all Your judgments, LORD, we wait for You, for Your name and
9 Your memory, for which the soul yearns. My soul yearns for You by night, and
with the spirit that is in me I rise to meet You early, for when Your judgment
10 comes to this world, all earth's dwellers will learn righteousness. Will He have
mercy on the wicked man who will not learn righteousness? Such a one
contorts what is upright in this world and never once sees the LORD's
11 grandeur. LORD, Your hand held high; they do not see it, but let
them see Your passion for a people – and be shamed; let the fire of your foes
12 consume them. LORD, set peace to warm[72] for us, for all the evil we wrought,
13 You brought back to us. LORD our God, other lords than You have mastered
14 us, but still it is Your name alone we speak. Deceased, they will not live again,
shades that will not rise. You have come, You will destroy them, and will wipe

71 | That is, Jerusalem.

72 | The same Hebrew word appears in Ezekiel 24:3 and describes the act of placing food on a fire to cook.

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כה א בְּהַר צִיּוֹן וּבִירוּשָׁלִַם וְנֶגֶד זְקֵנָיו כָּבוֹד׃ יהוה אֱלֹהַי אַתָּה
ב אֲרוֹמִמְךָ אוֹדֶה שִׁמְךָ כִּי עָשִׂיתָ פֶלֶא עֵצוֹת מֵרָחֹק אֱמוּנָה אָמֵן׃ כִּי
שַׂמְתָּ מֵעִיר לַגָּל קִרְיָה בְצוּרָה לְמַפֵּלָה אַרְמוֹן זָרִים מֵעִיר לְעוֹלָם לֹא
ג ד יִבָּנֶה׃ עַל־כֵּן יְכַבְּדוּךָ עַם־עָז קִרְיַת גּוֹיִם עָרִיצִים יִירָאוּךָ׃ כִּי־הָיִיתָ
מָעוֹז לַדָּל מָעוֹז לָאֶבְיוֹן בַּצַּר־לוֹ מַחְסֶה מִזֶּרֶם צֵל מֵחֹרֶב כִּי רוּחַ
ה עָרִיצִים כְּזֶרֶם קִיר׃ כְּחֹרֶב בְּצִיּוֹן שְׁאוֹן זָרִים תַּכְנִיעַ חֹרֶב בְּצֵל עָב
ו זְמִיר עָרִיצִים יֵעָנֶה׃ וְעָשָׂה יהוה צְבָאוֹת לְכָל־הָעַמִּים
בָּהָר הַזֶּה מִשְׁתֵּה שְׁמָנִים מִשְׁתֵּה שְׁמָרִים שְׁמָנִים מְמֻחֲיִם שְׁמָרִים
ז מְזֻקָּקִים׃ וּבִלַּע בָּהָר הַזֶּה פְּנֵי־הַלּוֹט ׀ הַלּוֹט עַל־כָּל־הָעַמִּים וְהַמַּסֵּכָה
ח הַנְּסוּכָה עַל־כָּל־הַגּוֹיִם׃ בִּלַּע הַמָּוֶת לָנֶצַח וּמָחָה אֲדֹנָי יֱהוִה
דִּמְעָה מֵעַל כָּל־פָּנִים וְחֶרְפַּת עַמּוֹ יָסִיר מֵעַל כָּל־הָאָרֶץ כִּי יהוה
ט דִּבֵּר׃ וְאָמַר בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא הִנֵּה אֱלֹהֵינוּ זֶה קִוִּינוּ לוֹ
י וְיוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ זֶה יהוה קִוִּינוּ לוֹ נָגִילָה וְנִשְׂמְחָה בִּישׁוּעָתוֹ׃ כִּי־תָנוּחַ יַד־
יהוה בָּהָר הַזֶּה וְנָדַשׁ מוֹאָב תַּחְתָּיו כְּהִדּוּשׁ מַתְבֵּן בְּמֵי מַדְמֵנָה׃ בְּמוֹ
יא וּפָרַשׂ יָדָיו בְּקִרְבּוֹ כַּאֲשֶׁר יִפְרֹשׂ הַשֹּׂחֶה לִשְׂחוֹת וְהִשְׁפִּיל גְּאוָתוֹ עִם
יב עָרְבוֹת יָדָיו׃ וּמִבְצַר מִשְׂגַּב חוֹמֹתֶיךָ הֵשַׁח הִשְׁפִּיל הִגִּיעַ לָאָרֶץ עַד־
כו א עָפָר׃ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יוּשַׁר הַשִּׁיר־הַזֶּה בְּאֶרֶץ יְהוּדָה עִיר
ב עָז־לָנוּ יְשׁוּעָה יָשִׁית חוֹמוֹת וָחֵל׃ פִּתְחוּ שְׁעָרִים וְיָבֹא גּוֹי־צַדִּיק שֹׁמֵר
