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(13) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me the second time, saying, **What do you see?** And I said, I see a boiling pot; and its face is towards the north.  
 (14) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, **Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all those who live in the land.**  
 (15) **Because, indeed, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, says the LORD {Jehovah}; and they will come, and each one will set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its walls all around, and against all the cities of Judah.**  
 (16) **And I will speak My judgments against them concerning all their wickedness, who have forsaken Me, and have burned incense to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands.**  
 (17) **Therefore put your belt on, and arise, and speak to them all that I command you: do not be dismayed at their faces, lest I confound you before them.**  
 (18) **Because, indeed, I have made you this day a defended city, and an iron pillar, and brass walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land.**  
 (19) **And they will fight against you; but they will not prevail against you; because I am with you, says the LORD {Jehovah}, to deliver you.**

**Chapter 2**

(1) Furthermore the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying, \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) **Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; I remember you, the kindness of your youth, the love of your marriages, when you went after Me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.**  
 (3) **Israel was holiness to the LORD {Jehovah}, and the first-fruits of His increase: all who devour him will offend {Him}; evil will come upon them, says the LORD {Jehovah}.**  
 (4) **Hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel: \_\_\_\_\_**  
 (5) **This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, What sin has your fathers found in Me, that they have gone far from Me, and have walked after vanity, and have become vain?**  
 (6) **Neither have they asked, Where is the LORD {Jehovah} Who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, Who led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man lived?**  
 (7) **And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat its fruit and its goodness; but when you entered, you defiled My land, and made My heritage an abomination.**

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(8) The priests did not ask, Where is the LORD {Jehovah}? and those who handle the law do not know Me: the pastors also sinned against Me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after *things that do not profit.*

(9) Therefore I will yet plead with you, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and with your children's children I will plead.

(10) Pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send to Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there is such a thing.

(11) Has a nation changed *their* gods, which *are* not really gods? but My people have changed their glory for *that which* does not profit.

(12) Be astonished, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be very desolate, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(13) Because My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me the fountain of living waters, *and* dug for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that cannot hold water.

(14) *Is* Israel a servant? *is* he a home born slave? why is he spoiled?

(15) The young lions roared upon him, *and* yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burned without anyone living in them.

(16) Also the children of Noph and Tahapanes have broken the crown of your head.

(17) Have you not brought this upon yourself, because you have forsaken the LORD {Jehovah} your God, when He led you by the way?

(18) And now what have you to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what have you to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river?

(19) Your own wickedness will correct you, and your back sliding will reprove you: know therefore and see that *it is* an evil and bitter *thing*, that you have forsaken the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and that My fear {reverence} is not in you, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}.

(20) Because in old times I have broken your yoke, *and* burst your bands; and you said, I will not sin; when upon every high hill and under every green tree you wander, playing the prostitute.

(21) Yet I had planted you a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then have you turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine to Me?

(22) Because though you wash yourself with lye, and take for yourself much soap, *yet* your sin is marked before me, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.