

## 13. Jeremiah - Yirm'yah

Version 4.2: 7-17-17

### Chapter 1

1:1 The words of Yirm'yah, son of Hilkiyah  
from the priests who were in Anatot  
in the land of Binyamin,

Yirm'yah means YAHWEH is exalted.  
Hilkiyah means YAHWEH is my portion.  
Anatot means a response.  
Binyamin means son of the right hand.

1:2 to whom the word of YAHWEH existed  
in the days of Yoshiyah, son of Amon, king of Yahudah,  
in the thirteenth year of his reign.

Yoshiyah means YAHWEH is my foundation.  
Amon means multitude.  
Yahudah means YAHWEH is praised.

1:3 And it existed in the days of Yahoyakim,  
son of Yoshiyah, king of Yahudah,  
until the completion of the eleventh year of Tzidkiyah,  
son of Yoshiyah, king of Yahudah,  
until the exiling of Yerushalaim in the fifth month.

Yahoyakim means YAHWEH will cause to stand.  
Tzidkiyah means YAHWEH is just.  
Yerushalaim means complete teaching of deliverance.

1:4 Now the word of YAHWEH existed to me, saying,

1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.

And before you came forth from the womb

I caused you to be set apart.

I have given you as a prophet to the nations."

1:6 And I said, "Alas, my Sovereign, YAHWEH!

Behold! I do not know *how* to speak

because I am a youth."

**hinne** - Lo! Behold!  
This word is virtually always emphatic. Traditional texts often use "see" or "look". Neither carries the same impact or significance. Because of this "Behold!" is retained.

1:7 And YAHWEH said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am a youth.'

Indeed, to everyone to whom I am sending you

you are to go.

And everything *itself* **הנ** which I will give to you as direction

you are to speak.

This is the first use of the **הנ** in the book of Yirm'yah. It's a unique Hebrew construct that essentially means "self, selfsame". In traditional texts it's left untranslated, left out of the text completely. Traditionally it's been viewed as a "marker for the direct object of a verb." This is absurd. YAHWEH does NOTHING without a purpose! If He placed this in the text He did so for a reason. It turns out that the reason is to add special emphasis to certain words, phrases, or concepts within the text. These are underlined for emphasis. You now have the ability to see and understand what YAHWEH chose to emphasize. in His word.

1:8 You are not to be scared by their faces.

Indeed, I Myself will be with you yourself **הנ**

for the sake of delivering you!"

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

**panyim** - plural of **pane** - the face. Hence, faces.  
This is a major theme of Scripture. It's often translated traditionally as meaning "in one's presence". Indeed the Hebrews used it often in this sense. However, since this is a major theme of Scripture it is left as a direct reference to the

face so that you can see just how often and intensely this concept appears.  
**n'um** - an oracle.  
An oracle was perceived as a special pronouncement or declaration by a divine being. In this case it's from YAHWEH Himself and not some false deity. This is not the normal term used, which is **yo'mer** - to say. Because of this it's given a special reference format to call attention to this special declaration.

1:9 And **YAHWEH** extended His hand *itself* **תנ**.

And He touched my mouth.

And **YAHWEH** said to me,

“Behold! I have given My words into your mouth.

1:10 Observe! I have appointed you this day

over the nations and over the kingdoms

for the sake of tearing out by the roots

and for the sake of causing to perish,

and for the sake of destroying

and for the sake of pulling down,

for the sake of building

and for the sake of planting!”

1:11 And the word of **YAHWEH** existed to me saying,

“What are you yourself **תנ** seeing, Yirm'yah?”

And I said, “I myself am seeing a rod of an almond tree.”

1:12 And **YAHWEH** said to me,

“You are seeing well.

Indeed, I Myself am watching over My word

for the sake of doing it.”

1:13 And the word of **YAHWEH**

existed to me a second time saying,

“What are you yourself **תנ** seeing?”

And I said, “I am seeing a boiling pot.

And It's face is from the face of the north.”

1:14 And **YAHWEH** said to me,

“From the north that which is bad is being opened

upon all the inhabitants of the land.

1:15 Indeed behold!

I am calling to all the families of the kingdoms of the north!”

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

“And they will come.

And each one will set his throne

at the entrance of the gates of Yerushalaim,

beside all its walls all around,

and beside all the cities of Yahudah.

1:16 And I will pronounce My judgment

of they themselves **תנ**

concerning all their moral wrong

by which they have abandoned Me,

and have burned incense to other gods,

and have bowed themselves to the works of their hands.

1:17 And you yourself **תנ** are to gird your loins!

And you are to stand up!

And you are to speak to them

everything itself **תנ** that I direct you!

You are not to be dismayed by their faces

lest I cause you to be dismayed before their faces!

1:18 And I Myself, behold!

I have given you this day

as a fortified city,  
and as a column of iron,  
and as walls of copper  
concerning all the land,  
for the sake of the kings of Yahudah,  
for the sake of her leaders,  
for the sake of her priests,  
and for the sake of the people of the land.

1:19 And they will fight against you.  
But they will not prevail against you  
because I Myself will be with you yourself ינ  
for the sake of delivering you!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

## Chapter 2

2:1 And the word of YAHWEH  
existed to me saying,  
2:2 "Go!  
And you are to cry in the ears of Yerushalaim saying,  
'Thus said YAHWEH,  
'I have taken note of the kindness of your youth,  
the love of your engagement,  
your coming after Me in the wilderness  
in a land not sown.  
2:3 Yisra'el was set apart to YAHWEH,  
the first fruits of His produce.  
Everyone consuming it is guilty.  
What is bad will come upon them.'  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

2:4 Listen attentively to the word of YAHWEH,  
house of Ya'akob, and all the families  
of the house of Yisra'el!  
2:5 Thus said YAHWEH,  
"What perversity have your fathers found in Me  
that they have gone far away from Me,  
and have gone after the worthless,  
and have become worthless?  
2:6 And have they not said,  
'Where is YAHWEH  
Who caused us ourselves ינ  
to come up from the land of Mitsraim,  
Who caused us ourselves ינ  
to walk in the wilderness,  
in a land of deserts and chasms,  
in a land of dryness and the shadow of death,  
a land that no man passed over on it  
and no human being dwelt there?'

Mitsraim is Egypt.  
Mitsraim is a son of Ham, son of Noah. It's very important  
that you do not miss this connection.

2:7 And I caused you yourselves ינ  
to come into a fruitful land  
for the sake of eating its fruit and its goodness.  
And you came in.  
Nur you defiled My land itself ינ.  
And you established My inheritance  
as something disgusting.

2:8 The priests did not say, 'Where is YAHWEH?'  
And those handling The Instruction did not know Me.  
And the shepherds rebelled against Me.  
And the prophets prophesied by Ba'al.

And they walked after what has no value.

**torah** - precept or statute.  
This is traditionally translated as "law". This is very misleading.  
The Torah in this view is considered to be the first five books of Moshe.  
But if you read those books you'll quickly see that it is not all about "law".  
The root for this word means to teach, to give direction.  
That's exactly what "The Torah" does, it gives **instruction** to YAHWEH's people concerning how He desires them to live.  
For this this edition of Scripture will use "Instruction" most of the time in place of "Torah".

2:9 For this reason I will contend with you still!"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

"Even with your children's children themselves 

I will contend!

2:10 Indeed!

Pass over to the isles of Kittim and observe!

And send to Kedar and consider diligently!

And look!

Behold! Has any like this existed?

2:11 Has a nation exchanged its gods,

and they are not *even* gods?

But My people have exchanged My honor

for that which has no value.

2:12 Skies, be astonished concerning this!

Even be horrified!

Be exceedingly dried up!"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

2:13 Indeed, My people have done two bad things!

They have abandoned Me Myself ,

the fountain of living waters,

for the sake of carving out for themselves cisterns,

broken cisterns which do not retain water!

**Note:** There is a dangerous philosophy that teaches that once you're "saved" you cannot "lose" that "salvation".  
**This is FALSE teaching!**  
This is but one of many portions of Scripture that declare plainly that one can indeed **abandon YAHWEH!** And if you abandon Him you also abandon your trust in Him. If you have no trust in Him He will **NOT** permit you in His presence!

2:14 Is Yisra'el a servant?

Was he born in a house?

Why has he become as plunder?

2:15 The young lions roar at him.

They have given forth their noise.

And they have established his land as a ruin.

His cities have been destroyed, without inhabitant.

2:16 Even the sons of Noph and of Tahpanhes

have grazed the crown of your head!

2:17 Have you not done this to yourself

by your abandoning **YAHWEH Himself** , your Elohim,

at the time He caused you to walk on the way?

2:18 And now why is it for you

at the way of Mitsraim,

for the sake of drinking the waters of Shihor?

And what is it for you, the way of Ashshur,

for the sake of drinking the waters of The River *Euphrates*?

2:19 Your bad actions will chastise you!  
And your apostasies will reprove you!

Know therefore and observe  
that with harmfulness and bitterness  
you have abandoned **YAHWEH Himself** **nx**, your Elohim,  
and the dread of Me is not within you!"  
- An Utterance of my Sovereign, **YAHWEH** of Assemblies -

2:20 Indeed, from of old you have broken your yoke  
and torn off your bonds.  
And you have said, 'I will not serve!  
Indeed, on every high hill  
and under every green tree  
you were laying down as a prostitute.

2:21 But I had planted you a choice vine,  
all of it true seed.  
How then have you made what is Mine  
into a degenerate plant, a foreign vine?

2:22 Indeed, if you wash yourself with lye  
and your soap is abundant,  
the staining of your perversion is before My face!"  
- An Utterance of my Sovereign, **YAHWEH** -

2:23 "How can you say, 'I am not defiled!  
I have not gone after the Ba'als!'"

Look at your ways in the valley!  
Know what you have done,  
a swift camel traversing her paths,  
2:24 a wild ass accustomed to the wilderness,  
her life sniffing the wind in the heat of her desire.  
Who turns her back?  
All those seeking her are not weary.  
In her month they will find her.

2:25 Withhold your foot from being bare  
and your throat from thirst!  
But you said, 'There is no hope.  
Indeed, I have loved strangers  
and I will walk after them.'

2:26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found,  
so has the house of Yisra'el been shamed,  
they, their kings, their leaders,  
and their priests, and their prophets,  
2:27 saying to a piece of wood,  
'You yourself **nx** are my father.'  
and to a stone,  
'You yourself **nx** have given birth to me.'

Indeed, they have turned their back toward Me  
and not their face.

But in the time of their harm they say,  
'Rise up and cause us to be delivered!'

2:28 But where are your gods  
that you have made for yourselves?  
Let them rise up if they can cause you to be delivered  
in the time of your harm.  
Indeed, your gods are as many as your cities, Yahudah.

2:29 Why do you strive against Me?  
All of you have rebelled against Me!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

2:30 "For nothing I have struck  
your children *themselves* FN!  
They have not accepted discipline!  
Your sword has devoured your prophets  
like a destroying lion.

2:31 Generation, look to the word of YAHWEH!  
Have I been a wilderness to Yisra'el,  
or a land of darkness?  
Why do My people say, 'We have roamed freely!  
We will come to You no more!'

2:32 Does a virgin forget her ornaments,  
a bride her sash?  
But My people have forgotten Me days without number!

2:33 Why do you make your way pleasing  
for the sake of seeking love?  
On account of this even the morally wrong *themselves* FN  
have been taught your ways *themselves* FN.

2:34 Also, on your skirts has been found  
the blood of the lives of the destitute innocents.  
They were not found as burglars.

Indeed, concerning all these  
2:35 you even say, 'Indeed, I am innocent!  
Surely His anger will be turned back from me!'

Behold! I am judging you yourselves FN  
on account of your saying, 'I have not offended!'

Sin is any act which causes an offense to YAHWEH. It is  
always an act of rebellion against His Word, His instructions.

2:36 Why are you exceedingly worthless,  
altering your ways *themselves* FN?  
Even by Mitsraim you will be shamed  
like you were shamed by Ashshur.

2:37 Even from this one *itself* FN you will go forth.  
And your hands *will be* on your head!

Indeed, YAHWEH has despised your confidences  
and you will not benefit by them.

### Chapter 3

3:1 *The Elohim* says, "Behold!  
A man sends away his wife *herself* FN.  
And she goes from he *himself* FN.  
And she has become another man's.  
Will he return to her again?  
Is not that territory defiled, defiled?

But you yourselves FN have committed adultery  
with many lovers!  
Then you return to Me!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

3:2 Lift up your eyes to the bare places and look!  
Where have you not had sex?  
Besides the roads you have sat for them,

like an Arabian in the wilderness.  
And you have caused the land to be defiled  
with your adulteries and your badness.

3:3 And the rains have been withheld.  
And the spring rains have not existed.  
Even the forehead of a female prostitute is yours.  
You have refused to blush.

3:4 Will you not from now on cry to Me,  
'My Father, You Yourself אני  
are the faithful friend of my youth!'

3:5 Does one bear a grudge to eternity?  
Does one keep it to the end?'

Behold! You have spoken!  
And you have done what is bad,  
even of what you were capable!

3:6 And YAHWEH said to me  
in the days of Yoshiyah, the king,  
"Have you seen what apostatizing Yisra'el has done?  
She has gone upon every high mountain,  
and under every green tree.  
And she has committed adultery there.

3:7 And I said after she had done  
all these things themselves אני,  
'Return to Me!'  
But she did not return.

And her treacherous sister, Yahudah, saw it.  
3:8 And I saw that when for all the causes  
for which apostatizing Yisra'el had committed adultery  
I had sent her away,  
and I had given her a writing of divorce itself אני,  
even her treacherous sister, Yahudah, was not afraid.  
And she went.

And she also committed adultery!  
3:9 And it was by her careless adultery  
that she defiled the land itself אני.  
And she committed adultery with  
the stones themselves אני  
and the pieces of wood themselves אני.

3:10 And in all of this her treacherous sister, Yahudah,  
has not turned back to Me with all her heart,  
but rather with lying!"

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

3:11 And YAHWEH said to me,  
"Apostatizing Yisra'el has shown herself more justified  
than treacherous Yahudah.

3:12 Go and proclaim these words themselves אני  
toward the north and say,  
'Return, apostatizing Yisra'el!'  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

'I will not cause My anger to fall on you  
because I Myself am kind!'  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

'I will not bear a grudge for eternity!  
3:13 However, acknowledge your perversity  
because you have rebelled

against YAHWEH, your Elohim!  
And you have scattered your ways themselves אנ  
to strangers under every green tree!  
And you have not listened attentively to My voice!  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

3:14 Return, children of apostasy!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

"Indeed, I will be a husband with you!  
And I will take you yourselves אנ,  
one from a city and two from a family.  
And I will bring you yourselves אנ to Tzion.  
3:15 And I will give you shepherds according to My heart!  
And they will tend you yourselves אנ  
with knowledge and intelligence!

3:16 And it will be, when you have multiplied  
and have born fruit in the land in those days"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"they will not say any longer,  
'The Chest of The Covenant of YAHWEH.'  
And it will not come up upon their heart.  
And they will not remember it.  
And they will not visit it.  
And it will not be made again.

3:17 At that time Yerushalaim will be called  
the throne of YAHWEH.  
And all the nations will be gathered to it  
for the sake of the name of YAHWEH,  
to Yerushalaim.  
And they will not walk any longer  
after the stubbornness of their bad heart.

3:18 In those days the house of Yahudah  
will go beside the house of Yisra'el.  
And they will come together from the land of the north  
to the land that I caused your forefathers themselves אנ  
to inherit.

3:19 And I said, 'How can I place you  
among the children,  
and give you a delightful land,  
a beautiful inheritance of the nations?'  
And I said, 'You are to call Me, "My Father,"  
And you are not to turn away from behind Me.'

3:20 Yet as a woman acts treacherously  
against her companion,  
thus have you acted treacherously against Me,  
house of Yisra'el!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

3:21 A sound was heard on the bare heights,  
weeping, earnest prayers of the children of Yisra'el,  
because they have perverted their ways themselves אנ.  
They have forgotten YAHWEH Himself אנ, their Elohim.

3:22 "Return, children of apostasy!  
I will heal your apostasies!"  
Behold! We ourselves אנ are Yours!  
You Yourself אנ are YAHWEH, our Elohim!

There's a problem with the traditional translation of this  
verse. It misinterprets the term that is typically given as "we

have come to you" because it fails to comprehend the significance of the **אנ** construct used. It's used twice, once for "us" and once for "You". If it were being used consistently as "have come" it would need to state twice "have come". But the traditional translations do not use this consistency.

3:23 Truly, deceit comes from the hills,  
the tumult of the mountains!  
Truly, in **YAHWEH**, our Elohim,  
is the deliverance of Yisra'el!

3:24 But shame has devoured  
the labors *themselves* **אנ** of our fathers from our youth,  
their flocks *themselves* **אנ**,  
and their herds *themselves* **אנ**,  
their sons *themselves* **אנ**,  
and their daughters *themselves* **אנ**.

3:25 We will lie down in our shame  
and our disgrace will cover us  
because we have offended against **YAHWEH**, our Elohim,  
we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day.  
And have not listened attentively  
to the voice of **YAHWEH**, our Elohim."

#### Chapter 4

4:1 "If you will return, Yisra'el,"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

"return to Me!

And if you remove your detestable things from My face  
and you will not wander away,

4:2 and you will swear, 'By the life of **YAHWEH**...'

in truth, in judgment, and in justice  
then the nations will bless themselves in Him  
and in Him they will boast!"

4:3 Indeed, thus said **YAHWEH**  
to the men of Yahudah and to Yerushalaim,  
"Break up for yourselves your untilled ground!  
And do not sow among the thorns!

4:4 Be circumcised for the sake of **YAHWEH**!  
And remove the foreskins of your hearts,  
men of Yahudah and inhabitants of Yerushalaim,  
lest My wrath comes forth like fire  
and it burns and no one extinguishes it  
because of the presence of your bad actions!"

4:5 Declare it in Yahudah!  
And cause it to be heard in Yerushalaim!  
And say, "Blow the shofar in the land!  
Cry out fully and say, 'Assemble!  
And we will go to the fortified cities!'"

4:6 Lift up a banner toward Tzion!  
Be strong!  
Do not stand still!  
Indeed, I am bringing harm from the north,  
even great destruction!"

4:7 A lion has come up from his thicket,  
and one destroying the nations has set out on a journey!  
He has gone forth from his place  
for the sake of making you're land a ruin!  
Your cities will be devastated, without inhabitant.

4:8 On account of this gird yourself with sackcloth.  
Lament and wail  
because the burning anger of YAHWEH  
has not been turned back from us!

4:9 And in that day it will exist,”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
“that the heart of the king will perish,  
and the hearts of the leaders.  
And the priests will be appalled!  
And the prophets will be astounded!”

4:10 And I said, “Alas my Sovereign, YAHWEH!  
Truly You have deceived, deceived this people  
and Yerushalaim, saying, ‘There will be shalom for you!’  
But the sword has reached as far as the life.”

4:11 At that time it will be said  
to this people and to Yerushalaim,  
“A blazing wind of the bare heights blows in the wilderness  
*toward* the daughter of My people,  
not to winnow and not to purify.  
4:12 A full wind from these will come for Me.

Now even I Myself will pronounce judgments  
for they *themselves* ~~is~~!

4:13 Behold! With the clouds He is coming up!  
And His chariots are like a whirlwind!  
Swifter than eagles are His horses!.

Woe to us! Indeed, we have been ravaged!”

4:14 Wash what is bad from your hearts, Yerushalaim,  
for the sake of being delivered!  
Until when will your vain thoughts remain within you?

4:15 Indeed, a voice is declaring it from Dan.  
And it is proclaiming vanity from Mount Ephraim.

4:16 Call it to the attention of the nations!  
Behold! Cause it to be heard at Yerushalaim!  
Those keeping guard are coming from a distant land.  
And they will bestow their voices over the cities of Yahudah.

4:17 Like the guards of a field they are against her all around  
because she *herself* ~~is~~ has rebelled against Me!”

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

4:18 Your ways and your actions have done this to you.  
This, your harm, is indeed bitter  
because it has reached into your heart.”

4:19 My inward parts! My inward parts!  
I am in writhing in pain!  
The walls of my heart, my heart is roaring within me!  
I am not silent because my life has heard  
the sound of the shofar, the alarm of battle!

4:20 Destruction upon destruction is proclaimed!  
Indeed, all the land is ravaged!  
Suddenly my tents are ravaged,  
my shelters in a moment!

4:21 Until when will I see a banner,  
and hear the sound of the shofar?

4:22 Indeed, My people are fools.  
I *Myself* **אני** they have not known.

They are senseless children.  
And they have no understanding.  
They are wise for the sake of doing what's bad.  
But for the sake of doing what's good  
they have no knowledge.”

4:23 I looked at the earth *itself* **אנ** and behold,  
it was desolate and empty,  
and toward the skies,  
and they had no light!

**tohu vubohu** - desolate and empty.  
This is the exact same phrase that occurs in Genesis 1.2. At  
the time of the creation of our present earth and skies this  
was the state of things. Now we're seeing a return of this  
status as the result of "sin". This is most profound!

4:24 I looked at the mountains,  
and behold, they undulated.  
And all the hills moved swiftly.

4:25 I looked and behold,  
there was no human being!  
And all the birds of the skies had fled.

4:26 I looked and behold,  
the fruitful land was a wilderness  
and all its cities were torn down  
from before the face of **YAHWEH**  
from the face of His burning anger.

4:27 Indeed, thus said **YAHWEH**,  
“All the earth will be a devastation.  
But a termination I will not make.  
4:28 On account of this the earth will mourn  
and the skies will be darkened from above, overhead.

Indeed, I have spoken!  
I have conceived it.  
And I will not regret it.  
And I will not turn back from it.”

4:29 From the noise of the horsemen  
and the shooting of the bowmen  
the entire city is fleeing.  
They have gone into thickets  
and they have gone up on the rocks.  
The entire city has been abandoned  
and no man is dwelling in it.  
4:30 And you yourself **אתה** are being ravaged.

What will you do?  
Although you put on crimson,  
although you adorn yourself with ornaments of gold,  
although you enlarge your eyes with paint,  
in vain you are making yourself beautiful.  
Your lovers have despised you.  
They are seeking your life.

4:31 Indeed, I have heard a sound  
like one in childbirth,  
anguish like one bringing forth her first child,  
the voice of the daughter of Tzion!  
She herself is gasping for breath.

She spreads out her hands.  
"Woe is mine!  
Indeed, my life is weary because of those murdering!"

## Chapter 5

5:1 Roam about in the streets of Yerushalaim,  
and look now, and know!  
And search in her open places.  
If you find a man,  
if there exists one making a judgment,  
seeking truth,  
then I will pardon her.

5:2 And if they say, 'By the life of YAHWEH...'  
according to this they are swearing falsely."

5:3 YAHWEH, Your eyes,  
are they not toward the truth?  
You have struck they themselves nx  
but they have not writhed in pain.  
You have consumed them.  
They have refused to accept discipline.  
Their faces have been harder than rock.  
They refused to turn back.

5:4 And I myself said, "They are only the weak.  
They have been foolish  
because they have not known the way of YAHWEH,  
the judgment of their Elohim.

5:5 I will go to the great men.  
And I will speak to they themselves nx  
for they have known the way of YAHWEH,  
the judgment of their Elohim.  
However, these have together broken the yoke,  
torn off the bonds.  
5:6 For this reason a lion from the forest will strike them.  
A wolf of the deserts will ravage them.  
A leopard is watching over their cities.  
Everyone going out from there will be torn in pieces  
because their rebellions have been many.  
Their apostasies have been numerous.

5:7 How will I pardon you for this?  
Your children have abandoned Me.  
And they have sworn by what is not a god.

Even I had caused they themselves nx to be satisfied.  
But they committed adultery.  
And they crowded into the house of a prostitute.

5:8 Horses in heat, they were lusty,  
one man neighing to his neighbor's wife.

5:9 Should I not hold them accountable for this?"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
And on a nation such as this  
should My life not revenge itself?

5:10 Go up on her walls and ruin,  
but do not make a complete end!  
Remove her branches  
because they are not YAHWEH's.

5:11 Indeed, they have betrayed Me, betrayed Me,  
the house of Yisra'el and the house of Yahudah!"

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

5:12 They have lied about YAHWEH and said,  
'It is not He!  
And no harm will come upon us.  
And a sword or famine we will not see.'

5:13 And the prophets are as wind  
and The Word is not in them.

According to this it will be done to them.

5:14 For this reason thus said YAHWEH,

The Elohim of Assemblies,

"Because you speak this word itself אנ, behold Me!

I am setting My words in your mouth as fire  
and this people as wood,  
and it will devour them!

5:15 Behold! I am bringing against you  
a nation from afar, house of Yisra'el!"

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

"It is an enduring nation, a nation from long ago,  
a nation whose language you do not know.  
And you will not comprehend what they say.

5:16 Their quiver is like an open tomb.

All of them are mighty men.

5:17 And they will consume your harvest and your food.

They will consume your sons and daughters.

They will consume your flocks and your herds.

They will consume your vines and your fig trees.

They will demolish your fortified cities

in which you yourselves אנ are trusting with the sword!

5:18 But even in those days"

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

"I will not make a complete end of you yourselves אנ.

5:19 And it will be when they say,

'In place of what has YAHWEH, our Elohim,

done all these things themselves אנ to us?'

And you are to say to them,

'According to how you have abandoned Me Myself אנ

and served foreign gods in your land,

according to this you will serve foreigners

in a land that is not yours!'

5:20 Declare this in the house of Ya'akob  
and cause it to be heard in Yahudah saying,

5:21 'Listen attentively to this now,

foolish people and without a heart,

who have eyes but will not see,

who have ears but will not listen attentively!

5:22 Will you yourselves אנ not revere Me?'

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

'Will you not writhe in pain before My face,

Who has placed the sand as the boundary for the sea,

an eternal decree?

And it does not pass over it.

And it agitates violently.

But it does not prevail.

And its waves roar but they do not pass over it.

5:23 But this people has a rebelling and bitter heart.

They have turned aside and gone away.

5:24 And they do not say in their heart,

"Let us now revere **YAHWEH**, our Elohim,  
The One giving the rain, even the former and the latter,  
in its season.  
He guards for us the appointed weeks of the harvest."

5:25 'Your moral wrongs have turned these away  
and your offenses have withheld the good from you.

5:26 Indeed, among My people are found  
morally wrong ones who lie in wait with a trap.  
The set snares.  
They set a trap.  
They catch men.

5:27 Like a cage full of birds,  
according to this their houses are filled with deceit.  
For this reason they have become great and grown rich.

5:28 They have become fat.  
They are sleek.  
They also pass over the actions of the bad.  
Proper judgment they have not judged,  
judgment of the fatherless.  
And they have succeeded.  
And the judgment of the destitute  
they did not judge rightly.

5:29 "Will I not hold them accountable for this?"  
-An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
"Or on a nation such as this,  
will My life not revenge itself?"

5:30 "An astonishment and a horrible thing  
has existed in the land.

5:31 The prophets have prophesied with a lie!  
And the priests rule by their own hand!

And My people have loved it thus!  
But what will you do at the end of it?

## Chapter 6

6:1 "Seek refuge, children of Binyamin,  
out of the midst of Yerushalaim!  
Blow the shofar in Tekoa  
and set up a signal fire in Bet Hakerem!  
Indeed, harm has been seen from the north,  
even great destruction!

Binyamin means son of the right hand. Yerushalaim means complete teaching of deliverance. Tekoa means an opponent. Bet Hakerem means house of the vineyard.
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6:2 The beautiful and the pampering one  
I have compared to the daughter of Tzion.

6:3 Those pasturing and their flocks will come to her.  
They will pitch their tents against her all around.  
Each man has fed with his hand *itself* **nx**."

6:4 Set them apart for battle against her!  
Get up!  
And we will go up at noonday.  
Woe to us, because the day is going away,  
because the shadows of evening are lengthening!

6:5 Get up!  
And we will go up at night.  
And we will destroy her fortresses."

6:6 Indeed, thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,

“Cut down trees and spill forth a siege mound  
against Yerushalaim!  
She is the city to be held accountable.  
In her entire midst there is oppression.  
6:7 As a well pours out water,  
so she pours out her badness.  
Violence and destruction are heard in her.  
Before My face continually are disease and wounds.

6:8 Be disciplined, Yerushalaim,  
lest My life is severed from you,  
lest I establish you as a desolation, a land not inhabited!”

6:9 Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
“They will glean, glean like a vine the remnant of Yisra’el.  
Return your hand like a grape gatherer over the branches.”

6:10 To whom will I speak and give witness  
and they will listen attentively?

Behold! Their ear is uncircumcised  
and they are not able to pay attention.  
Behold! The Word of YAHWEH is a disgrace to them.  
They do not delight in it.

6:11 And I am filled with the anger *itself* **HN** of YAHWEH.  
I have been wearied by holding it in.

Pour it out upon the small children in the streets,  
and on the company of youth together!  
Indeed, even husband and wife will be captured,  
the aged and the very full of days.  
6:12 And their houses will be turned over to others,  
fields and women together.

Indeed, I will stretch out *My hand itself* **HN**  
against the inhabitants of the land!”

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

6:13 "Indeed, from the least of them  
even to the greatest of them  
they are all greedy for gain!  
And from the prophet even to the priest  
they all are acting deceitfully.

6:14 And they heal the  
the wounds *themselves* **HN** of My people superficially  
saying, ‘Peace! Peace!’  
But there is no peace.

6:15 Were they ashamed  
when they had done a detestable thing?  
No! They were not at all ashamed.  
They also did not know to be humiliated.  
For this reason they will fall among those who are falling.  
At the time I hold them accountable they will stumble."  
said YAHWEH.

6:16 Thus said YAHWEH,  
“Stand beside the roads and observe!  
And inquire concerning the ancient ways,  
"Where is the way of the good?"  
Then walk in it!  
And find a resting place for your lives!  
But they said, ‘We will not go!’

6:17 And I established watchmen over you.

And I said, 'Pay attention to the sound of the shofar!'  
But they said, 'We will not pay attention.'

6:18 For this reason listen attentively, nations,  
and know, assembly, Who *itself* **is** against them!

This is a different rendering than traditional texts. The pronoun **הוא** can mean who, which, what, that, also, when, where, how, because, in order that, etc. Therefore it's meaning must come from the context! Take very careful note of the context here. YAHWEH is speaking. He is not a "what"! He is a "Who"! And it is He Himself that is against them because of their apostasy.

6:19 Listen attentively, earth!  
Behold! I am bringing harm upon this people,  
even the fruit of their contrivances,  
because they have not paid attention to My words,  
or My Instruction,  
and they have rejected it!

6:20 What is this for Me,  
frankincense that comes from Sheba  
and sweet cane from a distant land?

Your olahs are not a delight  
and your sacrifices have not been sweet to Me."

**olah** - a step (as ascending); usually a holocaust (as going up in smoke). The **olah** is traditionally given as "burnt offering". It literally means to cause to go up in smoke. This offering was a symbol of total commitment to YAHWEH. It was a complete surrender to Him. nothing was left but ashes.

6: 21 For this reason thus said **YAHWEH**,  
"Behold! I am giving to this people stumbling blocks.  
And fathers and sons together will stumble on them.  
An inhabitant and his friend will perish."

6:22 Thus said **YAHWEH**,  
"Behold! A people is coming from a north country.  
Even a great nation is being aroused  
from the extremities of the earth!  
6:23 They will seize bow and spear!  
They are cruel and they have no compassion!  
Their sound roars like the sea!  
And they will ride upon horses  
being arrayed like men of battle against you,  
the daughter of Tzion!"

6:24 We have heard the report.  
Our hands are weakened.  
Anguish has seized us,  
pain like one giving birth.

6:25 Do not go out to the field  
and do not walk on the road  
because the terror of the sword of the enemy is all around!

6:26 Daughter of My people,  
gird on sackcloth and wallow in ashes!  
Make for yourselves mourning as for an only son,  
bitter lamentation,  
because suddenly the ravager will come upon us!

6:27 I have given you  
as a tower among My people, a fortress.

And you are to know and test their ways themselves תנ.

6:28 All of them have turned aside,  
rebellious, walking as gossips.  
They are copper and iron, all of them.  
They are causing ruin.

6:29 Blow the bellows!  
Their lead has been consumed by fire.  
For nothing the refiner has refined.  
And the impure has not been separated.

6:30 They will call them rejected silver  
because **YAHWEH** has rejected them.”

This verse is slightly nuanced to help convey the imagery of the refining of silver. Lead was injected to remove the impurities in that process. Here we see that the lead has been consumed by the fire without removing the impurities (the bad, literally) from among the people. This is a powerful imagery.

## Chapter 7

7:1 The word that existed to Yirm'yah  
from **YAHWEH Himself** תנ saying,

7:2 “Stand in the gate of The House of **YAHWEH!**  
And you are to proclaim there this word itself תנ.

And you are to say,  
'Listen attentively to The Word of **YAHWEH**,  
everyone of Yahudah who is entering into these gates  
for the sake of prostrating yourself toward **YAHWEH!**”

7:3 Thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
“Cause your ways and your actions to be pleasing!  
Then I will let you yourselves תנ dwell in this place.

