4 helped will fall; both together will be destroyed. For so the LORD
has said to me: As a lion, a young lion, roars over his prey even as a band of
shepherds calls out over him, never pausing at their voice, a multitude
unanswered, so will the LORD of Hosts come down to camp over Mount Zion,
5 her hill. As a mother bird hovers above, so will the LORD of Hosts defend
6 Jerusalem, defending and saving, passing over and delivering. Come back to
7 the One whom they have gone so deep to turn from, Israel's children, for on
that day each man will recoil from his silver gods, his golden gods those your
8 hands made for you, sinning. Assyria will fall to a sword not of man; a sword
not of mortals will consume him. He will flee the sword, and still his youths
9 will be bonded laborers. His rock will fade away in terror, his princes will
freeze at the sight of the banner.[88] So says the LORD, who has a fire burning
32 1 in Zion, a furnace in Jerusalem. Then kings will govern to bring
2 goodness and ministers rule to bring justice. A man[89] will be a hiding place
from the gale, from the winter storm shelter, like streams of water in an arid
3 place, like the shade of a heavy rock on weary land. The eyes of those who see
4 will not be blinded, and the ears of those who hear, they will be listening. The
hearts of the hasty will understand and know; each stammering tongue will
5 swiftly speak clear truth. No more will fools be counted noble, nor villains
6 be named the elite, for the fool speaks felony; his heart works sin, working
vile deeds and speaking falsehoods of the LORD, emptying the hungry of their
7 life's bread and stealing all the thirsty have to drink. The devices of the devious
are wicked; they plot out their plans to do violence by lies to the oppressed
8 ones, talking the vulnerable out of their justice. But one who is noble forms
9 noble plans, and on his nobility he stands. Come, you sanguine
ladies, and listen to my words; you women of security, pay heed to what I say.
10 Mere days beyond a year and the safe ones will be shaken, for harvest is over,
11 and the crop will not come. Tremble, sanguine ladies; shake, women in safety;
12 strip yourselves bare and tie sack about your waists. Breasts are beaten in
13 mourning for the lovely meadows, the fruitful vine. All over My people's land
the sounds of thorn and briar rise to reach all joyous homes across the
14 exuberant city, for the palace is forsaken, the crowded city, bleak; citadel and
15 tower turned back to caves forever, wild donkeys' joy, pasture of flocks, until,
from above, the wind is bared to us, turning the wilderness to fertile land and
16 fertile land to woods. Justice will preside in the wilderness, and righteousness
17 rest across the fertile land. The act of goodness will be repaid with peace and
18 the work of righteousness with calm and safety, always. My people will
reside in a shelter of peace, in dwellings of safety, in sanguine harbor.
19 Hail will fall as the forest comes down, and low, low will the town then fall.
20 Happy you are who sow seeds by the water and send forth hoof falls of ox