ג ד אֱמֻנִים׃ יֵצֶר סָמוּךְ תִּצֹּר שָׁלוֹם ׀ שָׁלוֹם כִּי בְךָ בָּטוּחַ׃ בִּטְחוּ בַיהוה
ה עֲדֵי־עַד כִּי בְיָהּ יהוה צוּר עוֹלָמִים׃ כִּי הֵשַׁח יֹשְׁבֵי מָרוֹם קִרְיָה נִשְׂגָּבָה
ו יַשְׁפִּילֶנָּה יַשְׁפִּילָהּ עַד־אָרֶץ יַגִּיעֶנָּה עַד־עָפָר׃ תִּרְמְסֶנָּה רָגֶל רַגְלֵי עָנִי
ז ח פַּעֲמֵי דַלִּים׃ אֹרַח לַצַּדִּיק מֵישָׁרִים יָשָׁר מַעְגַּל צַדִּיק תְּפַלֵּס׃ אַף אֹרַח
ט מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ יהוה קִוִּינוּךָ לְשִׁמְךָ וּלְזִכְרְךָ תַּאֲוַת־נָפֶשׁ׃ נַפְשִׁי אִוִּיתִךָ
בַּלַּיְלָה אַף־רוּחִי בְקִרְבִּי אֲשַׁחֲרֶךָּ כִּי כַּאֲשֶׁר מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ לָאָרֶץ צֶדֶק
י לָמְדוּ יֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֵל׃ יֻחַן רָשָׁע בַּל־לָמַד צֶדֶק בְּאֶרֶץ נְכֹחוֹת יְעַוֵּל וּבַל־
יא יִרְאֶה גֵּאוּת יהוה׃ יהוה רָמָה יָדְךָ בַּל־יֶחֱזָיוּן יֶחֱזוּ וְיֵבֹשׁוּ
יב קִנְאַת־עָם אַף־אֵשׁ צָרֶיךָ תֹּאכְלֵם׃ יהוה תִּשְׁפְּתָה שָׁלוֹם לָנוּ כִּי גַם
יג כָּל־מַעֲשֵׂינוּ פָּעַלְתָּ לָּנוּ׃ יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּעָלוּנוּ אֲדֹנִים זוּלָתֶךָ לְבַד־בְּךָ
יד נַזְכִּיר שְׁמֶךָ׃ מֵתִים בַּל־יִחְיוּ רְפָאִים בַּל־יָקֻמוּ לָכֵן פָּקַדְתָּ וַתַּשְׁמִידֵם

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15 away all memory. You have added to this people, LORD; You have added to
the people; You are glorified; You have pushed back all the borders of the
16 land. LORD – in anguish they came to You, pouring out whispers to
17 You even as You beat them. Like a woman with child, about to give birth,
18 writhing, crying out in her agonies, so have we been before You, LORD. We
carried, writhed, gave birth – as to the wind. We made no salvation in the
19 world, and those residing in the earth were not delivered. Let Your dead ones
live; let my own bodies rise. Wake up and rejoice, inhabitants of dust, for
droplets of light are Your dewfall, and You will fell the shades, down to the
20 earth. Go now, My people, into your inner chambers; close the doors
21 behind you and wait there – but a moment – until the rage has passed. For
here – the LORD – He comes out of His place to repay the land's dwellers for
their sin. The land is uncovering her blood now: no longer will she hide her
27 1 slain. On that day, the LORD will come with His sword, broad and
long and strong upon the Leviathan, the Fleeing Serpent, upon the Leviathan,
2 the Winding Serpent, and slay the great beast of the sea. On that day,
3 sing to her, "Vineyard of red wine…." I, the LORD, watch over her, moment
by moment will I water her, that no one may come to do harm; by night, by
4 day I watch her. There is no fury in Me now. Would that I could be those
briars and brambles in battle: in would I march and set them on fire as one.