7:4 You are not to trust for yourselves  
upon these false words saying,  
'The Temple of **YAHWEH!**  
The Temple of **YAHWEH!**  
The Temple of **YAHWEH!**

Note: This is an interesting passage. It reveals to us the tendency for the people to rely on the presence of YAHWEH in their midst, by means of The Temple structure, for their protection and blessing - but without DOING what YAHWEH instructed them to do. It's like saying "I go to church! I go to church! I go to church!, and expecting THAT to somehow protect you. It will not work! And that's the point of this text.

7:5 Indeed, if you cause your ways,  
cause your ways themselves תנ  
and your deeds themselves תנ to be good,  
if you perform right judgment,  
right judgment between a man and his neighbor,

7:6 *if* you do not oppress the stranger,  
the fatherless, and the widow,  
and *if* you do not shed innocent blood in this place  
or walk after other gods for the sake of harming yourself

7:7 then I will let you yourselves תנ dwell in this place,  
in the land that I gave to your forefathers  
from eternity to eternity.

7:8 Behold! You yourselves תנ  
are trusting for your sake upon false words for no benefit!

7:9 You are stealing, murdering, and committing adultery,  
and swearing to untruths, and burning incense to Ba'al,  
and walking after other gods which you have not known.

7:10 And *then* you come and stand before My face  
in this House upon which is called My Name  
and you say, 'We have been delivered!'  
for the sake of doing all these detestable things!

7:11 Has this House upon which My Name is called  
become as a den of robbers in your eyes?

Even I Myself, behold!  
I have seen it!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

7:12 Indeed, go now to My place which is in Shiloh  
where I caused My name of renown to reside at the first!  
And look at what *itself* חנ I did to it  
before the face of the evil of My people, Yisra'el!

7:13 And now because you are doing all these things"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"and I have spoken to you, rising up early and speaking,  
but you did not listen attentively,  
and I called you yourselves חנ,

but you did not answer,  
7:14 then I will also do to The House  
upon which My Name is called,  
in which you yourselves חנ are trusting,  
and to the place which I have given  
to you yourselves חנ and your forefathers  
like what I have done to Shiloh!

Shiloh means tranquil.

7:15 And I will throw you yourselves חנ out  
from before My face  
like I have thrown out all your kindred themselves חנ,  
all the seed of Ephraim themselves חנ.

7:16 **And you yourself חנ,  
you yourself are not to pray on behalf of this people  
or lift up a cry or prayer on their behalf!  
And you are not to make intercession with Me  
because none of Us will listen attentively  
to you yourself חנ!**

Note: This verse is in bold to call special attention to it. Please taken careful note of YAHWEH's instructions to Yirm'yah concerning these people, YAHWEH's Chosen. Their apostasy, abandoning YAHWEH, has cause Him great offense. He is thoroughly disgusted with them. He has, similar to the days of Noah, chosen to bring destruction upon them for their unfaithfulness. This is the result of turning your back and not your fact to YAHWEH. There's an odd pronoun used in the last line. Take note of the "none of Us will listen..." This is exactly what the Hebrew text says. Within the context of Scripture as a whole one must assume this means "The Divine Counsel". (This would include Gabri'el, Micha'el, etc., all the special "messengers" of YAHWEH.)

7:17 Do you not see what they are doing  
in the cities of Yahudah  
and in the streets of Yerushalaim?

7:18 The children are gathering wood.  
And the fathers are kindling the fire itself חנ.  
And the women are kneading dough  
for the sake of making cakes for the Queen of Heaven,  
and to pour out drink offerings to other gods  
for the sake of provoking Me to anger!

7:19 Is it Me Myself אני they are provoking?"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
"Is it not they themselves אנן  
to the disgrace of their own faces?"

7:20 For this reason  
thus said my Sovereign, **YAHWEH**,  
"Behold! My anger and My wrath  
is going to flow forth toward this place,  
upon the human being,  
and upon the animal,  
and upon the trees of the field,  
and upon the fruit of the soil!  
And it will consume!  
And it will not be extinguished!"

7:21 Thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
"Add your olahs upon your sacrifices and eat meat!  
7:22 Indeed, I did not speak to your forefathers themselves אנן,  
nor give direction to them  
in the day that I brought out they themselves אנן  
from the land of Mitsraim  
concerning words of olahs or sacrifices!

7:23 Indeed, this word itself אני  
I gave as direction to they themselves אנן saying,  
'Listen attentively to My voice!  
And I will exist to you as The Elohim!  
And you yourselves אנן will exist to Me as a people!

And you are to walk in all the ways  
which I will give to you as direction  
in order that it will be well for you!

7:24 But they did not listen attentively!  
And they did not incline their ear itself אני!  
And they walked in the counsels,  
in the stubbornness,  
of their bad hearts!  
And they went backward and not forward!

7:25 From the day that your forefathers  
came out of the land of Mitsraim until this day  
I have even sent to you  
all My servants themselves אנן, the prophets,  
daily rising up early and sending them.

7:26 But they did not listen attentively to Me.  
And they did not extend their ear itself אני.  
And they stiffened their neck itself אני.  
They did bad more than their forefathers.

7:27 And you are to speak to them  
all these words themselves אני.  
But they will not listen attentively to you.  
And you are to call to them.  
But they will not answer you.

7:28 And you are to say to them,  
'This is the nation that has not listened attentively  
to the voice of **YAHWEH**, their Elohim.  
And they have not accepted discipline.

The truth has perished.  
And it has been cut off from their mouth.'

7:29 Cut your hair and throw it away!  
And lift up a lamentation upon the bare heights  
because **YAHWEH** has rejected and abandoned  
the generation *itself* **אנ** of His wrath'

7:30 because the children of Yahudah  
have done what is bad in My eyes!"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

"They have placed their detestable things  
in The House upon which My Name is called  
for the sake of defiling it!

7:31 And they have built the high places of The Tophet  
which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom  
for the sake of burning their sons themselves **אנ**  
and their daughters themselves **אנ** with fire  
which I did not give as direction,  
and it did not come up upon My heart.

Tophet means a striking.  
Hinnom - meaning unknown.

7:32 For this reason behold!  
The days are coming!"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

"And it will no longer be called The Tophet  
or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom  
but instead The Valley of Slaughter!  
And they will bury in Tophet until no place is left.

7:33 And the carcasses of this people  
will be food for the birds of the skies  
and for the animals of the earth.

And no one will frighten them away.

7:34 And I will cause to cease from the cities of Yahudah,  
and from the streets of Yerushalaim  
the sound of laughter,  
and the sound of gladness,  
the voice of the bridegroom,  
and the voice of the bride!

Indeed, the land will be as a desolation!

## Chapter 8

8:1 "At that time,"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

"they will bring out

the bones themselves **אנ** of the kings of Yahudah,  
and the bones themselves **אנ** of its leaders,  
and the bones themselves **אנ** of the priests,  
and the bones themselves **אנ** of the prophets,  
and the bones themselves **אנ** of those dwelling  
at Yerushalaim from their graves.

8:2 And they will spread them out to the sun and the moon,  
and to all the assembly of the skies  
which they have loved,  
and which they have served,  
and after which they have walked,  
and which they have sought,  
and to which they have bowed themselves down.

They will not be gathered.

And they will not be buried.

They will be as excrement upon the face of the soil.

8:3 And death will be chosen more than life

for all the remnant,  
for those remaining from this hurtful family  
in all the places where I have driven them there!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH of Assemblies -

8:4 "And you are to say to them, 'Thus said YAHWEH,  
"Will they fall and not get up  
or turn back but not return?  
8:5 Why has this people of Yerushalaim  
turned back in a continual apostasy?  
They hold onto deception.  
They refuse to turn back.

8:6 I have paid attention.  
And I have listened attentively.  
They do not speak what is right.  
No man is being sorry concerning his wrongdoing saying,  
'What have I done?'  
Everyone has turned back on their course  
like a horse rushing into battle.

8:7 Even a stork in the skies  
knows her appointed times.  
And a turtledove, and a swallow, and a thrush  
guard the time itself <sup>HN</sup> of their goings.  
But My people do not know the right judgment of YAHWEH.

8:8 How can you say,  
'We are wise, and The Instruction of YAHWEH  
is with us ourselves <sup>HN</sup>?'  
Behold! The pen of the scribe  
has been prepared for the sake of lies.

8:9 The wise will be put to shame.  
They will be shattered and captured.

Behold! They have rejected The Word of YAHWEH!  
And what wisdom do they have?

8:10 For this reason  
I will give their wives themselves <sup>HN</sup> to others  
and their fields to occupiers.

Indeed, from the least even to the greatest,  
all of them are greedy for unjust gain.  
From the prophet to the priest,  
all of them are acting deceitfully.  
8:11 And they heal the wounds themselves <sup>HN</sup>  
of the daughter of My people superficially saying,  
'Peace! Peace!'  
But there is no peace.

8:12 Were they ashamed  
when they had done a detestable thing?  
No! They were not at all ashamed.  
They also did not know how to be humiliated.  
nor did they know how to blush.

For this reason they will fall among those who are falling.  
At the time I hold them accountable they will stumble."  
said YAHWEH.

8:13 "I will gather them  
for the sake of consuming them!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

“There are no grapes on the vine  
and there are no figs on the fig tree.  
And the leaf has withered.  
And what I gave to them will pass away.”

8:14 Why are we sitting?  
Gather yourselves and we will go into the fortified cities.  
And we will be silent there.  
Indeed, **YAHWEH**, our Elohim,  
has caused us to be silent.  
And he has caused us to drink poisoned water  
because we have offended against **YAHWEH**.

8:15 We waited for peace,  
but there was nothing good,  
for a time of health, but behold! Terror!

8:16 From Dan we heard the snorting of his horses.  
From the noise of the neighing of his mighty ones  
the whole land trembled.  
And they came.  
And they devoured the land and its fulness,  
the city and those who dwelling in it.

8:17 Indeed, behold!  
I am sending among you serpents,  
adders which have no one to charm them.  
And they will bite you yourselves **תנ** incurably!”  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

8:18 Upon Me is sorrow.  
Upon My heart is weakness.

8:19 Behold the sound of the cry  
of the daughter of my people from a distant land!  
‘Is **YAHWEH** not in Tzion or is her King not in her?’

“Why have they provoked Me to anger  
with their idols and with foreign vanities?”

8:20 Harvest has passed over.  
Summer is ended.  
But we have not been delivered!”

8:21 Concerning the breaking  
of the daughter of My people  
I have been broken.  
I am sad.

Astonishment has seized Me.  
8:22 Is there no balm in Gil'ad  
or is there no healer there?  
Indeed, why has the health of the daughter of My people  
not been restored?

## Chapter 9

9:1 (H 8:23) Who will set my head as waters  
and my eyes as a spring,  
tears and weeping day and night,  
for the defiled the daughter of my people itself **תנ**?

9:2 (H 9:1) Who will give to me a  
lodging place in the wilderness for those travelling.  
Then I will abandon My people!  
Then I will go from they themselves **תנ**  
because all of them are committing adultery,  
an assembly of those acting treacherously!

9:3 (H 9:2) They even bend their tongue itself FN  
like a bow.  
A lie and not truth prevails in the land.

Indeed, they proceed from a bad thing to a bad thing.  
But I Myself FN they have not known!”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

9:4 (H 9:3) A man is on guard from his neighbor  
and he does not trust any kindred  
because every brother acts with deceit  
and every neighbor walks with slanderers.  
9:5 (H 9:4) And a man deceives his neighbor.  
And he does not speak the truth.  
They have taught their tongue to speak lies.  
And they are wearied with distortion.

9:6 (H 9:5) You are dwelling in the midst of deceit.  
On account of deceit  
they have refused to know Me Myself FN.”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

9:7 (H 9:6) For this reason  
thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
“Behold! I will refine them!  
And I will test them!  
Indeed, what can I do before the faces  
of the daughter of My people?

9:8 (H 9:7) Their tongue is an arrow of slaughter.  
It speaks deceit in ones mouth.  
He speaks shalom to his neighbor,  
but in his heart he sets his ambush.

9:9 (H 9:8) Will I not hold them accountable  
for these things?”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
“Or will I not revenge My life on such a nation as this?”

9:10 (H 9:9) Upon the mountains  
I will lift up weeping and wailing  
and over the pastures of the wilderness a lamentation  
because they have been burned up  
without anyone passing over.  
And the sound of cattle has not been heard.  
From the birds of the skies even to the animals,  
they have fled.  
They have gone.

9:11 (H 9:10) And I will set Yerushalaim itself FN  
as heaps of ruins, a dwelling for jackals.  
And the cities of Yahudah themselves FN  
I will set as desolations, without an inhabitant!”

9:12 (H 9:11) Who is the wise man  
and understands this itself FN?  
And what has the mouth of YAHWEH spoken to him?  
Then let him declare it!  
Why has the land perished  
fallen to ruins like a wilderness  
with no one passing over it?

9:13 (H 9:12) And YAHWEH said,  
“It is on account of their abandoning My Instruction itself FN”

which I gave to their faces.  
And they have not listened attentively to My voice,  
nor have they walked in it!  
9:14 (H 9:13) But they have walked after  
the stubbornness of their heart and  
after the Ba'al's which their fathers had taught them.”

9:15 (H 9:14) For this reason thus said  
YAHWEH of Assemblies, The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
“Behold! I am causing this people to eat wormwood!  
And I will cause them to drink poisoned water.  
9:16 (H 9:15) And I will scatter them among nations  
which neither they nor their forefathers have known.  
And I will send the sword itself **FN** after them  
until I have consumed they themselves **FN**.”

9:17 (H 9:16) Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
“Discern!  
And call for those lamenting.  
And they will come.  
And send to the wise.  
And they will come.  
9:18 (H 9:17) And let them hurry  
and lift up a wailing concerning us!  
And let our eyes run down with tears  
and our eyelids flow with water!  
9:19 (H 9:18) Indeed, a voice of wailing  
will be heard from Tzion!  
'How we have been ravaged!  
We are exceedingly ashamed!  
Indeed, we have abandoned the land,  
Indeed, we have been thrown out of our dwellings!' ”

9:20 (H 9:19) Indeed, listen attentively women  
to the word of YAHWEH!  
And accept with your ears the word of His mouth.  
And teach your daughters wailing  
and a woman her neighbor a lamentation  
9:21 (H 9:20) because death has come up into our windows.  
It has entered our fortresses  
for the sake of cutting off the children from the streets,  
young men from the squares.

9:22 (H 9:21) Speak according to this,  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
'The carcasses of the human beings  
will fall like excrement upon the face of the field,  
like fallen grain behind the reaper,  
that no one is gathering!' ”

9:23 (H 9:22) Thus said YAHWEH,  
“Let the wise not boast himself in his wisdom.  
Let the mighty not boast in his might,  
or the rich boast in his riches!

9:24 (H 9:23) But rather,  
let him who is boasting boast of this,  
that he understands and knows Me Myself **FN**!  
Indeed, I Myself am YAHWEH,  
doing kindness, right judgment, and justice in the earth!  
Indeed in these I delight!”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

9:25 (H 9:24) “Behold! The days are coming.”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

“And I will hold accountability  
over all the circumcised with the uncircumcised,  
9:26 (H 9:25) over Mitsraim, and over Yahudah,  
and over Edom, and over the children of Ammon,  
and over Mo'ab,  
and over all those cutting off the edges,  
those dwelling in the wilderness,  
indeed, all the uncircumcised nations,  
and all the uncircumcised of heart of the house of Yisra'el!”

## Chapter 10

10:1 Listen attentively to the word *itself* <sup>nx</sup>  
which **YAHWEH** has spoken to you, house of Yisra'el!

10:2 Thus said **YAHWEH**,  
“Concerning the way of the nations you are not to learn!  
And you are not to be dismayed by the signs of the skies  
because the nations are dismayed by them.

10:3 Indeed, the customs of the peoples are emptiness.  
Indeed, a tree from the forest one cuts off with an axe,  
a work of the hands of a craftsman.

10:4 With silver and gold he makes it beautiful.  
With nails and hammers they fasten it  
and it does not waver.

10:5 They are like an upright palm tree.  
But they do not speak.  
It is lifted up, carried because they cannot move.  
You are not to be afraid of them  
because they cannot cause what is bad.  
And even what is pleasing is not with they *themselves* <sup>nx</sup>.”

10:6 There is none like You, **YAHWEH**!  
You *Yourself* <sup>nx</sup> are great!  
And Your name is great in power!

10:7 Who would not fear You, King of the nations?  
Indeed, this is fitting for You!

Indeed, among all the wise ones of the nations  
and in all their kingdoms there is none like You!

10:8 They are at once stupid and foolish.

An instruction of emptiness is the tree.

10:9 Silver is hammered into plates.  
It is brought from Tarshish and gold from Uphaz,  
the work of the craftsman,  
and of the hands of the refiner.  
They clothe it with blue and purple.  
All of them are a work of skill.

10:10 But **YAHWEH** The Elohim is truth!  
He is The Living Elohim and The Eternal King!  
By His rage the earth undulates!  
And nations are not able to contain His intense anger!

10:11 According to this you are to say to them,  
“The deity that did not make the skies and the earth  
will perish from the earth and from under these skies.”

**'elahn** - a deity. The form used here is plural, referring to what is typically called "gods", but is not a deity at all. The point being made becomes obvious.

10:12 He has made the earth with His power!  
He has established the world with His wisdom!  
And with His intelligence He has stretched out the skies!  
10:13 As He utters His voice  
there is a multitude of waters in the skies.

And He causes a mist to ascend  
from the extremities of the earth.  
He has made lightnings as it rains.  
And He brings forth the wind from its storehouses.

10:14 Every human being is stupid,  
without knowledge.

All the refiners have been put to shame by his idol  
because his molten image is a sham  
and there is no breath in them.

10:15 They are worthless, a work of fraud.  
At the time of their accounting they will perish.

10:16 The Portion of Ya'akob is not like these.  
Indeed, He is The One forming everything!  
And Yisra'el is the staff of His inheritance.

**YAHWEH** of Assemblies is His designation.

**shem** - an appellation, as a mark or memorial of individuality; by implication honor, authority, character. This word is traditionally translated as "name". However, as you can see by its definition, it means far more than "name". It, more properly, means a **designation**. A designation can be a name, or it can be a title or some other reference to one's character or role in life. To always call it a "name" is to limit one's understanding of the term.

10:17 Gather your luggage from the ground,  
you who are dwelling under siege!

10:18 Indeed, thus said **YAHWEH**,  
"Behold! At this time I am hurling out  
the inhabitants of the land *themselves* **FN**!"

And I will cause distress for them  
in order that they will experience it!"

10:19 Woe is mine concerning my damage!  
My wound is sickening!

And I myself have said,  
"This is my sickness and I will bear it.

10:20 My tent has been ravaged  
and all my cords have been broken.  
My children have gone from me and they are no more.  
No one is stretching out my tent any longer  
or raising up my curtains.

10:21 Indeed, the shepherds have been stupid!  
And **YAHWEH** *Himself* **FN** they have not sought.  
For this reason they have not acted wisely.  
And all their flocks have scattered."

10:22 The sound of a report!  
Behold! It's coming,  
even a great commotion from the land of the north  
for the sake of establishing  
the cities of Yahudah *themselves* **FN** a desolation,  
a dwelling place of jackals.

10:23 I have known, **YAHWEH**,  
that a human being's way is not of himself.  
It is not for a man who is walking to determine  
his steps *themselves* **FN**.

10:24 **YAHWEH**, correct me,  
only with right judgment,  
not in Your anger lest You bring me to nothing.

10:25 Pour out Your wrath upon the nations  
who do not know You  
and upon the families who do not call out in Your name  
because they have devoured Ya'akob himself אָהֵן,  
even devoured him and finished him,  
and his home they have caused to be desolate.

## Chapter 11

11:1 The word that existed to Yirm'yah  
from YAHWEH Himself אָהֵן saying,

11:2 "Listen attentively to  
the words of this Covenant itself אָהֵן!

Then you are to speak to the men of Yahudah  
and to the inhabitants of Yerushalaim.

11:3 And you are to say to them,  
'Thus said YAHWEH, The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
"Cursed is the man who does not listen attentively to  
the words of this Covenant itself אָהֵן

11:4 which I gave as direction to  
your forefathers themselves אָהֵן  
in the day I brought forth they themselves אָהֵן  
from the land of Mitsraim, from the iron furnace saying,  
'Listen attentively to My voice!'

And, 'You are to do they themselves אָהֵן,  
according to all of they themselves אָהֵן  
which I have given as direction to you!

And You will be for Me as a people.  
And I will be for you as The Elohim  
11:5 in order to establish the oath itself אָהֵן

which I have sworn to your forefathers,  
to give them a land flowing with milk and honey  
as it is this day."

And I responded.

And I said, "Amen, YAHWEH!"

11:6 And YAHWEH said to me,  
"Proclaim all these words themselves אָהֵן  
in the cities of Yahudah  
and in the streets of Yerushalaim saying,  
'Listen attentively to the words themselves אָהֵן  
of this Covenant!

And you are to do they themselves אָהֵן!

11:7 Indeed, I have warned, warned your forefathers  
in the day that I brought up they themselves אָהֵן  
from the land of Mitsraim until this day,  
rising early and warning saying,  
"Listen attentively to My voice!"

11:8 But they did not listen attentively  
and they did not extend their ears themselves אָהֵן.

And each man walked in the stubbornness  
of the wrong doing of his heart.  
And I have brought upon them  
all the words themselves אָהֵן of this Covenant  
which I had given to them as direction  
for the sake of doing them.  
But they did not do them.' "

11:9 And YAHWEH said to me,  
"A conspiracy had been found among the men of Yahudah  
and among those dwelling in Yerushalaim.

11:10 They have returned to the moral wrong  
of their forefathers who refused to listen attentively  
to My words *themselves* **FN**.  
And they have gone after other gods  
for the sake of serving them.

The house of Yisra'el and the house of Yahudah  
have broken My Covenant *itself* **FN**  
which I cut with their forefathers *themselves* **FN**.”

11:11 For this reason thus said YAHWEH,  
“Behold! I am bringing upon them harm  
which they will not be able to go out from.  
And they will cry out to Me.  
But I will not listen attentively to them.

11:12 And the cities of Yahudah  
and the inhabitants of Yerushalaim will go.  
And they will cry out to the gods  
to whom they are burning incense.  
But deliver them...

They will not cause deliverance for them  
in the time of their harm.

11:13 Indeed ,as the number of your cities  
have been your gods, Yahudah,  
And as the number of your streets, Yerushalaim,  
you have established slaughter sites for shame  
for burning incense to Ba'al.

11:14 And you yourself **FN**,  
you yourself are not to intercede for this people!  
And you are not to lift up a cry on behalf of them  
or a prayer for them  
because I will not be listening attentively to them  
in the time of their crying out to Me  
on behalf of their harm.

11:15 What is there for My beloved in My house?  
Great is the scheme she is making.  
But the set apart flesh you pass over from upon you  
because of your wrong acts.  
Then you celebrate.

11:16 A Green Olive Tree, Beautiful, of Shapely Fruit  
YAHWEH has called out to you as your designation.

At the sound of a great tumult  
He has kindled a fire upon it  
and it has has harmed its branches.

11:17 And YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
The One planting you yourselves **FN**,  
has spoken harm against you  
on behalf of the wrong doing of the house of Yisra'el  
and of the house of Yahudah,  
which they have done to themselves  
for the sake of provoking Me to anger  
by burning incense to Ba'al.

11:18 And YAHWEH caused me to know.  
And I knew.  
Then You caused me to see their deeds.

11:19 But I Myself was like a lamb  
being carried to a slaughtering.

And I did not know that against Me  
they had devised purposes.  
"We will destroy the tree with its fruit!  
And He will be cut off from the land of the living,  
And let His name will not be remembered any longer."

11:20 But, **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
You Who are judging justly,  
You Who are testing the kidneys and the heart,  
let me see Your revenge among them  
because to You I have revealed my controversy itself **תנ**.

11:21 For this reason thus said **YAHWEH**  
concerning the men of Anatot,  
those seeking your life itself **תנ** saying,  
'Do not prophesy in the name of **YAHWEH**  
and you will not be put to death by our hand'.

11:22 For this reason  
thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
"Behold! I am holding accountability over them!  
The young men will die by the sword.  
Their sons and their daughters will die by famine!  
11:23 And there will be no remnant of them.  
Indeed, I will bring harm on the men of Anathot,  
the year of their visitation!"

## Chapter 12

12:1 You yourself **תנ**, **YAHWEH**, are just  
when I contend with You!  
However, I will speak with You Yourself **תנ**  
about right judgments.  
Why has the way of the morally wrong prospered?  
At ease are all those acting treacherously,  
treacherous ones.  
12:2 You have planted them.  
They have also taken root.  
They are going.  
They have also produced fruit.  
You Yourself **תנ** are in their mouth  
but far from their kidneys.

12:3 And You Yourself **תנ**, **YAHWEH**, know me.  
You see me.  
And You test my heart, You Yourself **תנ**.

Draw them away like sheep for slaughter  
and set them apart for the day of slaughter.

12:4 How long will the land mourn,  
and the plants of every field wither  
from the harm of those dwelling in it?  
The animals and birds have been destroyed  
because they said,  
"He will not see the end of us itself **תנ**."

12:5 Indeed, the footmen have run.  
And they have wearied you  
But how will you compete with the horses themselves **תנ**?

And in a land of shalom you yourselves **תנ**  
are being confident.  
But how will you do in the swelling of The Yarden?

12:6 Indeed, even your kindred,

even the household of your father,  
even they have acted treacherously against you.  
Even they have cried out after you.  
You are not to trust in them  
when they speak good words to you!

12:7 I have abandoned My House *itself* פנ!  
I have forsaken My inheritance *itself* פנ!  
I have given the beloved *themselves* פנ of My life  
into the hand of her adversaries.

12:8 My inheritance has become for Me  
like a lion in the forest.  
It cries out against Me with its voice.  
For this reason I have hated it!

12:9 My inheritance is to Me  
like a speckled bird of prey.  
The birds of prey all around are against her.  
Go! Gather all the animals of the field!  
Cause them to come for the sake of food!

12:10 Many shepherds have destroyed My vineyard.  
They have trampled under foot My portion *itself* פנ.  
They have set My delightful portion *itself* פנ  
as a deserted wilderness.

12:11 They have established it as a desolation.  
It laments against Me.  
Devastation, all the land is devastated!  
Indeed, no man sets it upon his heart!

12:12 The ravagers have come  
upon all the bare heights in the wilderness.  
Indeed, the sword of YAHWEH is devouring  
from one end of the land even to the other end of the land.  
There is no peace to any flesh.

12:13 They have sown wheat  
but they have reaped thorns.  
They have exhausted themselves for no profit.  
And you will be put to shame with your harvest,  
by of the burning anger of YAHWEH!"

12:14 Thus said YAHWEH,  
"Upon all My bad neighbors,  
those touching the inheritance  
which I have caused My people *themselves* פנ,  
Yisra'el *itself* פנ, to inherit,  
behold, Me!  
I am pulling them by their roots from upon their land!  
Even the house of Yahudah *itself* פנ  
I will pull out by the roots from their midst!

12:15 And it will exist  
after My pulling them out by the roots  
I will return!  
And I will have compassion on them!  
And I will return them, each man to his inheritance  
and each man to his land.

12:16 And it will exist if they teach,  
teach the ways *themselves* פנ of My people,  
to swear by My name, 'By the life of YAHWEH...!'  
according to what they taught My people *themselves* פנ  
to swear by Ba'al,

then they will build in the midst of My people.

12:17 But if they do not listen attentively  
I will pull up by its roots that nation itself תנ,  
pull it up by its roots, even destroying it!”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

### Chapter 13

13:1 Thus YAHWEH said to me,  
“Go and purchase yourself a linen belt.  
And you are to place it upon your loins.  
But you are not to let it come into water.”

13:2 And I purchased a belt  
according to the word of YAHWEH.  
And I placed it upon my loins.

13:3 And the word of YAHWEH  
existed to me the second time saying,  
13:4 “Take the belt itself תנ that you have purchased  
which is upon your loins and get up!  
Go to The Euphrates!  
And hide it there in a cleft in the rock!”

13:5 And I went.  
And I hid it by The Euphrates  
according to what YAHWEH had directed me myself תנ.

13: 6 And it was at the end of many days.  
And YAHWEH said to me,  
“Get up!  
Go to The Euphrates!  
And take from there the belt itself תנ  
which I directed you to hide there!”

13:7 And I went to the Euphrates.  
And I dug.  
And I took the belt itself תנ  
from the place where I had hidden it.  
And behold!  
The belt had been ruined.  
It was not useful at all.

13:8 And the word of YAHWEH existed to me saying,  
13:9 “Thus said YAHWEH,  
According to this I will ruin  
the arrogance itself תנ of Yahudah,  
and the great arrogance itself תנ of Yerushalaim!

13:10 This bad people,  
those refusing to listen attentively to  
My Words themselves תנ,  
those walking in the stubbornness of their heart,  
and those walking after other gods  
for the sake of serving them  
and for the sake of bowing themselves toward them,  
they will be like this girdle which is not useful at all.

13:11 Indeed, according to how the belt  
clings to the loins of a man,  
according to this I have caused  
all the house of Yisra'el itself תנ  
and all the house of Yahudah itself תנ  
to cling to Me’  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

'for the sake of being for Me as a people,  
and for the sake of a name,  
and for the sake of praise,  
and for the sake of beauty!

But they did not listen attentively!

13:12 And you are to speak to them this word *itself* אנ,  
'Thus said **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
"Every bottle is to be filled with wine." '

And they will say to you,  
'Knowing, are we not knowing  
that every bottle should be filled with wine?'

13:13 And you are to say to them,  
'Thus said **YAHWEH**,  
"Behold! I am filling all the inhabitants  
themselves אנ of this land,  
even the kings themselves אנ  
who are sitting on the throne of David,  
even the priests themselves אנ,  
even the prophets themselves אנ,  
even all the inhabitants of Yerushalaim themselves אנ  
with drunkenness!

13:14 And I will dash them to pieces,  
a man against his kindred,  
both the fathers and the sons together!"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

"I will not have pity!  
And I will not spare  
And I will not have compassion,  
apart from destroying them!"

13:15 Listen attentively and extend the ear!  
Do not be haughty!

Indeed, **YAHWEH** has spoken!

13:16 Give honor to **YAHWEH**, your Elohim,  
before He causes darkness,  
and before your feet stumble on the darkening mountains.

And you will wait for light.  
But He will set it as the shadow of death  
and He will make it thick darkness.

13:17 And if you will not listen attentively  
my life will grieve because of your uplifted faces,  
even weep, weep!  
And my eyes will run down with tears  
because the flock of **YAHWEH** has been taken captive!

13:18 Say to the king and to the queen,  
"Humble yourselves!  
Sit still because your dominion,  
the crown of your glory has come down!

13:19 The cities of The Negev will be shut up,  
not being opened.  
Yahudah will be taken captive, all of it,  
taken captive completely!

13:20 Lift up your eyes  
and see those coming from the north.  
Where is the flock that was given to you,  
the flock of your glory?

13:21 What will you say  
when He holds an accounting against you?

And you yourself nn have taught they themselves nn  
concerning you, friends as leaders.  
Will pangs not seize you like a woman in childbirth?

13:22 And when you say in your heart,  
"Why have these things happened to me?",  
The greatness of your moral wrong  
has uncovered your skirts,  
doing violence to your heels!

13:23 Can a Kushite change his skin  
or a leopard its spots?  
Even you yourself nn, being capable of doing good,  
are accustomed to doing wrong.

13:24 And I will scatter them like stubble passing over  
with the wind of the wilderness.

13:25 This is your lot,  
your measured portion from Me Myself nn'  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
"because you have forgotten Me Myself nn!  
And you have trusted in a lie!

13:26 And even I Myself  
will strip off your skirts over your face!  
And your disgrace will be seen,  
13:27 your adulteries and your neighings,  
the plans of your whoredom!

Upon the hills, in the fields,  
I have seen your detestable things!  
Woe to you, Yerushalaim!  
You have not been undefiled!  
After how much longer...?"

#### Chapter 14

14:1 The word of **YAHWEH**  
that existed toward Yirm'yah  
concerning the word of the droughts.

14:2 "Yahudah has mourned,  
and her gates have withered, black as the ground.  
And the cry of Yerushalaim has ascended.

14:3 And their nobles have sent their little ones for water.  
They went to the cisterns but found no water.  
They returned with their vessels empty.  
They were put to shame and humiliated.

And they covered their heads

14:4 for the sake of it.

The ground was cracked  
because there has been no rain in the land.  
The plowmen were put to shame.  
They covered their heads.

14:5 Indeed, even the deer gave birth in the field  
but abandoned it because there was no grass.

14:6 And the wild asses stood on the bare heights.  
They sniffed at the wind like jackals.  
Their eyes failed because there was no grass."

14:7 Surely our moral wrong has testified against us.  
**YAHWEH**, act for Your name's sake!

Indeed, many are our apostasies!  
We have offended toward You!

14:8 Hope of Yisra'el, its deliverer in time of trouble,  
why should You be like a stranger in the land,  
or like a traveler who has turned aside to lodge?  
14:9 Why are You like one who is astonished,  
like a mighty one that is not able to deliver?  
But You Yourself **hns**, YAHWEH, are in our midst.  
And Your Name has been called upon us.  
Do not leave us!

14:10 Thus said YAHWEH to this people,  
"According to this they have loved to wander.  
Their feet they have not restrained.  
And YAHWEH has not been pleased with them.

Now He will call to mind their moral wrong.  
And He will hold them accountable for their offenses."

