



1 Now when these things were done^{H3615}, the princes^{H8269} came^{H5066} to me, saying^{H559}, The people^{H5971} of Israel^{H3478}, and the priests^{H3548}, and the Levites^{H3881}, have not separated^{H914} themselves from the people^{H5971} of the lands^{H776}, doing according to their abominations^{H8441}, even of the Canaanites^{H3669}, the Hittites^{H2850}, the Perizzites^{H6522}, the Jebusites^{H2983}, the Ammonites^{H5984}, the Moabites^{H4125}, the Egyptians^{H4713}, and the Amorites^{H567}. 2 For they have taken^{H5375} of their daughters^{H1323} for themselves, and for their sons^{H1121}: so that the holy^{H6944} seed^{H2233} have mingled^{H6148} themselves with the people^{H5971} of those lands^{H776}: yea, the hand^{H3027} of the princes^{H8269} and rulers^{H5461} hath been chief^{H7223} in this trespass^{H4604}. 3 And when I heard^{H8085} this thing^{H1121}, I rent^{H1697} my garment^{H899} and my mantle^{H4598}, and plucked off^{H4803} the hair^{H8181} of my head^{H7218} and of my beard^{H2206}, and sat down^{H3427} astonished^{H8074}. 4 Then were assembled^{H622} unto me every one that trembled^{H2730} at the words^{H1697} of the God^{H430} of Israel^{H3478}, because of the transgression^{H4604} of those that had been carried away^{H1473}; and I sat^{H3427} astonished^{H8074} until the evening^{H6153} sacrifice^{H4503}.

5 And at the evening^{H6153} sacrifice^{H4503} I arose up^{H6965} from my heaviness^{H8589}, and having rent^{H1697} my garment^{H899} and my mantle^{H4598}, I fell^{H3766} upon my knees^{H1290}, and spread out^{H6566} my hands^{H3709} unto the LORD^{H3068} my God^{H430}. 6 And said^{H559}, O my God^{H430}, I am ashamed^{H954} and blush^{H3637} to lift up^{H7311} my face^{H6440} to thee, my God^{H430}: for our iniquities^{H5771} are increased^{H7235} over^{H4605} our head^{H7218}, and our trespass^{H819} is grown up^{H1431} unto the heavens^{H8064}. 7 Since the days^{H3117} of our fathers^{H1} have we been in a great^{H1419} trespass^{H819} unto this day^{H3117}, and for our iniquities^{H5771} have we, our kings^{H4428}, and our priests^{H3548}, been delivered^{H5414} into the hand^{H3027} of the kings^{H4428} of the lands^{H776}, to the sword^{H2719}, to captivity^{H7628}, and to a spoil^{H961}, and to confusion^{H1322} of face^{H6440}, as it is this day^{H3117}. 8 And now for a little^{H4592} space^{H7281} grace^{H8467} hath been shewed from the LORD^{H3068} our God^{H430}, to leave^{H7604} us a remnant to escape^{H6413}, and to give^{H5414} us a nail^{H3489} in his holy^{H6944} place^{H4725}, that our God^{H430} may lighten^{H215} our eyes^{H5869}, and give^{H5414} us a little^{H4592} reviving^{H4241} in our bondage^{H5659}. 9 For we were bondmen^{H5650}, yet our God^{H430} hath not forsaken^{H5800} us in our bondage^{H5659}, but hath extended^{H5186} mercy^{H2617} unto us in the sight^{H6440} of the kings^{H4428} of Persia^{H6539}, to give^{H5414} us a reviving^{H4241}, to set up^{H7311} the house^{H1004} of our God^{H430}, and to repair^{H5975} the desolations^{H2723} thereof, and to give^{H5414} us a wall^{H1447} in Judah^{H3063} and in Jerusalem^{H3389}. 10 And now, O our God^{H430}, what shall we say^{H559} after^{H310} this? for we have forsaken^{H5800} thy commandments^{H4687}. 11 Which thou hast commanded^{H6680} by^{H3027} thy servants^{H5650} the prophets^{H5030}, saying^{H559}, The land^{H776}, unto which ye go^{H935} to possess^{H3423} it, is an unclean^{H5079} land^{H776} with the filthiness^{H5079} of the people^{H5971} of the lands^{H776}, with their abominations^{H8441}, which have filled^{H4390} it from one end^{H6310} to another^{H6310} with their uncleanness^{H2932}. 12 Now therefore give^{H5414} not your daughters^{H1323} unto their sons^{H1121}, neither take^{H5375} their daughters^{H1323} unto your sons^{H1121}, nor seek^{H1875} their peace^{H7965} or their wealth^{H2896} for^{H5704} ever^{H5769}: that ye may be strong^{H2388}, and eat^{H398} the good^{H2898} of the land^{H776}, and leave it for an inheritance^{H3423} to your children^{H1121} for ever^{H5769}. 13 And after^{H310} all that is come^{H935} upon us for our evil^{H7451} deeds^{H4639}, and for our great^{H1419} trespass^{H819}, seeing that thou our God^{H430} hast punished^{H2820} us less^{H4295} than our iniquities^{H5771} deserve, and hast given^{H5414} us such deliverance^{H6413} as this,⁸ 14 Should we again^{H7725} break^{H6565} thy commandments^{H4687}, and join in affinity^{H2859} with the people^{H5971} of these abominations^{H8441}? wouldest not thou be angry^{H599} with us till thou hadst consumed^{H3615} us, so that there should be no remnant^{H7611} nor escaping^{H6413}? 15 O LORD^{H3068} God^{H430} of Israel^{H3478}, thou art righteous^{H6662}: for we remain^{H7604} yet escaped^{H6413}, as it is this day^{H3117}: behold, we are before^{H6440} thee in our trespasses^{H819}: for we cannot stand^{H5975} before^{H6440} thee because of this.

1. heaviness: or, affliction
2. trespass: or, guiltiness
3. space: Heb. moment
4. a nail: or, a pin: that is, a constant and sure abode
5. to repair: Heb. to set up
6. by: Heb. by the hand of
7. from...: Heb. from mouth to mouth
8. hast punished...: Heb. hast withheld beneath our iniquities