



1 Again the word^{H1697} of the LORD^{H3068} came unto me, saying^{H559}, 2 Son^{H1121} of man^{H120}, speak^{H1696} to the children^{H1121} of thy people^{H5971}, and say^{H559} unto them, When I bring^{H935} the sword^{H2719} upon a land^{H776}, if the people^{H5971} of the land^{H776} take^{H3947} a^{H259} man^{H376} of their coasts^{H7097}, and set^{H5414} him for their watchman^{H6822}. 3 If when he seeth^{H7200} the sword^{H2719} come^{H935} upon the land^{H776}, he blow^{H8628} the trumpet^{H7782}, and warn^{H2094} the people^{H5971}; 4 Then whosoever^{H8085} heareth^{H8085} the sound^{H6963} of the trumpet^{H7782}, and taketh not warning^{H2094}, if the sword^{H2719} come^{H935}, and take him away^{H3947}, his blood^{H1818} shall be upon his own head^{H7218}. 5 He heard^{H8085} the sound^{H6963} of the trumpet^{H7782}, and took not warning^{H2094}; his blood^{H1818} shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning^{H2094} shall deliver^{H4422} his soul^{H5315}. 6 But if the watchman^{H6822} see^{H7200} the sword^{H2719} come^{H935}, and blow^{H8628} not the trumpet^{H7782}, and the people^{H5971} be not warned^{H2094}, if the sword^{H2719} come^{H935}, and take^{H3947} any person^{H5315} from among them, he is taken away^{H3947} in his iniquity^{H5771}; but his blood^{H1818} will I require^{H1875} at the watchman's^{H6822} hand^{H3027}. 7 So thou, O son^{H1121} of man^{H120}, I have set^{H5414} thee a watchman^{H6822} unto the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, therefore thou shalt hear^{H8085} the word^{H1697} at my mouth^{H6310}, and warn^{H2094} them from me. 8 When I say^{H559} unto the wicked^{H7563}, O wicked^{H7563} man, thou shalt surely^{H4191} die^{H4191}; if thou dost not speak^{H1696} to warn^{H2094} the wicked^{H7563} from his way^{H1870}, that wicked^{H7563} man shall die^{H4191} in his iniquity^{H5771}; but his blood^{H1818} will I require^{H1245} at thine hand^{H3027}. 9 Nevertheless, if thou warn^{H2094} the wicked^{H7563} of his way^{H1870} to turn^{H7725} from it; if he do not turn^{H7725} from his way^{H1870}, he shall die^{H4191} in his iniquity^{H5771}; but thou hast delivered^{H5337} thy soul^{H5315}.

10 Therefore, O thou son^{H1121} of man^{H120}, speak^{H559} unto the house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}; Thus ye speak^{H559}, saying^{H559}, If our transgressions^{H6588} and our sins^{H2403} be upon us, and we pine away^{H4743} in them, how should we then live^{H2421}? 11 Say^{H559} unto them, As I live^{H2416}, saith^{H5002} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}, I have no pleasure^{H2654} in the death^{H4194} of the wicked^{H7563}, but that the wicked^{H7563} turn^{H7725} from his way^{H1870} and live^{H2421}: turn^{H7725} ye, turn^{H7725} ye from your evil^{H7451} ways^{H1870}; for why will ye die^{H4191}, O house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}? 12 Therefore, thou son^{H1121} of man^{H120}, say^{H559} unto the children^{H1121} of thy people^{H5971}, The righteousness^{H6666} of the righteous^{H6662} shall not deliver^{H5337} him in the day^{H3117} of his transgression^{H6588}: as for the wickedness^{H7564} of the wicked^{H7563}, he shall not fall^{H3782} thereby in the day^{H3117} that he turneth^{H7725} from his wickedness^{H7562}; neither shall the righteous^{H6662} be able^{H3201} to live^{H2421} for his righteousness in the day^{H3117} that he sinneth^{H2398}. 13 When I shall say^{H559} to the righteous^{H6662}, that he shall surely^{H2421} live^{H2421}; if he trust^{H982} to his own righteousness^{H6666}, and commit^{H6213} iniquity^{H5766}, all his righteousnesses^{H6666} shall not be remembered^{H2142}; but for his iniquity^{H5766} that he hath committed^{H6213}, he shall die^{H4191} for it. 14 Again, when I say^{H559} unto the wicked^{H7563}, Thou shalt surely^{H4191} die^{H4191}; if he turn^{H7725} from his sin^{H2403}, and do^{H6213} that which is lawful^{H4941} and right^{H6666}, 15 If the wicked^{H7563} restore^{H7725} the pledge^{H2258}, give again^{H7999} that he had robbed^{H1500}, walk^{H1980} in the statutes^{H2708} of life^{H2416}, without committing^{H6213} iniquity^{H5766}; he shall surely^{H2421} live^{H2421}, he shall not die^{H4191}. 16 None of his sins^{H2403} that he hath committed^{H2398} shall be mentioned^{H2142} unto him: he hath done^{H6213} that which is lawful^{H4941} and right^{H6666}; he shall surely^{H2421} live^{H2421}. 17 Yet the children^{H1121} of thy people^{H5971} say^{H559}, The way^{H1870} of the Lord^{H136} is not equal^{H8505}: but as for them, their way^{H1870} is not equal^{H8505}. 18 When the righteous^{H6662} turneth^{H7725} from his righteousness^{H6666}, and committeth^{H6213} iniquity^{H5766}, he shall even die^{H4191} thereby. 19 But if the wicked^{H7563} turn^{H7725} from his wickedness^{H7564}, and do^{H6213} that which is lawful^{H4941} and right^{H6666}, he shall live^{H2421} thereby. 20 Yet ye say^{H559}, The way^{H1870} of the Lord^{H136} is not equal^{H8505}. O ye house^{H1004} of Israel^{H3478}, I will judge^{H8199} you every one^{H376} after his ways^{H1870}.