14:11 And YAHWEH said to me,  
"You are not to intercede on behalf of this people  
for the sake of their good!

14:12 When they fast I will not listen attentively to their cry!  
And when they offer olah and grain offering  
I do not be pleased with them!

Indeed, with sword, and with famine and with pestilence  
I will consume them!"

14:13 But I said, "Alas, my Sovereign, YAHWEH!  
Behold! The prophets say to them,  
'You are not to see a sword.  
And there will not be a famine for you  
Indeed true well being will be given to you in this place.' "

14:14 And YAHWEH said to me,  
"The prophets prophesy a lie in My name!  
I have not sent them!  
And I have not directed them!  
And I have not spoken to them!

A false vision, a divination, a worthless thing  
and the deceitfulness of their heart  
they have been prophesying of themselves for you!

14:15 For this reason thus said YAHWEH  
concerning the prophets who are prophesying in My name,  
but I Myself did not I did not send them,  
and they are saying,  
'Sword and famine will not be in this land.'

By sword and by famine  
those very prophets will be finished!  
14:16 And the people to whom they are prophesying,  
to them there will be a hurling out  
into the streets of Yerushalaim  
by the face of the famine and the sword.  
And they will not be burying for them  
or their wives, their sons nor their daughters!  
And I will pour out upon them their hunger itself **hns**!"

14:17 And you are to I say this word itself **hns** to them,  
'Let the tears of My eyes come down night and day.  
And let them not cease!

Indeed, the virgin daughter of My people  
has been broken with a great breaking,  
an exceedingly severe blow!

14:18 If I go out to the field  
then behold, those slain with the sword!  
And if I enter the city then behold,  
those sick from famine!  
Indeed both prophet and priest travel about  
in a land they did not know.' "

14:19 Have You rejected, rejected Yahudah itself חנ?  
Or Has Your life loathed Tzion?  
Why have You struck us  
but there is no healing for us?  
*Why* are we waiting for shalom  
but there is nothing good,  
and for the time of healing,  
but behold, terror!

14:20 **YAHWEH**, we know our wrong  
and the perversity of our fathers!  
Indeed, we have offended against You!  
14:21 Do not despise *us* for Your name's sake!  
Do not disdain the throne of Your glory!

Remember!  
Do not break Your Covenant with us ourselves חנ!

14:22 Is there among the vanities of the nations  
one causing rain?  
And are the skies giving showers?  
Are You Yourself חנ not He, **YAHWEH**, our Elohim?  
And we are waiting for You  
because You Yourself חנ are The One  
Who has done all of these themselves חנ.

## Chapter 15

15:1 And **YAHWEH** said to me,  
"If Moshe and Shemu'el were standing before My face  
My life will not be toward this people!

Send them away from before My face!  
And they are to go *away*!  
15:2 And it will happen when they say to you,  
'Where are we to go?'  
that you are to say to them, 'Thus said **YAHWEH**,  
'Whoever is for death, to death.  
And whoever is for the sword, to the sword.  
And whoever is for famine, to famine.  
And whoever is for captivity, to captivity.' "

15:3 And I will appoint over them four classes,"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
"the sword itself חנ for the sake of killing,  
and the dogs themselves חנ for the sake of dragging,  
and the birds of the skies themselves חנ  
and the animals of the earth themselves חנ  
for the sake of devouring and destroying.

15:4 And I will give them as a terror  
to all the kingdoms of the earth  
because of Menashe, son of Hizkiyah, king of Yahudah,  
on account of what he did in Yerushalaim!

15:5 Indeed, who has pity on you, Yerushalaim?  
And who will mourn for you?  
And who will turn aside to ask concerning your well being?

15:6 You yourselves nn have forsaken Me Myself nn!”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
“You are going backward!  
And I am going to stretch out My hand itself nn against you!  
And I am going to destroy you!  
I have become tired of feeling sorry!

15:7 And I will winnow them with a winnowing fan  
within the gates of the land.  
I will bereave them.  
I will destroy My people themselves nn.  
They have not turned back from their ways.

15:8 I will increase to Me their widows  
as the sand of the seas.  
I will bring to them,  
against a mother, a ravaging young man.  
At midday I will cause to fall upon her unexpectedly  
shock and panic.  
15:9 One giving birth to seven will become feeble.  
She will breathe out her life.  
Her sun will go down while it is yet day.  
She will be put to shame and disgraced.

And their remnant I will give to the sword,  
to before the face of their adversaries!”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

Note: This section is placed largely in the 'perfect case' in the Hebrew. That generally is accepted as meaning what is equivalent to our 'past tense', it has already happened. Yet the context clearly identifies this as yet to happen. Normally this would all be translated as 'past tense' in English. There's a 'principle of translation' that calls for this when the verb is prefixed by 'and'. Interestingly this is not practiced consistently in English translations. At times its very difficult to know why this 'principle' is not followed. In this instance it seems clear that the intent is to convey a future series of events, not something that has already happened. Because the Hebrews do not think as we do this presents a significant challenge for translators.  
For the Hebrew mind the thing in view is that whatever YAHWEH speaks He does. Thus, these things are an accomplished fact in the mind of the Hebrews. It's as if they had already happened.

15:10 Woe to me, my mother,  
because you have given birth to me,  
a man of strife  
and a man of contention to all the earth!  
I have neither lent for interest,  
nor have men lent to me for interest.  
All of them are demeaning me.

This appears to be an isolated verse spoken by Yirm'yah. It is perhaps out of its proper sequence in the text.  
The next four verses appear to refer to Yisra'el. This would make more sense if it's placed with verse 15 and verses 11-14 are tied to verse 9.

15:11 YAHWEH said,  
“Did I not set you free for your good?  
Did I not meet with you in a time of harm  
and in a time of distress  
of the adversary himself nn?”

15:12 Does one break iron,  
iron from the north, or copper?

15:13 Your wealth and your storehouses  
I will give as plunder,  
not with a price,  
even on account of all your offenses,  
even in all your borders.

15:14 And I will cause them to pass over  
with *your adversaries themselves* into  
a land which you have not known!

Indeed, a fire has been kindled in My anger!  
It will burn against you!"

15:15 *You Yourself* know, **YAHWEH!**  
Remember me and visit me!  
And take revenge for me on those pursuing me!

Do not let your long suffering anger take me away!  
Know that for You I have carried reproach!

15:16 Your words were found and I consumed them.  
And Your word was to me as joy  
and as the rejoicing of my heart  
because Your name is called upon me,  
**YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Assemblies.

15:17 I have not sat in the company of mockers  
or those exulting *themselves*.  
Before the face of Your hand I have sat alone  
because You have filled me with indignation.

15:18 Why is my pain perpetual  
and my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
You exist, being to me like deceptive waters,  
not faithful!

15:19 Therefore, thus said **YAHWEH**,  
"If you return, then I will cause you to return.  
Before My face you will stand.  
And if you bring forth the valuable from the worthless  
you will exist as My mouth.  
They will return to you.  
But *you yourself* are not to return to them.

15:20 And I will give you to this people  
as a fortified copper wall.  
And they will fight against you.  
But they will not prevail toward you  
because I Myself am with *you yourself*  
for the sake of setting you free and delivering you!"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
15:21 And I will deliver you from the hand  
of those doing wrong!  
And I will ransom you from the hand of the ruthless!"

## Chapter 16

16:1 And the word of **YAHWEH** existed to me saying,  
16:2 "You are not to take a wife to yourself  
and there are not to be for you  
sons or daughters in this place."

16:3 Indeed thus said YAHWEH  
concerning the sons and daughters  
who are born in this place and concerning their mothers  
who are giving birth to they themselves אנ  
and their fathers who are giving birth to they themselves אנ  
in this land,

16:4 “Deaths of diseases they will die!  
They will not be lamented!  
And they will not be buried!  
As excrement on the face of the soil they will be!  
And by the sword and by famine they will be consumed!  
And their carcasses will be as food  
for the birds of the skies and for the animals of the earth!”

16:5 Indeed, thus said YAHWEH,  
“Do not go into a house of mourning  
and do not go to lament or grieve for them!

Indeed, I have withdrawn My shalom itself אנ  
from this people themselves אנ,”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
“the kindness itself אנ and the compassions themselves אנ!”

16:6 Both great and small will die in this land!  
They will not be buried!  
And no one will lament for them,  
or cut themselves,  
or make themselves bald for them!  
16:7 And they will not tear *their clothes*  
on account of mourning for them  
for the sake of comforting them on account of the dead.  
And they will not cause they themselves אנ  
to drink a cup of consolation  
on account of their father or on account of their mother!

16:8 And you are not to enter a house of drinking  
for the sake of sitting with they themselves אנ  
for the sake of eating or drinking!”

16:9 Indeed, thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra’el,  
“Behold! I will cause to cease from this place,  
before your eyes and in your days,  
the sound of rejoicing,  
and the sound of gladness,  
the voice of the bridegroom,  
and the voice of the bride!

16:10 And it will be when you declare to this people  
all these words themselves אנ  
that they will say to you,  
‘Why has YAHWEH pronounced against us  
all this great harm itself אנ?  
And what is our moral wrong?  
And what is our offense by which we have offended  
toward YAHWEH, our Elohim?’

16:11 And you are to say to them,  
‘Because your forefathers have abandoned Me Myself אנ!’  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
‘And they have walked after other gods!  
And they have served them!  
And they have bowed themselves to them!  
And they have abandoned Me Myself אנ!’

And they have not protected My Torah itself אנ!

16:12 And you yourselves אנ have done more wrong than your forefathers!  
And behold them!  
Each one is walking after the stubbornness of his bad heart for the sake of not listening attentively to Me!

16:13 And I will throw you yourselves אנ out of this land into a land that you have not known, you yourselves אנ nor your forefathers.  
And there you will serve other gods themselves אנ day and night which will not give favor to you!

16:14 "For this reason, behold!  
The days are coming!"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
"And it will not be said any longer, 'By the life of **YAHWEH**..., Who brought up the children of Yisra'el themselves אנ from the land of Mitsraim.',  
16:15 but, 'By the life of **YAHWEH**..., Who brought up the children of Yisra'el from the land of the north, and from all the lands where He had driven them there!'

And I will return them upon their soil which I have given to their forefathers.

16:16 Behold! I am sending for many fishermen!"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
"And they will fish them.

And after that I will send for many hunters.  
And they will hunt them from upon every mountain and from upon every hill, and from the clefts of the rocks!

Jer. 16:17 Indeed, My eyes are upon all their ways!  
They have not been hidden from My face!  
And their perversity has not been concealed from before My eyes.

Jer. 16:18 And I will repay them double for their former perversity and their offense on account of their defiling of My land itself אנ with the carcasses of their detestable things!  
And their abhorrent things have filled My inheritance itself אנ.

16:19 **YAHWEH**, my strength and my fortress and my refuge in the day of distress, the nations will come to You from the ends of the earth.  
And they will say,  
"Only lies have our forefathers inherited, emptiness, and there is no benefit in them!"

16:20 Can a human being make for himself a god?  
But they are not gods.

16:21 For this reason behold!  
I am causing them to know!  
At this time I will cause them to know My hand itself אנ and My force itself אנ!  
**And they will know that My Name is YAHWEH!**

## Chapter 17

17:1 The offense of Yahudah  
is inscribed with a pen of iron,  
engraved with the point of a diamond  
on the tablet of their hearts,  
and on the horns of your slaughter sites  
17:2 while their children take note of their slaughter sites  
and their asherim by the green trees upon the high hills.

17:3 My mountain in the field,  
your wealth, all your treasures  
I will give as plunder,  
your high places for offense in all your borders!

17:4 And you will be released, even by yourself,  
from your inheritance which I have given to you!  
And I will cause you to serve your adversaries  
in a land which you have not known!

Indeed, you have kindled a fire in My anger!  
Until eternity it will burn!"

17:5 Thus said YAHWEH,  
"Cursed is the man who trusts in a human being,  
and establishes flesh as his strength,  
and turns his heart away from YAHWEH!

17:6 And he will be like a bush in the desert.  
And he will not see when good comes.  
And he will dwell in the wilderness, a land of salt.  
And no one is dwelling *there*.

17:7 Blessed is the valiant one  
who is trusting in YAHWEH  
and whose refuge is YAHWEH!

17:8 And he will be like a tree  
planted beside the waters.  
And beside the river he will send out his roots.  
And he will not perceive when heat comes.  
Even his leaf will be green.  
And in the year of drought he will not be anxious.  
And he will not cease from yielding fruit.

17:9 The heart is deceitful above everything!  
And it is incurable!  
Who can know it?

17:10 I Myself, YAHWEH, am searching the heart,  
testing the kidneys, even to give to each man  
according to his ways,  
according to the fruit of his actions.

17:11 As a partridge broods but does not give birth,  
so *is he* who produces wealth but not by right judgment.  
In the midst of his days he will relinquish it.  
And at his end he is a fool."

17:12 A throne of honor, exalted from the beginning,  
is the place of our Set Apart Place.

17:13 The hope of Yisra'el *is* YAHWEH!  
All who abandon You will be put to shame!  
Those departing from the earth will be recorded  
because they have abandoned the fountain of living waters,  
YAHWEH *Himself* 

17:14 Heal me, YAHWEH, and I will be healed!  
Deliver me, and I will be delivered!  
Indeed, You Yourself אני are my praise!

17:15 Behold! They are saying to me,  
"Where is the word of YAHWEH?  
Let it come now!"

17:16 But I myself have hurried away  
from being a shepherd following after You.  
And I have not desired a day of desperate sickness.  
You Yourself אני have known.

That coming out of my lips was before Your face.  
17:17 Do not be to me as ruin!  
You Yourself אני are my refuge in the day of harm!

17:18 Put those to shame who are pursuing me!  
But do not put me to shame.  
Let them be terrified.  
But do not let me be terrified.  
Bring on them the day of harm and double destruction!  
Shatter them!

17:19 Thus YAHWEH said to me,  
"Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people  
by which the Kings of Yahudah come into it  
and by which they go out of it  
and in all the gates of Yerushalaim.

17:20 And you are to say to them,  
'Listen attentively to the word of YAHWEH,  
kings of Yahudah and all Yahudah,  
and all those dwelling in Yerushalaim  
those entering these gates.!

17:21 Thus said YAHWEH,  
"Protect your lives themselves!  
And you are not to lift up a burden on The Sabbath Day  
and bring it into the gates of Yerushalaim!

17:22 And you are not to bring forth a burden  
from your houses on The Sabbath Day!

And any employment you are not to do!  
And you are to set apart The Sabbath Day itself אני  
as I gave direction to your forefathers themselves אני!

17:23 But they did not listen attentively!  
And they did not extend their ears themselves אני!  
And they stiffened their necks themselves אני  
for the sake of not listening attentively  
and for the sake of not accepting discipline!

17:24 "And it will be if you listen attentively,  
listen attentively to Me"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"to bring in no burden into the gates of this city  
on The Sabbath Day,  
and to set apart The Sabbath Day itself אני  
and are not doing on it any employment,  
17:25 then will enter into the gates of this city  
kings and rulers sitting on the throne of David  
riding in chariots and on horses,

they and their leaders, the men of Yahudah,  
and those dwelling in Yerushalaim.  
And this city will be inhabited to eternity!  
17:26 And they will come from the cities of Yahudah  
and from all around Yerushalaim,  
and from the land of Binyamin and from The Shephelah,  
from the mountains, and from The Negev  
bringing olahs and sacrifices, grain offerings and incense,  
bringing offerings of praise into The House of YAHWEH!

17:27 But if you do not listen attentively to Me  
to set apart The Sabbath Day *itself* FN,  
and not to lift up a burden and enter into  
the gates of Yerushalaim on The Sabbath Day  
then I will kindle a fire in its gates!  
And it will consume the fortifications of Yerushalaim!  
And it will not be extinguished!"

### Chapter 18

18:1 The word which existed to Yirm'yah  
from YAHWEH *Himself* FN saying,  
18:2 "Get up!  
And go down to the potter's house!  
And there I will cause you to hear My words *themselves* FN."  
18:3 Then I went down to house of the potter.  
And behold!  
He was making a work upon the wheels.  
18:4 And the vessel was ruined  
that he was making in clay by the hand of the potter.  
And he turned it back.  
And he made another vessel  
according to what was good  
in the eyes of the potter to make.

18:5 Then the word of YAHWEH  
existed to me saying,  
18:6 "Like the potter,  
am I not able to do to you, house of Yisra'el?"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"Behold! Like the clay in the hand of the potter,  
according to this are you *yourself* FN in My hand,  
house of Yisra'el!

18:7 The instant I speak concerning a nation  
or concerning a kingdom,  
to pull it up by the roots,  
to tear it down,  
or to destroy it,  
18:8 and that nation turns back from its wrongdoing  
which I have spoken concerning it,  
then I will relent of the harm  
which I had considered to do to it.

18:9 And the instant I speak concerning a nation  
and concerning a kingdom to build and to plant it,  
18:10 and it does what is bad in My eyes  
by not listening attentively to My voice,  
then I will relent concerning the good which I had spoken  
for the sake of treating well they *themselves* FN.

18:11 And now speak to the men of Yahudah  
and against the inhabitants of Yerushalaim saying  
'Thus said YAHWEH,  
"Behold! I am fashioning harm against you  
and devising a plan against you!

Turn back now, each man from his bad way,  
and make your ways and your actions good!"

18:12 But they will say, "It is hopeless!  
Indeed, we will walk after our intentions.  
And each one will do the stubbornness of his bad heart."

18:13 For this reason thus said YAHWEH,  
"Ask now among the nations!  
Who has heard according to these things?

The virgin of Yisra'el  
has done an exceedingly horrible thing!

18:14 Does the snow of Lebanon cease  
from the rock of the field  
or the cool flowing waters retreat?

18:15 Indeed, My people have forgotten Me!  
For nothing they have burned incense!  
And they have stumbled on their ways,  
ancient paths for walking,  
a way not exalted

18:16 for the sake of establishing their land  
as an astonishment,  
a hissing to eternity!  
Everyone who passes by it is astonished  
and shakes with his head!

18:17 With an east wind I will disperse them  
before the face of an adversary!  
I will show them the back and not the face  
in the day of their disaster!"

18:18 And they said,  
"Come, and we will devise plans against Yirm'yah,  
because The Instruction will not perish from the priest,  
nor counsel from the wise,  
nor the word from a prophet!  
Come, and we will strike him with the tongue!  
And we will not pay attention to any of his words!"

18:19 Pay attention to me, YAHWEH!  
And listen attentively to the voice of my opponents!

18:20 Is bad to be repaid in the place of good?  
Indeed, they have dug a pit for my life.  
Remember that I stood before Your face  
speaking good concerning them,  
for the sake of turning away Your wrath *itself* from them!

18:21 On account of this  
give their children *themselves* to famine  
and pour out upon them the hand of the sword!  
And let their wives be bereaved and their men be killed!  
Put to death their young men,  
struck by the sword in battle!

18:22 Let a cry be heard from their houses,  
when You bring a raiding party upon them suddenly  
because they have dug a pit  
for the sake of taking me captive,  
and they have hidden snares for my feet!

18:23 But You Yourself תָּנָה, YAHWEH,  
You know all their counsel itself תָּנָה against me  
for the sake of putting me to death.  
Do not cover their moral wrong!  
And do not erase their offense from before Your face!  
And cause them to stumble before Your face!  
In the time of Your anger act against them!

## Chapter 19

19:1 Thus said YAHWEH,  
"Go and purchase a potter's earthenware jug!  
And *take* some of the elders of the people,  
and some of the elders of the priests.  
19:2 And you are to go out to the Valley of The Son of Hinnom  
which is at the entrance of The Potsherd Gate.

And you are to speak there the words themselves תָּנָה  
which I will speak to you.

19:3 And you are to say,  
'Listen attentively to the word of YAHWEH,  
kings of Yahudah, and those dwelling in Yerushalaim!

Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
"Behold! I am bringing harm upon this place,  
at which everyone who hears it, his ears will tingle  
19:4 because of how they have abandoned Me,  
and have treated as foreign this place itself תָּנָה,  
and have burned incense in it to other gods  
whom neither they nor their fathers,  
nor the kings of Yahudah have known!

And they have filled this place itself תָּנָה  
with the blood of innocents!  
19:5 And they have built the high places of The Ba'al  
for the sake of burning  
their children themselves תָּנָה with fire  
as olahs to Ba'al,  
which I did not give as direction,  
and I did not speak,  
and it did not come up upon My heart!

19:6 For this reason behold!  
The days are coming!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"And this place will no longer be called Tophet  
or The Valley of The Son of Hinnom,  
but rather The Valley of The Slaughter!

19:7 And I will empty the counsel itself תָּנָה  
of Yahudah and Yerushalaim in this place!  
And I will cause them to fall by the sword  
before the face of their adversaries  
and by the hands of those seeking their lives!  
And I will give their carcasses themselves תָּנָה as food  
for the birds of the skies and to the animals of the earth!  
19:8 And I will establish this city itself תָּנָה as a ruin  
and for the sake of a whistling!  
Everyone passing over beside it will be appalled!  
And they will whistle on account of of all its blows!

19:9 And I will cause them to eat  
the flesh itself תָּנָה of their sons,  
and the flesh itself תָּנָה of their daughters!

And one will eat the flesh of his companion  
in the siege and in the distress  
with which their enemies  
and those seeking their lives will oppress them!" ' "

19:10 "And you are to smash the jug  
before the eyes of the men going with you yourself תָּא.

19:11 And you are to say to them,  
'Thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
"Like this I will smash this people themselves תָּא  
and this city itself תָּא,  
like one smashes the vessel of a potter  
which is not able to be made whole again!  
And they will bury them in Tophet  
until there is no place to bury!

19:12 According to this I will do to this place"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
"and to those dwelling in it!  
And I will set this city itself תָּא like Tophet!

19:13 And the houses of Yerushalaim  
and the houses of the kings of Yahudah  
will be like the place of The Tophet  
because of all the houses upon whose roofs  
they have burned incense to all the assembly of the skies  
and poured out drink offerings to other gods!" ' "

19:14 And Yirm'yah came from Tophet  
where **YAHWEH** had sent him to prophesy.

And he stood in the courtyard of The House of **YAHWEH**.  
And he said to all the people,

19:15 "Thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
'Behold! I am bringing on this city and on all her villages  
all the harm itself תָּא that I have pronounced against it  
because they have stiffened their necks themselves תָּא  
for the sake of not listening attentively  
to My words themselves תָּא!" ' "

## Chapter 20

20:1 And Pashur, son of Immer,  
the priest and the chief overseer  
in The House of **YAHWEH**,  
heard that Yirm'yah himself תָּא  
had prophesied these words themselves תָּא,

Pashur means liberation.  
Immer means talkative.

20:2 And Pashur struck Yirm'yah, the prophet himself תָּא.  
And he set he himself תָּא in the stocks  
that were at the high gate of Binyamin  
which was by The House of **YAHWEH**.

20:3 And it was on the next day.  
And Pashur brought out  
Yirm'yah himself תָּא from the stocks.

And Yirm'yah said to him, "  
**YAHWEH** has not called your name Pashur,  
but rather Magor Missabib.

Magor Missabib means terror all around.

20:4 Indeed, thus said YAHWEH,  
'Behold! I am giving you as a terror to yourself  
and to all your friends.  
And they will fall by the sword of their adversaries.  
And your eyes will see it.

And all Yahudah *itself* חנ  
I am giving into the hand of the king of Babel.  
And he will cause them to go into exile, to Babel.  
And he will strike them with the sword.

20:5 And I will give *him*  
all the wealth of this city *itself* חנ,  
and all its labor *itself* חנ,  
and all its valuable things *themselves* חנ.

And all the treasures  
of the kings of Yahudah *themselves* חנ,  
I will give into the hand of their adversaries.

And they will plunder them.  
And they will take them captive.  
And they will bring them to Babel.

20:6 And you *yourself* חנ, Pashur,  
and all who are dwelling in your house,  
will go into captivity.  
And you will go to Babel.  
And there you will be buried,  
you *yourself* חנ and all your friends,  
to whom you have prophesied lies.' "

20:7 YAHWEH, You deceived me, and I was deceived.  
You are stronger than I, and You have prevailed.  
I have been ridiculed all the day.

Everyone is mocking me  
20:8 because as often as I speak I exclaim.  
Violence and destruction I proclaim.

Indeed, the word of YAHWEH  
has been for me as a reproach  
and as a derision all the day.

20:9 And I say, "I will not mention Him.  
And I will not speak in His name any longer."

But it was in my heart  
like a burning fire shut up in my bones.  
And I became weary of holding it in.  
And I was not able.

20:10 Indeed, I listened attentively to much slander,  
terror from all around.  
"Declare it, and we will declare it!"  
Every mortal was watching my welfare, my stumbling.  
"Perhaps he will be deceived.  
And we will prevail against him.  
And we will take our revenge from him."

20:11 But YAHWEH is with me *myself* חנ  
like a mighty awesome one!  
For this reason those pursuing me will falter.  
And they will not prevail.  
They will be greatly put to shame  
because they have not acted wisely, a disgrace forever.  
It will not be forgotten.

20:12 But, **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
testing the just, seeing the kidneys and heart,  
I will see, see Your revenge from them  
because to You I have revealed my strife.

20:13 Sing to **YAHWEH**!  
Praise **YAHWEH Himself** אנ  
because He has caused the life *itself* אנ of the destitute  
to be delivered from the hand of those doing wrong!

20:14 Cursed be the day in which I was born!  
Let the day not be blessed on which I was born!  
20:15 Let the man be cursed  
who brought good news to my father *himself* אנ saying,  
"A male child has been born to you."  
Rejoiced, he rejoiced!  
20:16 And let that man be like the cities  
which **YAHWEH** overthrew and did not relent!  
Let him hear a cry in the morning,  
and the shouting at the time of midday  
20:17 because I was not put to death from the womb,  
and my mother was my grave,  
and her womb was large to eternity!

20:18 Why did I come forth from the womb?  
For the sake of seeing toil and sorrow,  
and to end my days with shame?

## Chapter 21

21:1 The word that existed toward Yirm'yah  
from **YAHWEH Himself** אנ  
as King Tzidkiyah sent to him Pashur *himself* אנ,  
son of Malkiyah *himself* אנ, and Tzephanyah *himself* אנ,  
the son of Ma'aseyah the priest saying,

Malkiyah means YAHWEH is King.  
Tzephanyah means YAHWEH is concealed.  
Ma'aseyah means the action of YAHWEH.

21:2 "Inquire now of **YAHWEH Himself** אנ on our behalf  
because Nebukadnetzar, King of Babel,  
is fighting against us.

Perhaps **YAHWEH** will do with us *ourselves* אנ  
according to all His extraordinary acts  
and he will go up from against us."

21:3 But Yirm'yah said to them,  
"Thus you are to say to Tzidkiyah,  
21:4 'Thus said **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
"Behold! I am turning around  
the weapons of war *themselves* אנ  
that are in your hands  
with which you *yourselves* אנ are fighting with them  
against the king of Babel *himself* אנ  
and the Kasdim *themselves* אנ,  
those besieging against you outside at the wall!  
And I will gather they *themselves* אנ  
to the center of this city!  
21:5 And I Myself will fight against you *yourselves* אנ  
with an outstretched hand, and with a strong arm,  
and with anger, and with rage, and with great wrath!

21:6 And I will strike  
those dwelling in this city *themselves* אנ,  
both the human beings *themselves* אנ

and the animals *themselves* תנ!  
With a great pestilence they will die!

21:7 And afterward,”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
“I will give Tzidkiyah *himself* תנ, the king of Yahudah,  
and his servants *themselves* תנ  
and the people *themselves* תנ,  
and those remaining in this city *itself* תנ  
from the pestilence and the sword and the famine  
into the hand of Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel,  
and into the hand of their adversaries,  
and into the hand of those seeking their life!

And he will strike them with the mouth of the sword.  
He will not have regard for them!  
And He will not have pity!  
And he will not have compassion!” ’

21:8 And to this people you are to say,  
‘Thus said YAHWEH,  
“Behold! I am setting before your faces  
the way of life *itself* תנ  
and the way of death *itself* תנ!

21:9 Those dwelling in this city will die  
by sword, by famine, and by pestilence!  
But those going out and falling upon the Kasdim  
who are besieging you will live.  
And his life will be to him as booty.

21:10 Indeed, I have established My face  
against this city for the sake of harm  
and not for the sake of good!”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
“It will be given into the hand of the king of Babel!  
And he will burn it with fire!” ’

21:11 And to the house of the king of Yahudah say,  
‘Listen attentively to the word of YAHWEH!  
21:12 House of David, thus said YAHWEH,  
“Render justice at dawn, right judgment!  
And deliver one being robbed  
from the hand of the one oppressing  
lest My rage is stretched forth like fire and it burns,  
and no one is extinguishing it from before My face  
*because of your bad actions!*

21:13 Behold! I am against you who are dwelling  
in the valley of the rock of the plain,”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
“those saying, ‘Who will come down against us?  
And who will come into our dwelling places?’

21:14 And I will hold you accountable  
according to the fruit of your deeds!”  
- And Utterance of YAHWEH -  
“And I will kindle a fire in its forest!  
And it will consume everything all around her!” ’ ’

## Chapter 22

22:1 Thus said YAHWEH,  
“Go down to the house  
of the king of Yahudah!  
And there you are to speak *this word itself* תנ.  
22:2 And you are to say,

'Listen attentively to the word of YAHWEH,  
king of Yahudah, you who are sitting on the throne of David,  
you yourself NN and your servants,  
and your people who are coming into these gates!

22:3 'Thus said YAHWEH,  
"Do right judgment and justice!  
And deliver those who are being robbed  
from the hand of the oppressor!  
Do not maltreat and do not do violence  
to the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow,  
nor shed innocent blood in this place!

22:4 Indeed, if you will do, will do this word itself NN,  
then there will come in through the gates of this house  
kings sitting as David upon the throne,  
riding on horses and in chariots,  
he and his servants and his people.

22:5 But if you do not listen attentively  
to these words themselves NN  
I swear by Myself"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"that this house will exist as a ruin!" ' "

22:6 Indeed, thus said YAHWEH  
concerning the house of the king of Yahudah,  
"You yourself NN are as Gil'ad to Me,  
the head of The Lebanon!

However I will set you as a wilderness,  
cities no one is dwelling in!  
22:7 And I will consecrate upon you destroyers,  
each man with his weapons!  
And they will cut down your choice cedars!  
And they will cause them to fall upon the fire!  
22:8 And many nations will pass beside this city.  
And they will say, each man to his companion,  
'For what reason has YAHWEH done according to this  
to this great city?'

22:9 And they will say,  
'On account of their abandoning  
The Covenant itself NN of YAHWEH, their Elohim!  
And they bowed themselves down to other gods.  
And they served them.' "

22:10 You are not to weep for the dead!  
And you are not to mourn for him.  
Weep! Weep for him going away  
because he will not return again  
or see the land of his nativity!

22:11 Indeed, thus said YAHWEH  
concerning Shallum, son of Yoshiyah, king of Yahudah,  
the one reigning instead of Yoshiyah, his father,  
who has gone forth from this place,  
"He will not return there again!

Shallum means recompense, pay back.

22:12 Indeed, in the place where he himself NN  
has been exiled he will die!  
And this land itself NN he will not see again!

22:13 Woe to him  
who is building his house with no justice,

and his upper chambers with no right judgment,  
with his neighbor who serves for nothing,  
and he does not give to him his wages,  
22:14 who says, 'I will build for myself a large house  
with large rooms and cut out my windows for it,  
even paneling it with cedar and painting it with vermilion!

22:15 Are you yourself nn reigning  
because you compete with cedar?  
Did not your father eat and drink,  
and do right judgment and justice?  
Then it was well with him.

22:16 He acted rightly, with justice  
for the humble and the destitute.  
Then it was well.

Did not he himself nn know Me Myself nn?"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

22:17 "Indeed, not your eyes, and not your heart,  
because they are upon unjust gain,  
and upon the shedding of innocent blood,  
and upon fraud,  
and upon violence!"

22:18 For this reason thus said **YAHWEH**  
concerning Yahoyakim, son of Yoshiyah, king of Yahudah,  
"They will not lament for him,  
'Alas, my brother!' or 'Alas, my sister!'  
They will not lament for him,  
'Alas, Master!' or 'Alas, his Majesty!'  
22:19 He will be buried with the burial of an ass,  
dragged and flung outside the gates of Yerushalaim!

22:20 Go up to The Lebanon and cry out!  
And give up your voice in Bashan!  
And cry out from Abarim,  
because all your lovers have been destroyed!

22:21 I spoke to you in your security.  
You said, 'I will not listen attentively.'  
This is your way from your youth.  
Indeed, you have not listened attentively to My voice!

22:22 All your shepherds are pasturing the wind.  
And those loving you have gone into captivity.  
And you will be disgraced and humiliated  
on account of all your bad acts.

22:23 Dwelling in Lebanon,  
nesting in cedars...,  
how you will groan when pangs come to you  
like the pains of one giving birth!

22:24 By My life itself,"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
"if Konyah, son of Yahoyakim, king of Yahudah,  
was a signet on My right hand,  
indeed, from there I will tear you off!

22:25 And I will give you into the hand  
of those seeking your life,  
and into the hand of those  
whom you yourself nn dread before your face,  
into the hand of Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel,  
and the hand of the Kasdim!

22:26 And I will hurl out you yourself תנ  
and your mother herself תנ who gave birth to you,  
into another land where you were not born there!  
And there you will die!