5 But let them grasp My stronghold; then they will make peace with Me, peace,
6 will they make Me. In days to come, Yaakov will take root, Israel will put out
buds and flower, and all the land on all the earth will be covered with the
7 fruits. Was he beaten as are beaten those who beat him? Was his
8 slaying like the slaying of their slain? With a faithful measure, driving them
out You fight them; He blew them away with His blasting spirit on the day of
9 the gale. This, then, is how the iniquity of Israel may be atoned – and that, all
the fruit of removing his sin – by rendering all his altar stones smashed
10 limestone, no sacred trees or incense shrines rising again. The fortress city
will sit alone, a shelter left behind, lonely as desert. Calves will graze there,
11 there will they lie, and eat up all their branches. When their yield dries up
they will be broken down. Women will come and use them as firewood, for
this is not a wise people; and so its Maker will have no compassion, its Creator
12 will grant it no grace. On that day, the LORD will beat the branches
from the Euphrates's surge to the River of Egypt and gather you up one by
13 one, you children of Israel. It will be, on that day: a great ram's horn
will sound, and they will come, all those lost in the land of Assyria, and those
who are exiled to the land of Egypt, and bow low to the LORD on the holy
28 1 mount in Jerusalem. Woe to the proud garland of Efrayim's
drunkards, for the withered lotus flower that was the glorious supremacy
2 crowning the oiled valley of the wine benumbed. See what comes – something
strong and determined of the Lord, like pelting hail, like a cataclysmic storm,
like a river of great waters, flooding waters, heavy-handed, casting people
3 down to earth, trampling underfoot the garland pride of Efrayim's drunkards.
4 Like a withered lotus flower it shall be, its glorious supremacy that crowned
the fat valley like the first fig before harvest; the one that all who saw would

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טו וַתֹּאבֵד כָּל־זֵכֶר לָמוֹ: יָסַפְתָּ לַגּוֹי יְהוָה יָסַפְתָּ לַגּוֹי נִכְבַּדְתָּ רִחַקְתָּ
טז כָּל־קַצְוֵי־אָרֶץ: יְהוָה בַּצַּר פְּקָדוּךָ צָקוֹן לַחַשׁ מוּסָרֶךָ לָמוֹ:
יז כְּמוֹ הָרָה תַּקְרִיב לָלֶדֶת תָּחִיל תִּזְעַק בַּחֲבָלֶיהָ כֵּן הָיִינוּ מִפָּנֶיךָ יְהוָה:
יח הָרִינוּ חַלְנוּ כְּמוֹ יָלַדְנוּ רוּחַ יְשׁוּעֹת בַּל־נַעֲשֶׂה אֶרֶץ וּבַל־יִפְלוּ יֹשְׁבֵי
יט תֵּבֵל: יִחְיוּ מֵתֶיךָ נְבֵלָתִי יְקוּמוּן הָקִיצוּ וְרַנְּנוּ שֹׁכְנֵי עָפָר כִּי טַל אוֹרֹת
כ טַלֶּךָ וְאֶרֶץ רְפָאִים תַּפִּיל: לֵךְ עַמִּי בֹא בַחֲדָרֶיךָ וְסְגֹר
