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(20) But, O LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, Who judges righteously, Who tries the thoughts and the heart, let me see Your vengeance on them: because to You I have revealed my cause.

(21) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says concerning the men of Anathoth, who seek your life, saying, Do not prophesy in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, that you not die by our hand:

(22) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says, Indeed, I will punish them: the young men will die by the sword; their sons and their daughters will die by famine:

(23) And there will be no remnant of them: because I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, *even* the year of their visitation.

Chapter 12

(1) *You* are righteous, O LORD {Jehovah}, when I plead with You: yet let me talk with You of *Your* judgments: *Why* does the way of the wicked prosper? *Why* are they all happy who deal very treacherously?

(2) You have planted them, yes, they have taken root: they grow, yes, they bring forth fruit: You *are* near in their mouths, but far from their hearts.

(3) But You, O LORD {Jehovah}, know me: You have seen me, and tried my heart towards You: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.

(4) How long will the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, because of the wickedness of those who live in it? the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He will not see our last end.

(5) If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? and *if* in the land of peace, *in which* you trust, *they wearied you*, then how will you do in the swelling of Jordan?

(6) Because even your brothers, and the house of your father, even they have dealt treacherously with you; yes, they have called a multitude after you: do not believe them, though they speak fair words to you.

(7) I have forsaken My house {temple}, I have left My heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of My soul into the hand of her enemies.

(8) My heritage is to Me as a lion in the forest; it cries out against Me: therefore I have hated it.

(9) My heritage *is* to me *as* a speckled bird, the birds all around *are* against her; Come, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.

(10) Many pastors have destroyed My vineyard, they have trodden My portion under foot, they have made My pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

(11) They have made it desolate, *and being* desolate it mourns to Me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man lays *it* to heart.

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(12) The spoilers have come upon all high places through the wilderness: because the sword of the LORD {Jehovah} will devour from the *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land: no flesh will have peace.

(13) They have sown wheat, but will reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, *but* {it} will not profit: and they will be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(14) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says against all My evil neighbors, who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit; Indeed, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.

(15) And it will come to pass, after I have plucked them out that I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.

(16) And it will come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of My people, to swear by My Name, The LORD {Jehovah} lives; as they taught My people to swear by Baal; then they will be built in the midst of My people.

(17) But if they will not obey, I will completely pluck up and destroy that nation, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 13

(1) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, Go and get for yourself a linen belt, and put it upon your waist, and do not put it in water.

(2) So I got a belt according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}, and put *it* on my waist.

(3) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me the second time, saying,

(4) Take the belt that you have obtained, which *is* upon your waist, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock.

(5) So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD {Jehovah} commanded me.

(6) And it came to pass after many days, that the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the belt from there, which I commanded you to hide there.

(7) Then I went to Euphrates, and dug, and took the belt from the place where I had hidden it: and, indeed, the belt was marred, it was profitable for nothing.

(8) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(9) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, After this manner I will mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.