22:27 And concerning the land,  
to which they lift up their life  
for the sake of returning there,  
there they will not return!

22:28 Is this man, Konyah,  
a despised smashed pot,  
or is this man an displeasing vessel?  
Why are they hurled out,  
he and his seed,  
and flung into a land which they have not known?

22:29 Land, land, land!  
Listen attentively to the word of **YAHWEH!**

This is a notable verse because of the triple usage of one term. Any time you see this format it is to be taken as extremely emphatic.

22:30 "Thus said **YAHWEH**,  
'Inscribe this man himself תנ childless,  
a valiant man  
who will not to prosper in his days!  
Indeed, none of his seed will prosper,  
not a man sitting on the throne of David,  
or rule any longer in Yahudah!'"

### Chapter 23

23:1 Woe to the shepherds  
destroying and scattering  
the flock itself תנ of My pasture!"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

23:2 For this reason thus said **YAHWEH**,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el, concerning the shepherds,  
those feeding My people themselves תנ,  
"You yourselves תנ have scattered My flock itself תנ!  
And you have driven them away!  
And you have not attended to they themselves תנ!

Behold!

I will visit upon you  
the harm itself תנ of your actions!"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

23:3 And I Myself will assemble  
the remnant itself תנ of My flock  
from all the lands where I have driven they themselves תנ!

And I will return they themselves תנ to their folds!

And they will bear fruit and increase!

23:4 And I will cause to stand up over them shepherds.

And they will tend them.

And they will not be afraid any longer.

And they will not be dismayed.

And none will be missing."

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

23:5 "Behold! The days are coming."

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

"And I will establish for the sake of David a Just Branch!

And a king will reign.

And He will act wisely.

And He will do right judgment

and justice on earth.

23:6 "In His days Yahudah will be delivered  
and Yisra'el dwell in security.  
And this is His designation  
by which He will be called,  
'YAHWEH Our Justice.'

**Note: This is not a 'name'! It is a designation, a title!**  
**shem** - means far more than simply 'name'. It comes from a  
word that means to make conspicuous. It refers to an  
appellation, as a mark of memorial of individuality; by  
implication, honor, authority, character.

23:7 "For this reason behold!  
The days are coming."  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"And they will no longer say,  
'By the life of YAHWEH...,  
Who brought up the children of Yisra'el *themselves* **FN**  
from the land of Mitsraim.'  
23:8 but rather, 'By the life of YAHWEH...,  
Who brought up and caused to come  
the seed *itself* **FN** of the house of Yisra'el  
from the land of the north  
and from all the lands where I had driven them there.'  
And they will dwell on their soil."

23:9 The prophets have broken my heart in my center!  
All my bones flutter!  
I am like a drunken man,  
even like a man overcome by wine,  
from the face of YAHWEH,  
and from the face of His set apart words!

23:10 Indeed, the land is full  
of those committing adultery!  
Indeed, from the face of an oath the land has lamented!  
The watering places of the wilderness have dried up!  
Even their course is bad  
and their might is not right.

23:11 Indeed, both prophet and priest  
have been defiled!  
Even in My house I have found their wrong doing!"  
- An utterance of YAHWEH -

23:12 For this reason their way is to them  
like slippery paths in darkness.  
They are pushed down.  
And they have fallen on them.

Indeed, I am bringing harm upon them,  
the year of their visitation!"  
- An utterance of YAHWEH -

23:13 And with the prophets of Shomeron  
I have seen folly.  
They prophesied for themselves with Ba'al.  
And they have caused to go astray  
My people *themselves* **FN**, Yisra'el *itself* **FN**!

23:14 And among the prophets of Yerushalaim  
I have seen a horrible thing,  
committing adultery, and walking in lies!  
And they strengthen the hands of wrong doers.  
No man turns back from his wrong doing.

All of them are like Sedom to Me,  
and those dwelling in her are like Amorah.

23:15 For this reason  
thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies  
concerning the prophets,  
'Behold! I will cause they themselves אנ to eat wormwood!  
And I will cause them to drink poisoned water  
because from they themselves אנ,  
the prophets of Yerushalaim,  
defilement has gone out to all the earth! "

23:16 Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
"You are not to listen attentively  
concerning the words of the prophets  
who are prophesying to you!  
They are causing emptiness for you yourselves אנ.  
A vision of their heart they are speaking.  
It is not from the mouth of YAHWEH.

23:17 They are saying, saying to those despising Me,  
'YAHWEH has said there will be shalom for you.'

Even to everyone walking in the stubbornness of their heart  
they are saying, 'No harm will come upon you.' "

23:18 Indeed, who has stood  
in the counsel of YAHWEH  
and has seen and listened attentively to His word itself אנ?  
Who has paid attention to His word  
or listened attentively to it?

23:19 Behold! A whirlwind of YAHWEH!  
Rage has gone forth, even a twisting whirlwind!  
Upon the heads of the morally wrong it will dance!  
23:20 The anger of YAHWEH will not turn back  
until He has done it  
and until He has established the purposes of His heart!  
In the last days you will consider it with understanding!

23:21 I did not send these prophets themselves אנ,  
but they ran.  
I have not spoken to them,  
but they prophesied.

23:22 But if they had stood in My counsel,  
and if My people themselves אנ  
had listened attentively to My Words  
then they would have turned them from their bad ways,  
and from the wrong doing of their actions.

23:23 Am I Myself an Elohim near by?"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"and not an Elohim far off?"

23:24 If anyone is hidden in secret places  
can I Myself not see him?"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

"Have I Myself not filled the skies and earth?"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

23:25 "I have listened attentively to  
what itself אנ the prophets have said,

those prophesying lies in My name saying,  
'I have dreamed! I have dreamed!'

23:26 Until when will it exist  
in the heart of the prophets,  
the prophets prophesying the lies,  
and prophets of the deceit of their heart,  
23:27 those thinking for the sake of causing  
My people *themselves* **תנ** to forget My name  
with their dreams  
which each man is recounting to his neighbor  
as their forefathers forgot My name *itself* **תנ** with Ba'al?

23:28 The prophet, he *himself* **תנ** who has a dream,  
let him relate the dream.

**And he *himself*** **תנ** **who has My Word,**  
**let him speak My Word faithfully.**

What is straw compared to the wheat?"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

23:29 Is not My Word like fire"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
"and like a hammer shattering rock?

23:30 For this reason behold!  
I am against the prophets"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
"who are stealing My Words,  
each man from his neighbor *himself* **תנ**!

23:31 Behold!  
I am against the prophets,"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
"those using their tongues and uttering an utterance!"

23:32 Behold!  
I am against those prophesying false dreams"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
"and recounting them,  
and leading astray My people *themselves* **תנ**  
with their lies and with their pitfalls.

And I have not send them.  
And I have not directed them.  
And they are of no benefit, benefit to this people!"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

23:33 "And when these people, or the prophet,  
or the priest, inquire of you saying,  
"What is the burden of **YAHWEH**?  
then you are to say to them, 'What burden *itself* **תנ**?'  
And, 'I will abandon you *yourselves* **תנ**!' "  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

23:34 And the prophet or the priest or the people who say,  
'The burden of **YAHWEH**!'  
I will hold accountable that man and his household!

23:35 According to this  
each man says to his neighbor  
and each one to his brother,  
'What has **YAHWEH** answered?'  
and, 'What has **YAHWEH** spoken?'

23:36 But the burden of YAHWEH  
you are no longer to call to mind  
because 'the burden' is for each man his own word!

And you have overturned the words *themselves* תנ  
of The Living Elohim, YAHWEH of Assemblies, our Elohim!

23:37 According to this you are to say to the prophet,  
'What has YAHWEH answered you?'  
and, 'What has YAHWEH spoken?'

23:38 But since you say, 'The burden of YAHWEH!'  
for this reason thus said YAHWEH,

'Since you are saying this word *itself* תנ,  
"The burden of YAHWEH!"

and I have sent to you saying,  
"You are not to say, 'The burden of YAHWEH!' "

23:39 therefore, behold!

Even I will lift up, lift up *you yourselves* תנ!

And I will thrust out *you yourselves* תנ  
and the *city itself* תנ which I gave to you  
and to your forefathers!

23:40 And I will set upon you an eternal reproach  
and an eternal shame which will not be forgotten! "

#### Chapter 24

24:1 YAHWEH caused me to see.  
And behold!

There were two baskets of figs being set  
before the face of The Temple of YAHWEH  
after Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel,  
had exiled Yekonyah *himself* תנ,  
son of Yahoyakim, king of Yahudah,  
and the leaders of Yahudah *themselves* תנ,  
with the craftsmen *themselves* תנ,  
and the refiners *themselves* תנ from Yerushalaim,  
and they had been brought to Babel.

24:2 The one basket of figs was exceedingly good,  
like the first ripe figs.  
And the other basket was exceedingly bad,  
which could not be eaten on account of their badness."

24:3 And YAHWEH said to me,  
"What do *you yourself* תנ see, Yirm'yah?"  
And I said, "Figs, the good ones exceedingly good,  
and the bad ones exceedingly bad,  
which could not be eaten on account of their badness."

24:4 Again the word of YAHWEH existed to me saying,

24:5 "Thus said YAHWEH, The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
'Like these good figs,  
according to this I will scrutinize  
the exiles of Yahudah *themselves* תנ  
whom I have sent from this place  
to the land of the Kasdim for the sake of their own good.

24:6 And I will place My eyes upon them  
for the sake of good!  
And I will cause them to return to this land.  
And I will build them up.  
And I will not pull them down.  
And I will plant them.  
And I will not pull them up by their roots.

24:7 And I will give them a heart  
for the sake of knowing Me Myself אני,  
that I Myself am **YAHWEH**.  
And they will be My people.  
And I will be their Elohim  
because they will return to Me with all their heart.

24:8 And like the bad figs which could not be eaten  
on account of their badness,  
indeed, thus said **YAHWEH**,  
'According to this I will give up Tzidkiyah himself אני,  
the king of Yahudah,  
and his leaders themselves אני,  
and the remnant of Yerushalaim itself אני,  
those remaining in this land,  
and those dwelling in the land of Mitsraim.

24:9 And I will give them up to terror, to harm,  
to all the kingdoms of the earth  
as a reproach and as a by word,  
as a mockery and as a curse  
in all the places to which I drive them there!

24:10 And I will send among them  
the sword itself אני,  
the famine itself אני,  
and the pestilence itself אני  
until they are consumed from the land  
which I have given to them and to their forefathers.' "

## Chapter 25

25:1 The word that existed to Yirm'yah  
concerning all the people of Yahudah  
in the fourth year of Yahoyakim, son of Yoshiyah,  
the king of Yahudah,  
the first year of Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel,  
25:2 which Yirm'yah the prophet spoke  
concerning all the people of Yahudah  
and to all the inhabitants of Yerushalaim saying,  
25:3 "From the thirteenth year of Yoshiyah, son of Amon,  
king of Yahudah, and until this day,  
this is the twenty third year  
the word of **YAHWEH** has existed to me.  
And I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking.  
But you have not listened attentively.

25:4 And **YAHWEH** has sent to you  
all His servants, the prophets themselves אני,  
rising early and sending *them*.

But you have not listened attentively.  
And you have not extended your ears themselves אני  
for the sake of listening attentively,

25:5 *He was* saying, 'Turn back now,  
each man from his bad way,  
and from the badness of your actions!

And dwell upon the soil  
which **YAHWEH** has given to you  
and to your forefathers from eternity to eternity!

25:6 But you are not to go after other gods  
for the sake of serving them  
or for the sake of bowing down to them!

And you are not to cause Me Myself מנ  
to be provoked to anger by the works of your hands!  
Then I will do you no harm.'

25:7 But you did not listen attentively to Me"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
"in order to provoke Me to anger  
by the works of your hands, to your own harm!"

25:8 For this reason thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
'Because you have not listened attentively  
to My words themselves מנ,  
25:9 behold!

I am taking all the families of the north themselves מנ,  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
'even to Nebukadnetzar, the king of Babel,  
My servant,  
and I am bringing them against this land,  
and against those dwelling in it,  
and against these nations all around!

And I will devote them to destruction!  
And I will establish them as an astonishment,  
and as a whistling,  
and as eternal desolations!

25:10 And I will cause to vanish from them  
the sound of rejoicing,  
and the sound of gladness,  
the voice of the bridegroom,  
and the voice of the bride,  
the sound of millstones,  
and the light of a lamp!

25:11 And all this land will be as a desolation  
and as an astonishment!

And these nations will serve the king of Babel himself מנ  
seventy years!

25:12 And it will be when seventy years  
have been accomplished I will hold accountable  
the king of Babel and that nation,  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
'for their moral wrong itself מנ,  
even the land of the Kasdim!

And I will establish it itself מנ as an eternal devastation!

25:13 And I will bring on that land  
all My words themselves מנ  
which I have spoken concerning it,  
everything itself מנ that is written on this scroll  
which Yirm'yah has prophesied  
concerning all the nations!

25:14 Indeed, they will also be enslaved  
by many nations and great kings!  
And I will repay them according to their deeds  
and according to the works of their hands! "

25:15 Indeed, thus said **YAHWEH**,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el, to me,  
"Take this wine cup of wrath itself מנ from My hand!  
And you are to cause to drink it itself מנ  
all the nations themselves מנ

to whom I am sending you yourself אָתְּ!  
25:16 And they will drink!  
And they will be shaken!  
And they will go insane before the face of the sword  
which I am sending among them!"

25:17 And I took the cup *itself* אָתְּ  
from the hand of YAHWEH.  
And I caused to drink all the nations themselves אָתְּ  
to whom YAHWEH had sent me:  
25:18 Yerushalaim *itself* אָתְּ  
and the cities of Yahudah *themselves* אָתְּ,  
and its kings *themselves* אָתְּ,  
its rulers *themselves* אָתְּ,  
for the sake of making they themselves אָתְּ  
as a desolation, as an astonishment,  
as a whistling, and as a curse  
as it is this day;  
25:19 Pharaoh, king of Mitsraim *himself* אָתְּ,  
and his servants *themselves* אָתְּ,  
and his rulers *themselves* אָתְּ,  
and all his people *themselves* אָתְּ,  
25:20 and all the mixed multitude *itself* אָתְּ,  
and all the kings *themselves* אָתְּ of the land of Uts,  
and all the kings *themselves* אָתְּ of the land of the Philistines,  
and Ashkelon *itself* אָתְּ,  
and Azzah *itself* אָתְּ,  
and Ekron *itself* אָתְּ,  
and the remnant of Ashdod *itself* אָתְּ,  
25:21 Edom *itself* אָתְּ,  
and Mo'ab *itself* אָתְּ,  
and the children of Ammon *themselves* אָתְּ,  
25:22 and all the kings *themselves* אָתְּ of Tzor,  
and all the kings *themselves* אָתְּ of Tzidon,  
and the kings *themselves* אָתְּ of the coastlands  
which are beyond the sea,  
25:23 Dedan *itself* אָתְּ,  
and Tema *itself* אָתְּ,  
and Buz *itself* אָתְּ,  
and everyone *themselves* אָתְּ  
cutting the corners of their beards,  
25:24 and all the kings *themselves* אָתְּ of Arabia,  
and all the kings *themselves* אָתְּ of the mixed multitude  
who are dwelling in the wilderness,  
25:25 and all the kings *themselves* אָתְּ of Zimri,  
and all the kings *themselves* אָתְּ of Elam,  
and all the kings *themselves* אָתְּ of the Medes,  
25:26 and all the kings *themselves* אָתְּ of the north,  
those far and those near, each man beside another,  
and all the kingdoms *themselves* אָתְּ of the earth  
which are on the face of the ground.  
Also, King Sheshak will drink after them.

25:27 And you are to say to them,  
'Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
"Drink!  
And be drunk!  
And vomit!  
And fall!  
And you will not stand up again  
before the face the sword

which I am sending among you!" '

25:28 And it will exist  
that they will refuse to take the cup  
from your hand for the sake of drinking.  
And you are to say to them,  
'Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
"Drink! You will drink!

25:29 Indeed behold!  
Upon the city which is called by My name  
I am causing a piercing for the sake of harming *it*!

And will *you yourselves* **תנ** be acquitted, acquitted?  
You will not be acquitted!

Indeed, I Myself am calling for the sword  
on all the inhabitants of the earth!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH of Assemblies -

25:30 And *you yourself* **תנ**  
are to prophesy concerning them  
*all these words themselves* **תנ**!  
And you are to say to them,  
'YAHWEH will roar from on high!  
And from His set apart dwelling place  
He will give up His voice!  
He will roar mightily against His fold!  
With a shout like those treading grapes,  
He responds to all those dwelling on the earth!

25:31 An uproar has come  
upon the extremities of the earth!  
Indeed, YAHWEH has a controversy with the nations!  
He will be pronouncing sentence for the sake of all flesh!  
The morally wrong He will give to the sword!  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

25:32 Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
"Behold harm is going forth from nation to nation!  
And a great whirlwind will be aroused  
from the recesses of the earth!  
25:33 And the mortally wounded of YAHWEH in that day  
will be from one extremity of the earth  
even to the other extremity of the earth!

They will not be lamented!  
And they will not be gathered!  
And they will not be buried!  
They will be as excrement on the face of the ground!

25:34 Howl, you shepherds, and shriek!  
And roll yourselves about, you powerful of the flock,  
because the days of your slaughter  
and your dispersions have been fulfilled!  
And you will fall like a choice vessel!

25:35 And a place of refuge  
will vanish from the shepherds,  
and an escape from the powerful of the flock!

25:36 A sound, a shriek of the shepherds  
and a howling of the powerful of the flock,  
because YAHWEH is ravaging *their pasture itself* **תנ**!

25:37 And the pastures of shalom will be silenced  
before the face of the burning anger of YAHWEH!

25:38 He has abandoned His hiding place like a lion!  
Indeed, their land will become an astonishment  
from the face of the burning anger of those oppressing  
and from the face of His burning anger!”

## Chapter 26

26:1 At the beginning of the reign of Yahoyakim,  
son of Yoshiyah, the king of Yahudah,  
this word existed from YAHWEH Himself 𐤀𐤍 saying,

26:2 “Thus said YAHWEH,  
‘Stand in the courtyard of The House of YAHWEH!  
And you are to speak concerning all the cities of Yahudah,  
those coming to bow themselves in The House of YAHWEH,  
all the words *themselves* 𐤀𐤍

which I have given to you as direction  
for the sake of speaking to them.

You are not to eliminate a word!

26:3 Perhaps they will listen attentively  
and each man will turn back from his bad way.

Then I will relent of the harm  
which I am considering doing to them,  
from before the face of their hurtful actions.’

26:4 And you are to say to them,  
‘Thus said YAHWEH,

“If you do not listen attentively to Me  
for the sake of walking in My Instruction  
which I have set before your faces,

26:5 for the sake of listening attentively  
to the words of My servants the prophets  
whom I am sending to you,  
even rising up early and sending *them*,  
but you have not listened attentively,

26:6 then I will set this House *itself* 𐤀𐤍 like Shiloh!  
And this city *I will set* as a curse  
for the sake of all the nations of the earth!” ’ ”

26:7 And the priests  
and the prophets  
and all the people listened attentively  
to Yirm'yah *himself* 𐤀𐤍  
speaking these words *themselves* 𐤀𐤍  
in The House of YAHWEH.

26:8 And it was as Yirm'yah had ended speaking  
everything *itself* 𐤀𐤍 that YAHWEH had directed him  
to speak to all the people.

And the priests  
and the prophets  
and all the people  
seized he *himself* 𐤀𐤍 saying,  
“Put to death, you will be put to death!

26:9 Why have you prophesied  
in the name of YAHWEH saying  
‘This House will be like Shiloh,  
and this city will be desolate,  
with no one dwelling *in it*?’”

And all the people were assembled toward Yirm'yah  
in The House of YAHWEH.

26:10 And the rulers of Yahudah had heard  
these words *themselves* תנ.  
And they went up from the king's house  
to The House of YAHWEH.  
And they sat down in the entrance of the new gate  
of The House of YAHWEH.

26:11 And the priests and the prophets  
spoke to the rulers and all the people saying,  
"A death sentence for this man  
because he has prophesied concerning this city  
according to what you have heard with your ears!"

26:12 And Yirm'yah spoke to all the leaders  
and all the people saying,  
"YAHWEH has sent me for the sake of prophesying  
against this house  
and against this city  
all the words *themselves* תנ which you have heard.

26:13 And now, cause your ways and your deeds  
to be pleasing!  
And listen attentively to the voice of YAHWEH, your Elohim!  
Then YAHWEH will relent concerning the harm  
which He has spoken against you!

26:14 And I myself, behold!  
I am in your hand.  
Do with me as is good and proper in your eyes.

26:15 However know,  
know that if you *yourselves* תנ  
put to death *me myself* תנ  
then you *yourselves* תנ  
are setting innocent blood upon yourselves,  
and upon this city,  
and upon those dwelling in it!

Indeed, in truth YAHWEH has sent me to you  
for the sake of speaking in your ears  
all these words *themselves* תנ!"

26:16 And the leaders  
and all the people  
said to the priests and to the prophets,  
"No death sentence is to be for this man  
because he has spoken to us  
in the name of YAHWEH, our Elohim!"

26:17 And men stood up from the elders of the land.  
And they spoke to all the assembly of the people saying,  
26:18 "Mikayah of Moreshet was prophesying  
in the days of Hizkiyah, the king of Yahudah.  
And he spoke to all the people of Yahudah saying,  
'Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
'Tzion will be a plowed field,  
and Yerushalaim will be heaps,  
and the mountain of The House  
as the high places of the forest!'"

Mikayah means who is like YAHWEH. Moreshet means possession.
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26:19 Did Hizkiyah king of Yahudah  
and all Yahudah put him to death, put him to death?

Did he not revere **YAHWEH Himself** and seek the face *itself* of **YAHWEH**?

And **YAHWEH** relented concerning the harm which He had spoken against them.

And *we ourselves* are doing great harm against ourselves!"

26:20 Also, there was a man prophesying for himself in the name of **YAHWEH**, Uriyah, the son of Shemayah, of Kiryat Ye'arim. And he prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Yirm'yah.

Uriyah means light of YAHWEH.  
Shemayah means YAHWEH has listened attentively.  
Kiryat Ye'arim means city of forests.

26:21 And Yahoyakim, the king and all his valiant men, and all the leaders, listened attentively to his words *themselves*.

And the king sought to put him to death. But Uriyah heard. And he was afraid. And he fled.

And he went to Mitsraim.

26:22 But Yahoyakim, the king, sent men to Mitsraim, Elnathan *himself*, son of Akbor, and his men *themselves*, to Mitsraim.

Elnathan means El has given.  
Akbor means a mouse.

26:23 And they brought forth Uriyah *himself* from Mitsraim. And they brought him to Yahoyakim, the king. And he struck him with a sword. And he threw out his carcass *itself* onto the graves of the children of the people.

26:24 However, the hand of Ahikam, son of Shaphan, was with Yirm'yah *himself*, for the sake of not giving *he himself* him into the hand of the people for the sake of putting him to death.

Ahikam means brother of standing.  
Shaphan means a rock rabbit.

## Chapter 27

27:1 At the beginning of the reign of Yahoyakim, son of Yoshiyah, the king of Yahudah, this word existed to Yirm'yah from **YAHWEH Himself** saying,

27:2 "According to this **YAHWEH** has said to me, 'Make for yourself restraints and yokes! And you are to set them upon your neck.

27:3 And you are to send them to the king of Edom, and the king of Mo'ab, and the king of the Ammonites, and the king of Tzor, and the king of Tzidon, by the hand of ambassadors, those coming to Yerushalaim, to Tzidkiyah, king of Yahudah.

27:4 And you are to direct *they themselves*

concerning their masters saying,  
"Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el, to your masters,'  
27:5 "I have made the earth itself אנ,  
and the human beings themselves אנ  
and the animals themselves אנ  
that are upon the face of the earth  
by My great power  
and by My outstretched arm.  
And I will give them to whomever is right in My eyes.

27:6 And now,  
I have given all these lands themselves אנ  
into the hand of Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel,  
My servant.

And the animals of the field themselves אנ  
I have also given to him for the sake of serving him.

27:7 And all nations will serve he himself אנ  
and his son himself אנ  
and his son's son himself אנ  
until the time of his land comes.

And even many nations and great kings  
will be enslaved by him.

27:8 And it will be, the nation or the kingdom  
that will not serve he himself אנ  
Nebukadnetzar, the king of Babel himself אנ,  
and whoever himself אנ that does not put  
his neck itself אנ into the yoke of the king of Babel,  
with sword, and with famine and with pestilence  
I will visit that nation"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"until I have consumed they themselves אנ by his hand!

27:9 And you yourselves אנ  
are not to listen attentively  
to your prophets,  
or to your diviners,  
or to your dreamers,  
or to your practicers of magic,  
or your sorcerers  
who are speaking to you saying,  
'You will not serve the king of Babel.'

27:10 Indeed, they are prophesying a lie to you  
for the sake of removing you yourselves אנ  
far from upon your land.  
And I will drive out you yourselves אנ!  
And you will perish!

27:11 But the nation  
that brings their necks themselves אנ  
into the yoke of the king of Babel and serves him  
*will remain* upon their land."  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"And they will till it.  
And they will dwell in it."

27:12 And I spoke to Tzidkiyah, king of Yahudah,  
according to all these words saying,  
"Bring your necks themselves אנ

into the yoke of the king of Babel!  
And serve he himself nn and his people and live!

27:13 Why should you die,  
you yourself nn and your people,  
by sword, by famine, and by pestilence  
according to what YAHWEH has spoken  
against the nation that will not serve  
the king of Babel himself nn?

27:14 And you are not to listen attentively  
to the words of the prophets,  
those speaking to you saying,  
'You will not serve the king of Babel himself nn.'  
because they are prophesying a lie to you!  
27:15 Indeed, I have not sent them!"

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"And they are prophesying a lie in My name  
for the sake of driving out you yourselves nn.  
And you will perish, you yourselves nn  
and the prophets,  
those prophesying to to you!"

27:16 And I spoke to the priests  
and to all this people saying,  
"Thus said YAHWEH,  
'You are not to listen attentively  
to the words of your prophets,  
those prophesying to you saying,  
"Behold! The vessels of The House of YAHWEH  
are returning from Babel soon now."  
Indeed, they are prophesying a lie to you!  
27:17 You are not to listen attentively to them!  
Serve the king of Babel himself nn and live!  
Why should this city be a desolation?

27:18 And if they are prophets,  
and if the word of YAHWEH exists to they themselves nn  
let them now intercede to YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
so that the vessels which are left in The House of YAHWEH,  
and in the house of the king of Yahudah,  
and at Yerushalaim, will not go to Babel!"

27:19 Indeed, thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies  
concerning the columns,  
and concerning the Sea,  
and concerning the stands,  
and concerning the vessels,  
those remaining in this city

27:20 which Nebukadnetzar, the king of Babel,  
did not take at his exiling of Yekonyah himself nn,  
the son of Yahoyakim, the king of Yahudah,  
from Yerushalaim to Babel,  
and all the nobles themselves nn  
of Yahudah and Yerushalaim,

27:21 thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
concerning the vessels,  
those remaining in The House of YAHWEH,  
and in the house of the king of Yahudah and Yerushalaim,  
27:22 "They will be brought to Babel!

And there they will be  
until the day that I visit they themselves nn!"

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"Then I will bring them up!

And I will return them to this place!"

## Chapter 28

28:1 And it was in the year of the beginning of the reign of Tzidkiyah, king of Yahudah, in the fourth year and in the fifth month. Hananyah, son of Azzur, the prophet who was from Gib'on, spoke to me in The House of **YAHWEH** before the eyes of the priests and all the people saying,

Hananyah means favored by YAHWEH.  
Azzur means helpful.

28:2 "Thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies, The Elohim of Yisra'el saying, 'I have broken the yoke *itself* **הנ** of the king of Babel.

28:3 Within two more years I will cause to return to this place all the vessels *themselves* **הנ** of The House of **YAHWEH** which Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel, had taken from this place and brought to Babel.

28:4 And Yekonyah *himself* **הנ** son of Yahoyakim, king of Yahudah, and all the captives of Yahudah *themselves* **הנ**, those having gone to Babel, I Myself will return to this place.'  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
'Indeed, I will break *the yoke itself* **הנ** of the king of Babel!' "

28:5 Then Yirm'yah the prophet spoke to Hananyah the prophet before the eyes of the the priests and before the eyes of all the people, those standing in The House of **YAHWEH**.

28:6 And Yirm'yah the prophet said, "Amen! According to this may **YAHWEH** do! May **YAHWEH** cause to stand *your words themselves* **הנ** which you have prophesied for the sake of returning the vessels of The House of **YAHWEH** and all the captives from Babel to this place!

28:7 However, listen attentively now to this word that I speak in your ears and in the ears of all the people!

28:8 The prophets have existed before my face and before your faces from long ago. And they prophesied concerning many lands and concerning great kingdoms of battle and of harm and of pestilence.

28:9 The prophet who prophesies of shalom, as the word of the prophet comes about that prophet will be known as one whom **YAHWEH** has sent in truth."

28:10 Then Hananyah the prophet took *the yoke itself* **הנ** from the neck of Yirm'yah the prophet. And he broke it.

28:11 And Hananyah spoke before the eyes of all the people saying, "Thus said **YAHWEH**. 'According to this I will break *the yoke itself* **הנ** of Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel, within two years of days from the neck of all the nations.' "

And Yirm'yah the prophet went on his way.

28:12 And the word of YAHWEH existed to Yirm'yah after Hananyah the prophet had broken the yoke itself **nx** from the neck of Yirm'yah the prophet saying,

28:13 "Go and speak to Hananyah saying, 'Thus said YAHWEH. "You have broken the yokes of wood, but you have made instead of them yokes of iron."

28:14 Indeed, thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies, The Elohim of Yisra'el, "I have set a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations for the sake of serving Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel! And they will serve him! And even the animals themselves **nx** of the field I have given to him!" ' "

28:15 And Yirm'yah the prophet said to Hananyah the prophet, "Listen attentively now, Hananyah! YAHWEH has not sent you! And you yourself **nx** have caused this people themselves **nx** to trust upon a lie!

28:16 Therefore thus said YAHWEH, 'Behold! I am sending you away from upon the face of the soil! This year you yourself **nx** will die because you have spoken apostasy against YAHWEH!' "

28:17 And Hananyah the prophet died in that year in the seventh month.

## Chapter 29

29:1 And these are the words of the letter which Yirm'yah the prophet, sent from Yerushalaim to the remnant of the elders of the exiles, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebukadnetzar had exiled from Yerushalaim to Babel

29:2 after Yekonyah, the king, and the queen mother, and the officials, and the leaders of Yahudah and Yerushalaim, and the craftsmen, and the refiners had gone from Yerushalaim

29:3 by the hand of El'asah, son of Shaphan, and Gemaryah, the son of Hilkiyah, whom Tzidkiyah, king of Yahudah, sent to Babel, to Nebukadnetzar, the king of Babel, saying,

El'asah means El has made.  
Gemarayah means YAHWEH has completed.

29:4 "Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies, The Elohim of Yisra'el, to all the exiles Whom I have exiled from Yerushalaim to Babel, 29:5 'Build houses and dwell in them! Plant gardens and eat their fruit itself **nx**! 29:6 Take wives and give birth to sons and daughters! And take wives for your sons! And give your daughters themselves **nx** to husbands! And let them give birth to sons and daughters! And be increased there!

And do not be diminished!

29:7 And seek the shalom *itself* אָתָּא  
of the city where I have exiled you *yourselves* אַתֶּם!  
And pray on its behalf to YAHWEH  
because in its shalom there will be for you shalom!

29:8 Indeed, thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
'Do not let your prophets and your diviners  
who are in your midst lead you astray!  
And do not listen attentively to the dreams  
which you *yourselves* אַתֶּם are dreaming!  
29:9 Indeed, they are prophesying a lie to you in My Name!  
I have not sent them!  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

29:10 Indeed, thus said YAHWEH,  
'When seventy years are completed at Babel  
I will visit you *yourselves* אַתֶּם!  
And I will cause to stand over you  
My good word *itself* אָתָּא  
for the sake of returning you *yourselves* אַתֶּם to this place!

29:11 Indeed, I know the intentions *themselves* אַתֶּם  
I am considering concerning you,'  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
'intentions of shalom and not of harm,  
for the sake of giving to you what lies ahead,  
even an expectation.

29:12 Then you will call to Me *Myself* אָנֹכִי.  
And I will come!  
And you will pray to Me.  
And I will listen attentively to you!

29:13 **And you will seek Me *Myself* אָנֹכִי.**  
**And you will find Me**  
**when you search for Me with all your heart!**  
29:14 **And I will be found by you!**

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
'And I will turn back your captivity *itself* אָתָּא.  
And I will gather you *yourselves* אַתֶּם  
from all the nations and from all the places  
where I have driven you *yourselves* אַתֶּם.  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
And I will return you *yourselves* אַתֶּם  
to the place  
from which I have exiled you *yourselves* אַתֶּם,  
from there!

29:15 Because you have said,  
'YAHWEH has raised up prophets for us in Babel',  
29:16 thus said YAHWEH  
concerning the king who is sitting on the throne of David,  
concerning all the people who are dwelling in this city,  
concerning your kindred who have not gone out  
with you *yourselves* אַתֶּם into exile,  
29:17 thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
"Behold! I am sending among them  
the sword *itself* אָתָּא,  
the famine *itself* אָתָּא,  
and the pestilence *itself* אָתָּא.  
And I will set *they themselves* אֲנִי as horrid figs  
which can not be eaten because of *their* badness!