כא דַּלְתְּיךָ בַּעֲדֶךָ חֲבִי כִמְעַט־רֶגַע עַד־יַעֲבוֹר־זָעַם: כִּי־הִנֵּה יְהוָה יֹצֵא דַּלְתֵּךְ | יַעֲבָר־
מִמְּקוֹמוֹ לִפְקֹד עֲוֹן יֹשֵׁב־הָאָרֶץ עָלָיו וְגִלְתָה הָאָרֶץ אֶת־דָּמֶיהָ וְלֹא־
כז א תְכַסֶּה עוֹד עַל־הֲרוּגֶיהָ: בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יִפְקֹד יְהוָה בְּחַרְבּוֹ
הַקָּשָׁה וְהַגְּדוֹלָה וְהַחֲזָקָה עַל לִוְיָתָן נָחָשׁ בָּרִחַ וְעַל לִוְיָתָן נָחָשׁ
ב עֲקַלָּתוֹן וְהָרַג אֶת־הַתַּנִּין אֲשֶׁר בַּיָּם: בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא כֶּרֶם חֶמֶר
ג עַנּוּ־לָהּ: אֲנִי יְהוָה נֹצְרָהּ לְרְגָעִים אַשְׁקֶנָּה פֶּן יִפְקֹד עָלֶיהָ לַיְלָה וְיוֹם
ד אֶצָּרֶנָּה: חֵמָה אֵין לִי מִי־יִתְּנֵנִי שָׁמִיר שַׁיִת בַּמִּלְחָמָה אֶפְשְׁטָה בָּהּ
ה אֲצִיתֶנָּה יָחַד: אוֹ יַחֲזֵק בְּמָעֻזִּי יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם לִי שָׁלוֹם יַעֲשֶׂה־
ו לִי: הַבָּאִים יַשְׁרֵשׁ יַעֲקֹב יָצִיץ וּפָרַח יִשְׂרָאֵל וּמָלְאוּ פְנֵי־תֵבֵל
ז תְּנוּבָה: הַכְּמַכַּת מַכֵּהוּ הִכָּהוּ אִם־כְּהֶרֶג הֲרֻגָיו
ח הֹרָג: בְּסַאסְאָה בְּשַׁלְחָהּ תְּרִיבֶנָּה הָגָה בְּרוּחוֹ הַקָּשָׁה בְּיוֹם קָדִים:
ט לָכֵן בְּזֹאת יְכֻפַּר עֲוֹן־יַעֲקֹב וְזֶה כָּל־פְּרִי הָסֵר חַטָּאתוֹ בְּשׂוּמוֹ ו כָּל־
י אַבְנֵי מִזְבֵּחַ כְּאַבְנֵי־גִר מְנֻפָּצוֹת לֹא־יָקֻמוּ אֲשֵׁרִים וְחַמָּנִים: כִּי עִיר
בְּצוּרָה בָּדָד נָוֶה מְשֻׁלָּח וְנֶעֱזָב כַּמִּדְבָּר שָׁם יִרְעֶה עֵגֶל וְשָׁם
יא יִרְבַּץ וְכִלָּה סְעִפֶּיהָ: בִּיבֵשׁ קְצִירָהּ תִּשָּׁבַרְנָה נָשִׁים בָּאוֹת מְאִירוֹת
אוֹתָהּ כִּי לֹא עַם־בִּינוֹת הוּא עַל־כֵּן לֹא־יְרַחֲמֵנוּ עֹשֵׂהוּ וְיֹצְרוֹ לֹא
יב יְחָנֵּנּוּ: וְהָיָה בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יַחְבֹּט יְהוָה מִשִּׁבֹּלֶת הַנָּהָר עַד־ יא
יג נַחַל מִצְרַיִם וְאַתֶּם תְּלֻקְּטוּ לְאַחַד אֶחָד בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: וְהָיָה ו
בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יִתָּקַע בְּשׁוֹפָר גָּדוֹל וּבָאוּ הָאֹבְדִים בְּאֶרֶץ אַשּׁוּר וְהַנִּדָּחִים
כח א בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם וְהִשְׁתַּחֲווּ לַיהוָה בְּהַר הַקֹּדֶשׁ בִּירוּשָׁלִָם: הוֹי
עֲטֶרֶת גְּאוּת שִׁכֹּרֵי אֶפְרַיִם וְצִיץ נֹבֵל צְבִי תִפְאַרְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עַל־רֹאשׁ
ב גֵּיא־שְׁמָנִים הֲלוּמֵי יָיִן: הִנֵּה חָזָק וְאַמִּיץ לֶאָדֹנָי כְּזֶרֶם בָּרָד שַׂעַר קָטֶב
ג כְּזֶרֶם מַיִם כַּבִּירִים שֹׁטְפִים הִנִּיחַ לָאָרֶץ בְּיָד: בְּרַגְלַיִם תִּרָמַסְנָה עֲטֶרֶת
ד גְּאוּת שִׁכּוֹרֵי אֶפְרָיִם: וְהָיְתָה צִיצַת נֹבֵל צְבִי תִפְאַרְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עַל־
רֹאשׁ גֵּיא שְׁמָנִים כִּבְכוּרָה בְּטֶרֶם קַיִץ אֲשֶׁר יִרְאֶה הָרֹאֶה אוֹתָהּ

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