88 | The rock stele on which the king engraves a record of his accomplishments is a symbol of Assyrian power; the banner is a symbol of the Assyrian army's presence.

89 | Referring to the just leaders referenced in the previous verse, who do not rely on foreign aid but rather on God.

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ד וְנִבְפַּל עָזֹר וְיִחְדּוּ כֻּלָּם יִכְלָיוֹן: כִּי כֹה אָמַר־יְהוָה וּ אֵלַי כַּאֲשֶׁר
יֶהְגֶּה הָאַרְיֵה וְהַכְּפִיר עַל־טַרְפּוֹ אֲשֶׁר יִקָּרֵא עָלָיו מְלֹא רֹעִים מִקּוֹלָם
לֹא יֵחָת וּמֵהֲמוֹנָם לֹא יַעֲנֶה כֵּן יֵרַד יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת לִצְבֹּא עַל־הַר־צִיּוֹן
ה וְעַל־גִּבְעָתָהּ: כְּצִפֳּרִים עָפוֹת כֵּן יָגֵן יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת עַל־יְרוּשָׁלִַם גָּנוֹן
ו וְהַצִּיל פָּסוֹחַ וְהִמְלִיט: שׁוּבוּ לַאֲשֶׁר הֶעְמִיקוּ סָרָה בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: כִּי
בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יִמְאָסוּן אִישׁ אֱלִילֵי כַסְפּוֹ וֶאֱלִילֵי זְהָבוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשׂוּ
ח לָכֶם יְדֵיכֶם חֵטְא: וְנָפַל אַשּׁוּר בְּחֶרֶב לֹא־אִישׁ וְחֶרֶב לֹא־
ט אָדָם תְּאכְלֶנּוּ וְנָס לוֹ מִפְּנֵי־חֶרֶב וּבַחוּרָיו לָמַס יִהְיוּ: וְסַלְעוֹ מִמָּגוֹר
יַעֲבֹר וְחַתּוּ מִנֵּס שָׂרָיו נְאֻם־יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר־אוֹר לוֹ בְּצִיּוֹן וְתַנּוּר לוֹ
לב א בִּירוּשָׁלִָם: הֵן לְצֶדֶק יִמְלָךְ־מֶלֶךְ וְלִשָּׂרִים לְמִשְׁפָּט יָשֹׂרוּ:
ב וְהָיָה־אִישׁ כְּמַחֲבֵא־רוּחַ וְסֵתֶר זֶרֶם כְּפַלְגֵּי־מַיִם בְּצִיּוֹן כְּצֵל סֶלַע־כָּבֵד
ג ד בְּאֶרֶץ עֲיֵפָה: וְלֹא תִשְׁעֶינָה עֵינֵי רֹאִים וְאָזְנֵי שֹׁמְעִים תְּקַשַּׁבְנָה: וּלְבַב
ה נִמְהָרִים יָבִין לָדָעַת וּלְשׁוֹן עִלְּגִים תְּמַהֵר לְדַבֵּר צָחוֹת: לֹא־יִקָּרֵא
ו עוֹד לְנָבָל נָדִיב וּלְכִילַי לֹא יֵאָמֵר שׁוּעַ: כִּי נָבָל נְבָלָה יְדַבֵּר וְלִבּוֹ
יַעֲשֶׂה־אָוֶן לַעֲשׂוֹת חֹנֶף וּלְדַבֵּר אֶל־יְהוָה תּוֹעָה לְהָרִיק נֶפֶשׁ רָעֵב
ז וּמַשְׁקֵה צָמֵא יַחְסִיר: וְכֵלָיו רָעִים הוּא זִמּוֹת יָעָץ לְחַבֵּל עֲנוּיִם עֲנִיִּים
ח בְּאִמְרֵי־שֶׁקֶר וּבְדַבֵּר אֶבְיוֹן מִשְׁפָּט: וְנָדִיב נְדִיבוֹת יָעָץ וְהוּא עַל־
ט נְדִיבוֹת יָקוּם: נָשִׁים שַׁאֲנַנּוֹת קֹמְנָה שְׁמַעְנָה קוֹלִי
י בָּנוֹת בְּטֻחוֹת הַאֲזֵנָּה אִמְרָתִי: יָמִים עַל־שָׁנָה תִּרְגַּזְנָה בְּטֻחוֹת כִּי
יא כָלָה בָצִיר אֹסֶף בְּלִי יָבוֹא: חִרְדוּ שַׁאֲנַנּוֹת רְגָזָה בְּטֻחוֹת פְּשֹׁטָה וְעָרָה
יב וְחֲגוֹרָה עַל־חֲלָצָיִם: עַל־שָׁדַיִם סֹפְדִים עַל־שְׁדֵי־חֶמֶד עַל־גֶּפֶן פֹּרִיָּה:
יג עַל אַדְמַת עַמִּי קוֹץ שָׁמִיר תַּעֲלֶה כִּי עַל־כָּל־בָּתֵּי מָשׂוֹשׂ קִרְיָה
יד עַלִּיזָה: כִּי־אַרְמוֹן נָטֹשׁ הֲמוֹן עִיר עֹזֶב עֹפֶל וָבַחַן הָיָה בְעַד מְעָרוֹת
טו עַד־עוֹלָם מְשׂוֹשׂ פְּרָאִים מִרְעֵה עֲדָרִים: עַד־יֵעָרֶה עָלֵינוּ רוּחַ מִמָּרוֹם
טז וְהָיָה מִדְבָּר לַכַּרְמֶל וְכַרְמֶל לַיַּעַר יֵחָשֵׁב: וְשָׁכַן בַּמִּדְבָּר מִשְׁפָּט וְהַכַּרְמֶל
יז וּצְדָקָה בַּכַּרְמֶל תֵּשֵׁב: וְהָיָה מַעֲשֵׂה הַצְּדָקָה שָׁלוֹם וַעֲבֹדַת הַצְּדָקָה
יח הַשְׁקֵט וָבֶטַח עַד־עוֹלָם: וְיָשַׁב עַמִּי בִּנְוֵה שָׁלוֹם וּבְמִשְׁכְּנוֹת יג
יט מִבְטָחִים וּבְמְנוּחוֹת שַׁאֲנַנּוֹת: וּבָרָד בְּרֶדֶת הַיָּעַר וּבַשְּׁפֵלָה
כ תִּשְׁפַּל הָעִיר: אַשְׁרֵיכֶם זֹרְעֵי עַל־כָּל־מַיִם מְשַׁלְּחֵי רֶגֶל־הַשּׁוֹר

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33 1 and of ass. Woe to one who plundered though he had not been