29:18 And I will pursue after them  
with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence!  
And I will give them as a trembling  
to all the kingdoms of the earth,  
as a curse,  
and as an astonishment,  
and as a whistling,  
and as a reproach  
among all the nations where I have driven them there  
29:19 in place of their not having listened attentively  
to My words'  
-An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
'which I sent to them by  
My servants the prophets *themselves* תנ,  
rising up early and sending them.  
But you did not listen attentively!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

29:20 And you *yourselves* תנ therefore,  
listen attentively to the word of YAHWEH,  
all the exiles whom I have sent from Yerushalaim to Babel!  
29:21 Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
concerning Ahab, son of Kolayah,  
and Tzidkiyah, son of Ma'aseyah,  
those prophesying a lie to you in My Name,  
"Behold! I am giving *they themselves* תנ  
into the hand of Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel!  
And he will strike them before your eyes!

Ahab means father.  
Kolayah means the voice of YAHWEH.  
Tzidkiyah means justice of YAHWEH.  
Ma'aseyah means action of YAHWEH.

29:22 And because of them all the exiles of Yahudah  
who are in Babel will take up a curse saying,  
"May YAHWEH establish you like Tzidkiyah and Ahab  
whom the king of Babel roasted in the fire!"  
29:23 because of the foolishness  
which they have done in Yisra'el!  
And they have committed adultery with  
the wives *themselves* תנ of their neighbors!  
And they have spoken a word of lying in My name  
which I have not given as direction to them!  
And I am The One knowing, even a witness!  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

29:24 And to Shemayah, the Nehelamite,  
you are to speak saying,

Shemayah means YAHWEH has listened attentively.  
Nehelamite means one who dreamed.

29:25 "Thus spoke YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el, saying,  
'Because of what you *yourself* תנ have sent in your name,  
letters to all the people who are at Yerushalaim,  
and to Tzephanyah, son of Ma'aseyah, the priest,  
and to all the priests saying,  
29:26 "YAHWEH has set you priest  
instead of Yahoyada the priest  
for the sake of being overseers of The House of YAHWEH,  
for the sake of everyone who is insane and is prophesying.  
And you are to set *he himself* תנ in the stocks  
and in confinement.  
29:27 But now, why have you not chided against  
Yirm'yah of Anatot, the one who is making himself  
a prophet to you?

29:28 Indeed, according to this  
he has sent to us in Babel saying,  
'This captivity is long.  
Build houses and dwell in them,  
and plant gardens and eat their fruit *itself* <sup>HN</sup>.' "

29:29 And Tzephanyah the priest  
read this letter *itself* <sup>HN</sup>  
in the ears of Yirm'yah the prophet.

29:30 And the word of YAHWEH existed to Yirm'yah saying,

29:31 "Send concerning all the exiles saying,  
'Thus said YAHWEH  
concerning Shemayah, the Nehelamite,  
'Because of what Shemayah has prophesied to you,  
but I Myself have not sent him,  
and he has caused you yourselves <sup>HN</sup> to trust upon a lie,"

29:32 therefore thus said YAHWEH,  
'Behold! I will attend to Shemayah, the Nehelamite,  
and his seed.

There will not be for him one dwelling among this people!  
And he will not see the good that I Myself will do  
for the sake of My people"

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

"because he has spoken apostasy against YAHWEH!" ' "

### Chapter 30

30:1 The word which existed toward Yirm'yah  
from YAHWEH Himself <sup>HN</sup> saying,

30:2 "Thus spoke YAHWEH,

The Elohim of Yisra'el, saying,

'Write on a scroll for yourself

all the words *themselves* <sup>HN</sup> that I have spoken to you!

30:3 Indeed, behold!

The days are coming.'

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

'And I will turn back the exile *itself* <sup>HN</sup> of My people,  
Yisra'el and Yahudah.' said YAHWEH.

'And I will return them to the land

that I gave to their forefathers.

And they will occupy it.' "

30:4 And these are the words which YAHWEH spoke  
concerning Yisra'el and Yahudah.

30:5 Indeed, according to this said YAHWEH,

"We have heard a voice of trembling,  
terror, and not shalom!

30:6 Inquire now and see if a male is giving birth.

Why am I seeing every valiant man

with his hands upon his loins like one giving birth  
and all faces turned to paleness?

30:7 Alas! Indeed great is that day!

There is nothing like it!

And it is a time of trouble for Ya'akob!

But he will be delivered from it.

30:8 And it will be in that day,'

- An Utterance of YAHWEH of Assemblies -

'I will break his yoke from upon your neck!

And I will tear off your restraints!

And strangers will no longer enslave them!

30:9 And they will serve YAHWEH Himself <sup>HN</sup>, their Elohim,  
and David himself <sup>HN</sup>, their king,

whom I will cause to stand up for them!

30:10 And you yourself nn,  
you are not to be afraid, Ya'akob, My servant,'  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
'and you are not to be discouraged, Yisra'el!

Indeed, behold!  
I am causing you to be delivered  
from a distant place, even your seed itself nn  
from the land of their captivity!

And Ya'akob will return!  
And he will rest and be at ease!  
And nothing will cause him to be shuddering with terror!

30:11 Indeed, I Myself will be with you yourself nn  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
'for the sake of causing you to be delivered!

Indeed, I will make a complete end of all the nations  
where I have caused you to be scattered there!

However, I will not make a complete end of you yourself nn!  
But I will chastise you for the sake of right judgment!  
And hold you guiltless, I will not hold you guiltless!

30:12 Indeed, thus said YAHWEH,  
'Your wound is incurable!  
Your injury is grievous!

30:13 No one is pleading your cause  
for the sake of binding *your wounds*!  
There are no healing medicines for you!

30:14 All those loving you  
have forgotten you yourself nn!  
They are not seeking *you*!  
Indeed, with the wound of an adversary I struck you,  
with cruel chastisement,  
over the abundance of your perversities!  
Your offenses have been numerous!

30:15 Why do you cry out concerning your wound?  
Your anguish is incurable  
on account of abundance of your perversities!  
Your offenses have been numerous!  
I have done this to you.

Note: There is a duplication here from the previous verse. It's possible this is a copyist error. It's also possible this was a "double mention" by YAHWEH, intentionally stated to call attention to the serious nature of the offenses involved.

30:16 However, all those devouring you  
will be devoured.  
And all your oppressors,  
all of them,  
will go into exile,  
and those plundering you, as plunder,  
and everyone preying upon you, as prey.

30:17 Indeed. I will cause health to rise up to you!  
And from your wounds I will heal you!  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

'Indeed, they have called you an outcast.

Tzion itself, no one is seeking her.'

30:18 Thus said YAHWEH,

'Behold!

I am turning back the captivity of the tents of Ya'akob.

And I will have compassion on his dwelling places.

And the city will be built upon its mound.

And the palace will sit according to its regulations.

30:19 And thanksgiving will go out from them  
and the sound of laughing.

And I will increase them.

And they will not be diminished.

And I will honor them.

And they will not be insignificant.

30:20 And his children will be as before.

And his assembly will be set up before My face.

And I will pay attention concerning all who oppress them.

30:21 And his royalty will be from him.

And the one ruling will come from his midst.

And I will cause him to come near.

And he will approach toward Me.

Indeed, who is this who pledged his heart *itself*   
to draw near to Me?'

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

30:22 And you will exist as a people.

And I will exist for you as The Elohim. ' "

30:23 Behold! The whirlwind of YAHWEH  
will go forth with rage, a sustained whirlwind!

It will dance upon the head of the morally wrong!

30:24 The burning anger of YAHWEH

will not turn back until He has done it,

even until He has established the purposes of His heart!

In the last days you will understand it!

### Chapter 31

31:1 At that time"

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

"I will be for them The Elohim

of all the families of Yisra'el

and they will be for Me a people."

31:2 Thus said YAHWEH,

"A people has found favor in the wilderness,  
survivors of the sword.

Yisra'el, going to find rest."

31:3 From afar YAHWEH was seen by me saying,

"I have loved you with an eternal love!

For this reason I will draw you with kindness!

31:4 I will build you again

and you will be built, virgin of Yisra'el!

Once again you will adorn yourself with your tambourines.

And you will go forth in the dances laughing.

31:5 Again you will plant vines

on the mountains of Shomeron.

They will plant plantings and they will be common.

31:6 Indeed, there will be a day when the watchmen

have called out on Mount Ephraim,

'Get up! And we will go up to Tzion,  
to YAHWEH, our Elohim!' ”

31:7 Indeed, thus said YAHWEH,  
“Shout for joy for the sake of Ya'akob with gladness!  
And cry out among the chief nations.  
Cause them to listen attentively!  
Praise and say,  
'YAHWEH, deliver Your people themselves אנ,  
the remnant of Yisra'el itself אנ!”

31:8 Behold! I will cause they themselves אנ  
to come from the land of the north!  
And I will collect them from the extremities of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those pregnant and those giving birth together!  
A great assembly will return here!

31:9 With weeping they will come.  
And with their earnest prayers I bring them.  
I will cause them to walk by streams of waters,  
by a straight path on which they will not stumble.

Indeed, I will be as Father to Yisra'el.  
And Ephraim *will be* as My firstborn.

31:10 Listen attentively  
to the word of YAHWEH, nations!  
And declare it in the coastlands from afar!  
And say,  
'The One dispersing Yisra'el is collecting him.  
And He will protect him as a shepherd *does* his flock.'

31:11 Indeed, YAHWEH will ransom Ya'akob himself אנ!  
And He will redeem him from the hand  
of one stronger than he!

31:12 And they will come!  
And they will shout for joy on the height of Tzion!  
And they will be radiant concerning  
the goodness of YAHWEH,  
concerning grain,  
and concerning new wine,  
and concerning oil,  
and concerning the young of the flock and the herd!

And their life will be like a well watered garden!  
And they will not mourn any longer!

31:13 Then a virgin will rejoice in a dance,  
and young men and old together!

And I will turn their mourning to joy!  
And I will comfort them!  
And I will cheer them up from their sorrow!

31:14 And I will satisfy to the full  
the life of the priests with fatness!  
And My people will be satisfied to the full  
with My goodness itself אנ!”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

31:15 Thus said YAHWEH,  
“A sound was heard in Ramah,  
wailing, bitter weeping,  
Rachel weeping over her children.

She has refused to be comforted over her children  
because they are no more."

31:16 Thus said **YAHWEH**,  
"Restrain your voice from weeping  
and your eyes from tears!  
Indeed, there is compensation for your effort."  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
"And they will return from the land of the adversary.  
31:17 And there is an expectation for your later days."  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
And your children will return to their borders.

31:18 I have listened attentively,  
listened attentively to Ephraim mourning!  
'You have chastised me,  
and I was chastised like a male calf not taught.  
You caused me to return, and I have returned!

Indeed, You Yourself **HN** are **YAHWEH**, my Elohim!  
31:19 Indeed, after I returned I was sorry.  
And after knowing I struck myself on the thigh.  
I was ashamed and also humbled  
because I carried the reproach of my youth.'

31:20 Ephraim is a precious son to Me,  
an enjoyable child.  
Indeed, although I spoke against him  
I took note, took note of him again.  
For this reason My bowels growled for him.  
I have compassion, compassion for him!"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

31:21 Stand up for yourselves sign posts.  
Make for yourselves landmarks.  
Place your heart toward the highway,  
the way you have gone.  
Return, virgin of Yisra'el!  
Return to these cities of yours!

31:22 Until when will you wander,  
apostate daughter?  
Indeed, **YAHWEH** has created a new thing on the earth!  
A woman will lead about a man!"

31:23 Thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
"Once again they will say this word itself **HN**  
in the land of Yahudah and in its cities  
when I return their exile itself **HN**,  
'**YAHWEH** bless you,  
dwelling place of justice,  
mountain of set apartness!'

31:24 And in Yahudah and all its cities  
farmers and those who journey with flocks  
will dwell together.

31:25 Indeed, I have satisfied to the full the weary life!  
And I have filled every faint life!"

31:26 Upon this I was caused to wake up.  
And I looked.  
And my sleep had been pleasant to me.

31:27 "Behold! The days are coming."

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

"And I will sow the house of Yisra'el *itself* **FN**  
and the house of Yahudah *itself* **FN**  
with the seed of human beings  
and the seed of animals.

31:28 And it will exist,  
as I have watched over them  
for the sake of pulling up by the roots,  
and for the sake of tearing down,  
and for the sake of overthrowing  
and for the sake of destroying,  
and for the sake of harm,  
likewise I will watch over them  
for the sake of building  
and for the sake of planting!"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

31:29 "In those days they will no longer say,  
'The fathers have eaten sour grapes,  
but the teeth of the children are dull.'

31:30 Indeed, each one will die  
on account of his own perversity!  
Every human being eating sour grapes,  
his teeth will be dulled.

31:31 "Behold! the days are coming."

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

"And I will cut a New Covenant  
with the house of Yisra'el *itself* **FN**  
and with the house of Yahudah *itself* **FN**,

31:32 not like The Covenant  
which I cut with their forefathers *themselves* **FN**  
in the day when I seized them by their hand  
for the sake of bringing them out of the land of Mitsraim,  
My Covenant *itself* **FN** which they broke!  
And I was married with them!"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

31:33 "Indeed, this is the covenant which I will cut  
with the house of Yisra'el *itself* **FN** after those days!

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

I will give My Instruction *itself* **FN** into their center!  
And I will engrave it upon their hearts!  
And I will be for them as their Elohim!  
And they will be for Me as a people!

31:34 And no longer will they teach  
each man his neighbor *himself* **FN**,  
and each man his kindred *himself* **FN** saying,  
'Know **YAHWEH** *Himself* **FN**!'

Indeed, they will all know Me *Myself* **FN**,  
from the least of them to the greatest of them!"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

"Indeed, I will forgive their perversity!  
And I will not take note of their offenses any longer!"

31:35 Thus said **YAHWEH**,  
The One giving the sun as a light by day,  
the rules of the moon  
and the stars for a light by night,  
tossing the sea, and *making* its waves roar,

YAHWEH of Assemblies is His designation,

31:36 "If these rules depart from before My face"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
even the seed of Yisra'el will also cease  
from being a nation before My face to eternity!"

31:37 Thus said YAHWEH,  
"If the skies above can be measured from overhead  
or the foundations of the earth searched out from beneath  
even I Myself will reject all the seed of Yisra'el  
on account of everything they have done!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

31:38 "Behold! The days are coming!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"And the city will be built for the sake of YAHWEH  
from the Tower of Hanan'el to the Corner Gate.

31:39 And the measuring line will go forth again  
in front of it  
upon The Hill Gareb and around to Go'at.

31:40 And the entire valley of the carcasses  
and of the ashes,  
and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron  
to the corner of the Horse Gate eastward  
will be set apart to YAHWEH.  
It will not be pulled up or thrown down again to eternity!"

### Chapter 32

32:1 The word that existed to Yirm'yah  
from YAHWEH *Himself* אנכי  
in the tenth year of Tzidkiyah, king of Yahudah,  
the eighteenth year of Nebukadnetzar.

32:2 And at that time the forces of the king of Babel  
were besieging Yerushalaim.

And Yirm'yah the prophet was restrained  
in the courtyard of the prison  
which was in the house of the king of Yahudah

32:3 where Tzidkiyah, king of Yahudah,  
had restrained him saying,

"Why are you yourself אנכי prophesying saying,

'Thus said YAHWEH,

"Behold! I am giving this city itself אנכי  
into the hand of the king of Babel

And he will capture it.

32:4 And Tzidkiyah, king of Yahudah,  
will not escape from the hand of the Kasdim!  
Indeed, he will be given, given into the hand  
of the king of Babel!

And his mouth will speak with his mouth  
and his eyes will see his eyes themselves אנכי.

32:5 And he will cause Tzidkiyah himself אנכי to go to Babel.

And he will be there until I attend to he himself אנכי."

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

"When you fight with the Kasdim themselves אנכי  
you will not prosper!" "?"

32:6 And Yirm'yah said,

"The word of YAHWEH existed to me saying,

32:7 'Behold! Haname'el, son of Shallum, your uncle,  
is coming to you for the sake of saying,

"Buy for yourself my field itself אנכי which is at Anatot  
because the legal claim of redemption is yours

for the sake of buying it!" '

32:8 And Haname'el, son of my uncle,  
came to me according to the word of YAHWEH,  
to the courtyard of the prison.

And he said to me, 'Please buy my field *itself* תנ  
which is at Anatot, which is in the land of Binyamin,  
because yours is the legal claim of inheritance  
and the *right of redemption* is yours.

Buy it for yourself!

And I knew indeed it was the word of YAHWEH.

32:9 "And I bought the field *itself* תנ  
from Haname'el *himself* תנ, son of my uncle,  
which was at Anatot.

And I weighed out to him the silver *itself* תנ,  
seventeen shekels of the silver.

32:10 And I recorded it on a scroll.

And I sealed it.

And I had witnesses witness it.

And I weighed the silver on the scales.

32:11 And I took the scroll *itself* תנ of the purchase,  
the one sealed *itself* תנ according to the law and the custom,  
and the one *itself* תנ which was open.

32:12 And I gave the scroll of the purchase *itself* תנ

to Baruk, son of Neriyah, son of Mahseyah,  
for the sake of the eyes of Haname'el, son of my uncle  
and for the sake of the eyes of the witnesses,  
those writing upon the scroll of the purchase,  
for the sake of all the Yahudeans,  
those sitting in the courtyard of the prison.

Baruk means blessed.  
Neriyah means lamp of YAHWEH.  
Mahseyah means YAHWEH is my refuge.  
Haname'el means El has favored.

32:13 And I gave direction to Baruk *himself* תנ

for the sake of their eyes saying,

32:14 'Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,

"Take these scrolls *themselves* תנ,

both this scroll of the purchase *itself* תנ which is sealed

and this scroll *itself* תנ which is open

and put them into an earthenware vessel

for the sake of standing many days."

32:15 Indeed, thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,

The Elohim of Yisra'el,

"Houses and fields and vineyards  
will again be purchased in this land!" '

32:16 And I prayed to YAHWEH  
after I had given the scroll of the purchase *itself* תנ

to Baruk, son of Neriyah, saying,

32:17 'Alas my Sovereign, YAHWEH!

Behold! You Yourself תנ have made

the skies *themselves* תנ and the earth *itself* תנ

by Your great power and with with Your outstretched arm!

Is any word too wondrous for You,

32:18 doing kindness for the sake of thousands

and repaying the perversity of the fathers

onto the chest of their children after them,

The Great,

The Mighty El?

**YAHWEH** of Assemblies is His designation,  
32:19 great of counsel,  
mighty of action,  
of Whom Your eyes are open  
over all the ways of the children of human beings  
for the sake of giving to each man according to his ways  
and according to the fruit of his action;

Note: This section is different from traditional texts. The translation is based in particular on other passages in which the phrase which is traditionally translated as "nothing is to hard for thee" (KJV) or something quite similar, is translated as a question rather than as a statement. The context suggests this is the identical response of Yirm'yah to YAHWEH.

32:20 Who has placed signs and awesome displays  
in the land of Mitsraim to this day,  
and in Yisra'el,  
and among human beings!  
And You have made Yourself a name,  
as it is this day!

32:21 And You brought forth  
Your people *themselves* **תנ**,  
Yisra'el *itself* **תנ**,  
from the land of Mitsraim  
by signs and with awesome displays,  
and with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm,  
and with great dread!

32:22 And You gave to them *this land itself* **תנ**  
which You swore to their forefathers to give to them,  
a land flowing with milk and honey!

32:23 And they came.  
And they occupied *it itself* **תנ**.  
But they did not listen attentively to Your voice!  
And they have not walked according to Your Instruction!  
*Everything itself* **תנ** You had given as direction to them  
they have not done!  
And you have confronted *they themselves* **תנ**  
with *all this harm itself* **תנ**!

32:24 Behold the siege mounds!  
They have come to the city for the sake of capturing it!  
And the city has been given into the hand of the Kasdim,  
those fighting against it,  
with the face of the sword, and the famine,  
and the pestilence!

And what You have spoken has existed!  
And behold! You see it!  
32:25 But *You Yourself* **תנ** have said to me,  
my Sovereign **YAHWEH**,  
"Buy the field for yourself with silver!  
And take witnesses!  
But the city has been given into the hand of the Kasdim." '

32:26 And the word of **YAHWEH**  
existed to Yirm'yah saying,  
32:27 "Behold! I Myself am **YAHWEH**,  
The Elohim of all flesh.  
Is any word too wondrous for Me?"

32:28 For this reason thus said **YAHWEH**,

“Behold! I will give this city itself תנ  
into the hand of the Kasdim,  
even into the hand of Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel!  
And he will capture it!  
32:29 And the Kasdim will come,  
those fighting against this city.  
And they will set fire to this city itself תנ!  
And they will burn it and the houses themselves תנ  
on whose roofs they burned incense to Ba'al  
and poured out drink offerings to other gods  
for the sake of provoking Me to anger!

32:30 Indeed, the children of Yisra'el  
and the children of Yahudah  
have done only what is wrong in My eyes from their youth!  
Indeed, the children of Yisra'el have only provoked to anger  
Me Myself תנ with the work of their hands!”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

32:31 “Indeed, My anger and My wrath  
has existed toward this city  
from the day that they built it itself תנ even to this day  
for the sake of removing it from before My face  
32:32 on account of all the evil of the children of Yisra'el  
and the children of Yahudah which they have done  
for the sake of provoking Me to anger,  
they,  
their kings,  
their leaders,  
their priests,  
their prophets,  
and the men of Yahudah,  
and those dwelling in Yerushalaim!

32:33 And they have turned to Me their back  
and not their face!  
And I have been teaching they themselves תנ,  
rising up early and teaching!  
But they have not listened attentively  
for the sake of accepting instruction!

32:34 And they have placed their detestable things  
in The House upon which My name is called  
for the sake of defiling it!

32:35 And they have built  
the high places of Ba'al themselves תנ  
which are in The Valley of The Son of Hinnom  
for the sake of offering up their sons themselves תנ  
and their daughters themselves תנ to Moloch,  
which I did not give as direction to them!  
And it did it come up upon My heart  
to be doing this detestable thing,  
for the sake of causing Yahudah itself תנ to offend!

Note: If you're paying careful attention you'll note the repetition of these basic terms within this book. You may be inclined to s perceive this as unnecessary duplication. However, YAHWEH does nothing without a purpose. Whenever He repeats something more than once He does so for our edification. The duplication adds to the certainty of what He states. It involves the Scriptural principle of two or three witnesses being presented to confirm a testimony against the wrong someone has done.

32:36 And now thus said YAHWEH,

The Elohim of Yisra'el, concerning this city  
of which you yourselves **תנ** are saying,  
'It will be given into the hand of the king of Babel  
with the sword, and with famine,  
and with pestilence.'

32:37 Behold! I am collecting them  
from all the lands where I have driven them  
in My anger,  
and in My wrath,  
and in great rage!  
And I will return them to this place!  
And I will cause them to dwell in safety!  
32:38 And they will be to Me as a people!  
And I will be to them as The Elohim!

32:39 And I will give them a united heart  
and a united way  
for the sake of revering Me Myself **תנ** all the days,  
for the sake of good to them  
and to their children after them!

32:40 And I will cut for the sake of them  
an Eternal Covenant  
which I will not remove from behind them  
My doing good to they themselves **תנ**!

And I will put My reverence itself **תנ**  
into their hearts  
for the sake of their not turning aside  
from beside Me!

32:41 And I will rejoice over them  
for the sake of doing good to them!  
And I will plant them in this land with faithfulness,  
with all My heart and with all My life!

32:42 Indeed, thus said **YAHWEH**,  
"According to what I have brought upon this people,  
all this great harm itself **תנ**,  
according to this I am bringing upon them  
all the good itself **תנ**  
that I am speaking concerning them!

32:43 And the fields will be bought in this land  
of which you yourselves **תנ** are saying,  
'It is a devastation,  
without human being or animal.  
It has been given into the hand of the Kasdim.'

32:44 Fields will be purchased with silver,  
and on scrolls it will be written and be sealed,  
and witnesses will be witnessed  
in the land of Binyamin,  
and in the places all around Yerushalaim,  
and in the cities of Yahudah,  
and in the cities of the mountains,  
and in the cities of The Shefelah,  
and in the cities of The Negev!

Indeed, I will return their captivity itself **תנ**! "  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

### Chapter 33

33:1 And the word of **YAHWEH**

existed to Yirm'yah a second time,  
and he was still restrained  
in the courtyard of the prison saying,  
33:2 **“Thus said YAHWEH,  
The One making it,  
YAHWEH,  
The One forming it *itself* אֵלֹהִים  
for the sake of establishing it,  
YAHWEH is His Name,**

**This is a vital verse!**  
Take special note of the triple repetition of **the Name of YAHWEH! THIS is what is in the Hebrew text!** It does not have **anything** that describes or refers to "The LORD" or "a lord", etc.! This is a distinct and extremely powerful affirmation of **the only personal name of The Elohim, YAHWEH!**  
When you miss this you are missing His Truth! Yet most traditional texts have **REMOVED HIS NAME** from your "Bible"!  
You should be enraged at such false teaching!  
**YAHWEH** is teaching us here that this is indeed His personal Name, here using the concept of three witnesses in one single verse to confirm this Truth. Do not miss the importance of this fact!

33:3 **‘Call unto Me!  
And I will answer you!  
And I will cause to be declared to you  
magnificent things, even restricted things  
you have not known!’**

33:4 Indeed, thus said **YAHWEH,**  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
concerning the houses of this city  
and concerning the houses of the kings of Yahudah,  
those being torn down *to be used*  
against the siege mounds and against the sword,  
33:5 being used for the sake of fighting  
with the Kasdim *themselves* אֵלֹהִים,  
and to fill with the carcasses  
of the human beings *themselves* אֵלֹהִים  
whom I will cause to be struck in My anger  
and in My wrath  
and for whom I have hidden My face from this city  
on account of all their wrong doing!

33:6 Behold! I am causing to come to it  
wholeness and healing!  
And I will restore them!  
And I will reveal to them an abundance  
of shalom and and stability!

33:7 And I will return the *captivity itself* אֵלֹהִים of Yahudah  
and the *captivity itself* אֵלֹהִים of Yisra'e!  
And I will build them as at the beginning!  
33:8 And I will undefile them from all their perversity  
by which they have offended against Me!  
And I will pardon all their perversions  
by which they have offended  
and by which they have rebelled against Me!

**taher** - properly, to be bright, i.e. (by implication) to be pure, uncontaminated; morally innocent; undefiled.  
In order to grasp the significance of this one must comprehend the meaning of being pure within in the context to Hebrew lives. One could not enter the presence of YAHWEH if they were "contaminated" by anything that defiled them. Thus to be purified or 'cleansed' (as most traditional texts have it) meant to be made undefiled. This is

an extremely important concept that is often missed by traditional texts.

33:9 And it will be to Me as a name of joy,  
as praise and as glory  
for the sake of all nations of the earth,  
who will listen attentively to all the good *itself* תנ  
which I am doing with they *themselves* תנ!

And they will be in dread  
and tremble concerning all the goodness  
and all the shalom which I am doing  
for the sake of it!

33:10 "Thus said **YAHWEH**,  
'Once again there will be heard in this place  
of which you *yourselves* תנ are saying,  
"It is desolate,  
without human being and without animal.",  
in the cities of Yahudah,  
and in the streets of Yerushalaim,  
those having been devastated,  
without human being,  
and without inhabitant,  
and without animal,  
33:11 the sound of joy,  
and the sound of gladness,  
the voice of the bridegroom,  
and the voice of the bride,  
the voice of those saying,  
"Praise **YAHWEH** of Assemblies Himself תנ!  
Indeed, **YAHWEH** is good!  
Indeed, His kindness is for eternity  
for those bringing praise into The House of **YAHWEH**!  
Indeed I will return the captivity of the land *itself* תנ,  
as at the beginning!', says **YAHWEH**.

33:12 Thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
'Once again there will be In this desolate place  
without human being and without beast  
even in all its cities,  
a dwelling place of shepherds  
causing their flocks to lie down.  
33:13 In the cities of the mountains,  
in the cities of The Shephelah,  
and in the cities of The Negev,  
and in the land of Binyamin,  
and in the places all around Yerushalaim,  
and in the cities of Yahudah,  
once again the flocks will pass under the hands  
of those counting them.'  
says **YAHWEH**.

33:14 'Behold! The days are coming!  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
And I will cause to stand the good word *itself* תנ  
which I have spoken to the house of Yisra'el  
and to the house of Yahudah!

33:15 In those days and at that time  
I will cause to sprout for the sake of David  
a sprout of justice!  
And He will do right judgment and justice on the earth!

33:16 In those days Yahudah will be delivered

and Yerushalaim will dwell in safety.

And this is that which will be proclaimed to her,  
'YAHWEH our Justice!'

33:17 Indeed, thus said YAHWEH,  
'There will not be cut off for the sake of David  
a man sitting upon the throne of the house of Yisra'el!

33:18 And for the sake of priests, the Levites,  
there will not be cut off a man from before My face  
offering olahs, kindling grain offerings,  
and doing sacrifice all the days! "

33:19 And the word of YAHWEH  
existed to Yirm'yah saying,  
33:20 "Thus said YAHWEH,  
'If you can cause to be broken  
My covenant *itself* **FN** with the day  
and My covenant *itself* **FN** with the night,  
even for the sake of there not being  
day or night at their time,  
33:21 My covenant can also be broken  
with David *himself* **FN**, My servant,  
from there being for him a son reigning upon his throne,  
or the Levites, the priests, being My servants!

33:22 Whereas the assembly of the skies  
is not counted  
nor the sand of the sea measured,  
according to this I will increase  
the seed *itself* **FN** of David, My servant,  
and the Levites *themselves* **FN**  
who are serving Me *Myself* **FN**!" "

33:23 And the word of YAHWEH  
existed to Yirm'yah saying,  
33:24 "Have you not seen  
what these people have spoken saying,  
'Two families whom YAHWEH  
has chosen among them,  
even He has rejected them!  
And My people *themselves* **FN** they despise  
from being a nation any longer before their faces."

33:25 Thus said YAHWEH,  
'If My covenant is not with day and night,  
and if I have not established the rules  
of the skies and the earth,  
33:26 then the seed of Ya'akob and David, My servant  
I will also reject from taking from his seed  
rulers over the seed of Abraham, Yitzhak, and Ya'akob!

Indeed, I will return *their captivity itself* **FN**!  
And I will have compassion on them!" "

#### Chapter 34

34:1 The word which existed to Yirm'yah  
from YAHWEH *Himself* **FN**.  
(And Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel,  
and all his forces,  
and all the kingdoms of the earth of the dominion of his hand,  
and all the people were fighting against Yerushalaim  
and all its cities.) saying,  
34:2 "Thus said YAHWEH, The Elohim of Yisra'el,

'Go and speak to Tzidkiyah, king of Yahudah!

And you are to say to him, "Thus said YAHWEH,  
'Behold! I am giving this city itself תָּנָה  
into the hand of the king of Babel!

And he will burn it with fire!

34:3 And you yourself תָּנָה will not escape from his hand!

Indeed, you will be seized, seized!

And you will be given into his hand!

And your eyes will see the eyes themselves תָּנָה  
of the king of Babel!

And his mouth will speak with your mouth itself תָּנָה!

And you will go to Babel!' "

34:4 However, listen attentively  
to the word of YAHWEH,  
Tzidkiyah, king of Yahudah!

Thus said YAHWEH concerning you,  
'You will not die by the sword.

34:5 In shalom you will die.

And like in the burnings for your forefathers,  
the former kings who existed before you,  
according to this they will burn for you.

And they will lament for you.

And "Alas, master!" they will lament for you.

Indeed, I Myself have spoken the word!"

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

34:6 And Yirm'yah the prophet spoke  
all these words themselves תָּנָה  
to Tzidkiyah, the king of Yahudah, at Yerushalaim.

34:7 And the forces of the king of Babel  
were fighting against Yerushalaim  
and all the cities of Yahudah, those remaining,  
against Lakish and Azekah,  
because they were the remaining cities  
of Yahudah, the fortified cities

34:8 The word which existed to Yirm'yah  
from YAHWEH Himself תָּנָה

after King Tzidkiyah had cut a covenant  
with all the people themselves תָּנָה

who were at Yerushalaim

for the sake of proclaiming liberty to them,

34:9 for the sake of sending out each man

his male slave himself תָּנָה

and his female slave herself תָּנָה,

the Hebrew and the Hebrewess free,

for the sake of not being enslaved by him  
each Yahudean kindred.

34:10 And all the leaders

and all the people

who had come into the covenant

listened attentively for the sake of sending out free

each man his male slaves themselves תָּנָה

and his female slaves themselves תָּנָה

for the sake of not being enslaved by him any longer.

And they listened attentively.

And they sent them out.

34:11 But afterward they turned back according to this.

And they caused to return  
the male slaves *themselves* אנ  
and the female slaves *themselves* אנ  
whom they had sent out free.  
And they subjected them as male slaves and female slaves.