21 And it came to pass in the twelfth^{H8147} year^{H6240} of our captivity^{H1546}, in the tenth^{H6224} month, in the fifth^{H2568} day of the month^{H2320}, that one that had escaped^{H6412} out of Jerusalem^{H3389} came^{H935} unto me, saying^{H559}, The city^{H5892} is smitten^{H5221}. 22 Now the hand^{H3027} of the LORD^{H3068} was upon me in the evening^{H6153}, afore^{H6440} he that was

escaped^{H6412} came^{H935}; and had opened^{H6605} my mouth^{H6310}, until he came^{H935} to me in the morning^{H1242}; and my mouth^{H6310} was opened^{H6605}, and I was no more dumb^{H481}. **23** Then the word^{H1697} of the LORD^{H3068} came unto me, saying^{H559}, **24** Son^{H1121} of man^{H120}, they that inhabit^{H3427} those wastes^{H2723} of the land^{H127} of Israel^{H3478} speak^{H559}, saying^{H559}, Abraham^{H85} was one^{H259}, and he inherited^{H3423} the land^{H776}; but we are many^{H7227}; the land^{H776} is given^{H5414} us for inheritance^{H4181}. **25** Wherefore say^{H559} unto them, Thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}; Ye eat^{H398} with the blood^{H1818}, and lift up^{H5375} your eyes^{H5869} toward your idols^{H1544}, and shed^{H8210} blood^{H1818}; and shall ye possess^{H3423} the land^{H776}? **26** Ye stand^{H5975} upon your sword^{H2719}, ye work^{H6213} abomination^{H8441}, and ye defile^{H2930} every one^{H376} his neighbour's^{H7453} wife^{H802}; and shall ye possess^{H3423} the land^{H776}? **27** Say^{H559} thou thus unto them, Thus saith^{H559} the Lord^{H136} GOD^{H3069}; As I live^{H2416}, surely they that are in the wastes^{H2723} shall fall^{H5307} by the sword^{H2719}, and him that is in the open^{H6440} field^{H7704} will I give^{H5414} to the beasts^{H2416} to be devoured^{H398}, and they that be in the forts^{H4679} and in the caves^{H4631} shall die^{H4191} of the pestilence^{H1698}. **28** For I will lay^{H5414} the land^{H776} most^{H4923} desolate^{H8077}, and the pomp^{H1347} of her strength^{H5797} shall cease^{H7673}; and the mountains^{H2022} of Israel^{H3478} shall be desolate^{H8074}, that none shall pass through^{H5674}. **29** Then shall they know^{H3045} that I am the LORD^{H3068}, when I have laid^{H5414} the land^{H776} most^{H4923} desolate^{H8077} because of all their abominations^{H8441} which they have committed^{H6213}.

30 Also, thou son^{H1121} of man^{H120}, the children^{H1121} of thy people^{H5971} still are talking^{H1696} against^{H681} thee by the walls^{H7023} and in the doors^{H6607} of the houses^{H1004}, and speak^{H1696} one^{H2297} to another^{H259}, every one^{H376} to his brother^{H251}, saying^{H559}, Come^{H935}, I pray you, and hear^{H8085} what is the word^{H1697} that cometh forth^{H3318} from the LORD^{H3068}. **31** And they come^{H935} unto thee as the people^{H5971} cometh^{H3996}, and they sit^{H3427} before^{H6440} thee as my people^{H5971}, and they hear^{H8085} thy words^{H1697}, but they will not do^{H6213} them: for with their mouth^{H6310} they shew^{H6213} much love^{H5690}, but their heart^{H3820} goeth^{H1980} after^{H310} their covetousness^{H1215}. **32** And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely^{H5690} song^{H7892} of one that hath a pleasant^{H3303} voice^{H6963}, and can play well^{H2895} on an instrument^{H5059}: for they hear^{H8085} thy words^{H1697}, but they do^{H6213} them not. **33** And when this cometh to pass^{H935}, (lo, it will come^{H935},) then shall they know^{H3045} that a prophet^{H5030} hath been among^{H8432} them.

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1. When....: Heb. A land when I bring a sword upon her
2. whosoever....: Heb. he that hearing heareth
3. that....: Heb. judgment and justice
4. to be....: Heb. to devour him
5. most....: Heb. desolation and desolation
6. against thee: of, of thee
7. as the....: Heb. according to the coming of the people
8. they sit....: or, my people sit before thee
9. they shew....: Heb. they make loves, or, jests
10. a very....: Heb. a song of loves