plundered, who betrayed though none betrayed him. When you are done
plundering, you too shall be plundered; your betrayal at an end, you are
2 betrayed. LORD, be gracious to us; it is You we waited for; be the
3 people's arm, morning by morning, their rescue in times of distress. The
sound of the throng sent peoples adrift, nations scattered in the wake of
4 Your greatness. The plunder is ingathered as one would pluck up locusts,
5 spreading as locusts teem. The LORD is exalted, dwelling on high, filling Zion
6 with justice, with righteousness. He is constancy through time for you,
rescuing might, wisdom, knowledge; His treasure house is fear of the
7 LORD. The mighty cry out in the streets, and messengers of peace
8 weep in bitterness. The roads are desolate: no passersby. He has broken the
9 covenant, turned cities to scrap, counted people as nothing. The land is
mourning – misery, Lebanon disgraced and withered away, the Sharon dried
10 to desert, Bashan and Carmel shaken clear of all life. "Now I shall rise," says
11 the LORD. "Now shall I rise up, now be exalted." Conceive chaff; give birth
12 to straw; your breath of fire will consume you. The peoples around – they
13 will be a lime furnace, like broken thorns gone up in flames. You
who are far away, hear what I have done; you who are close, know My might.
14 Sinners in Zion have feared this; trembling catches hold of the vile. "Who of
us can abide through consuming fire; who of us can abide through everlasting
15 burning?" One who walks in righteousness, speaks the truth, rejects
oppression's profits, and shakes his hands clear of bolstering corruption,
blocks his ears from hearing violence, and closes his eyes to the allure of
16 wrong; he will reside on high, sheltered in strongholds of the rocks. His bread
17 is given to him; his water flows faithfully. Your eyes will see a king in his
18 splendor, will see his land from far away. Your heart will speak of awe: "Who
19 can count, who can measure; who can count the towers?" You will not see a
brazen people, a people whose speech is beyond hearing, a barbarian tongue
20 without sense. Look upon Zion, the city of our meeting: your eyes shall see
Jerusalem, sanguine shelter, the tent that need not be shifted, with stakes
21 that will never be lifted, none of its cords ever cut. For there the LORD is our
majesty in a place of broad-handed rivers where no sailing boat can pass,
22 and ships of majesty cannot cross, for the LORD is our judge, the LORD
23 our lawgiver, the LORD our King, and He will rescue us. Your ropes are
abandoned; they will not hold; their masts will not spread the banner. Then
will great plunder be shared about in plenty; those once limping will loot the
24 hoard. Her dwellers will not say, "I am ill"; all those who live there, their sins
34 1 will be forgiven. Come near, nations far away, and listen; peoples,
2 hear. The earth and her fill will listen, the world and all her children: The
LORD is filled with fury for all nations, rage for all their armies; He has
3 damned them and given them up to the slaughter. Their fallen will be cast
aside; the stench will rise up from their corpses as hills dissolve in their blood.