34:12 For this reason the word of YAHWEH  
existed to Yirm'yah from YAHWEH *Himself* אנ saying,  
34:13 "Thus said YAHWEH, The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
'I Myself cut a Covenant  
with your forefathers *themselves* אנ  
in the day that I brought forth *they themselves* אנ  
from the land of Mitsraim,  
from the house of bondage saying,  
34:14 "From the end of seven years  
each man is to send forth free  
his Hebrew kindred *himself* אנ  
who is sold to him and has served you six years.  
And you are to send him fee from you."

But your forefathers did not listen attentively to Me!  
And they did not extend *their ears themselves* אנ.

34:15 And *you yourselves* אנ turned back.  
And you did what was right in My eyes  
for the sake of proclaiming liberty,  
each man to his neighbor.  
And you cut a covenant before My face  
in The House upon which My Name is called.

34:16 But you have turned back.  
And you have defiled *My name itself* אנ  
and returned, each man,  
*his male slaves themselves* אנ  
and *his female slaves themselves* אנ  
whom he had sent out free for the sake of their lives!  
And you have subjected *they themselves* אנ  
for the sake of being for you as male slaves  
and as female slaves!

34:17 For this reason thus said YAHWEH,  
'*You yourselves* אנ have not listened attentively to Me  
for the sake of proclaiming freedom,  
each man to his kindred and each man to his neighbor.

Behold! I am proclaiming freedom to you,'  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
'to the sword,  
to the pestilence,  
and to the famine!

And I will give *you yourselves* אנ  
as an object of terror to all kingdoms of the earth!  
34:18 And I will give *the men themselves* אנ,  
those passing over *My Covenant itself* אנ,  
who have not caused to stand  
*the words themselves* אנ of the covenant *itself* אנ  
*for which they cut the calf before My face*  
which they cut in two  
and passed over between its pieces,  
34:19 the leaders of Yahudah,  
and the leaders of Yerushalaim,  
the court officials,  
and the priests,

and all the people of the land,  
those passing over between the pieces of the calf,

34:20 I will even give they themselves תנ  
into the hand of their adversaries  
and into the hand of those seeking their lives!  
And their carcasses will be as food  
for the birds of the skies and for the animals of the earth!

34:21 And Tzidkiyah himself תנ, king of Yahudah,  
and his leaders themselves תנ  
I will give into the hand of their adversaries,  
and into the hand of those seeking their lives,  
and into the hand of the forces of the king of Babel,  
those going up from over you!

34:22 Behold! I am commanding it!  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

'And I will cause them to return to this city!  
And they will fight against it!  
And they will capture it!  
And they will burn it with fire!  
And the cities of Yahudah themselves תנ  
I will set as devastation, with no one dwelling there!' "

### Chapter 35

35:1 The word which existed to Yirm'yah  
from **YAHWEH himself** תנ in the days of Yahoyakim,  
son of Yoshiyah, king of Yahudah, saying,  
35:2 "Go to the house of the Rekabites.

And you are to speak to they themselves תנ.  
And you are to bring them into The House of **YAHWEH**  
into one of the chambers.  
And you are to cause they themselves תנ to drink wine."

35:3 And I took Ya'azanyah himself תנ,  
the son of Yirm'yah, the son of Habatzanyah,  
and his kindred themselves תנ  
and all his sons themselves תנ,  
and all the house of the Rekabites themselves תנ.

Ya'azanyah means YAHWEH has listened.  
Habatzanyah - mean unknown.

35:4 And I brought they themselves תנ  
into The House of **YAHWEH**,  
into the chamber of the sons of Hanan,  
son of Yigdalyah, a man of The Elohim,  
which was by the chamber of the leaders,  
which was above the room of Ma'aseyah,  
son of Shallum, keeper of the doorway.

Hanan means favored.  
Yigdalyah means YAHWEH be magnified.

35:5 And I set before the faces of the sons  
of the house of the Rekabites bowls full of wine and cups.  
And I said to them, "Drink wine!"

35:6 But they said,  
"We will not drink wine  
because Yonadab, the son of Rekab, our father,  
gave direction against us saying,  
'You yourselves תנ and your sons

are not to drink wine until eternity!

Yonadab is a form of Yohonadab. It means the free gift of YAHWEH.  
Rekab means softness.

35:7 And you are not to build a house,  
nor sow seed nor plant a vineyard.  
It is not to be so for yourselves.

Indeed, in tents you are to dwell all your days  
in order that you live many days on the face of the land  
where you yourselves **תנ** are sojourners.'

35:8 And we have listened attentively  
to the voice of Yonadab, son of Rekab, our father,  
to all that he directed us,  
to drink no wine all our days,  
we, our wives, our sons, and our daughters,  
35:9 nor build houses for the sake of our dwelling.  
nor vineyard, nor field nor seed.

It is not to be for us.

35:10 And we have dwelt in tents.  
And we have listened attentively.  
And we have done  
according to all that Yonadab,  
our father, directed us.

35:11 But it was as Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel,  
came up against the land.  
And we said, 'Come, and we will go to Yerushalaim  
from before the faces of the forces of the Kasdim  
and from before the faces of the forces of Aram!  
And we will dwell at Yerushalaim.'

35:12 And the word of YAHWEH  
existed to Yirm'yah saying,

35:13 "Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
'Go! And you are to say to the men of Yahudah  
and to those dwelling at Yerushalaim,  
"Will you not accept instruction  
for the sake of listening attentively to My words?"

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

35:14 The words themselves **תנ** of Yonadab, son of Rekab,  
which he gave as direction to his sons themselves **תנ**  
for the sake of not drinking wine have stood!  
And they have not drunk until this day!

Indeed, they have listened attentively to  
the direction itself **תנ** of their father!

And I have spoken to you,  
rising early and speaking!  
But you have not listened attentively to Me!

35:15 And I have sent to you  
all My servants the prophets themselves **תנ**,  
rising up early and sending them saying,  
'Turn back now, each one from his harmful way,  
and make your actions good!

And you are not to go after other gods  
for the sake of serving them!  
And you will dwell upon the soil  
which I have given to you and to your forefathers!

But you have not extended your ear itself **תנ**!

And you have not listened attentively to Me!

**shama'** - to hear intelligently (often with the implication of attention, obedience, etc.)  
Traditional texts translate this as "obey". However, the term has much broader meaning. While one certainly might do what they "listen to attentively" there is no compulsion in the action that follows. Obedience is a **demand**. It is not voluntary. Yet if you study carefully The Word of YAHWEH it becomes evident that **YAHWEH makes no demands upon us!** Doing as he **instructs us** is totally voluntary. If it were not there would be no "sine", no offense against YAHWEH, because there is no **requirement** that we do so. YAHWEH does indeed **desire** that we do as He instructs us. But a person with free will cannot be compelled to act. Otherwise there is no free will.  
**The only thing which honors YAHWEH is the voluntary compliance with His instructions.**

35:16 Indeed, the sons of Yonadab, son of Rekab, have caused to stand the directive *itself* **HN** of their father which he gave as direction to them!

But this people has not listened attentively to Me!" ' "

35:17 For this reason thus said **YAHWEH**,  
The Elohim of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
'Behold! I am bringing to Yahudah  
and to all those dwelling at Yerushalaim  
all the harm *itself* **HN** which I have spoken concerning them  
because I have spoken to them,  
but they have not listened attentively!  
And I have called to them.  
But they have not answered!" "

35:18 And to the house of Rekabites Yirm'yah said,  
"Thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
'Because you have listened attentively  
to the direction of Yonadab, your father,  
and you have protected all his directives *themselves* **HN**,  
and you have done according to everything  
which he directed you *yourselves* **HN**,  
35:19 for this reason thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
'There will not be cut off a man for the sake of Yonadab,  
son of Rekab, from standing before My face all the days!' "

## Chapter 36

36:1 And it was in the fourth year of Yahoyakim,  
son of Yoshiyah, king of Yahudah.

And this word existed to Yirm'yah  
from **YAHWEH *Himself* **HN****, saying,

36:2 "Take a roll of a scroll.  
And you are to write on it all the words *themselves* **HN**  
which I have spoken to you  
concerning Yisra'el,  
and concerning Yahudah,  
and concerning all the nations,  
from the day I spoke to you,  
from the days of Yoshiyah, even until this day.  
36:3 Perhaps the house of Yahudah  
will listen attentively to all the harm  
which I am considering to do to them  
in order that each man will turn back from his hurtful way,  
and I will forgive *them* for their perversity

and for their offense.”

36:4 And Yirm'yah called  
Baruk *himself* כִּנְיָ, son of Neriyah.  
And Baruk wrote upon the roll of the scroll  
from the mouth of Yirm'yah  
all the words *themselves* כִּנְיָ of YAHWEH  
which He had spoken to him.

36:5 And Yirm'yah directed Baruk *himself* כִּנְיָ saying,  
“I myself am restrained.  
I am not able to go to The House of YAHWEH.  
36:6 But you *yourself* כִּנְיָ are to go.  
And you are to read out loud on the scroll  
what you have written from my mouth,  
the words *themselves* כִּנְיָ of YAHWEH,  
in the ears of the people in The House of YAHWEH  
on a day of fasting!

And also you are to read it out loud  
in the ears of all Yahudah,  
and to all those coming from their cities.

**qara'** - to call out to.  
This is the term translated as "read". In this context it has  
the implication of "calling out" the text of the scroll, in other  
words, to read it out loud.

36:7 Perhaps their earnest prayer will fall  
before the face of YAHWEH  
and they will turn back,  
each man from his hurtful way.

Indeed, great is the anger and the wrath  
which YAHWEH has spoken against this people!”

36:8 And Baruk, son of Neriyah, did  
according to all that Yirm'yah, the prophet,  
had directed him for the sake of reading out loud  
the words of YAHWEH on the scroll  
in The House of YAHWEH.

36:9 And it was in the fifth year of Yahoyakim,  
son of Yoshiyah, king of Yahudah, in the ninth month.  
And they proclaimed a fast before YAHWEH  
to all the people in Yerushalaim,  
and to all the people  
coming from the cities of Yahudah  
to Yerushalaim.

36:10 And Baruk read out loud  
the words *themselves* כִּנְיָ of Yirm'yah on the scroll  
in The House of YAHWEH  
in the chamber of Gemaryah,  
son of Shaphan, the scribe,  
in the courtyard of The Most High  
at the entry of The New Gate of The House of YAHWEH,  
in the ears of all the people.

Gemaryah means YAHWEH has completed.

36:11 And Mikayah, son of Gemaryah, son of Shaphan,  
listened attentively  
to all the words *themselves* כִּנְיָ of YAHWEH  
from upon the scroll.

Mikayah means who is like YAHWEH.

36:12 And he went down to the house of the king,

into the scribe's chamber.  
And behold! All the leaders were sitting there,  
Elishama, the scribe,  
and Delayah, son of Shemayah,  
and Elnathan, son of Akbor,  
and Gemaryah, son of Shaphan,  
and Tzidkiyah, son of Hananyah,  
and all the leaders.

Elishama means the EI who hears.  
Delayah means YAHWEH has drawn out.  
Shemayah means YAHWEH has listened.  
Elnathan means EI has given.

36:13 And Mikayah declared to them  
all the words *themselves* תנ  
which he had listened to attentively  
as Baruk read out loud on the scroll  
in the ears of the people.

36:14 And all the leaders sent Yehudi himself תנ,  
son of Netanyah, son of Shelemyah, son of Kushi,  
to Baruk saying,  
The scroll from which  
you have read out loud in the ears of the people,  
take it in your hand and come!"  
And Baruk, son of Neriya,  
took the scroll *itself* תנ in his hand.  
And he came to them.

Yehudi means celebrated.  
Netanyah means YAHWEH has given.  
Shelemyah means shelem offering (thanksgiving offering) of  
YAHWEH.  
Kushi means black.

36:15 And they said to him,  
"Sit down now  
and read it out loud in our ears!"

And Baruk read it out loud in their ears.

36:16 And it was as they had listened attentively  
to all the words *themselves* תנ.

And they were panicked, each man towards his associate!  
And they said to Baruk,  
"Declare, we will declare to the king  
all these words *themselves* תנ."

36:17 And they inquired of Baruk himself תנ saying,  
"Declare to us now!  
How did you write all these words *themselves* תנ?  
From his mouth?"

36:18 And Baruk said to them,  
"From his mouth he proclaimed to me  
all these words *themselves* תנ.  
And I myself was writing upon the scroll with ink."

36:19 And the leaders said to Baruk,  
"Go! Hide you yourself תנ and Yirm'yah!  
And no man is to know where you yourselves תנ are!"

36:20 And they went to the court of the king.  
But the scroll *itself* תנ they deposited  
in the chamber of Elishama, the scribe.

And they declared in the ears of the king  
all the words *themselves* תנ.

36:21 The King sent Yehudi *himself* תנ  
for the sake of taking the scroll *itself* תנ.  
And he took it from the chamber of Elishama, the scribe.  
And Yehudi read it out loud in the ears of the king  
and in the ears of all the leaders,  
those standing beside the king.

36:22 And the king was sitting in the winter house  
in the ninth month.  
And the fire pot *itself* תנ was burning before his face

36:23 And it was as Yehudi had read out loud  
three or four pages.  
The king cut it with the knife of a scribe.  
And he threw it into the fire that was beside the fire pot  
until the entire scroll was consumed upon the fire  
that was beside the fire pot.

36:24 And the king and all his servants  
having listened attentively  
to all these words *themselves* תנ were not panicked.  
And they did not tear their garments *themselves* תנ.

36:25 And also, Elnatan, and Delayah, and Gemaryah  
had interceded with the king not to burn the scroll *itself* תנ.  
But he did not listen attentively to them

36:26 And the king commanded  
Yerahme'el *himself* תנ, son of the king,  
and Serayah *himself* תנ, son of Azri'el,  
and Shelemyah *himself* תנ, son of Abde'el,  
to seize Baruk the scribe *himself* תנ  
and Yirm'yah the prophet *himself* תנ.

But **YAHWEH** had concealed them.

36:27 And the word of **YAHWEH** existed to Yirmyah  
after the king had burned the scroll *itself* תנ  
and the words *themselves* תנ  
which Baruk had written

from the mouth of Yirm'yah saying,

36:28 "Take again for yourself a scroll!

And write upon it all the former words *themselves* תנ  
which were in the former scroll  
which Yahoyakim, king of Yahudah, has burned!

36:29 And concerning Yahoyakim, king of Yahudah,  
you are to say, 'Thus said **YAHWEH**,  
"You *yourself* תנ have burned this scroll *itself* תנ saying,  
'Why have you written upon it saying  
the king of Babel is coming, coming!  
And he will ruin this land *itself* תנ!  
And he will cause to cease from it  
human being and animal?' "

36:30 For this reason thus said **YAHWEH**  
concerning Yahoyakim, king of Yahudah,  
"There will not be for him  
one to sit upon the throne of David!  
And his carcass will be thrown out  
to the heat of the day and the frost of night!

36:31 And I will visit upon him,  
and upon his seed,  
and upon his servants  
their perversity!  
And I will cause to come upon them,  
and upon the inhabitants of Yerushalaim,  
and to the men of Yahudah  
all the harm *itself* חנ which I have spoken concerning them!  
And they have not listened attentively!" ' ' "

36:32 And Yirm'yah took another scroll.  
And he gave it to Baruk the scribe, son of Neriya.  
And he wrote upon it from the mouth of Yirm'yah  
all the words of the scroll *itself* חנ  
which Yahoyakim, king of Yahudah, had burned in the fire.  
And he added over them many more words like these.

### Chapter 37

37:1 And King Tzidkiyah, son of Yoshiyah,  
reigned instead of Konyah, son of Yahoyakim,  
whom Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel,  
caused to reign in the land of Yahudah.

37:2 And neither he nor his servants  
nor the people of the land had listened attentively  
to the words of YAHWEH which He spoke  
by the hand of Yirm'yah the prophet.

37:3 And Tzidkiyah the king sent Yahukal *himself* חנ,  
son of Shelemyah, and Tzephanyah *himself* חנ,  
son of Ma'aseyah the priest to Yirm'yah the prophet saying,  
"Pray now on our behalf to YAHWEH, our Elohim!"

Yahukal means YAHWEH is able.  
Tzephanyah means YAHWEH has concealed.

37:4 And Yirm'yah was coming and going  
among the people  
And they had not yet put he *himself* חנ in the prison.

37:5 And the forces of Pharaoh  
had come forth from Mitsraim.  
And the Kasdim heard the news *itself* חנ,  
those besieging against Yerushalaim.  
And they went up from against Yerushalaim.

37:6 And the word of YAHWEH existed to Yirm'yah,  
the prophet saying,

37:7 "Thus said YAHWEH, The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
'Thus you are to say to the king of Yahudah,  
the one sending you *yourself* חנ to Me  
for the sake of inquiring of Me.  
'Behold! The forces of Pharaoh,  
the ones going forth for you for the sake of helping you,  
are returning to the land of Mitsraim.

37:8 And the Kasdim will return.  
And they will fight against this city.  
And they will capture it.  
And they will burn it with fire."

37:9 Thus said YAHWEH,  
"Do not be deceived saying,  
'The Kasdim will go, go away from us.'  
Indeed, they will not go!

37:10 Indeed, if you had caused to be struck  
the entire force of the Kasdim

who are fighting against you yourselves חנ  
and there remained among them  
men having been wounded,  
each man in his tent, they would get up.  
And they would burn this city itself חנ with fire.’ ”

37:11 And it was as the forces of the Kasdim  
went up from against Yerushalaim  
from the face of the forces of Pharaoh.

37:12 And Yirm'yah went out of Yerushalaim  
for the sake of going to the land of Binyamin  
to his allotment from there in the midst of the people.

37:13 And it was as he was at the gate of Binyamin.  
And a master supervisor was there  
whose name was Yir'iyah,  
son of Shelemyah, son of Hananyah.  
And he seized Yirm'yah the prophet himself חנ saying,  
“You yourself חנ are falling away to the Kasdim!”  
Yir'iyah means reverence of YAHWEH.

37:14 And Yirm'yah said, “It is a lie!  
I am not falling to the Kasdim!”  
But he did not listen attentively to him.  
And Yir'iyah seized Yirm'yah.  
And he brought him to the leaders.  
37:15 And the leaders were enraged concerning Yirm'yah.  
And they struck he himself חנ.  
And they put he himself חנ in the house of the prison,  
the house of Yahonatan the scribe,  
because it itself חנ they had made as a prison.

37:16 Indeed, Yirm'yah went into the dungeon  
and into the cells.  
And Yirm'yah dwelt there many days.

37:17 And Tzidkiyah the king sent.  
And he took him out.  
And the king inquired of him in his house in secret.  
And he said, “Is there any word from YAHWEH Himself חנ?”

And Yirm'yah said, “There is.”  
And he said, “You will be given into the hand  
of the king of Babel!”

37:18 And Yirm'yah said to Tzidkiyah the king,  
“How have I offended against you,  
and against your servants,  
and against this people  
that you have put me myself חנ  
into the house of the prison?”

37:19 And where are your prophets  
who prophesied to you saying,  
‘The king of Babel will not come against you  
or against this land?’

37:20 And now listen attentively please,  
my sovereign the king!  
May my petition fall before your face.  
that you many not cause me to return  
to the house of Yahonathan the scribe.  
And I will not die there.”

37:21 Tzidkiyah the king gave direction.  
And he appointed Yirm'yah  
into the courtyard of the prison.  
And a daily a piece of bread was given to him  
from the street of the bakers  
until all the bread in the city was terminated.  
And Yirm'yah dwelt in the courtyard of the prison.

### Chapter 38

38:1 And Shephatyah, son of Mattan,  
and Gedalyah, son of Pashur,  
and Yukal, son of Shelemyah,  
and Pashur, son of Malkiyah  
heard the words *themselves* תָּנִין  
which Yirm'yah had spoken to all the people saying,  
38:2 "Thus said YAHWEH,  
'The one remaining in this city will die  
with the sword,  
with famine,  
and with pestilence.  
But one going forth to the Kasdim will live.  
And his life will be to him as plunder.  
And he will live.'

38:3 Thus said YAHWEH,  
'This city will be given, given into the hand  
of the forces of the king of Babel!  
And he will capture it!'

38:4 Then the leaders said to the king,  
"This man *himself* תָּנִין is to be put to death now  
because on account of this  
he is weakening the hands *themselves* תָּנִין  
of the men of battle, those remaining in this city,  
and the hands *themselves* תָּנִין of all the people  
by speaking to them according to these words.  
Indeed, this man is not seeking the shalom of this people,  
but rather their harm!"

38:5 And Tzidkiyah the king said,  
"Behold! He is in your hands.  
Indeed, the king is not able to speak  
against *you yourselves* תָּנִין!"

38:6 And they took Yirm'yah *himself* תָּנִין.  
And they threw *he himself* תָּנִין into the cistern  
of Malkiyah, the king's son,  
which was in the courtyard of the prison.

And they sent Yirm'yah *himself* תָּנִין with ropes.  
And in the cistern there was no water, but rather mire.  
And Yirm'yah sank into the mire.

Malkiyah means YAHWEH is King.

38:7 And Ebed Melek, the Kushite, one of the officials,  
heard that they had put Yirm'yah *himself* תָּנִין  
into the cistern.

And he was in the house of the king.  
And the king was sitting at The Gate of Binyamin.

Ebed Melek means servant of the king.

38:8 And Ebed Melek went forth from the king's house.  
And he spoke to the king saying,  
38:9 "My sovereign the king,  
these men have caused harm  
by *everything itself* תָּנִין that they have done

to Yirm'yah the prophet,  
who *himself* תנ they have thrown into the cistern.  
And he will die instead of it from the face of hunger  
because there is no more bread in the city.”

38:10 And the King directed  
Ebed Melek *himself* תנ, the Kushite saying,  
“Take thirty men from here!  
And lift up Yirm'yah the prophet *himself* תנ  
out of the cistern before he dies!”

38:11 And Ebed Melek took the men themselves תנ  
by his authority.

And he went into the house of the king  
to beneath the storehouse.  
And he took from there old clothes and old rags.  
And he sent down to Yirm'yah,  
into the cistern with ropes.

38:12 And Ebed Melek the Kushite said to Yirm'yah,  
“Place now these old clothes and rags  
under your armpits from beneath the ropes.”  
And Yirm'yah did so.

38:13 And they pulled Yirm'yah *himself* תנ with the ropes.  
And they caused he himself תנ  
to come up out of the cistern.  
And Yirm'yah dwelt in the courtyard of the prison.

38:14 Then Tzidkiyah the king sent.  
And he took Yirm'yah the prophet *himself* תנ  
to himself, to the third entrance  
which was at The House of YAHWEH.  
And the king said to Yirm'yah,  
“I myself am asking of you yourself תנ a word.  
You are not to conceal from me a word.”

38:15 And Yirm'yah said to Tzidkiyah,  
“When I declare it to you  
will you not put me to death, put me to death?  
And when I advise you,  
you will not listen attentively to me.”

38:16 But Tzidkiyah the king swore to Yirm'yah  
privately saying,  
“By the life of YAHWEH Who Himself תנ  
has made for us this life itself תנ  
I will not put you to death!  
And I will not give you into the hand  
of these men who are seeking your life itself תנ!”

38:17 And Yirm'yah said to Tzidkiyah,  
“Thus said YAHWEH, The Elohim of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
‘If you will go forth, go forth to the leaders  
of the king of Babel, then your life will live.  
And this city will not be burned with fire.  
And you yourself תנ and your household will live.

38:18 But if you do not go forth  
to the leaders of the king of Babel  
then this city will be given  
into the hand of the Kasdim.  
And they will burn it with fire,  
And you yourself תנ will not escape from their hand.’”

38:19 And Tzidkiyah the king said to Yirm'yah,

"I myself am afraid of the Yahudeans *themselves* אנ who have fallen to the Kasdim lest they give me *myself* אנ into their hands and they maltreat me."

38:20 But Yirm'yah said, "They will not give you up. Listen attentively now to the voice of YAHWEH, to what I myself am speaking to you, and it will be well for you, And your life will live.

38:21 But if you refuse to go forth, *you yourself* אנ, this is the word that YAHWEH has caused me to see.

38:22 And behold! All the women who remain in the household of the king of Yahudah will be going forth to the leaders of the king of Babel.

And behold! They are saying, "Your men of welfare have seduced you and prevailed against you. Your feet have sunk in the mire. They have retreated backward!"

38:23 And *all your wives themselves* אנ and *your children themselves* אנ they will cause to go forth to the Kasdim.

And *you yourself* אנ will not escape from their hand. Indeed, by the hand of the king of Babel you will be seized! And *this city itself* אנ will be burned with fire! "

38:24 And Tzidkiyah said to Yirm'yah, "A man is not to know of these words, and you will not be put to death.

38:25 But if the leaders hear that I have spoken with *you yourself* אנ and they come to you, and they say to you,

'Declare to us now what you have said to the king and also what the king has said to you! Do not hide it from us and we do not put you to death!'

38:26 then you are to say to them, 'I caused my petition to fall before the face of the king for the sake of not returning me to the house of Yahanathan for the sake of dying there.'

38:27 And all the leaders came to Yirm'yah. And they inquired of *he himself* אנ. And he reported to them according to all these words that the king had directed. And they were concealed from them. Indeed, the word had not been heard.

38:28 And Yirm'yah remained in the courtyard of the prison until the day that Yerushalaim was captured. And he was there as Yerushalaim was captured.

### Chapter 39

39:1 In the ninth year of Tzidkiyah, king of Yahudah, in the tenth month, Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel, and all his forces came against Yerushalaim. And they laid siege against it.

39:2 In the eleventh year of Tzidkiyah, in the fourth month,

on the ninth day of the month,  
the city was broken open.

39:3 And all the leaders of the king of Babel came in.  
And they sat down at the Middle Gate,  
Nergal Sar'etser, Samgar Nebo, Sar Sekim,  
The Rab Saris, Nergal Sar Ezer, Rab Mag,  
and all the remainder of the leaders of the king of Babel.

39:4 And it was as Tzidkiyah, the king of Yahudah,  
and all the men of battle saw them.  
And they fled.  
And they went forth from the city at night  
by way of the king's garden,  
by the gate between the walls.  
And he went out the way to the desert plain.

39:5 And the forces of the Kasdim pursued after them.  
And they overtook Tzidkiyah himself תנ  
in the desert plains of Yericho.  
And they captured he himself תנ.  
And they brought him up to Nebukadnetzar,  
king of Babel,  
to Riblah in the land of Hamat.  
And he spoke judgment to he himself תנ.

39:6 And the king of Babel slaughtered  
the sons of Tzidkiyah themselves תנ  
at Riblah before his eyes.

And the king of Babel slaughtered  
all the nobles of Yahudah themselves תנ.

39:7 And he blinded  
the eyes themselves תנ of Tzidkiyah.  
And he bound him with copper  
for the sake of bringing he himself תנ to Babel.

39:8 And the house itself תנ of the king  
and the houses themselves תנ of the people  
the Kasdim burned with fire.  
And the walls themselves תנ of Yerushalaim  
they tore down.

39:9 And the remnant themselves תנ of the people,  
those remaining in the city,  
and those themselves תנ falling away  
who fell over to he himself תנ  
and the remainder of the people themselves תנ,  
those remaining, Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard,  
exiled to Babel.

39:10 And from the poor people  
who did not have anything for themselves  
Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard,  
caused to remain in the land of Yahudah.  
And he gave to them vineyards and fields on that day.

39:11 And Nebukadnetzar, the king of Babel,  
commanded by the hand of Nebuzaradan,  
captain of the guard, concerning Yirm'yah saying,  
39:12 "Take him and place your eye over him.  
And you are not to do to him anything bad.  
but rather, according to whatever he speaks to you

thus you are to do with him.”

39:13 And Nebuzaradan, chief of the guard, sent  
and Nebushazban, the Rab Saris,  
Nergal Shar'etser, the Rab Mag,  
and all the king of Babel's chief officers.

39:14 And they sent.

And they took Yirm'yah himself תנ  
from the courtyard of the prison.

And they gave he himself תנ to Gedalyah,  
son of Ahikam, son of Shaphan,  
for the sake of bringing him to his house.  
And he dwelt among the people.

39:15 And the word of **YAHWEH**

had existed to Yirm'yah

as he was restrained in the courtyard of the prison saying,

39:16 “Go! And you are to speak

to Ebed Melek, the Kushite, saying,

‘Thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies, The Elohim of Yisra'el,

“Behold! I am bringing My words themselves תנ

upon this city for the sake of harm

and not for the sake of good!

And they will exist before your face in that day!

39:17 And I will deliver you in that day!”

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

“And you will not be given into the hand of the men

before whose faces you yourself תנ are fearful!

39:18 Indeed, I will rescue, rescue you!

And you will not fall by the sword!

And your life will be as plunder to you

because you have trusted in Me!”

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

#### Chapter 40

40:1 The word which existed to Yirm'yah

from **YAHWEH himself** תנ after Nebuzaradan,

captain of the guard,

sent he himself תנ from Ramah,

since he had taken he himself תנ

and had bound him in chains

among all the exiles of Yerushalaim and Yahudah,

those being exiled to Babel.

40:2 And the chief of the guard took Yirm'yah.

And he said to him,

“**YAHWEH**, your Elohim,

has spoken this harm toward this place.

40:3 And He has caused it to come.

And **YAHWEH** has done according to what He spoke

because you have offended toward **YAHWEH**.

And you have not listened attentively to His voice.

And on account of this word this matter exists upon you.

40:4 But now behold!

I am releasing you today from the chains

that were on your hand.

If it seems good in your eyes

to you to come with me myself תנ to Babel, come!

And I will place my eye itself תנ upon you.

But if it is bad in your eyes

to come with me myself תנ to Babel stay here.

Look! All the land is before your face.

To what is good and right in your eyes for your sake,

go there!"

40:5 And he had not yet turned back.

*And Nebuzaradan said,*

"Or return to Gedalyah, son of Ahikam, son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babel has appointed governor over the cities of Yahudah.

And dwell with he himself חנ among the people.

Or go wherever is right in your eyes

for the sake of going, go!"

And the chief of the guard gave him provisions and a gift.

And he sent him away.

40:6 And Yirm'yah went to Gedalyah, son of Ahikam, to Mitzpah.

And he dwelt with he himself חנ among the people, those remaining in the land.

40:7 And all the captains of the forces who were in the fields, they and their men,

heard that the king of Babel had appointed Gedalyah himself חנ, son of Ahikam, as ruler in the land.

And he had put he himself חנ in charge of the men, and women, and children, and some of the poor of the land, who had not been exiled to Babel.

40:8 And there came to Gedalyah at Mitzpah Yishma'el, the son of Netanyah, and Yohanan and Yonathan, the sons of Kareah, and Serayah, the son of Tanhumet, and the sons of Ophai, the Netophathite, and Yezanyah, the son of a Ma'akathite, they and their men.

Mitzpah means watch tower.  
Yishma'el means El has heard.  
Netanyah means given by YAHWEH.  
Yohanan means YAHWEH has favored.  
Yonathan means gift of YAHWEH.  
Kareah means bald.  
Serayah means YAHWEH has prevailed.  
Tanhumet means comforted.  
Ophai means bird like.  
Yezanyah means heard by YAHWEH.

40:9 And Gedalyah son of Ahikam, son of Shaphan,

swore to them and their men saying,

"Do not be afraid of serving the Kasdim.

Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babel himself חנ

and it will go well for your sakes.

40:10 And I myself, behold!

I am dwelling at Mitzpah for the sake of serving before the face of the Kasdim who are coming to us.

But you yourselves חנ,

gather wine and summer fruit and oil!

And place them in your vessels.

And dwell in your cities which you have seized."

40:11 And also all the Yahudeans who were in Mo'ab, and with the sons of Ammon, and with Edom, and who were in all the lands, heard that the king of Babel had given a remnant to Yahudah,

and that he had appointed over them  
Gedalyah *himself* הוא, son of Ahikam, son of Shaphan.  
40:12 And all the Yahudeans returned  
from all the places where they had been driven there.  
And they came to the land of Yahudah,  
to Gedalyah, to Mitzpah.  
And they gathered exceedingly much wine and summer fruit.

40:13 And Yohanan, son of Kareah,  
and all the captains of the forces that were in the fields  
came to Gedalyah, to Mitzpah.  
40:14 And they said to him,  
"Do you know, know that Ba'alīs,  
king of the sons of Ammon,  
has sent Yishma'el *himself* הוא, son of Netanyah,  
for the sake of striking your life?"  
But Gedalyah, son of Ahikam, was not trusting toward them.

40:15 And Yohanan, son of Kareah,  
spoke to Gedalyah in private at Mitzpah saying,  
"I will go now and strike Yishma'el *himself* הוא,  
son of Netanyah, and not a man will know.  
Why should he strike your life  
and scatter all of Yahudah, those gathering to you,  
and eliminate the remnant in Yahudah"

40:16 But Gedalyah, son of Ahikam,  
said to Yohanan, son of Kareah,  
"Do not do this word *itself* הוא!  
Indeed, you yourself הוא are speaking a lie  
concerning Yishma'el."

#### Chapter 41

41:1 And it was in the seventh month.  
Yishma'el, son of Netanyah, son of Elishama,  
from the royal seed, and of the officers of the king  
and ten men with he himself הוא  
went to Gedalyah, son of Ahikam, to Mitzpah.  
And they ate food together there at Mitzpah.

41:2 Yishma'el, son of Netanyah,  
and the ten men who were with he himself הוא rose up.  
And they struck Gedalyah himself הוא, son of Ahikam,  
son of Shaphan, with the sword.  
And they put to death he himself הוא  
whom the king of Babel had appointed in the land.  
41:3 And all the Yahudeans who were with he himself הוא,  
with Gedalyah himself הוא at Mitzpah,  
and the Kasdim themselves הוא who were found there,  
the men of battle themselves הוא, Yishma'el struck.

41:4 And it was on the second day  
of putting to death Gedalyah himself הוא.  
And no man knew it.

41:5 And men came from Shekem, from Shiloh,  
and from Shomeron,  
eighty men with their beards shaved  
and their garments torn,  
and having cut themselves.  
And offerings and incense were in their hands  
for the sake of bringing them to The House of YAHWEH.

41:6 And Yishma'el, son of Netanyah,

went out from Mitzpah to meet them,  
going, going and weeping.  
And it was as he was meeting they themselves תָּנִין.  
And he said to them,  
"Come to Gedalyah son of Ahikam!"  
41:7 And it was as they came to the midst the city.  
And Yishma'el, son of Netanyah,  
and the men who were with he himself תָּנִין  
slaughtered them,  
*throwing them* into the midst of a pit.

41:8 But ten men were found among them.  
And they said to Yishma'el,  
"Do not kill us  
because we have wheat, and barley,  
and oil, and honey hidden in the field."  
And he held back.  
And he did not kill them in the midst of their kindred.

41:9 And the pit into which Yishma'el had thrown  
all the corpses themselves תָּנִין  
of the men whom he had struck with the hand of Gedalyah  
is the one which King Asa had made  
from before the face of Ba'asha, king of Yisra'el,  
he himself תָּנִין.  
Yishma'el, son of Netanyah,  
filled it with the slain.

41:10 And Yishma'el took captive  
all the remainder of the people themselves תָּנִין  
who were at Mitzpah,  
the king's daughters themselves תָּנִין  
and all the people themselves תָּנִין,  
those remaining at Mitzpah whom Nebuzaradan,  
captain of the guard, had appointed  
to Gedalyah himself תָּנִין, son of Ahikam.  
And Yishma'el, son of Netanyah,  
took them captive.  
And he went for the sake of passing over  
to the sons of Ammon.

41:11 And Yohanan, son of Kareah,  
and all the captains of the forces  
that were with he himself תָּנִין,  
heard of all the harm itself תָּנִין  
that Yishma'el, son of Netanyah, had done.

41:12 And they took all the men themselves תָּנִין.  
And they went to fight  
with Yishma'el, son of Netanyah.  
And they found he himself תָּנִין  
beside the great waters that are in Gib'on.

41:13 And it was as all the people  
who were with Yishma'el himself תָּנִין  
saw Yohanan himself תָּנִין, son of Kareah,  
and all the captains of the forces themselves תָּנִין  
who were with he himself תָּנִין.  
And they cheered up.

41:14 And all the people whom Yishma'el  
had taken captive from Mitzpah turned around.  
And they returned.  
And they went to Yohanan, son of Kareah.

41:15 But Yishma'el, the son of Netanyah escaped with eight men from the face of Yohanan. And he went to the sons of Ammon.

41:16 And Yohanan, son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces who were with he himself took from Mitzpah the entire remnant of the people themselves whom he had caused to return from Yishma'el himself, son of Netanyah, after he had struck Gedalyah, son of Ahikam, the mighty men of battle, and the women, and the children, and the officials whom he had brought back from Gib'on.

41:17 And they went. And they settled at the lodging place of Kimham which is near Bet Lechem for the sake of going, for the sake of coming to Mitsraim  
41:18 from the face of the Kasdim because they were afraid before their faces because Yishma'el, son of Netanyah, had struck Gedalyah himself, son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babel had appointed in the land.

#### Chapter 42

42:1 And all the captains of the forces, and Yohanan, son of Kareah, and Yezanyah, son of Hoshayah, and all the people, from the least to the greatest, came near.  
42:2 And they said to Yirm'yah, the prophet, "Let our petition lay now before our face and pray on our behalf to **YAHWEH**, your Elohim, on behalf of all this remnant, for we few remain from many according to what your eyes see of us ourselves.  
42:3 And may **YAHWEH**, your Elohim, declare to us the way itself in which we are to go and the word itself which we are to do."

42:4 And Yirm'yah, the prophet, said to them, "I have listened attentively. Behold! I will pray to **YAHWEH**, your Elohim, according to your words. And it will be that all the words which **YAHWEH** answers you yourselves I will declare to you. I will not withhold a word from you."

42:5 And they said to Yirm'yah, "May **YAHWEH** be with us as a true and faithful witness if we do not to all the words which **YAHWEH**, your Elohim, sends to us!  
42:6 Whether good or bad, to the voice of **YAHWEH**, our Elohim, to whom we ourselves are sending you, we will listen attentively in order that it will be well with us when we listen attentively to the voice of **YAHWEH**, our Elohim!"

42:7 And it was at the end of ten days.

And the word of YAHWEH existed to Yirm'yah.  
42:8 And he called Yohanan, son of Kareah,  
and all the captains of the forces  
that were with he himself אנ,  
and all the people,  
from the least even to the greatest.  
42:9 And he said to them,  
"Thus said YAHWEH, The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
to Whom you sent me myself אנ  
for the sake of laying your petition before His face,  
42:10 'If you will return to dwell in this land,  
then I will build you yourselves אנ.  
And I will not pull you down.  
And I will plant you.  
And I will not pull you up  
because I have relented concerning the harm  
which I have done to you.

42:11 You are not to be afraid  
of the face of the king of Babel  
of whom you yourselves אנ are afraid.  
You are not to be frightened by his face.'  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
'Indeed, I Myself am with you yourselves אנ  
for the sake of delivering you yourselves אנ.  
And I will deliver you yourselves אנ from his hand.  
42:12 And I will give to you compassions.  
And he will return you yourselves אנ to your land.'

42:13 But if you yourselves אנ say,  
'We will not dwell this land!'  
for the sake of not listening attentively  
to the voice of YAHWEH, your Elohim,  
42:14 saying, 'No!  
Indeed, we are going to the land of Mitsraim  
where we will not see fighting,  
nor hear the sound of the shofar,  
nor hunger for the sake of food!  
And there we will dwell!'  
42:15 then listen attentively to the word of YAHWEH,  
remnant of Yahudah!  
Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
'If you yourselves אנ place, place your faces  
for the sake of entering Mitsraim  
and for the sake of sojourning there  
42:16 then it will be that the sword  
which you yourselves אנ feared from its face  
will overtake you yourselves אנ there  
in the land of Mitsraim!  
And the famine of which you yourselves אנ  
were anxious before its face  
will follow close behind you there to Mitsraim.  
And you will die there.

42:17 And it will be so with all the men  
who establish their faces themselves אנ  
for the sake of going to Mitsraim,  
for the sake of sojourning there!  
They will die by the sword,  
by famine,  
and by pestilence,  
And not one of them will be a survivor  
or escape from the face of the famine

which I Myself am bringing upon them!'

42:18 Indeed, thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
'According to how My anger and My wrath  
have been poured forth upon those dwelling at Yerushalaim,  
according to this will My wrath be poured forth upon you  
when you enter Mitsraim!  
And you will be as a curse,  
and as an astonishment,  
and as a reviling,  
and as a reproach.  
And you will not see this place again!'

42:19 **YAHWEH** has spoken concerning you,  
remnant of Yahudah!  
'You are not to go to Mitsraim!  
You are to know, know that I  
have testified against you this day!

42:20 Indeed, you deceived yourselves in your lives  
when you yourself **PN** sent me myself **PN**  
to **YAHWEH**, your Elohim, saying,  
'Pray on our behalf to **YAHWEH**, our Elohim.  
And according to everything  
that **YAHWEH**, your Elohim, says,  
according to that declare it to us.  
And we will do it!'

42:21 And I have declared it to you today.  
But you have not listened attentively  
to the voice of **YAHWEH**, your Elohim,  
or to everything which He has sent me concerning you.

42:22 And now you are to know,  
know that you will die  
by the sword,  
by famine,  
and by pestilence  
in the place where you have desired to go  
for the sake of sojourning there!"

### Chapter 43

43:1 And it was as Yirm'yah had finished speaking  
all these words to all the people,  
all the words themselves **PN** of **YAHWEH**, their Elohim,  
for which **YAHWEH**, their Elohim, had sent him to them,  
all these words themselves **PN**.

43:2 And Azaryah, son of Hoshayah,  
and Yohanan, son of Kareah,  
and all the arrogant men spoke,  
saying to Yirm'yah,  
"You yourself **PN** are speaking a lie!  
**YAHWEH**, our Elohim, has not sent you to say,  
'Do not go to Mitsraim for the sake of sojourning there!'

43:3 Indeed, Baruk, son of Neriyah,  
is inciting you yourself **PN** against us  
for the sake of giving us ourselves **PN**  
into the hands of the Kasdim,  
for the sake of putting to death us ourselves **PN**  
or for the sake of exiling exile us ourselves **PN** to Babel!"

43:4 And Yohanan, son of Kareah,

and all the captains of the forces,  
and all the people  
did not listen attentively to the voice of YAHWEH  
for the sake of staying in the land of Yahudah.

43:5 And Yohanan, son of Kareah,  
and all the captains of the forces  
took all the remnant *itself* אנ of Yahudah  
which had returned to dwell in the land of Yahudah  
from all the nations where they had been driven  
for the sake of living in the land of Yahudah,

43:6 the men *themselves* אנ,  
and the women *themselves* אנ,  
and the children *themselves* אנ,  
and the king's daughters *themselves* אנ,  
and all the lives *themselves* אנ  
whom Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard,  
had caused to rest with Gedalyah *himself* אנ,  
son of Ahikam, son of Shaphan,  
and Yirm'yah the prophet *himself* אנ,  
and Baruk *himself* אנ, son of Neriyah.

43:7 And they went to the land of Mitsraim  
because they did not listen attentively  
to the voice of YAHWEH.  
And they went as far as Tahpanhes.

43:8 And the word of YAHWEH existed to Yirm'yah  
ay Tahpanhes saying,

43:9 "Take in your hand large stones.  
And you are to hide them before the eyes  
of the men of Yahudah in the cement in the brick work  
which is at the entrance to Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes.

43:10 And you are to say to them,  
'Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies, The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
"Behold! I am sending!

And I will bring Nebukadnetzar *himself* אנ,  
king of Babel, My servant!  
And I will set his throne  
above these stones that I have hidden.  
And he will spread out his canopy *itself* אנ above them.

43:11 And he will come.  
And he will strike the land of Mitsraim *itself* אנ,  
whoever is for death, to death,  
and whoever is for captivity, to captivity,  
and whoever is for the sword, to the sword!

43:12 And he will set fire to the houses  
of the gods of Mitsraim!  
And he will burn them!  
And he will take them captive!  
And he will cover himself with the land of Mitsraim *itself* אנ,  
as one covering himself with a shepherd's garment *itself* אנ!

And he will go forth from there in peace!  
43:13 And he will smash the stone pillars  
of The House of The Sun  
which is in the land of Mitsraim!  
And the houses of the gods of Mitsraim  
he will burn with fire!" ' "

#### Chapter 44

44:1 The word that existed to Yirm'yah  
concerning all the Yahudeans,  
those dwelling in the land of Mitsraim,

those dwelling at Migdol,  
and at Tahpanhes,  
and at Noph,  
and in the land of Patros saying,  
44:2 "Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
'You yourselves אנ have seen all the harm *itself* אנ  
that I have brought upon Yerushalaim  
and upon all the cities of Yahudah.  
And behold! This day they are a desolation.  
And no one is dwelling in them  
44:3 because of their wrong doing which they have done  
for the sake of provoking Me to anger  
by burning incense,  
by serving other gods which they had not known,  
they, or you yourselves אנ, or your fathers!

44:4 And I sent to you  
all My servants, the prophets *themselves* אנ,  
rising early and sending them saying,  
"Do not do now this detestable word that I hate!"

44:5 But they did not listen attentively.  
And they did not extend *their ear itself* אנ  
for the sake of turning from their wrong doing,  
for the sake of not burning incense to other gods.

44:6 And My wrath and My anger were poured forth.  
And I kindled a fire in the cities of Yahudah  
and in the streets of Yerushalaim,  
and they became a desolation, a devastation,  
as it is this day.'

44:7 "And now, thus said YAHWEH,  
The Elohim of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
'Why are you yourselves אנ doing great harm  
against your lives  
for the sake of cutting off for yourselves  
man and woman, child and infant  
from the midst of Yahudah  
for the sake of having of nothing left beyond for yourselves  
of a remnant,  
44:8 for the sake of provoking Me to anger  
with the works of your hands,  
for the sake of burning incense to other gods  
in the land of Mitsraim  
where you yourselves אנ have gone to dwell,  
for the sake of cutting yourselves off  
and for the sake of your existing  
as a curse and as a reproach  
among all the nations of the earth?

44:9 Have you forgotten  
the moral wrong itself אנ of your forefathers,  
and the moral wrong itself אנ of the kings of Yahudah,  
and the moral wrong itself אנ of their wives,  
and your own moral wrong itself אנ,  
and the moral wrong itself אנ of your wives,  
which have been done in the land of Yahudah  
and in the streets of Yerushalaim?

44:10 They have not been humbled to this day!  
And they have not been afraid!  
And they have not walked in My Instruction

or in My rules  
which I have given before your faces  
and the faces of your forefathers!

44:11 For this reason  
thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
'Behold! I am establishing My face against you  
for the sake of harm  
and for the sake of cutting off all Yahudah *itself* **חנ**!

44:12 And I will take the remnant *itself* **חנ** of Yahudah  
who have established their faces  
for the sake of going into the land of Mitsraim  
for the sake of sojourning there.  
And everyone will be consumed in the land of Mitsraim.  
They will fall by the sword!  
They will be consumed by famine!  
From the least to the greatest they will die  
by the sword and by famine!

And they will be as a swearing  
and as an astonishment  
and as a curse  
and as a reproach!

44:13 And I will attend to those  
dwelling in the land of Mitsraim  
according to how I have attended to Yerushalaim,  
by the sword,  
by famine,  
and by pestilence!

44:14 And there will not be a refugee  
or a survivor of Yahudah  
of those going for the sake of sojourning there  
in the land of Mitsraim  
or for the sake of returning to the land of Yahudah,  
for which they are lifting up their lives,  
for the sake of dwelling there!  
Indeed, none will return except the refugees! ”

44:15 And all the men who knew  
that their wives were burning incense to other gods,  
and all the women standing as a great assembly,  
and all the people,  
those dwelling in the land of Mitsraim at Patros  
answered Yirm'yah saying,

44:16 “The word which yo have spoken to us  
in the name of **YAHWEH**,  
we will not listen attentively to you!

44:17 Indeed, we will do, do every word *itself* **חנ**  
that has gone out of our mouth  
for the sake of burning incense to the Queen of Heaven  
and pour out to her drink offerings  
according to what we have done,  
we ourselves, and our forefathers,  
our kings, and our leaders,  
in the cities of Yahudah  
and in the streets of Yerushalaim.  
And we were satisfied with food.  
And we were well.  
And we saw no harm.

44:18 But since we ceased burning incense

to the Queen of Heaven  
and pouring out drink offerings to her  
we have lacked everything.  
And have been consumed  
by the sword and by famine.

44:19 And when we were burning incense  
to the Queen of Heaven  
and pouring out drink offerings to her,  
were us mortals making cakes for her  
for the sake of idolizing her  
and pouring out drink offerings to her  
without our men?"

**enowsh** - properly, a mortal.  
This term is used in a wide array of 'meanings'. Traditionally  
it's translated as 'man' or 'men'. It occurs twice in this verse,  
the first time as "we", the second time as "men". The very  
use of the term in this context is striking.  
Unfortunately, if one were to translate this literally the verse  
would be left with a confusing sense. "We" - mortals and "our  
men" - mortals would effectively be "mortals" and 'our  
mortals", leaving it unclear that there is a distinction between  
the women and the men (often referred to as husbands).

44:20 And Yirm'yah spoke to all the people,  
concerning the men  
and concerning the women,  
and concerning all the people responding to he himself HX  
with a word saying,

44:21 "Was not the incense itself HX you burned  
in the cities of Yahudah  
and in the streets of Yerushalaim,  
you yourselves HX and your fathers,  
your kings and your leaders,  
and the people of the land,  
taken note of by **YAHWEH**?

It even came up upon His heart!  
44:22 And **YAHWEH** was no longer willing to bear it  
before the face of your bad actions  
and before the face of the detestable things  
which you had done.  
And your land is as a desolation,  
and as an astonishment, and as a curse  
with no one dwelling in it as it is this day.

44:23 Whereas before His face  
you have burned incense  
and whereas before His face  
you have offended against **YAHWEH**,  
and you have not listened attentively  
to the voice of **YAHWEH**,  
and you have not walked in His Instruction,  
in His customs,  
or in His testimonies,  
for this reason you have encountered this harm  
as it is this day!"

44:24 And Yirm'yah said to all the people  
and to all the women,  
"Listen attentively to the word of **YAHWEH**,  
all Yahudah who are in the land of Mitsraim!  
44:25 Thus spoke **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el, saying,  
'You yourselves HX and your women  
have even spoken with your mouths!  
And you have filled with your hands saying,

"We will perform, perform our vows themselves תנ  
which we have vowed  
for the sake of burning incense to the Queen of Heaven,  
and for the sake of pouring out drink offerings to her!"

Establish, establish your vows themselves תנ!  
And perform, perform your vows themselves תנ!"

Note: The concept of "filled your hands" is lost to most western minds. This is a term used in the consecration of priests in The Temple of YAHWEH. It means their hands are committed to serving according to their vows. This is a most serious matter. By referring to it here Yirm'yah is making it plain that they have made vows in the sight of YAHWEH for which they will be held accountable. They are not vows to YAHWEH, however, but are vows to serve that which are not gods at all!

44:26 For this reason listen attentively  
to the word of YAHWEH,  
all Yahudah who are dwelling in the land of Mitsraim!  
'Behold! I have sworn by My great name!'  
says YAHWEH.  
'If My Name is called any longer  
by the mouth of any man of Yahudah  
in all the land of Mitsraim, saying,  
"By the life of my Sovereign, YAHWEH...!"

Once again we encounter the Hebraic idiom of the unfinished statement. It's vital to remember that these unfinished statements were a powerful form of affirmation that dire consequences will result, which consequences are left to the imagination of those hearing these words.

44:27 Behold! I am watching over them  
for the sake of harm and not for the sake of good!

And all the men of Yahudah  
who are in the land of Mitsraim  
will be consumed by sword  
and by famine  
until they are exterminated!

44:28 And those who escape the sword  
will return from the land of Mitsraim,  
to the land of Yahudah few in number!  
And all the remnant of Yahudah,  
those going into the land of Mitsraim  
for the sake of sojourning there,  
will know whose word will stand,  
from Me, or from them!

44:29 And this will be the sign for you!  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
'Indeed, I Myself am attending to you in this place  
in order that you will know  
that My words will stand, stand against you  
for the sake of harm!'

44:30 Thus said YAHWEH,  
'Behold! I am giving Pharaoh Hophra himself תנ,  
king of Mitsraim, into the hand of his adversaries  
and into the hand of those seeking his life  
according to how I gave Tzidkiyah himself תנ,  
king of Yahudah,  
into the hand of Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel,  
his adversary, and the one seeking his life! "

## Chapter 45

45:1 The word that Yirm'yah the prophet spoke to Baruk, son of Neriyah, as he was writing these words themselves תנ on a scroll from the mouth of Yirm'yah in the fourth year of Yahoyakim, son of Yoshiyah, king of Yahudah, saying,  
45:2 "Thus said **YAHWEH**, The Elohim of Yisra'el, concerning you, Baruk.  
45:3 'You have said, "Woe to me now! Indeed, **YAHWEH** has added grief upon my anguish. I have been wearied with my sighing. And I have not found rest." '

45:4 Thus you are to say to him,  
"Thus said **YAHWEH**,  
'Behold! What I have built I Myself am pulling down!  
And that itself תנ which I have planted  
I Myself am pulling up by the roots,  
even all the land itself תנ.

45:5 And you yourself תנ  
are seeking for yourself greatness.  
Do not seek it!

Indeed, behold!  
I am bringing harm upon all flesh!"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

And I will give to you your life itself תנ as plunder upon all spots where you will go.' "

## Chapter 46

46:1 The word of **YAHWEH** which existed to to Yirm'yah the prophet concerning the nations.

46:2 For Mitsraim,  
concerning the forces of Pharaoh Neko, king of Mitsraim, which were beside The River Euphrates at Karkemish, and which Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel, had struck in the fourth year of Yahoyakim, son of Yoshiyah, king of Yahudah:

46:3 "Set in order the large and the small shield!  
And draw near for the sake of battle!  
46:4 Harness the horses and mount up the horsemen!  
And station yourselves with helmets!  
Polish the spears!  
Put on the coat of mail!

46:5 "Why do I see them filled with terror,  
turning back,  
and their mighty ones beaten down?  
And they have fled for refuge.  
And they have not looked back.  
Fear is all around!"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

46:6 The swift cannot flee nor the mighty man escape.  
North, beside The River Euphrates,  
they stumble and fall.

46:7 Who is this rising up like a flood,  
like rivers of surging waters?  
46:8 Mitsraim is rising like a flood

And like rivers its waters have surged.  
And he says, 'I will go up!  
I will cover the earth!  
I will cause to vanish the city and those dwelling in it!'

46:9 Go up, horses, and rage, chariots!  
And let the mighty men go forth;  
Kush and Put who handle the shield,  
and Lud who handle and bend the bow.

46:10 Even this is the day for my Sovereign,  
YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
a day of revenge  
for the sake of taking revenge on His opponents!

And the sword will devour!  
And it will be satiated  
and made drunk from their blood!

Indeed, my Sovereign, YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
has a sacrifice in the land of the north  
beside The River Euphrates!

46:11 Go up to Gil'ad!  
And take balm, virgin daughter of Mitsraim!  
For the sake of devastation  
you have increased the medications!  
There is no cure for you!

46:12 Nations have heard of your shame!  
And your outcry has filled the land!  
Indeed, the mighty has stumbled against the mighty!  
They have both fallen together!

46:13 The word which YAHWEH spoke  
to Yirm'yah the prophet at the coming of Nebukadnetzar,  
king of Babel,  
for the sake of striking the land *itself*  of Mitsraim:

46:14 "Declare it in Mitsraim!  
And cause it to be heard at Migdol!  
And cause it to be heard at Noph  
and at Tahpanhes!

Say, 'Station yourself and prepare for yourself!  
Indeed, a sword will devour all around you!'

46:15 Why were your valiant ones swept away?  
They did not stand  
because YAHWEH pushed them away!  
46:16 He caused many to be stumbling!  
They even fell, one man over another of them.

And they said, 'Get up!  
And we will return to our people  
and to the land of our nativity,  
from the face of the raging sword!'

46:17 There they called out,  
'Pharaoh, king of Mitsraim, is but a noise.  
His appointed time has passed over!'

46:18 "By My life itself...!"  
- An Utterance of The King,  
YAHWEH of Assemblies is His designation -  
"Indeed, as Tabor is among the mountains

and as Carmel is at the sea,  
he will come!

46:19 Prepare baggage of exile for yourself,  
resident daughter of Mitsraim,  
because Noph will become a ruin with no one dwelling there!

46:20 Mitsraim is a beautiful, beautiful heifer.  
But a biting fly from the north is coming, coming!

46:21 The hired ones in her midst  
are also like fattened calves.  
Indeed, they too will turn back.  
They will flee away together.  
They will not stand  
because the day of their calamity  
has come upon them,  
the time of their visitation.

46:22 Its sound moves like a serpent.  
Indeed, like a force they go!  
And with axes they will come for her  
like hewers of wood.

46:23 They will cut down her forest.”

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

“Indeed, it will not be searched!  
Indeed, they are more numerous than locusts.  
And for them there is no number.

46:24 The daughter of Mitsraim will be put to shame.  
She will be given into the hand of the people of the north.”

46:25 YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el, has said,  
“Behold!

I am bringing Pekod against Amon of No,  
and against Pharaoh,  
and over Mitsraim,  
and against their gods,  
and against their Kings,  
and against Pharaoh and over those trusting in him.

Pekod is an Aramean tribe in eastern Babylon according to The Theological Dictionary of The Old Testament. This is not the traditional translation of this term, but it does fit the context. It's used only here and in Ezek. 23.23.

46:26 And I will give them into the hand  
of those seeking their lives,  
into the hand of Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel  
and into the hand of his servants.  
And afterward it will be inhabited as in the days of old.”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

46:27 And *you yourselves* ך  
are not to be afraid, My servant Ya'akob.  
And you are not to be discouraged, Yisra'el.  
Indeed, behold!  
I am delivering you from afar,  
even your seed *itself* ך from the land of their captivity!  
And Ya'akob will return!  
And he will rest.  
And he will be at ease.

And he will not be shuddering with terror.  
46:28 *You yourself* ך are not to be afraid,  
Ya'akob, My servant!”

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

"indeed, I Myself am with you yourself **חנ**!

Indeed, I will make an end of all the nations  
where I have driven you!  
But of you yourselves **חנ** I will not make an end!  
But I will correct you for the sake of judgment.  
And you will not be without guilt."

#### Chapter 47

47:1 The word of **YAHWEH** that existed  
to Yirm'yah the prophet concerning the Philistines  
before Pharaoh struck Azzah itself **חנ**.

47:2 Thus said **YAHWEH**,  
"Behold! Waters are rising from the north.  
And it will be as an overflowing stream.  
And they will overflow the land and its fulness,  
the city and those dwelling in it.  
And the human beings will shriek,  
and all those dwelling in the land will wail  
47:3 at the sound of the stamping his mighty hooves,  
at the shaking of his chariots,  
the rumbling of his wheels.

The fathers will not face toward their children  
because of the weakness of their hands.

47:4 Upon that day it is coming  
for the sake of ravaging all the Philistines themselves **חנ**,  
for the sake of cutting off for Tzor and for Tzidon  
every helping survivor.

Indeed, **YAHWEH** is ravaging the Philistines themselves **חנ**,  
the remnant of the island of Kaphtor!

47:5 Baldness will come upon Azzah.  
Ashkelon will cease, the remnant of Emek.  
Until when will you gash yourself?

Emek was a place in Philistia.  
The practice of gashing oneself was part of the pagan  
practices of the Philistines. It was an attempt to get their  
'gods' to pay attention to them.

47:6 Alas, sword of **YAHWEH**!  
Until when will you not be quiet?  
Be collected to your sheath!  
Be calm!  
And be silent!

47:7 How will it rest?  
Even **YAHWEH** has given it a command?  
Against Ashkelon and against the seashore,  
there He has appointed it."

#### Chapter 48

48:1 For Mo'ab:  
thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies, The Elohim of Yisra'el.  
"Woe to Nebo!  
Indeed, it has been ravaged!  
It has been put to shame!  
Kiryathaim has been put to shame!  
The Misgab has been broken down!

48:2 No longer is there praise for Mo'ab.  
In Heshbon they have planned harm against her *saying*,

'Come! And we will cut it off from being a nation!  
Also 'Madmen, you will be silenced!  
A sword will come after you!

48:3 A sound! A shriek from Horonaim!  
Ravaging and great destruction!  
48:4 Mo'ab has been destroyed!  
The outcry of her little ones has been heard!  
48:5 Indeed, at the ascent to Luhith  
with weeping they go up, weeping  
because at the descent of Horonaim, distresses.  
A cry of destruction has been heard.

48:6 Flee!  
Escape with your lives!  
And you will be like a juniper in the wilderness.  
48:7 Indeed, because you are trusting in your actions  
and your treasures  
you yourselves ~~fn~~ will also be taken captive.  
And Kemosh will go forth into exile,  
his priests and his leaders together.

48:8 And a ravager will come into every city.  
And the city will not escape.  
And Emek will perish.  
And the plain will be destroyed  
according to what **YAHWEH** has spoken.

48:9 Give wings to Mo'ab  
because she is fleeing, going forth.  
And her cities will be as a ruin  
with no one dwelling in them.

48:10 Cursed is one  
doing the work of **YAHWEH** deceitfully!  
And cursed is one withholding his sword from blood!

48:11 Mo'ab has been at ease from his youth.  
And he himself is settling on his dregs.  
And he has not been emptied from vessel to vessel.  
And he has not gone into exile.  
Therefore his flavor has stayed in him,  
and his fragrance has not changed.

48:12 For this reason, behold!  
The days are coming!"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
"And I will send him those tipping over.  
And they will tip him over.  
And they will empty his vessels.  
And they will smash his bottles.

48:13 And Mo'ab will be ashamed  
because of Kemosh  
like the house of Yisra'el was ashamed of Bet El,  
their refuge.

48:14 How can you say  
'We are mighty men and men of strength for battle'?  
48:15 Mo'ab is ravaged.  
And her cities have gone up.  
And her chosen young men have gone down to a slaughter."  
- An Utterance of The King,  
**YAHWEH** of Assemblies is His designation -

48:16 "The calamity of Mo'ab is near  
for the sake of coming,  
and his affliction is hurrying very quickly.  
48:17 Mourn for him, all you who are around him.  
And all you who know his name say,  
'How shattered is the staff of his might,  
the rod of splendor!'

48:18 Come down from your glory  
you who are dwelling with thirst,  
one dwelling as a daughter of Dibon!  
Indeed, the ravager of Mo'ab will come up against you!  
He will destroy your fortresses!

48:19 Stand by the way and observe,  
you who are dwelling at Aro'er.  
Ask him who is fleeing and she who is escaping.  
Say, 'What has happened?'

48:20 Mo'ab has been put to shame!  
Indeed it has been broken down!  
Howl and cry out!  
Declare it at Arnon that Mo'ab has been ravaged  
48:21 and judgment has come on the land of the plain,  
on Holon,  
and on Yahtsah,  
and on Mopha'ath,  
48:22 and on Dibon,  
and Nebo,  
and on Bet Diblathaim,  
48:23 and on Kiryathaim,  
and on Bet Gamul  
and on Bet Me'on,  
48:24 and on Keriyoth,  
and on Botzrah,  
and on all the cities of the land of Mo'ab  
far or near!

48:25 The horn of Mo'ab has been cut down  
and his arm has been broken!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

48:26 Cause him to be drunk  
because against YAHWEH he has magnified himself  
Mo'ab will wallow in his vomit!  
And he will also exist as a laughing stock!

48:27 And was not Yisra'el a laughing stock to you?  
Was he found among thieves?  
Whenever you speak of him you shake your head.

48:28 Abandon the cities  
and dwell in the craggy rocks,  
you who are dwelling in Mo'ab.  
And be like the dove  
nesting at the sides of the cave's mouth.

48:29 We have heard of the pride of Mo'ab,  
(he is exceedingly proud)  
of his loftiness,  
and arrogance,  
and pride,  
and of the haughtiness of his heart."  
48:30 I Myself know his rage!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"and his bragging is not right!

And he has not done right!

48:31 For this reason I howl concerning Mo'ab!  
And for the sake of Mo'ab, all of it, I am crying out.  
Toward the men of Kir Heres he will murmur.

48:32 I weep for you with the weeping of Ya'zer,  
vine of Sibmah.

Your branches have passed over the sea.  
As far as the sea of Ya'zer they have reached.  
Upon your summer fruit and your grape harvest  
the ravager has fallen.

48:33 And joy and gladness have been gathered  
from your planted field and from the land of Mo'ab.  
And wine from the winepresses I have caused to cease.  
No one treads with shouting.  
Shouting, there is no shouting.

48:34 From the outcry of Heshbon  
to El'aleh, to Yahatz  
they have given up their sounds,  
from Tzo'ar to Horonaim like a three year old heifer.

Indeed, even the waters of Nimrim are an astonishment.

48:35 And I will cause to cease in Mo'ab"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"him going up to the high places  
and burning incense to his gods!"

48:36 For this reason  
My heart moans like flutes for Mo'ab.  
And My heart moans for the men of Kir Heres like flutes.  
For this reason the wealth they have made has perished.

48:37 Indeed, every head is bald  
and every beard scraped off.  
On every hand is gashes, and on the loins, sackcloth.

48:38 Upon all the housetops of Mo'ab  
and in all its streets is lamentation.

Indeed, I have smashed Mo'ab itself   
like a vessel in which no one delights!"

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
48:39 How she has been broken down!  
They have been caused to wail!

How has Mo'ab turned his back with shame!  
And Mo'ab will be as a laughing stock and a ruin  
to all those all around her!"

48:40 Indeed, thus said YAHWEH,  
"Behold! Like an eagle he will fly!  
And he will spread his wings toward Mo'ab!

48:41 Keriyot has been captured!  
And the fortifications have been seized!  
And the hearts of the mighty men in Mo'ab in that day  
will be like the heart of a woman with cramps.

48:42 And Mo'ab will be destroyed as a people,  
because he has magnified himself against YAHWEH!

48:43 Terror and the pit and the snare  
are upon you, who are dwelling in Mo'ab!"

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
48:44 The fugitive from the face of the terror

will fall into the pit.  
And one getting up out of the pit  
will be captured in the snare.  
Indeed, I am bringing to her, to Mo'ab  
the year of its visitation!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

48:45 In the shadow of Heshbon they stood,  
fleeing without strength.  
Indeed, a fire has gone forth from Heshbon  
and a flame from the midst of Sihon.  
And it will devour the region of Mo'ab  
and the scalps of the sons of uproar.