4 All the hosts of heaven will rot. The scroll of the heavens will be rolled shut.
All its hosts will wither away as leaves wither and fall from the vine, like a fig

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לג א וְהַחֲמוֹר׃ הֲוֹי שׁוֹדֵד וְאַתָּה לֹא שָׁדוּד וּבוֹגֵד וְלֹא־בָגְדוּ בָךְ
ב כְּהַתֻּמְּךָ֥ שׁוֹדֵד תּוּשַׁד כְּנַלּוֹתְךָ֖ לִבְגֹּד יִבְגְּדוּ־בָֽךְ׃ יְהוָה חָנֵ֣נוּ
ג לְךָ֣ קִוִּינוּ הְיֵ֤ה זְרוֹעָם֙ לַבְּקָרִ֔ים אַף־יְשׁוּעָתֵ֖נוּ בְּעֵ֣ת צָרָ֑ה׃ מִקּ֣וֹל הָמ֔וֹן
ד נָדְד֖וּ עַמִּ֑ים מִרֹֽמְמָתְךָ֥ נָפֹ֖צוּ גּוֹיִֽם׃ וְאֶסְפ֤וּ שְׁלָלְכֶם֙ אֹסֵ֣ף הֶחָסִ֔יל כְּמַשַּׁ֥ק
ה גֵּבִ֖ים שֹׁקֵ֥ק בּֽוֹ׃ נִשְׂגָּ֤ב יְהוָה֙ כִּי־שֹׁכֵ֣ן מָר֔וֹם מִלֵּ֥א צִיּ֖וֹן מִשְׁפָּ֣ט וּצְדָקָֽה׃
ו וְהָיָ֤ה אֱמוּנַת֙ עִתֶּ֔יךָ חֹ֥סֶן יְשׁוּעֹ֖ת חָכְמַ֣ת וָדָ֑עַת יִרְאַ֥ת יְהוָ֖ה הִיא
ז אוֹצָרֽוֹ׃ הֵ֣ן אֶרְאֶ֔לָּם צָעֲק֖וּ חָצָ֑ה מַלְאֲכֵ֥י שָׁלֽוֹם׃ מַ֖ר יִבְכְּיֽוּן׃
ח נָשַׁ֤מּוּ מְסִלּוֹת֙ שָׁבַ֣ת עֹבֵ֔ר אֹרַ֖ח הֵפֵ֣ר בְּרִ֑ית מָאַ֣ס עָרִ֔ים לֹ֥א חָשַׁ֖ב אֱנֽוֹשׁ׃
ט אָבַ֤ל אָמְלָלָה֙ אָ֔רֶץ הָחְפִּ֖יר לְבָנ֑וֹן קָמַ֤ל הָיָה֙ הַשָּׁר֔וֹן כַּֽעֲרָבָ֖ה וְנֹעֵ֥ר בָּשָֽׁן׃
י וְכַרְמֶֽל׃ עַתָּ֤ה אָקוּם֙ יֹאמַ֣ר יְהוָ֔ה עַתָּ֥ה אֲרוֹמָ֖ם עַתָּ֥ה אֲנַשֵּֽׂא׃ תַּהֲרוּ
יב חֲשַׁ֤ש תֵּלְד֙וּ קַ֔שׁ רוּחֲכֶ֖ם אֵ֣שׁ תֹּאכַלְכֶ֑ם׃ וְהָי֤וּ עַמִּים֙ מִשְׂרְפ֣וֹת שִׂ֔יד
יג קוֹצִ֥ים כְּסוּחִ֖ים בָּאֵ֥שׁ יִצָּתֽוּ׃ שִׁמְעוּ֙ רְחוֹקִ֔ים אֲשֶׁ֥ר עָשִׂ֖יתִי
יד וּדְע֥וּ קְרוֹבִ֖ים גְּבֽוּרָתִֽי׃ פָּחֲד֤וּ בְצִיּוֹן֙ חַטָּאִ֔ים אָחֲזָ֥ה רְעָדָ֖ה חֲנֵפִ֑ים מִ֤י ו
טו יָגוּר֙ לָ֣נוּ אֵ֔שׁ אוֹכֵלָ֖ה מִי־יָגוּר֥ לָנוּ֙ מוֹקְדֵ֣י עוֹלָֽם׃ הֹלֵ֥ךְ צְדָק֖וֹת וְדֹבֵ֣ר
מֵישָׁרִ֑ים מֹאֵ֤ס בְּבֶ֙צַע֙ מַעֲשַׁקּ֔וֹת נֹעֵ֥ר כַּפָּ֖יו מִתְּמֹ֣ךְ בַּשֹּׁ֑חַד אֹטֵ֥ם אָזְנ֖וֹ