48:46 Woe to you, Mo'ab!  
The people of Kemosh have perished!  
Indeed, your sons are in exile  
and your daughters are in captivity!

48:47 But I will turn back the captivity of Mo'ab  
in the last days!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
Thus far is the judgment of Mo'ab.

#### Chapter 49

49:1 For the sons of Ammon:  
Thus said YAHWEH,  
"Are their no sons for Yisra'el  
or is no one taking possession for him?  
Why has Milcom taken possession of Gad itself תנ  
and his people have settled in its cities?

49:2 For this reason behold!  
The days are coming!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"And I will cause to be heard in Rabbah  
of the sons of Ammon a shout of battle.  
And it will exist as a heap, a devastation.  
And her villages will be burned with fire.  
And Yisra'el will take possession  
of those themselves תנ who are occupying him."  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

49:3 Howl, Heshbon, because Ai is ravaged!  
Cry out, daughters of Rabbah!  
Gird on sackcloth! Wail!  
And roam among the hedges  
because Milcom will go into exile  
with his priests and his leaders together.

49:4 Why do you boast yourself among the valleys,  
your flowing valley, apostate daughter,  
the one trusting in her treasures saying,  
'Who can come against me?'

49:5 Behold! I am bringing panic upon you"  
- An Utterance of my Sovereign, YAHWEH of Assemblies -  
"from everyone around you!  
And you will be driven out,  
each man before his face,  
and no one will be gathering the wandering.

49:6 And after this I will turn back the captivity itself תנ  
of the sons of Ammon."  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

49:7 For Edom:  
Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies.  
"Is there no longer wisdom in Teman?  
Has counsel perished?  
Has wisdom vanished from those with understanding?"

49:8 Run away!  
Turn back!  
Look to the depths for the sake of dwelling,  
you who are dwelling in Dedan!  
Indeed, I will have brought the calamity of Esau upon him,  
the time of his visitation!

49:9 If those gathering grapes came to you  
would they not leave some grape gleanings?  
If thieves by night, would they destroy *only* enough for them?

49:10 Indeed, I Myself will strip bare Esau himself NN!  
I will uncover his hiding places themselves NN!  
And he will not be able to hide!  
His seed has been ravaged!  
And his kindred, and his neighbors,  
and he, are no more!

49:11 Abandon your orphans!  
I Myself will *keep them* alive!  
And your widows will trust in Me!"

49:12 Indeed, thus said YAHWEH,  
"Behold! Those whose judgment was not to drink,  
of the cup they will drink, they will drink!"

And you yourself NN the innocent,  
you will not be free of guilt!  
Indeed drink, you will drink it, drink it!

49:13 Indeed, I have sworn by Myself"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"that Botzrah will be as a ruin,  
as a reproach,  
as a desolation,  
and as a curse,  
and all its cities be as desolation to eternity!"

49:14 A report I have heard from YAHWEH Himself NN.  
And a herald has been sent among the nations,  
"Gather yourselves together and come against her!  
And stand up for the sake of battle!"

49:15 Indeed, behold!  
I will give you little among nations,  
despised among human beings!  
49:16 Your terribleness has deceived you yourself NN,  
the arrogance of your heart,  
you who are dwelling in the clefts of the rock,  
hanging onto the height of the hill!  
Indeed, you are high!  
Your nest is like the eagle.  
From there I will bring you down!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

49:17 And Edom will be as an astonishment!  
Everyone passing over beside it will be astonished!  
And he will whistle concerning all its damage

49:18 like the overthrow of Sodom and Amarah  
and their neighbors!" says YAHWEH.  
"No man will dwell there!  
And no child of a human being will sojourn in it!

49:19 Behold! He comes up like a lion  
from the swelling of The Yarden  
toward a permanent home.

Indeed, in an instant I will cause him to run from beside her.  
And who has been chosen concerning her visitation?  
Indeed, who is like Me?  
And who summons Me?  
And who is this shepherding,  
who is standing before My face?"

49:20 For this reason listen attentively  
to the counsel of YAHWEH  
which He has advised concerning Edom,  
and the plans He has considered  
concerning those dwelling at Teman,  
if not the least of the flock will drag them away,  
if He will not make their pasture a desolation before them!

49:21 The earth will be shaken  
by the sound of their fall!  
The sound of her outcry is heard at The Sea of Reeds!

49:22 Behold! Like an eagle he comes up!  
And he flies!  
And he spreads out his wings over Botzrah!  
And the heart of the mighty men of Edom in that day  
will be like the heart of a woman with cramps!"

49:23 For Damascus:  
"Hamat and Arpad have been put to shame!  
Indeed, they have heard a bad report!  
They have melted in a pool of anxiety!  
They are not able to be resting!

49:24 Damascus has been disheartened!  
She has turned to flee!  
And terror has seized her!  
Distress and pain have taken hold of her  
like one giving birth!

49:25 Why has the city of praise not been abandoned,  
the city of My joy?

49:26 For this reason her young men fall in her streets  
and all the men of battle are silent on that day!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH of Assemblies -

49:27 "And I will kindle a fire on the wall of Damascus!  
And it will consume the fortifications of Ben Hadad!"

49:28 For Kedar, and for the kingdoms of Hatzor,  
which Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel, struck:  
Thus said YAHWEH,  
"Get up!  
Go up against Kedar and ravage  
the sons of the East *themselves* !"

49:29 Their tents and their flocks will be taken  
and their curtains and all their vessels.

And they will carry away their camels for themselves.  
And they will cry out concerning them,  
'Fear is from every side!  
49:30 Flee!  
Shake your head exceedingly!  
Go deep into your dwelling, those dwelling at Hatzor"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"because Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel,  
has devised a plan concerning you!  
And he has conceived an intention against you!

49:31 Get up!  
Go up to a tranquil nation that is dwelling with security!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"It has no gates or bars.  
They dwell alone.  
49:32 And their camels will be as plunder  
and their multitude of herds as spoils.  
And I will scatter them to every wind,  
those cutting off the corners of *their hair*.  
And from every side I will bring their calamity itself תנ!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
49:33 "Hatzor will be as a home for jackals,  
a desolation until eternity!  
No one will dwell there!  
And no child of human being will sojourn in it!"

49:34 The word of YAHWEH that existed  
to Yirm'yah the prophet concerning Elam  
at the beginning of the reign of Tzidkiyah,  
king of Yahudah, saying,  
49:35 "Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
Behold! I am breaking the bow itself תנ of Elam,  
the foremost of her power!  
49:36 And I will bring against Elam  
the four winds from the four quarters of the skies!  
And I will scatter them to all those winds.  
And there will not be a nation  
where the outcasts of Elam will not go there!

49:37 And I will prostrate Elam itself תנ  
before the faces their adversaries  
and before the faces of those seeking their lives!  
And I will bring harm upon them,  
My burning anger itself תנ!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
'And I will send after them the sword itself תנ  
until I have terminated they themselves תנ!"

49:38 And I will place My throne in Elam!  
And I will cause to perish from there  
the king and the leaders!  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
49:39 'And it will be in the latter days  
that I turn back the captivity itself תנ of Elam!"  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

## Chapter 50

50:1 The word that YAHWEH spoke concerning Babel,  
concerning the land of the Kasdim  
by the hand of Yirm'yah, the prophet.

50:2 "Declare among the nations  
and cause it to be heard!  
And lift up a banner!

Cause it to be heard!  
Do not conceal it!  
Say, 'Babel will be captured!  
Bel will be put to shame!  
Merodak will be broken!  
Her idolatrous images will be put to shame!  
Her idols will be broken!'

50:3 Indeed, a nation is coming up against her  
from the north.  
It will place her land itself nn as a desolation.  
And no one will be dwelling in it  
from human being to animal.  
They have disappeared!  
They have gone!

50:4 In those days and at that time”  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
“the children of Yisra'el will come,  
they and the children of Yahudah walking together,  
weeping as they walk.  
And **YAHWEH Himself** nn,  
their Elohim, they will seek.  
50:5 They will ask the way to Tzion,  
their faces toward it.  
They will come.  
And they will be united to **YAHWEH**  
with an eternal covenant.  
It will not be forgotten.'

50:6 My people have been wandering sheep.  
Their shepherds have caused them to go astray  
*on* the idolatrous mountains.  
They have gone from mountain to hill.  
They have forgotten their resting place.  
50:7 All who found them have devoured them.  
And their adversaries have said,  
'We are not guilty.'  
instead of 'They have offended  
against **YAHWEH's** Home of Justice,  
and The Expectation of their forefathers, **YAHWEH!**'

50:8 Flee from the midst of Babel!  
And go forth from the land of the Kasdim!  
And be like rams before a flock.

50:9 Indeed behold!  
I am arousing and bringing up against Babel  
an assembly of great nations  
from the land of the north!  
And they will prepare themselves!  
From there she will be captured!  
His arrows are like a mighty one bereaving of children!  
They will not return empty!  
50:10 And Kasdim will be as booty.  
All who are plundering her will be satisfied!”  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

50:11 Because you were glad,  
because you rejoiced,  
you who are plundering My inheritance,  
because you have grown fat  
like a heifer trampling grain  
and you bellow like bulls,  
50:12 your mother will be exceedingly ashamed!

The one giving birth to you will be confounded!

Behold! The last of the nations is a wilderness,  
a dry land, even a desert.

50:13 By the wrath of YAHWEH

she will not be inhabited.

And it will be devastation, all of it.

Everyone passing over beside Babel will be astonished.

And they will whistle concerning all her damages.

50:14 Set yourselves in array against Babel all around,  
everyone bending the bow!

Shoot at her!

Spare no arrows because she

has offended against YAHWEH!

50:15 Shout against her all around!

She has given her hand!

Her foundations have fallen!

Her walls have been pulled down!

Indeed, it is the revenge of YAHWEH!

Take revenge on her!

According to what she has done, do to her!

50:16 Cut off the sower from Babel,  
and the one handling the sickle at harvest time!

From the face of the raging sword

each man turns to his people

and each one flees to his land!

50:17 Yisra'el is as sheep being scattered!

Lions have driven him away!

First the king of Ashshur devoured him.

And this last, Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel,

has crushed his bones!"

50:18 For this reason

thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,

The Elohim of Yisra'el,

"Behold! I am attending to the king of Babel and his land,

as I have attended to the king of Ashshur!

50:19 And I will return Yisra'el himself חנ

to his resting place!

And he will graze at Carmel and at Bashan!

And his life will be satisfied on Mount Ephraim and at Gil'ad!

50:20 In those days, and at that time"

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

"the moral wrong of Yisra'el itself חנ will be sought out,

but there will be none,

and the offenses of Yahudah themselves חנ,

but none will be found.

Indeed, I will forgive for the sake of those

whom I cause to remain a remnant!

50:21 "Go up against the land of Merataim,

against it, and against those dwelling at Pekod!

Desolate it!

And devote it to destruction behind them!"

- An Utterance of YAHWEH -

"And do according to everything that I have directed you!

50:22 There is a sound of battle in the land,

even of great destruction!  
50:23 How cut down and crushed  
is The Hammer of the whole earth!  
How Babel has become a desolation among the nations!

50:24 I have laid a snare for you!  
And you were also captured, Babel!  
And you yourself **fn**, you did not know!  
You have been found and also have been seized  
because you stirred yourself up against **YAHWEH!**"

50:25 **YAHWEH** has opened His armory itself **fn**!  
And He has brought out the weapons of His anger!  
Indeed, there is a task for the sake of  
my Sovereign, **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
in the land of the Kasdim!

50:26 Come against her from every extremity!  
Open her storehouses!  
Pile her up as heaps!  
And devote her to destruction!  
No remnant is to exist for her!  
50:27 Desolate all her bulls!  
They are to go down to the slaughter!

Woe unto them because their day has come,  
the time of their visitation!

50:28 A sound of those fleeing and refugees  
*is coming* from the land of Babel  
for the sake of declaring in Tzion  
the revenge itself **fn** of **YAHWEH**, our Elohim,  
the revenge of His Temple!

50:29 Listen attentively concerning Babel, archers,  
everyone bending the bow!  
Encamp against her all around!  
No one is to escape!  
Repay her according to her actions!  
Everything that she has done - do to her!

Indeed, she has been insolent against **YAHWEH**,  
against The Set Apart One of Yisra'el!  
50:30 For this reason her young men will fall in the streets  
and all her men of battle will be silenced in that day!"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

50:31 Behold! I am against your arrogance!!"  
- An Utterance of my Sovereign,  
**YAHWEH** of Assemblies -  
"Indeed your day has come,  
the time for your visitation!  
50:32 And the arrogant one will stumble!  
And he will fall!  
And there will not be for him one raising him up!  
And I will cause a fire to burn in his cities!  
And it will devour everything all around him!"

50:33 Thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
"The children of Yisra'el were oppressed,  
and the children of Yahudah together *with them*.  
And everyone taking them captive held on to them.  
They refused to let them go.

50:34 Their Redeemer is strong!  
**YAHWEH** of Assemblies is His designation!

He will contend, contend their contention itself תנ  
for the sake of causing the land itself תנ to be quiet,  
but disquieting for the sake of those dwelling in Babel!

50:35 A sword is upon the Kasdim”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
“and upon those dwelling in Babel,  
and upon her leaders  
and upon her wise ones!

50:36 A sword is upon the liars,  
and they are foolish!  
A sword is upon her mighty ones,  
and they will be broken down!  
50:37 A sword is upon their horses,  
and upon their chariots,  
and upon all the mixed peoples who are in her midst!  
And they are as women!  
A sword is upon her storehouses,  
and they will be plundered!  
50:38 A sword is upon her waters,  
and they will dry up!

Indeed, it is a land of carved images!  
And they boast about their idols!  
50:39 for this reason ships of the desert themselves תנ  
will dwell *there*, and daughters of owls will dwell in it.  
And it will not be inhabited again perpetually.  
And no one will dwell in it generation after generation!

The Hebrew is difficult in this verse. There is much confusion about what's intended. The animals listed are unclean ones, suggesting that the land is defiled. It's this element that causes no one to desire to live there.  
The term used suggest what's given, "ships of the desert".  
This is an idiom for camels.

50:40 As The Elohim overthrew Sedom itself תנ  
and Amorah itself תנ and their neighbors themselves תנ,”  
- An Utterance of YAHWEH -  
"no man will dwell there,  
and no son of a human being will sojourn in it!

50:41 Behold! a people is coming from the north!  
And a great nation and many kings will be aroused  
from the recesses of the earth!  
50:42 They will hold bow and spear!  
They are cruel!  
And they have no compassion!  
Their sound is like the roar of the sea!  
And they ride on horses,  
set in array like a man for battle  
against you, daughter of Babel!

50:43 The king of Babel has heard the report itself תנ  
and his hands have dropped!  
Distress has seized him,  
pain like one giving birth!

50:44 Behold! He comes up like a lion  
from the swelling of The Yarden  
against a permanent home.  
Indeed, in an instant I will cause him  
to run from beside her.  
And who has been chosen concerning her visitation?  
Indeed, who is like Me?

And who summons Me?  
And who is this shepherding,  
who is standing before My face?"  
50:45 For this reason listen attentively  
to the counsel of **YAHWEH**  
which He has advised concerning Edom,  
and the plans He has considered  
concerning the land of the Kasdim.  
if not the least of the flock will drag them away,  
if He will not make their pasture a desolation before them!

50:46 At the sound of the seizing of Babel  
the earth will be shaken,  
and the outcry will be heard among the nations!

## Chapter 51

51:1 Thus said **YAHWEH**,  
"Behold! I am stirring up against Babel,  
even against those dwelling in Leb Kamai,  
a wind of destruction!

Leb Kamai is a code name for Kasdim, the Chaldeans.

51:2 And I will send foreigners to Babel!  
And they will winnow!

And they will empty her land *itself* **HN**.

Indeed, they will exist against her  
all around in the day of harm!

The concept of winnowing involves separating the grain from the chaff, the worthless part. The imagery conveyed in the Hebrew plays on this concept, indicating Babel will be "blown away" like chaff, and thereby her land will be emptied.

51:3 To bend, the archer is to bend his bow!  
And he is to stand in his armor!  
And he is to pity no young man!  
He is to devote to destruction all of his assembly!

There's a very interesting triple word in this verse. It's not seen in the English version because in one instance it represents the "archer", while the other two times it represents "bend". Because of this uniqueness it forms a very emphatic combination in the Hebrew text. When placed along side of the concepts of not pitying and devoting to destruction the impact of the verse needs to be considered an extremely intensive.

51:4 And those shot will fall in the land of the Kasdim,  
even those pierced through in her streets!

51:5 Indeed, neither Yisra'el nor Yahudah  
has been discarded by his Elohim,  
by **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
though their land has been filled with offense  
against The Set Apart One of Yisra'el!

51:6 Flee from the midst of Babel!  
And each man escape for his life!  
Do not be silenced by her perversity!  
Indeed, this is a time of revenge  
for the sake of **YAHWEH**,  
the recompense He is repaying to her!

51:7 Babel was a golden cup in the hand of **YAHWEH**,  
causing the whole earth to be drunk.  
The nations drank from her wine.  
For this reason the nations boasted of themselves!

51:8 Babel will fall instantly!  
And she will be crushed!

Howl over her!  
Take balm for the sake of her pain!  
Perhaps she will be healed.

51:9 We mended Babel *itself* חנ,  
but she was not healed.  
Abandon her!  
And each man is to go to his land,  
because her judgment reaches to the skies  
and it has been lifted up on the clouds.

51:10 **YAHWEH** has caused to go forth  
our *justice itself* חנ!  
Come!  
We will recount in Tzion  
the action *itself* חנ of **YAHWEH**, our Elohim!

51:11 Polish the arrows!  
Fill the quivers!  
**YAHWEH** has aroused the wind *itself* חנ,  
the Kings of Media!  
Indeed, His plan is against Babel  
for the sake of destroying it!

Indeed, it is the revenge of **YAHWEH**,  
His revenge for His Temple!

This is the "wind of destruction of verse 1. It is **not** a 'spirit'!  
There is no such word in the Hebrew language!

51:12 Lift up a banner toward the walls of Babel!  
Strengthen the guard!  
Cause the watchmen to stand up!  
Erect the ambushes!

Indeed, **YAHWEH** has both planned and done  
that *itself* חנ which He spoke  
concerning those dwelling in Babel!  
51:13 "You who are dwelling beside great waters,  
abundant treasures, your end has come,  
the measure of your unjust gain!

51:14 **YAHWEH** of Assemblies  
has sworn by His Life,  
"If I fill you with human beings like with locusts,  
and they respond against you with a shout...!"

51:15 He has made the earth by His power!  
He has set up the world by His wisdom!  
And with intelligence He has stretched out the skies!  
51:16 By His voice he gives abundant water in the skies!  
And He lifts up the clouds from the ends of the earth!  
He makes lightnings for the rain!  
And He brings forth the wind from His storehouses!

51:17 Stupid are all human beings, without knowledge!

Put to shame are all the refiners by an idol!  
Indeed, his molten image is a lie  
and there is no breath in them!  
51:18 They are emptiness, a work of fraud!  
In the time of their visitation they will perish!

51:19 The Portion of Ya'akob is not like these!  
Indeed, He is The One forming everything,  
even the rod of His inheritance!

**YAHWEH** of Assemblies is His designation!

There are two things to note here. 'The portion of Ya'akob' is a reference to an allotment established by the casting of lots. This procedure was used to establish the locations of the tribes of Yisra'el in the Land of Promise. YAHWEH is their "allotted portion"!

The second thing is the reference to 'the rod of His inheritance'. In traditional texts the phrase "Yisra'el is" is added with the supposed intention of "clarifying" the text. But given the context (look carefully at what follows) it appears that this is to be seen as a reference to YAHWEH Himself being the Rod of His Inheritance - The Leader of "His Tribe"!

51:20 You yourself **תָּא** are My battle axe,  
My weapons of war!

And with you I will beat nations to pieces!  
And with you I will ruin kingdoms!

51:21 And with you I will smash horse and rider!  
And with you I will smash chariot and rider!

51:22 And with you I will smash man and woman!  
and with you I will smash old and young!

and with you I will smash young man and virgin!

51:23 And with you I smash shepherd and flock!  
and with you I will smash farmer and yoke!

and with you I will smash governors and officials!

51:24 And I will repay to Babel  
and to all those dwelling in Kasdim  
all the harm they have done in Tzion

for the sake of your eyes!"  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

51:25 Behold! I am against you,  
mountain of destruction,  
the one corrupting all the earth itself **תָּא**!"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

"And I will stretch out My hand itself **תָּא** over you!  
And I will roll you down from the craggy rocks!

And I will set you as a mountain of cremation!

51:26 And they will not take from you  
a stone for a corner nor a stone for foundations!  
Indeed, a devastation you will be for eternity!"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

51:27 Lift up a banner in the land!

Blow the shofar among the nations!

Consecrate the nations against her!

Summon against her the kingdoms of

Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz!

Appoint a commander against her!

Cause horses to go up like bristling locusts!

51:28 Consecrate the nations against her,

the kings of the Media themselves **תָּא**

its governors themselves **תָּא**

and all its officials themselves **תָּא**,

and all the land of its dominion itself **תָּא**!

51:29 Then the land will shake and writhe in pain!

Indeed, every purpose of **YAHWEH**

will stand against Babel

for the sake of establishing the land of Babel itself **תָּא**

as a desolation without inhabitant!

51:30 The mighty men of Babel have ceased to fight!

They have sat down in their fortresses!

Their power has failed!

They became like women!

They have burned her dwelling places!  
The bars of her gates have been broken!

51:31 One running runs to meet another running  
and one reporting meets another  
reporting to the king of Babel  
that his city has been captured from its extremities!  
51:32 And the crossing places have been seized!  
And the marshes *themselves* תנ they have burned with fire!  
And the men of battle are panicked!

51:33 Indeed, thus said **YAHWEH** of Assemblies,  
The Elohim of Yisra'el,  
"The daughter of Babel is like a threshing floor  
at the time of its treading!  
A little longer and the time of the harvest will come!"

51:34 Nebukadnetzar has devoured us!  
He has crushed us!  
He has set us down as an empty vessel!  
He has swallowed us up like a monster!  
He has filled his stomach from my delicacies!  
He has purged us!

51:35 "Violence and flesh be upon Babel!"  
says the inhabitant of Tzion.  
And, "Blood be upon the inhabitants of Kasdim!"  
says Yerushalaim.

51:36 Therefore thus said **YAHWEH**,  
"Behold! I will contend your contention *itself* תנ!  
And I will revenge your revenge *itself* תנ!  
And I will dry up her sea *itself* תנ!  
And I will dry up her springs *themselves* תנ!

51:37 And Babel will become as heaps,  
a dwelling place of jackals,  
an astonishment and a whistling,  
without inhabitant!

51:38 Together they will roar like lions.  
They will growl like lion cubs.

51:39 In their heat I prepare their banquets *themselves* תנ.  
And I will cause them to be drunk.  
And they will be stupefied.  
And they will sleep a sleep to eternity.  
And they will not awaken!"

- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

51:40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter,  
like rams with male goats!

51:41 Oh, how Sheshak has been captured  
and the praise of the whole earth been seized!  
How Babel has become an astonishment among the nations!

Sheshak is another name for Babel. Some suggest it's a code name. It's meaning is not clear.

51:42 The sea has gone up over Babel!  
With a multitude of waves she has been covered!  
51:43 Her cities have become as a desolation,  
a parched land and a desert,  
a land where no one dwells in it!  
And no son of a human being will pass over on her!

51:44 And I will pay attention concerning Bel in Babel!  
And I will bring forth from his mouth  
what he has swallowed *itself* תנ!

And nations will no longer stream to him!  
The wall of Babel will also fall!

51:45 Come out from her midst, My people!  
And deliver each man his life *itself* **HN**  
from the burning anger of **YAHWEH**  
51:46 even lest your heart is faint,  
and you are scared by the report being heard in the land!  
The report will come in one year.  
And after that in a year a report will come  
even violence in the land, ruler against ruler!

51:47 For this reason behold!  
The days are coming!  
And I will pay attention concerning the idols of Babel!  
And all her land will be put to shame!  
And all her slain fall in her midst!  
51:48 And the skies,  
and the earth,  
and everything in them  
will shout for joy concerning Babel!

Indeed, the ravagers will come to her from the north!”  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
51:49 Yes, Babel is to fall for the slain of Yisra'el!  
even as Babel has caused the slain  
of the whole earth to fall!

51:50 You who have escaped from the sword, go!  
Do not stand still!  
Remember from afar **YAHWEH Himself** **HN**!  
And let Yerushalaim come up upon your heart!

51:51 We have been put to shame!  
Indeed, we have heard reproach!  
Disgrace has covered our faces  
because foreigners have come  
into The Set Apart Places of The House of **YAHWEH**!

51:52 For this reason behold!  
The days are coming!”  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -  
“And I will pay attention concerning her idols!  
The wounded will groan in all her land!  
51:53 Though Babel ascended to The Heaven  
and though she fortified the height of her strength  
from *Me Myself* **HN** the ravagers will come to her!”  
- An Utterance of **YAHWEH** -

51:54 A sound of an outcry from Babel,  
and of great destruction from the land of the Kasdim!  
51:55 Indeed, **YAHWEH** is ravaging *Babel herself* **HN**!  
And her loud noise will be destroyed from her!  
And her waves will roar like great waters!  
The noise of its sound will be given up!

51:56 Indeed, the ravager is coming against her,  
against Babel!  
And her mighty men will be captured!  
Their bows have been broken!

Indeed, **YAHWEH** is the El of recompense!  
Repay, He will repay!

51:57 And I will cause to be drunk

her leaders and her wise men,  
her governors,  
and her officials,  
and her mighty men!  
And they will sleep an eternal sleep!  
And they will not awaken!"  
- An Utterance of The King,  
YAHWEH of Assemblies is His designation -

51:58 Thus said YAHWEH of Assemblies,  
"The broad walls of Babel are demolished, demolished!  
And her high gates have been burned with fire!  
And peoples have labored completely in vain!  
And the communities have been wearied by a complete fire!"

51:59 The word that Yirm'yah the prophet  
gave as direction to Serayah *himself* HX, son of Neriya,  
son of Mahseyah, when he went to Babel  
with Tzidkiyah *himself* HX, the king of Yahudah,  
in the fourth year of his reign.  
And Serayah was Chief of Peace.

Serayah means YAHWEH has prevailed. Neriya means lamp of YAHWEH. Mahseyah means YAHWEH is my refuge.
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51:60 And Yirm'yah wrote on one scroll  
all the harm *itself* HX that would come concerning Babel,  
all these words *themselves* HX  
which have been written concerning Babel.

51:61 And Yirm'yah said to Serayah,  
"When you come to Babel and you have seen it,  
and you have read out loud all these words *themselves* HX,  
51:62 then you are to say,  
YAHWEH, You *Yourself* HX have spoken  
concerning this place for the sake of cutting it off,  
that there will not be dwelling in it  
from human being to animal!  
Indeed, it will be a desolation to eternity!"

51:63 And it will be  
when you have finished reading out loud  
this scroll *itself* HX that you are to tie a stone to it.  
And you are to throw it into the midst of The Euphrates.

51:64 And you are to say,  
'Like this Babel will sink!  
And it will not stand up from the face of the harm  
that I am bringing upon her!  
And they will be exhausted!' "

Up to here are the words of Yirm'yah

## Chapter 52

52:1 Tzidkiyah was twenty one years old  
at his reigning.  
And he reigned eleven years at Yerushalaim.  
And his mother's name was Hamutal,  
the daughter of Yirm'yah of Libnah.

Hamutal means father-in-law of dew. Libnah means poplar tree.
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52:2 And he did bad in the eyes of YAHWEH  
according to everything that Yahoyakim had done.  
52:3 Indeed, on account of this  
the anger of YAHWEH existed  
against Yerushalaim and Yahudah

until He had thrown them out from before His face.  
And Tzidkiyah rebelled against the king of Babel.

52:4 And it was in the ninth year of his reign,  
in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month!  
And Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel, and all his forces  
came against Yerushalaim.  
And they encamped against it.  
And they built a siege wall against it all around.  
52:5 And the city was besieged  
until the eleventh year of king Tzidkiyah.

52:6 In the fourth month, on the ninth of the month,  
the famine was strong in the city.  
And there was no food for the people of the land.  
52:7 And the city wall was ripped open.  
And all the men of battle fled.  
and went out of the city at night  
by way of the gate between the two walls  
which was beside the king's garden.  
And the Kasdim were beside the city all around.  
And they went on the way of the desert plain.

52:8 And the forces of the Kasdim  
pursued after the king.  
And they overtook Tzidkiyah himself תנ  
in the desert plains of Yericho.  
And his entire army was scattered from beside him.  
52:9 And they captured the king himself תנ.  
And they brought up he himself תנ  
to the king of Babel at Riblah in the land of Hamat.  
And he spoke judgments to he himself תנ.  
52:10 And the king of Babel slaughtered  
the sons themselves תנ of Tzidkiyah before his eyes,  
and also all the leaders themselves תנ of Yahudah at Riblah.

52:11 And he blinded  
the eyes themselves תנ of Tzidkiyah.  
And the king of Babel bound him with copper.  
And the king of Babel brought him to Babel.  
And he gave him into the house of the prison  
until the day of his death.

52:12 And in the fifth month,  
on the tenth of the month,  
of the nineteenth year  
of King Nebukadnetzar, king of Babel,  
Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard,  
who stood before the face of the king of Babel  
came to Yerushalaim.

52:13 And The House of **YAHWEH** itself תנ,  
and the king's house itself תנ,  
and all the houses themselves תנ of Yerushalaim,  
and all the houses themselves תנ of the great men  
he burned with fire.

52:14 And all the walls themselves תנ of Yerushalaim,  
all around, all the forces of the Kasdim  
who were with the captain of the guard himself תנ tore down.

52:15 And the poor people,  
and the remainder of the people themselves תנ  
those remaining in the city,  
and those themselves תנ falling away  
who had fallen away to the king of Babel,

and the remainder of the multitude *themselves* אֵת.

Nebuzaradan exiled.

52:16 But some of the poor of the land  
Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard,  
left as vinedressers and farmers.

52:17 And the copper columns *themselves* אֵת

that were for The House of YAHWEH,

and the stands *themselves* אֵת

and the copper Sea *itself* אֵת

that were in The House of YAHWEH he smashed.

And he carried all their copper *itself* אֵת to Babel.

52:18 And the pots *themselves* אֵת,

and the shovels *themselves* אֵת,

and the snuffers *themselves* אֵת,

and the bowls *themselves* אֵת,

and the ladles *themselves* אֵת,

and all the copper utensils *themselves* אֵת

with which they served

he took.

52:19 and the basins *themselves* אֵת,

and the fire holders *themselves* אֵת,

and the bowls *themselves* אֵת,

and the pots *themselves* אֵת,

and the lampstands *themselves* אֵת,

and the ladles *themselves* אֵת,

and the cups *themselves* אֵת,

which were of gold and which were of silver

the captain of the guard took.

52:20 The two columns,

one Sea,

the twelve copper oxen which were under it,

and the stands which King Shelomoh had made for

The House of YAHWEH,

the copper for all these vessels

was not able to be weighed.

52:21 And the columns, eighteen cubits

was the height of one column.

And a cord of twelve cubits went around it.

And its thickness was four fingers, hollow.

52:22 And a capital of copper was on it.

And the height of one capital was five cubits

And pomegranates all were on the capital,

all around, all copper.

And the second column was like this,

and the pomegranates.

52:23 And there were ninety six pomegranate, molded.

All the pomegranates on the network were one hundred,

all around.

52:24 And the captain of the guard took

Serayah *himself* אֵת, the great priest,

and Tzephanyah *himself* אֵת, the second priest,

and the three keepers of the doors *themselves* אֵת.

52:25 And from the city he took one official

who was superintendent over the men of battle,

and seven men from those seeing the king's face

who were found in the city,

and the chief scribe *himself* אֵת of the assembly,

the one mustering the people *themselves* אֵת of the land,

and sixty men from the people of the land,

those being found in the city.

52:26 And Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard,  
took they themselves את.

And he brought they themselves את  
to the king of Babel at Riblah.

52:27 And the king of Babel struck they themselves את.  
And he put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamat.  
And Yahudah was exiled from upon its land.

52:28 These are the people  
whom Nebukadnetzar exiled:

In the seventh year,  
three thousand and twenty three Yahudeans.

52:29 In the eighteenth year of Nebukadnetzar  
from Yerushalaim eight hundred and thirty two lives.

52:30 In the twenty third year of Nebukadnetzar,  
Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, exiled of the Yahudeans  
seven hundred and forty five lives.

All the lives were four thousand six hundred.

52:31 And it was in the thirty seventh year  
of the exile of Yahoyakin, king of Yahudah,  
in the twelfth month, on the twenty fifth of the month.

And Evil Merodak, king of Babel,  
in the first year of his reign,  
lifted up the head itself את of Yahoyakin, king of Yahudah.  
And he brought out he himself את  
from the house of the prison.

52:32 And he spoke kindly to he himself את.

And he set his throne itself את above those of the kings  
who were with he himself את at Babel.

52:33 And he changed his prison garments themselves את.

And he ate food continually before his face  
all the days of his life.

52:34 And his allowance was a continual allowance  
given to him by the king of Babel himself את,  
a portion for each day for the day until the day of his death,  
all the days of his life.