טז מִשְׁמַ֣ע דָּמִ֔ים וְעֹצֵ֥ם עֵינָ֖יו מֵרְא֣וֹת בְּרָ֑ע׃ הוּא֙ מְרוֹמִ֣ים יִשְׁכֹּ֔ן מְצָד֖וֹת
יז סְלָעִ֣ים מִשְׂגַּבּ֔וֹ לַחְמ֖וֹ נִתָּ֣ן מֵימָ֑יו נֶאֱמָנִֽים׃ מֶ֚לֶךְ בְּיָפְיוֹ֙ תֶּחֱזֶ֣ינָה עֵינֶ֔יךָ
יח תִּרְאֶ֖ינָה אֶ֥רֶץ מַרְחֹקִֽים׃ לִבְּךָ֖ יֶהְגֶּ֣ה אֵימָ֑ה אַיֵּ֤ה סוֹפֵר֙ אַיֵּ֣ה שֹׁקֵ֔ל אַיֵּ֖ה
יט סֹפֵ֥ר אֶת־הַמִּגְדָּלִֽים׃ אֶת־עַ֥ם נוֹעֵ֖ז לֹ֣א תִרְאֶ֑ה עַ֚ם עִמְקֵי־שָׂ֔פָה מִשְּׁמֹ֥עַ
כ נִלְעַ֖ג לָשׁ֑וֹן אֵ֥ין בִּינָֽה׃ חֲזֵ֣ה צִיּ֔וֹן קִרְיַ֖ת מוֹעֲדֵ֑נוּ עֵינֶ֙יךָ֙ תִּרְאֶ֣ינָה יְרוּשָׁלַ֔ם
נָוֵ֥ה שַׁאֲנָ֖ן אֹ֣הֶל בַּל־יִצָּעֵ֑ן בַּל־יִסַּ֤ע יְתֵדֹתָיו֙ לָנֶ֣צַח וְכָל־חֲבָלָ֔יו בַּל־
כא יִנָּתֵֽקוּ׃ כִּ֣י אִם־שָׁ֔ם אַדִּ֖יר יְהוָ֣ה לָ֑נוּ מְק֣וֹם־נְהָרִ֔ים יְאֹרִ֖ים רְחַבֵּי־יָדָ֑יִם
כב בַּל־תֵּלֵ֥ךְ בּ֖וֹ אֳנִי־שֵׁ֑יט וְצִ֥י אַדִּ֖יר לֹ֥א יַעַבְרֶֽנּוּ׃ כִּ֣י יְהוָ֤ה שֹׁפְטֵ֙נוּ֙ יְהוָ֔ה
כג מְחֹקְקֵ֖נוּ יְהוָ֣ה מַלְכֵּ֑נוּ הוּא֙ יוֹשִׁיעֵ֔נוּ׃ נִטְּשׁ֥וּ חַבָלַ֖יִךְ בַּל־יְחַזְּק֣וּ כֵ֣ן־תָּרְנָ֑ם
כד בַּל־פָּרְשׂ֥וּ נֵ֖ס אָ֣ז חֵלֶק־עַד־שָׁלָ֑ל מַרְבֶּ֥ה פִסְחִ֖ים בָּזּ֥וּ בָֽז׃ וּבַל־יֹאמַ֥ר
לד א שָׁכֵ֖ן חָלִ֣יתִי הָעָ֑ם הַיּשֵׁ֥ב בָּ֖הּ נְשֻׂ֥א עָוֹֽן׃ קְרֵ֥בוּ גוֹיִם֙ לִשְׁמֹ֔עַ
ב וּלְאֻמִּ֖ים הַקְשִׁ֣יבוּ תִשְׁמַ֣ע הָאָ֔רֶץ וּמְלֹאָ֖הּ תֵּבֵ֑ל וְכָל־צֶ֥אֱצָאֶֽיהָ׃ כִּי־קֶ֥צֶף
לַיהוָ֖ה עַל־כָּל־הַגּוֹיִ֑ם וְחֵמָ֥ה עַל־כָּל־צְבָאָ֖ם הֶחֱרִימָ֥ם נְתָנָ֖ם לַטֶּֽבַח׃
ג ד וְחַלְלֵיהֶ֣ם יֻשְׁלָ֔כוּ וּפִגְרֵיהֶ֖ם יַעֲלֶ֣ה בָאְשָׁ֑ם וְנָמַ֥סּוּ הָרִ֖ים מִדָּמָֽם׃ וְנָמַ֖קּוּ
כָּל־צְבָ֣א הַשָּׁמַ֔יִם וְנָגֹ֖לּוּ כַּסֵּ֣פֶר הַשָּׁמָ֑יִם וְכָל־צְבָאָ֗ם יִבּ֤וֹל כִּנֹבֵל֙ עָלֶ֔ה

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